

Day 1 Stockholm

Arrival in **Stockholm**. Private transfer to your hotel.

Stockholm is often called “Venice of the North” since it was built on 14 islands between the lake Mälaren and the Baltic Sea. The biggest city of Scandinavia offers spectacular views thanks to its surrounding waters and its birch, pine and fir forests. Clean, green and without too many cars around, Greta Garbo's native city is full of charm. The Stockholm marathon route is considered the most beautiful in the world and the city's archipelago – 30 000 islands – is a true wildlife sanctuary only a few minutes away!

Day 2 Stockholm

City sightseeing by coach and boat.

Day 3 Stockholm-Grisslehamn-Eckerö/Åland

Pick up your car downtown or have it delivered to your hotel. On your first day behind the steering wheel, you will drive through the Roslagen region to **Grisslehamn**, where the ferry boat for Åland is waiting for you. The voyage takes two hours and you will have plenty of time for a nice meal and some tax-free shopping.

Åland is an autonomous and unilingually Swedish region in Finland with its own flag, its own stamps, license plates and its own Internet domain (.ax).

Åland is a great place for those who want to be close to nature, breathe fresh air and take on new challenges. The 6 500 islands will give you nature experiences you will not forget. The sea is always close. You will find everything from red granite and the harsh outer island archipelago to forests and lush forest meadows.

Day 4 Åland

Why not treat yourself to some excellent sport fishing on Åland? Åland offers one of the best perch fishing waters in the world and is famous for its excellent pike waters. Salmon trolling is increasing in popularity and in the autumn, winter and spring, sport fishing is highlighted by the pursuit of the sea trout! Fishing from the shore is prohibited between April 15 and June 15, in order to protect breeding waterfowls.

Check out the Maritime Museum, the Museum Ship Pommern and the Maritime Quarter in Mariehamn to find out more about Åland's exciting shipping history.

We also recommend a visit to Kastelholm Castle. First mentioned in 1388, Kastelholm Castle has been visited by several famous kings, among them Gustavus Vasa in the 16th century. Just next to the castle, you will find Jan Karlsgården, an idyllic open-air museum where you can visit a typical 19th century farm.

Åland will also give you some good food memories. Next to a variety of locally produced fish dishes and the rich black bread, do not miss out on the traditional Åland pancake with stewed prunes and whipped cream!

Day 5 Åland archipelago: Brändö-Osnäs/Vuosnainen-Turku

Today you will enjoy the Åland archipelago by sea onboard ferries run by the Åland public transport! We will do the booking for you and your car on the two ferries. We recommend that you do this trip in one go and spend the night in Turku, approximately 80 km from Osnäs harbour on the mainland.





Day 6 Turku

Turku was once the capital of Finland and this is Finland's oldest city. Turku was named Åbo by the Swedish settlers, and its Finnish name Turku is an old Russian word for "marketplace". Turku has a renowned university, which was founded in 1640, and you will most certainly find what you are looking for if you are into arts and antiques.

Turku Castle was founded in 1280 and is well worth a visit. This is one of the oldest buildings in Finland still in use. And this national monument is present in many Finn's everyday life, since it has become the symbol of Finland's most popular brand of mustard, Turun sinappi!

The Old Great Square is a must to visit all year around. The Medieval Market is arranged immediately after Midsummer and five months later, the Christmas atmosphere is felt during the four weekends of Advent, when the Old Great Square becomes a famous Christmas market.

Day 7 Turku-Helsinki (165 km)

The slogan of the Finnish capital captures its soul - "Scandinavian attitude with a hint of bittersweet Slavic melancholy". **Helsinki** is full of contrasts and its identity has been formed by cultural influences from both East and West.

Over 450 years of history, several architectural layers and the impact of different periods can be clearly seen in Helsinki. Finnish design has also made the country's capital city world famous. The beauty of the surrounding nature blends seamlessly together with high-tech achievements, while old traditions mix with the latest contemporary trends.

