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When [visiting Stockholm](#) and the historic Gamla Stan district, you won't want to miss the huge **Royal Palace** (in Swedish Kungliga Slottet), home to the famous **Changing of the Guard**. A real **show** not to be missed.

Below you will find all the **practical information** you need about the palace and the changing of the guard (ticket, visiting time and schedule)....

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Visit the Royal Palace in Stockholm

A little history

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.

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The present palace was built after the devastating fire of May 1697. It comprises over **600 rooms**, spread over seven floors. The palace, a little **austere** on the outside, is packed with treasures on the inside, so don't hesitate to visit.

Sweden is a **constitutional monarchy**, now without executive power, and has been in place for over a thousand years.

Today, the royal family sees itself as a role model for the Swedish people. It includes King **Charles XVI Gustave** and his wife, the Queen, **Silvia Sommerlath**, and their children, including **Victoria of Sweden**, the Crown Princess, and her husband **Daniel**.

During our [guided tour](#) of the historic center, we learned that Swedes are very attached to their royal family. Because it aims to be close to the people and multicultural (the King and Queen have French origins). Members of the royal family are free to marry whomever they wish.

□ *Where to sleep: [the Birger Jarl hotel](#) is ideally located for visiting **central Stockholm on foot**.*

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Where does the Swedish royal family live?

Since 1981, the royal family has also lived at **Drottningholm Castle**, some ten kilometers from Stockholm, which we recommend you visit if you wish to explore the [surrounding area](#).

Where is the royal palace?

As mentioned above, the **Royal Palace** is located at the following address: Kungliga slottet, Storkyrkobrinken, 111 29 Stockholm, right in the historic center. When [visiting this part of Stockholm](#), you won't want to miss this imposing building.

Opening hours

The [Palais Royal](#) is open every day from 10am to 4pm, or 5pm depending on the month.

Ticket prices

290 SEK (approx. €27) – students 270 SEK (approx. €25) – free for children under 7.
Museum included in [Citypass Stockholm](#)

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What to see at the royal palace

The Palais-Royal (in Swedish, Kungliga Slottet) is made up of over 600 rooms, so of course you won't be able to visit it in its entirety. We recommend that you concentrate on the following parts:

- **Royal apartments:** consisting of a succession of rooms, bedrooms, banqueting halls... not lacking in tapestries and porcelain objects. Maybe you'll find a little inspiration for your future castle!
- **Hall of Treasures:** this is an incredible part of the museum, where you can see the treasures (as the name suggests) of the Swedish monarchy (crowns, sceptres, capes...).
- **Royal** (paid admission since 2023): this section features a collection of carriages, weapons, armor and period clothing. At the far end, there are 2 rooms for children to discover, with costumes available.

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Unlike other [museums in Stockholm](#), such as the Vasa Museum or the [Skansen Museum](#), we found that there were few activities for **children**.

Changing of the guard Stockholm

In Stockholm, the **rèleve de la garde** is a small, **free** ceremony lasting around 30 minutes and featuring live horseback musicians. Every day, the musicians play traditional and popular music (Avincii, Abba, Queen...).

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Where to see the changing of the guard in Stockholm?

The **changing of the guard** takes place at **Stockholm's Royal Palace** at the following address: Kungliga slottet, Storkyrkobrinken, 111 29 Stockholm.

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The **royal palace** is located in the **historic** and picturesque Gamla Stan **district**, and the ceremony takes place on the Palais-Royal esplanade. The location is well signposted, so you really can't miss it.

What time is the next shift?

The **changeover** takes place from **Monday to Saturday at 12:15pm, and at 1:15pm on Sundays** and **public holidays**, from June to August.

Be sure to check the schedule before you come, as changeovers do not take place every day in the off-season. Come early to be in the best position to see something, because it's packed.

Does the guard changeover take place in winter?

Yes, the changing of the guard takes place in [winter in Stockholm](#). Note that in winter, the ceremony is shorter, a little less impressive and doesn't **take place every day**.

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Visiting time and our opinion

Concentrating on the 3 points of interest mentioned above, allow 2 to 3 hours inside the palace. Then 40 minutes for the changing of the guard.

During your visit to Stockholm's historic center (Gamla Stan), we recommend that you don't miss the Changing of the Guard show (free of charge).

As far as the Royal Palace is concerned, while it's not the most interactive museum in Stockholm (unlike the [Abba Museum](#)) and looks like many other European palaces, we were able to observe some **beautiful pieces** and **objects** of incomparable richness.

If you're coming to Stockholm, we think it's worth learning more about the royal family.

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Where to sleep in Stockholm?

For easy access to the main points of interest, we recommend that you [stay in](#) the **Norrmalm** district (the actual city center).

Coup de coeur

[Hotel Birger Jarl](#):

- Perfect location for visiting **central** Stockholm on foot.
- The building has been completely renovated and our accommodation was spacious with a mini fridge and tastefully decorated.

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- Excellent **value for money** , where you'll feel right at home. We would definitely go back. (with breakfast)

[See prices and availability for Hotel Birger Jarl](#) – Rated 8.4 / 10 on Booking

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

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