

SCANDINAVIA - SWEDEN - 6N/7D



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Itinerary :

(Lake Vanern, Dalsand)

Day 1 : Pick up your bikes in Toreboda

Start in Toreboda and travel along the Gota Canal tow-path ticking off locks, bridges, towns and villages. If you're feeling energetic, cycle the 40 miles to Sjotorp and back.

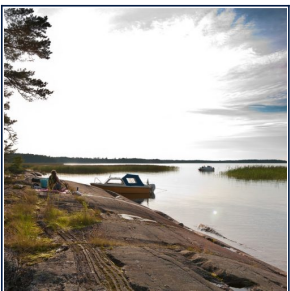
Day 2 : Toreboda to Karlsborg

A beautiful day's cycling along the canal through Karlsborg, Sweden's capital reserve. If your legs get tired hop on the Viken Snabben transport boat across Lake Viken. Spend the night at a B&B; at Lake Battensjon.

Day 3 : Cruise from Karlsborn to Toreboda (5 hours)

Board the M/S Sandon and take a slow cruise along what many consider to be the most beautiful part of the canal. Final destination is Toreboda, close to two of Sweden's most beautiful lakes, Vanern and Vattern.

Day 4-7 : Exploring Lake Vanern





Check out the Klaralvsbanan cycle path, a disused railway line. Start in Karlstad on the shores of Lake Vanern and head north - the route takes in forest, open countryside, and gorgeous historical villages, hamlets and towns. Book a package including accommodation and bike, or there are many campsites beautifully located along the route. Cycle off the beaten track - Sweden has a 'right of public access' law that lets you go an where. Take time out from your bike ride to go timber rafting, canoeing and kayaking on the river Klaralven, there is also some good fishing. Head into Dalsland, it's covered with more lakes than almost any other Swedish province. Play golf, fish, explore along the Dalsland canal, and take a boat ride to Haverud, site of a roadway bridge, a railway bridge and an aqueduct combined.

Things To Do :

The Haverud Smokehouse : Enjoy delicious fish and seafood overlooking the Haverud aqueduct.

Haverud Canal Museum : Learn how and why the Haverud Aqueduct was made, sofar none of the 33,000 rivets joining the steel places have had to be replaced.

Play Golf In Dalsand : There are three golf courses to choose from in Dalsland at Amal, Mellerud and Fargelanda. Whether you're a beginner or a pro, there's one to suit you.

Dalsand Glassblower : Watch molten glass being transformed into wonderful art ornaments and glassware. The workshop also has a large store selling local handicrafts.

Fishing In Dalslands : Spin fishing, fly fishing, action-packed trolling with a guide after salmon and pike, and cosy angling, it's all here in Dalsland's abundance of lakes, rivers, ponds and Lake Vanern's inland sea.

Dalsland'S Moose Ranch : Get close to moose - the biggest deer on earth, there are 8 tame moose here that roam through the woods and within easy reach of shelter, food and water.

Beaver And Elk Safaris : The forests of Dalsland are rich in both beaver and elk. Take a guided tour into the lakes and waterways, or combine with a horse-riding trek.

Karlsborg Fortress, Lake Vattern : Feel the wings of history at this magnificent fortress, now a monument to a bygone era.

The Tiveden National Park : Walk among tall trees and mossy rocks. A magical enchanted forest between Lakes Vattern and Vanern and once a hideout for robbers and bandits.

The Dalsland Canoe Marathon : Visit in August and watch the Dalsland Canoe Marathon, an annual canoe race held in Dalsland' lush, old-growth forests and sparkling lakes.