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When [visiting Stockholm](#), you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to **museums**. You're bound to find what you're looking for, with themed museums, children's museums and parks. It's obviously an ideal activity when it's raining (and it does rain quite a bit in Sweden) or in winter to keep warm!

The Swedes know how to showcase their heritage and make museums attractive, with interactive spaces that are often child-friendly.

Below, we've listed the **best museums** and **activities to do indoors**, with all the **practical information** you need (price, free day, family-friendly, ticket booking link...) and their location, on our map, to make your stay in Stockholm as easy as possible!

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Our favorite museums in Stockholm

The good news is that most of the museums are located on the island of Djurgården, nicknamed "Museum Island", just a few minutes' walk away, so you can schedule a 1-day visit to the museum of the **Vasa ship** the museum **Abba** and the open-air museum **Skansen** or the museum **Viking** if the weather doesn't cooperate.

We visited the Swedish capital twice, once in winter and again in summer. So we visited a lot of museums, especially during our [winter stay in Stockholm](#). Since 2023, most national museums have been charging admission.

NOTRE RECOMMANDATION : Nous vous conseillons d'opter pour le Pass "[Go City](#)" Stockholm, il est rentabilisé dès le troisième billet de musée acheté. Votre ticket vous donnera accès **gratuitement** à de nombreux musées à faire à Stockholm, comme le musée Vasa, le musée Skansen, le musée Nobel...

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1. Vasa: the museum not to be missed

A must-see during your stay in Stockholm, this museum **houses the** 98%-preserved **wreck** of a magnificent 17th-century **ship** . Throughout your visit, you'll learn more about the ship's **history** and the causes of its **sinking**. The Vasa Museum is very visual, with models of the ship, the shipyard, various statuses recreated in color, a sectional drawing of the ship...

Read our detailed article with all our tips to help you organize your [visit to the Vasa Museum](#) and make sure you don't forget anything.

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As you'd expect, it's one of **Stockholm's most visited** sites. To avoid the crowds at the ticket office, we advise you to book your tickets on the [official online booking site](#), to save **precious time** on the day of your visit.

Tarif : 230 SEK (environ 20€) de mai à septembre et 195 SEK (environ 17€) d'octobre à avril - gratuit pour les moins de 18 ans - audio guide sur téléphone gratuit - inclus dans le Pass "[Go City](#)"

Our time-saving recommendation:

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2. ABBA: the Swedish disco band

This is the most informative, fun and interactive museum to visit in Stockholm. The museum is devoted entirely to the famous Swedish disco band ABBA, with explanations in English and Swedish.

It retraces the history of the group, presenting a host of exceptional items including costumes, previously unseen photos and personal objects. We stayed 1h30, so don't forget to sing along in the karaoke area with the holograms of the band members, even if you're likely to have the songs stuck in your head for a few days "moneeeey moneeeey moneeeey"! In short, if you want to laugh and have a good time, go for it!

We advise you to buy your ticket online before you arrive to be sure of getting tickets in high season, as it's really crowded.

Tarif : de 270 à 320 sek en fonction de la période et du jour de la semaine (22 à 29€) - Tarif réduit

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3. Paradox: a museum of illusions

This is the Instagrammable museum to do in Stockholm. You'll have a great time watching and enjoying the various illusions on offer. Don't forget the "inverted room", where you can take some really funny photos. Allow 1 hour for the visit, as it can be very busy in high season.

It's not easy to find the entrance: you have to enter the gallery and go down to level N-1. Remember to book your tickets in advance, as the museum is not very large.

Tarif : 22€ plein tarif - gratuit moins de 4 ans - idéal pour les familles.

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4- Skansen: the open-air museum

This is Stockholm's **open-air** museum, so if the weather's nice, go for it. It's a **little concentrate of Sweden**. You'll see a variety of **traditional habitats** from all over the country. There's even a zoo with **Scandinavian animals**, where you can see reindeer and elk.

In short, the [Skansen Museum](#) is a **must-see** when visiting Stockholm!

Tarif : 25€ plein tarif avril à septembre puis - 19€ plein tarif d'octobre à mars - gratuit pour les moins de 4 ans - idéal pour les familles - inclus dans le Pass "[Go City](#)"

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5. The Viking Museum: immerse yourself in Swedish history

You can't come to Sweden without trying to learn more about **Viking culture**. This museum traces the history of the Vikings, and as is often the case in Sweden, it's an interactive experience. The little extra, a train that allows you to discover different scenes from Viking life, audio guide in French included, take your headphones.

