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Top 10 attractions in Stockholm

Splattered in sunlight or covered in snow, Stockholm is always a delightful experience. There is plenty to do and see during your visit, from one of Europe's best preserved medieval city centers to the world's largest meeting place for contemporary photography and the most visited museum in Scandinavia. Here are our top ten attractions to enjoy all year round.

The Vasa Museum

The Vasa Museum is ranked among the top museums in the world and is the most visited attraction in Scandinavia. The mighty Vasa warship capsized and sank in Stockholm 1628. After 333 years on the sea bed, she was salvaged and the voyage could continue. Today Vasa is the world's only preserved 17th century. Visit: vasamuseet.se

The Royal Palace

The Royal Palace is a rare gem amongst the long list of European palaces. This is one of the world's largest palaces with over 600 rooms. This baroque institution is open for visitors to witness its regal splendor. In addition to the Royal Apartments there are three museums steeped in regal history. Visit: royalpalaces.se

Fotografiska

Fotografiska is more than just a renowned photography museum, It is a meeting place and a playground for everything photography. The museum also has an amazing book and souvenir shop and an award-winning restaurant, appointed best museum restaurant in the world. Fotografiska also have a café on the top floor, and the view alone is visual fodder for the imagination. Visit: fotografiska.eu

Drottningholm Palace

Drottningholm Palace is Sweden's best preserved royal palace from the 1600s. It is the permanent residence of the royal family and one of Stockholm's three UNESCO World Heritage sites. The palace features magnificent salons, a beautiful park, an extraordinary court theater and a Chinese Pavillion. In the summer months' visitors can reach the palace by boat departing from central Stockholm. Visit: royalpalaces.se

Moderna Museet

Moderna Museet presents contemporary and modern art. This is a daring institution. Conventional or "safe" art cannot be found here. Moderna offers a first-class program of temporary exhibitions, children's workshops, a store and a restaurant with a gorgeous view of Djurgården and Strandvägen. In the same building you will find ArkDes - architecture and design museum. Visit: modernamuseet.se

Skansen Open-Air Museum

Skansen is the oldest open air museum in the world. It was founded all the way back in 1891. Skansen is a favorite among both Stockholmers and visitors. This place is like no other, it is a complex blend of historical buildings, Nordic animals unique to the region, a children's zoo and an aquatic zoo, also known as an aquarium. Visit: skansen.se

The City Hall

The Stockholm City Hall is one of Sweden's most famous buildings. This impressive building with its ceremonial halls and unique art collection is the official venue of the Nobel Prize banquet, which is held every year on December 10th. The City Hall Tower, crowned with its three golden crowns, is the unbeatable protagonist of the Stockholm skyline and it is open to the public between May and September. Visit: stockholm.se/stadshuset

ABBA the museum

The ABBA Museum displays the music, the clothes, the lyrics, the musicals and the films of the most iconic Swedish band of all time. The museum is modern and designed to give its visitors an interactive, memorable and of course musical experience. Visit: abbathemuseum.com

Gamla stan/Stockholm Old Town

Gamla Stan is filled with sights, restaurants, cafés, bars, and places to shop. The narrow, winding cobblestone streets, with their buildings in different colors, give Gamla Stan its unique character. There are several beautiful museums and attractions here, including the Royal Palace.

Nationalmuseum

Nationalmuseum is Sweden's premier museum of art and design. The collections at Nationalmuseum comprise of paintings, sculptures, drawings and prints from 1500-1900 and applied arts, design and portraits from early Middle Ages up until present day. The Nationalmuseum was closed for five years of renovations and modernizations and opened up its door again in 2018. The Nationalmuseum is admission-free except for certain visiting exhibitions. Visit: nationalmuseum.se