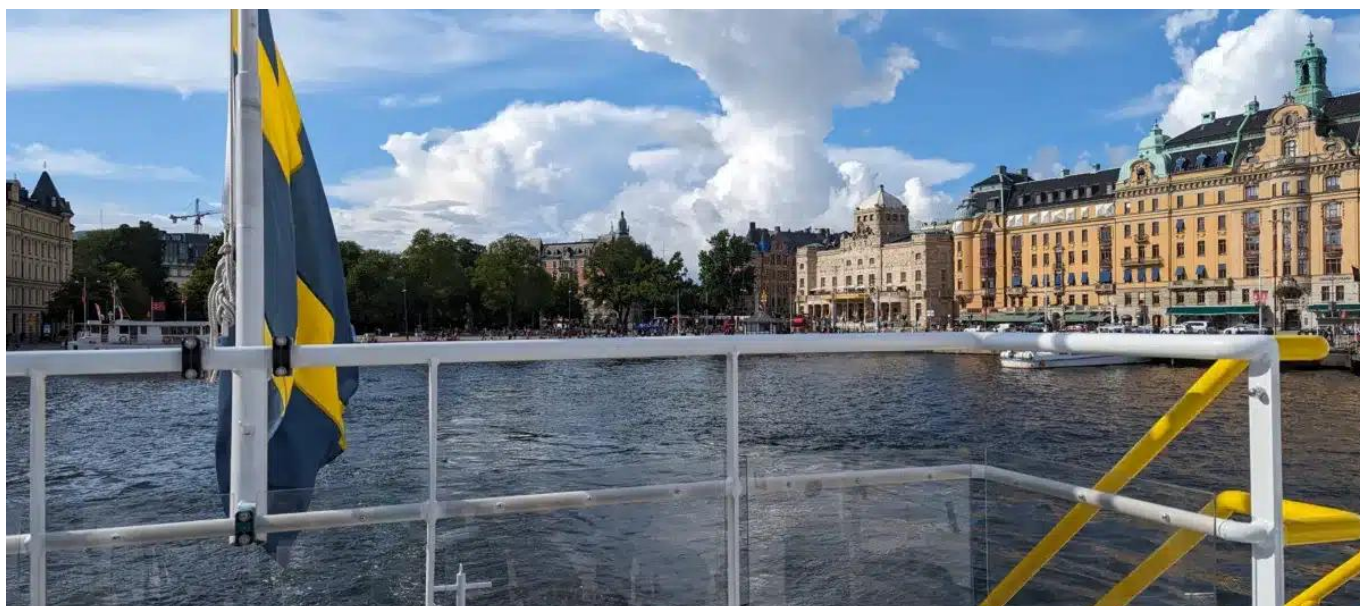


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By Floriane

When we were planning our [stay in Stockholm](#), we quickly realized that it was a city that looked out over the **Baltic** Sea. We'd also seen reports extolling the beauty of the **Stockholm archipelago**. We were really looking forward to exploring this corner of Sweden, with its many islets and colorful wooden houses surrounded by greenery.

So we carefully planned our boat **trips**, with the help of expatriate friends in the Swedish capital. Below, we detail the **different options** for exploring the Stockholm archipelago by boat, and what we think of them.

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How to visit the Stockholm archipelago by boat? [carte]

Spread over 14 islands, **Stockholm** is also known as the Venice of the North. The **Stockholm archipelago** has around 25,000! So it's not a fjord like many in Norway, but an archipelago of islands.

We learned from our guide on the **free walking tour** that anything that sticks out

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of the water and isn't covered by the tide is considered an island.

Vous avez plusieurs options pour visiter l'archipel de Stockholm en bateau, en fonction du temps que vous souhaitez consacrer à cette activité. Si vous êtes pressés, vous pouvez opter pour une croisière organisée ou un petit tour avec les ferries bus publics.

Si vous souhaitez consacrer 1 journée à l'archipel de Stockholm, vous pouvez opter pour une location de bateau ou vous pouvez partir avec une compagnie privée sur l'île de **Vaxholm** (la plus proche) ou sur celle de Grinda. On vous explique tout ci-dessous !

Guided archipelago cruise

By boat

Coup de coeur ♥: Afin de **gagner du temps** vous pouvez opter pour une **croisière tout organisée** d'une durée de 2h30 qui vous permettra d'avoir de jolis points de vue depuis sur Stockholm et de vous enfoncer suffisamment dans son archipel verdoyant.

Your guide will tell you all about the Swedish capital and its beautiful archipelago. This is an excellent option if you only want to devote a few hours to this activity.

Même si certains itinéraires sont gelés, d'autres restent ouverts toute l'année, vous pourrez donc réaliser une croisière pendant votre séjour à [Stockholm en hiver](#).

La compagnie [Strömma Turism](#), qui opère la croisière, a une excellente réputation. Nous gardons un super souvenir de cette une croisière au milieu des îles de la Mer Baltique.

→ Nous vous conseillons de réserver à l'avance [vos billets pour une croisière dans l'archipel de Stockholm](#) (environ 30€ par personne), surtout pendant la saison touristique, car ces excursions sont très prisées et le nombre de places est limité.

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By amphibious bus

We discovered these **amazing buses** that run through the center of Stockholm. You won't want to miss these big buses painted with a blue or pink whale effigy, which roll through the city streets and then transform into a "boat" for a cruise along the coast of Södermalm Island.

We looked it up online, and for 1 hour the bus takes you through the **streets of Stockholm** and its **archipelago**. According to the reviews, it's a surprisingly pleasant experience. If you try it out, let us know what you think in the comments.

