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The Nobel story

Since its introduction in 1901, the Nobel Prize has exerted a strong influence on the sciences worldwide. In the spirit of Alfred Nobel, the links between innovation, entrepreneurship and academic research in Stockholm remain strong to this day. For visitors interested in the award and its history, there is a plethora of Nobel-related sites to explore in the city.

Alfred Nobel – the inventor of dynamite

Alfred Nobel (1833–1896) was born in Stockholm and the prize he established is strongly associated with Stockholm and its scientific and cultural institutions.

The Nobel Prize

In his will, Nobel decided that a large part of his fortune would go to establishing a prize in five different categories: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature and a Peace Prize. The first Nobel Prize was awarded on December 10, 1901.

The Nobel Week begins in the second week of December each year. The Nobel Laureates come to Stockholm to participate in an extensive program of festivities and academic events arranged by the Nobel Foundation. The week culminates on Nobel Day, December 10, when the Laureates receive the prize from Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf at **the Stockholm Concert Hall** (Konserthuset). The Prize ceremony is followed by a banquet in **the Stockholm City Hall** (Stadshuset). Both the Nobel prize Award Ceremony and the Nobel Banquet are broadcast live and followed by over a million viewers. The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded in Oslo on the same day.

The Nobel Museum

The Nobel Museum in Stockholm was opened in 2001, in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Prize. The museum showcases the story of founder Alfred Nobel, the many Nobel Laureates throughout the years and the award itself using fascinating displays, short films, and much more. The Museum is located on Stortorget square in **Gamla Stan** (the Old Town).

In the museum restaurant you can enjoy the famous Nobel ice cream which was served as dessert at the Nobel Prize Banquets during 1976–1998 and is exclusive to the museum. Also – don't forget to turn your café chair upside down while you are there, the chairs are signed by Nobel Laureates who have visited the museum. nobelcenter.se

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Eat like a Nobel Laureate

Everyone who doesn't have the advantage of being invited to the Nobel ceremonies can still sample the food at Stadshuskällaren, which offers all of the Nobel menus that have been served since 1901. The restaurant is located in Stockholm City Hall, where the annual Nobel banquet is served in the Blue Hall.

stadshuskallarenstlm.se/en

In the suburb of Aspudden, south of Stockholm city, you will find the old dynamite factory and laboratory buildings from 1891. Today the buildings houses the café Winterviken, a perfect destination for a small excursion away from the city life. winterviken.se

The Nobel Center

The dream of a public building for one of the world's most prestigious prizes, The Nobel Prize, is becoming a reality. The Nobel Center will not just be a place where Nobel Prize Laureate's stories are brought to life to visitors. It will also be brimming with life and activities, with global science conferences, various collaborations with industry and academia, as well as projects that strengthen and enrich education and research in Stockholm.