



STOCKHOLM

You've got an extra day to kill in Sweden's photogenic capital. Here's what you do. BY LOLA AKINMADE ÅKERSTRÖM

STOCKHOLM IS INNOVATION DEFINED. In addition to a thriving indie music scene and ever-evolving fusion food culture, the city has a madly successful gaming industry and is a breeding ground for start-ups such as Spotify. Stockholm also has trendy cafés and craft beer breweries alongside stores showcasing modern Swedish designers. Spread across 14 islands, with at least 30,000 more in its archipelago, Stockholm is a maze of waterways, bike paths, cobblestone pedestrian streets and unique neighborhoods, from glitzy Östermalm to historic Gamla Stan. Summer is the grandest season of all to enjoy the city's lush parks and do a little island-hopping.

EXPLORE

Travel using Stockholm's **tunnelbana** (subway)—the world's longest art exhibition at 68 miles, with paintings, sculptures, mosaics and installations by 150 artists in more than 90 subway stations. Take a **Rooftop Tour** for 360-degree panoramic views of the city; after harnessing up, you'll head 140 feet above ground and visit historic rooftops on Riddarholmen Island.

FIKA BREAK

Fika—the Swedish tradition of socializing over strong coffee and pastries—like a local at cozy ecofriendly bistro

Café Muggen while people-watching along Götgatan, or grab a classic cinnamon bun (kanelbulle) at old-school café Vete-Katten. For waterfront views of Gröna Lund, head inside 1906 art nouveau-style Fotografiska's café for a cardamom bun—and stick around to check out the contemporary work and edgy fine art by Nordic and international photographers.

SHOP

Hunt for vintage items in the avantgarde SoFo district south of Folkungagatan. Swing by Sneakersnstuff for old-school kicks, Pet Sounds Records for vinyl albums, Sivletto for rockabilly-inspired wear and Beyond Retro for mid-1900s fashion. For Swedish interior décor, pick up minimalist wares at Designtorget, design furniture at Bacchus Antik, exquisite crystalware at Orrefors Kosta Boda and artisan designs at HAPPYsthlm.

ENJOY NATURE

Rent a bike and explore Stockholm's greenest island: Djurgården. Essential stops include the impressive Vasamuseet (1)—home to the Vasa warship, which sank in 1628—Skansen, the world's oldest open-air museum, Nordiska Museet to learn about Scandinavian culture and Rosendals Trädgård for a cup of fair-trade coffee in an apple orchard.