[Find out more about the amphibious bus](#)

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Bus boat with public transport

Au vu du prix exorbitant d'un ticket de transport (3,5€), nous avons opté pour un forfait 72h avec accès illimité à tous les transports en commun ainsi qu'aux ferries. Ils s'utilisent comme des bateau bus, en permettant de relier les îles entre elles.

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Informations et prix sur le [site officiel](#) des transports de la ville de Stockholm.

So we took advantage of the opportunity to take a short tour on the **boat bus** to test things out. This requires a bit of organization, as the first trip didn't take us anywhere near where we wanted to go.

We'll tell you all about it (route in pink on our map), **bus 82** took us from the historic center (Slussen kajen stop) to the Tivoli Grona Land amusement park (Allmänna gränd stop), on the museum island of Djurgården. You can also stop off to visit Stockholm's various museums, including the [Vasa](#) Museum and Skansen Park.

We then took the **80 bus** to the **Frihamnen** terminal. The weather was great, and it was a pleasant little 30-minute stroll (so very quick). We saw some beautiful houses, moais, and even a giraffe! But we didn't get deep enough into the archipelago for our liking.

If you don't want to bother figuring out how public transport works and avoid making mistakes like we did, you can opt for [the multi-stop buses and/or boats](#) that will take you straight to the **sights in Stockholm**. You can get on and off the bus/boat as you please.

[Find out more about the multi-stop boat](#)

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Day trip from Stockholm to the island of Vaxholm

I (Floriane) took this option on my **first city trip to Stockholm**. This is one of the [must-do activities around Stockholm](#). To get to Vaxholm from Stockholm, [Waxholmsbolaget](#) ferries run regular services between several islands in the archipelago, including **Vaxholm** and **Gringa**.

Payment is made on the boat. The terminal from which the company's ferries depart is "Strömkajen" (orange dot on our map), south of the Norrmalm district and next to the Gamla Stan district.

Vaxholm: Stockholm's closest island

Vaxholm is the best-known and closest island, about **1 hour by boat from the historic center**. We advise you to take a close look at the online timetables on the company's [website](#), as it's not easy to find your way around on site. (*ticket price approx. €15, to be paid on board by credit card*).

Once there, you can visit the small town of **Vaxholm** and its **fortress**, then head along the coast to explore part of this wild island. Weather permitting, you can take advantage of the opportunity to swim on one of [Stockholm's](#) most beautiful [beaches](#). The colorful wooden houses are always beautifully decorated. We loved wandering around this natural, verdant setting. You can even pick a few berries for a well-deserved break. Sweden is definitely a delight for nature lovers. Allow 1 day for this getaway!

Day cruise in the archipelago

If you don't feel like organizing this excursion yourself, you can also opt for a day [cruise](#) around the archipelago aboard a magnificent sailboat (max. 10 people).

[Find out more about this cruise](#)

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Getaway on Grinda Island

We had hesitated with Grinda Island (same company), which is further away (2 hours from the center of Stockholm, including a 4-hour round trip), as it is possible to [rent kayaks](#) to circumnavigate the island. Here's some information shared by an expat friend (thanks, Coline, if you're passing by) that we're keeping preciously for our next stay in Stockholm. Boats depart from [this point](#) (shown in purple on our map)

Private boat rental

The best thing to do is hire a **private boat**, so you can explore the archipelago at your own pace and enjoy a swim (if you're not too chilly) in complete peace and quiet.

Don't panic if you are new to sailing, you can rent a boat with or without a license and with or without a skipper. In short, you're bound to find a formula to suit your needs.

Pour louer votre bateau, nous vous recommandons de passer par la plateforme [Samboat](#). C'est bien simple, ils ont l'offre la plus complète de location de bateau et leur site est très simple d'utilisation !

You enter your "**Stockholm**" location, then your dates, then you can filter by type of boat (motorboats, houseboats, small boats...), with or without a license, with or without a skipper: in short, you're spoilt for choice.

[Find out more about boat rental](#)

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Where to sleep in Stockholm?

To get the most out of your stay, we recommend that you sleep in the **Normalm** and **Östermalm** [districts of Stockholm](#). For smaller budgets, the **Södermalm** district may be a good alternative.

Our best addresses

- **Coup de coeur ♥** : [Hotel Birger Jarl](#), quartier **Noormalm** (le meilleur quartier pour dormir selon nous) : la situation géographique de l'hôtel est parfaite pour visiter le **centre** de Stockholm à pieds. Dans un beau bâtiment entièrement rénové, notre logement était spacieux avec un mini frigo et avec une décoration soignée, un excellent **rapport qualité prix** ou vous vous sentirez comme chez vous. Nous y

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retournerons sans hésitation. (à partir de 130€ / nuit - noté 8,6 / 10 sur Booking)

- **Bon marché €** : [City Backpackers Hostel](#), c'est une auberge de jeunesse joliment décoré certainement **le meilleur rapport qualité / prix de** Stockholm, 75€ en chambre double dans le quartier branché de Sodermalm (l'un de nos préférés). J'y avais dormi lors de mon premier séjour à Stockholm (Floriane).

Voir les [hébergements les mieux notés à Stockholm](#)

We wish you an **excellent trip**, and don't miss [Stockholm's museums](#), where you can learn while having fun (yes, it's possible)!

Feel free to leave us a **quick note** or **5 stars** below, to tell us if you're planning this trip, to ask any questions you may have, here or on [Instagram](#), we'll get back to you with great pleasure.

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