

A WINTER WEEKEND GETAWAY



Visiting Stockholm in winter is more than short days and cold nights, here you'll find a city where winter activities are around the corner alongside more common city things to do. Stockholm is a winter weekend destination that offers everything from skiing on one of the city's slopes, glide around a classic ice-skating rink to guided long-distance skating tours across Lake Mälaren. Or stroll around the Gamla Stan when it's covered in a soft blanket of fresh fallen snow, sip on a cup of hot cocoa or try Glögg - the Swedish warm spiced wine served around Christmas time. The Royal Palace World Cup Cross-Country Sprint is a dramatic and yet intimate race around Gamla Stan and central Stockholm. Besides the luxurious and on-trend Scandinavian fashion the Swedish capital offers a multitude of wintery activities to plan into your visit.

Here are some of our favourites to-do's in Stockholm during the colder months.

Downhill Skiing

There's two slopes in the Stockholm area for you who like to mix a city weekend with some downhill excitement. First there's the Stockholm landmark Hammarbybacken, a popular weekend and afternoon destination for many locals during the winter months. You'll find four easy-to-ski downhill slopes, a snowboard park, ski school, equipment rental, a café and a fascinating skyline. 2016 Hammarbybacken also played host to one of

the World Cup races in parallel slalom.

Flottsbrobacken is located a bit further away but is the highest and longest ski slope in the Stockholm area. This day trip features five downhill slopes, jump ramps and ski rental so there's no need to bring any equipment. Out of the five slopes the longest is about 700 meters and a perfect way to spend a couple of hours in the crisp Scandinavian winter air.

Ice-skating

During the winter time ice-skating rinks pop up on a numerous of location throughout Stockholm. The one in Kungsträdgården is one of the most famous, mainly because of it's central location but also how well the ambient lights lit up the Kungsträdgården park, this is a must for most visitors to Stockholm. If one rather prefer to skate on the natural ices around Stockholm one ought to go with an experienced guide. Exploring the city from the frozen water of Lake Mälaren is spectacular.

Cross-country skiing

On several locations around Stockholm one can go for a cross-country ski trip, Hellasgården is situated 20 minutes by car from central Stockholm, and by far one of the more diverse. Here you can also find ice skating and a swimming hole cut out of the ice. ■



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