

World class excursions



An exciting encounter with Sweden's naval history

In 1680, King Karl XI ordered the construction of the city as Sweden's naval base, due to its location. The city centre of Karlskrona is uniquely situated in the middle of the archipelago, 6 km from the mainland. This gives a unique, spacious sense to the city and breathtaking views. The naval presence has ensured distinctive architectural qualities, and in 1998 The Naval Port of Karlskrona was appointed by UNESCO as a World Heritage City. Despite its militant past, Karlskrona is a peaceful town, with an open and friendly atmosphere. Gunpowder towers and fortifications make a splendid backdrop, together with a mix of yellow ferries, white sails and the occasional submarine visible in the waters surrounding the city.



ARCHIPELAGO & WORLD HERITAGE

Drottningstjär Citadel



On the border between sea and land on the archipelago island of Aspö, you will find the beautiful fortress Drottningstjär Citadel. The fortress is part of the World Heritage site and was built to protect the Swedish fleet when anchored in Karlskrona. The architect Erik Dahlbergh designed this well-preserved and beautiful fortification at the end of the 17th century. Drottningstjär Citadel, together with Kungsholm's fortress, defended the sea route to Karlskrona.



KARLSKRONA HIGHLIGHTS

City tour with Naval Museum

Enjoy the Great Square, picturesque Björkholmen, lush Brändaholm and a view of Karlskrona as well as the archipelago from the highest point - Bryggareberget. The tour ends with a visit to the Naval Museum.



HEART OF THE WORLD HERITAGE

Guided tour of the island Stumholmen

Stumholmen, just a few minutes walk from port, was for more than 300 years an important part of the naval base Karlskrona and the island offers exciting buildings and history. The visit includes a unique performance of ropemakers in action and a visit to the Naval Museum.



GARDENS & WORLD HERITAGE

Brändaholm & Björkholmen



Brändaholm - Visit the place very often promoted as the image of Sweden! Karlskrona's allotment cottages have a unique building style from the 1920s, with small houses built in similar design, size and colours. Brändaholm has great natural beauty and stunning views of the city, making it a very popular place for walks.

Björkholmen - Take a stroll and get a sense of old times, amidst charming cottages and narrow alleys at Björkholmen, the old quarters of Karlskrona. The first dockworkers built their houses here, and it's said that most of the timber came from the navy! The streets are named after types of vessels and Swedish admirals. The tour includes a unique visit inside one of the 18th century cottages and immerse yourself in the historic environment.



COUNTRYSIDE

Kristianopel & Torhamn



Meet the spectacularly scenic countryside in southeastern Sweden and explore the country's first renaissance town Kristianopel, previously a Danish town, founded almost a century before Karlskrona. In its earliest years the town served as a remote frontier fortress for the Danes, and were frequently under attack by the Swedes. Experience the journey along the coastal road between Kristianopel and Torhamn. Enjoy a delicious and traditional "Swedish fika" in the harbour at Café Måsen's lovely terrace with a view of the archipelago, where in October 28, 1981, the Soviet submarine U 137 ran aground in Gåsefjärden and the eyes of the world turned to Karlskrona for ten dramatic days. The incident also known as "Whiskey on the Rocks".



FAMILY ADVENTURE

Treasure hunt in the World Heritage

Join a "ghost from the past" on an exciting adventure to some of the most famous areas of the World Heritage including a fun visit to the Blekinge Museum.



ARCHIPELAGO TOUR

Go kayaking

The best way to explore Karlskrona is indeed from the seaside. The city extends over 30 islands and islets. Your kayak guide will take you on a picturesque paddle tour around some of the islands that forms the World Heritage site.



KARLSKRONA DELIGHT

Afternoon Tea

Karlskrona Porcelain Museum is located in the old porcelain factory and invites you to Afternoon Tea in their unique premises. Indulge in homemade cookies, sandwiches and tea, naturally served in cups from the porcelain factory.



WORLD HERITAGE

City walk

Discover Karlskrona's history in this classical city walk in the World Heritage where you will visit some of the city's most famous and unique places.

This tour can be combined in numerous ways!



ARCHIPELAGO & WORLD HERITAGE



Kungsholm Fortress

This fortress has guarded the entrance to Karlskrona for more than 300 years. A spectacular boat tour out in the archipelago let you experience the fort's exotic garden and stunning circular harbour. This is a great opportunity to see and learn about Karlskrona from its best side, the seaside! Military area - limited access.