Tarif : 18€ plein tarif, tarif réduit 14€ étudiant - moins de 6 ans gratuit - inclus dans le Pass "[Go City](#)"

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6. SkyView glass gondola ride

Vous ne pourrez pas rater cet impressionnant dôme blanc et ses nacelles, la [Skyview de Stockholm](#), dans lesquelles vous pourrez prendre de la hauteur afin d'avoir une vue à 360 degrés de Stockholm. Nous vous conseillons d'y aller au moment du coucher de soleil, la vue est encore plus belle. Le dôme est facilement accessible en métro.

A small museum explains the construction of this incredible structure.

Tarif : environ 16€ plein tarif - inclus dans le Pass "[Go City](#)"

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7. Nobel Prize Museum

Located in the heart of Stockholm's **historic center** (Gamla Stan district), we recommend a quick stop at this small, informative museum. It traces the history of the Nobel Prize and its various winners. Free audio guide on the phone.

Each year, the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature is unveiled in the museum. The awards ceremony takes place in Stockholm on December 10 (except for the Peace Prize, which is presented in Oslo). In our opinion, the [Nobel Museum](#) is not suitable for young children.

Tarif : 13€ plein tarif - audioguides gratuit sur le téléphone - inclus dans le Pass "[Go City](#)"

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8. Fotografiska: Stockholm's finest museum

It's a **magnificent museum of photography**, featuring several temporary exhibitions of photographers with totally different styles. We advise you to go there at the end of the day (the museum is open until 11 p.m.), as the bar/restaurant offers a beautiful view of the city.

Tarif : 18€ plein tarif - 9€ tarif réduit de 18 à 25 ans - 6€ tarif réduit de 6 à 18 ans - gratuit pour les moins de 6 ans - inclus dans le Pass "[Go City](#)"

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9. Museum of Natural History

The Natural History Museum, housed in a magnificent building, offers a fine collection of the flora and fauna of the far north, in breathtaking settings. This interactive museum is ideal for children. I visited this museum on my first visit to Stockholm, and have very fond memories of it. The National Museum will start charging in early 2023.

Price: full price approx. €12 - free under 18 - ideal with children

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10. National Museum: art museum

This is Stockholm's **museum of art**, particularly European art, where you can admire six centuries of masterpieces, displayed in chronological order in different rooms and spaces.

You'll be able to admire works by the great painters Rembrandt, Renoir, Rubens, Cézanne... We were there before the museum started charging, and loved wandering around the galleries, even though we're far from art experts. The National Museum will start charging in early 2023.

Price: full price approx. €12 - free under 18 - included in the ["Go City"](#) Pass

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11. The Palais-Royal: one of the royal residences

Stockholm's Royal Palace is one of the **residences of the King of Sweden**. It also houses the **Court offices**, staffed by around 200 people, and hosts numerous royal receptions.

It is located in the historic center (Gamla Stan) of Stockholm. The palace, a little **austere** on the outside, is packed with **treasures** on the inside, so don't hesitate to visit.

It comprises over **600 rooms**, spread over seven floors. Of course, you won't be able to go through it in its entirety. We advise you to concentrate on the following areas: the royal apartments, the treasure room and the royal armory (entrance fee introduced in 2023).

We recommend that you attend the **Changing of the Guard** ceremony (free of charge), which lasts around 30 minutes and takes place from **Monday to Saturday at 12:15 pm, and at 1:15 pm on Sundays and public holidays**, from June to August. Make sure you check before you come, as we don't take over every day in winter.

Price : 220 SEK (approx. €19) - students 200 SEK (approx. €17) - free for children under 7. Museum included in [Citypass Stockholm](#)

12. Junibacken: the Children's Museum - Fifi Longstocking

If you're a fan of Fifi Longstocking, this is the museum for you. A museum primarily for children, even big kids will get a kick out of it. The world of books is reproduced with magnificent sets, and the highlight of the show is a little train that tells lots of stories (you can choose the language) as it travels through incredible scenery!

Price : €16 to €19 full price depending on season - free for children under 2 - ideal for families

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Before 2023, national museums were free. Now to visit the Museum of Modern Art, the Museum of Natural History, the Museum of History... you'll have to pay a ticket. There are still a few free museums:

- Stockholm Medieval Museum
- The Swedish Parliament
- Stockholm City Museum (Stadsmuseet)

Children and under-19s can visit national museums free of charge.

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Let's answer that question! Of course, in addition to learning a lot and seeing a lot, visiting **one or more** of the **10 museums** listed above will also give you shelter from the rain and cold (because yes, it does get very cold in January and February...)!

To give you an example, we were there for a weekend in **January**, and had time to visit the **Vasa** Museum, the [Abba Museum](#) and the **Viking** Museum all in the same day. Then we went to the **Nobel** and **Fotografika** museums on the second day.

We explored the other museums during our summer stays, alternating outdoor and

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indoor visits.

We wish you an **excellent trip** to Stockholm, and one last word of advice: don't miss its incredible [archipelago](#)!

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