Day 8 Helsinki

You have the possibility to join a city sightseeing tour of Helsinki in order to get a good overview of the city. You will also have free admission to a lot of interesting sights.

The Senate Square and its surroundings form a unique and cohesive example of Neoclassical architecture. Helsinki Cathedral is arguably Finland's most famous and photographed building and it celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2002.

Off the coast of Helsinki, Suomenlinna fortress is one of the biggest sea fortresses in the world. It is included in Unesco's World Heritage List and is explored on foot. In the summer, there are daily guided tours in English and in the winter there are tours in English at weekends.

Day 9 Helsinki

Quarried out of the natural bedrock, Temppeliaukio Church is one of Helsinki's most popular tourist attractions. The interior walls are created naturally by the rock. The church opened in 1969 and due to its excellent acoustics the church is a popular venue for concerts.

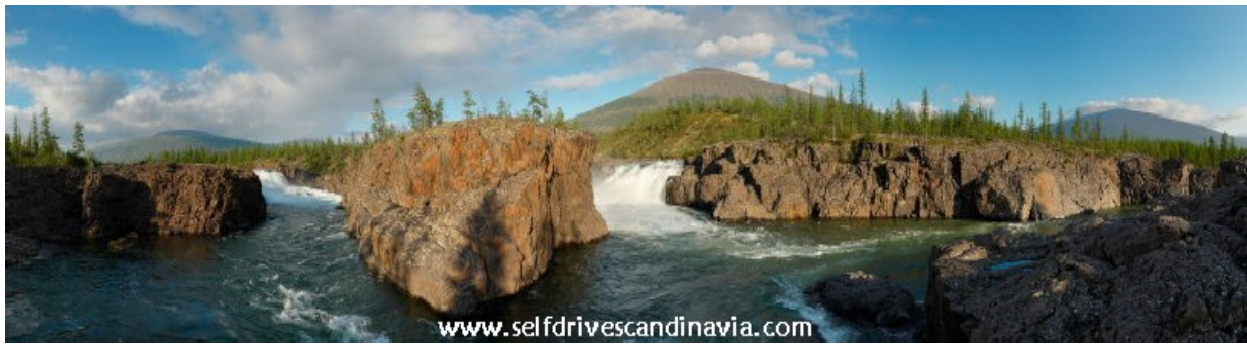
The Uspenski Cathedral is the largest orthodox church in Western Europe. With its golden cupolas and red-brick facade, the church is one of the clearest symbols of the Russian impact on Finnish history.

Your cruise ship to Stockholm departs at 5PM.

Day 10 Stockholm

Arrival Stockholm at 9.30 AM. Return your car downtown Stockholm or at Stockholm Arlanda Airport.





Price per person based on two persons travelling together starting at 7 850 SEK

This self-drive package includes:

- Transfer by private taxi from Arlanda airport to your hotel in Stockholm city centre
- Accommodation 2 nights in **** hotel in Stockholm, including Scandinavian buffet breakfast
- Sightseeing of Stockholm by coach and boat
- Car rental, category A, 7 days
- Ferry Grisslehamn/Sweden-Eckerö/Åland
- Accommodation 2 nights at Eckerö/Åland in spacious cottage with private sauna, no breakfast
- Ferry Åland-Mainland Finland (two legs)
- Accommodation 2 nights in *** hotel in Turku, including buffet breakfast
- Accommodation 2 night in *** hotel in Helsinki, including buffet breakfast
- The Helsinki Card valid for 48 hours
- Cruise Helsinki-Stockholm in Promenade class Cabin, including breakfast

This self-drive package DOES NOT include

- Airfare to and from Scandinavia
- Personal Accident Insurance
- Collision Damage Waver (possible to add at car pick-up)
- Petrol/E85 Fuel
- Parking in Hotel Garages in Turku and Helsinki

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