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## Top 5 art museums

Stockholm is a city that loves culture, so it's no surprise it is home to many great art museums, housing impressive collection of work by both national and international artists. Together, they showcase contemporary objects, modern classics, photography, architecture and experimental art. Here are our top 5 art museums.

### Moderna Museet

Moderna Museet houses one of Europe's foremost collections of art from the twentieth century to today. The museum's large collection and temporary exhibitions present contemporary art beside modern classics. There is also a children's workshop, a store and a restaurant with a beautiful view of Djurgården and Strandvägen. Free admission. Exercisplan 2, [modernamuseet.se](http://modernamuseet.se)

### Fotografiska

Fotografiska is one of the world's largest venues for contemporary photography. Four huge, unique exhibitions and about 20 smaller exhibitions are presented annually. There is also a book and souvenir shop, an award-winning restaurant and a photo gallery. From the top-floor café, you will find one of Stockholm's very best views. Stadsgårdshamnen 22, [fotografiska.eu](http://fotografiska.eu)

### The Thiel Gallery

One of the finest art museums in Sweden is also somewhat of a hidden gem. The Thiel Gallery exhibits a unique collection of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century Nordic art. Painters such as Edvard Munch, Carl Larsson, Bruno Liljefors and Anders Zorn form the basis of banker Ernest Thiel's collection. Sjötullsbacken 8, [thielska-galleriet.se](http://thielska-galleriet.se)

### Artipelag

Artipelag is an international venue for art, culture, design and good food that is beautifully situated among the pine trees of Värmdö in the Stockholm archipelago. On the premises, you will find an art gallery, the Artbox hall for events and entertainment, a design shop and two restaurants with outdoor seating and spectacular views. Artipelagstigen 1, [artipelag.se](http://artipelag.se)

### Bonniers Konsthall

Bonniers Konsthall is an institutional ambassador for contemporary art. Bonniers Konsthall's main mission is to spread and increase

knowledge about contemporary art, which is why it offers free admission to all its exhibitions. Established and emerging artists from all over the world are exhibited here. The museum's glass-fronted, modern façade in the shape of a flatiron has become a Stockholm landmark. Free admission. Torsgatan 19, [bonnierskonsthall.se](http://bonnierskonsthall.se)

### Curious for more?

#### Art in the subway

The Stockholm subway is said to be the world's longest art exhibition. More than 90 of the 100 stations are decorated with sculptures, mosaics, paintings, installations, engravings, and reliefs by over 150 artists. Some of the highlighted stations are Kungsträdgården, T-Centralen, Rådhuset, Solna Centrum, Tensta Hötorget, Thorildsplan, Bagarmossen, Tekniska Högskolan and Stadion. [visitstockholm.com/art-in-the-subway](http://visitstockholm.com/art-in-the-subway)

#### Public art

Stockholm is packed with public art. In fact, that the government funds and commissions temporary and permanent public art from some of Sweden's leading artists, which includes anything from fleeting street performance pieces to permanent installations. In The Old Town you can contemplate Stockholm's smallest public sculpture. That is if you can find it of course. Järnpojke (Iron Boy) is only 15 cm high and stands a few meters from the Royal Palace, behind the Finnish Church. The secluded location makes Iron Boy something of a secret, but those in the know go there to make a small wish and pay homage with spare coins. Find out more at <https://visitstockholm.com/stockholm-street-art>

#### National Museum

The collections at National Museum comprise of paintings, sculptures, drawings and prints from 1500-1900 and applied arts, design and portraits from early Middle Ages up until present day. After nearly three years of extensive renovations, National Museum is reopening in the fall of 2018.