



Scandinavian Agriculture Tour - Sample Program

Day 1 Copenhagen, DENMARK (-/L/D) or (-/-D)

Arrival at Copenhagen Airport
Meet & Greet by English speaking guide
Drive to city centre in the area of the New Port with canals etc.
Lunch
Check in at hotel
Short guided city tour. (or city sightseeing on the last day)
Dinner at world renowned **Tivoli Gardens** (www.tivoligardens.com)
Overnight in Copenhagen



(Note: If flight arrives in evening, the city sightseeing tour will be on Day 14)

Day 2 Roskilde / Odense (B/L/D)



Drive westwards to Roskilde
Visit to the **Viking Boat Centre**. (www.vikingskibsmuseet.dk)
Drive south
Lunch
Visit to a **cereal farm, pig production and wind mill**
(Note: no access to animals)

Drive to Odense
Short walk in the old quarter of Odense
Dinner and overnight in the town of Odense

Day 3 Funen Island/Jutland/Randers (B/L/D)

Transfer to the island of **Island of Funen**
In the morning a visit to a well known **hog farm**
Lunch at the farm nearby
Drive to Jutland
Afternoon **cattle visit** (Jersey or Holsten-Frisian breeds)
Afterwards drive to Randers for dinner and overnight



Day 4 Djursland/Randers (B/L/D)

Visit to the **Farmers Union of Djursland** and meet with an adviser (the farmers own advisory centre is quite large and very important in the daily day of any farmer due to regulations, laws, implementation etc.)

Lunch at the famous **Kaloe Ruin Café** (Swedish king Gustav Vasa was a prisoner here at the old castle)



Visit to a **cereal farm** with wind mill or visit at **beef cattle farm** (Limousine cattle breeder, dairy farm)

Visit to the Danish agricultural museum or Gammel Estrup Castle

Buffet dinner with local Danish farmers

Overnight in Randers

Day 5 Frederikshavn – Gothenburg, SWEDEN (B/L/D)

Visit Viking Genetics (www.vikinggenetics.com)

Drive north to Aalborg area

Lunch en route

South east of the city visit to a **farm with cereal and pig fattening**

Continue to Frederikshavn for **evening ferry boat to Gothenburg, Sweden** (*approx. 3.15 hrs*)

Buffet dinner on board

Late arrival in Gothenburg

Meet & greet by Swedish guide (English Speaking)

(*Note: The Danish guide and bus stay in Denmark, group travels alone on ferry*)

Transfer by coach into the city centre of Gothenburg and overnight in a central located hotel

Day 6 Skara (ca 130 km) (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Sightseeing by bus together with your guide

Sweden's second largest city, is undergoing a transformation from industrial seaport to contemporary cultural and international sports venue. Perhaps the most surprising change in Gothenburg is in its restaurants and other eateries. The city has gained an international reputation for innovative cuisine using local produce. Gothenburg is a gateway to the Western Archipelago, with its peerless isles and barren grey sheries and they are easily accessible by boat from the city.

Continue on travelling along

the picturesque west coast where the fishing villages have become popular places to visit and have a nice lunch in a typical west coast restaurant

Continue east towards the small city of Skara

The nature will change from the harsh coast, through forestry to a rich grain producing area



Check in to central located hotel in Skara

Meeting with representative of **LRF, Lantbrukarnas Riksförbund, The Federation of Swedish Farmers:** (www.lrf.se)

General information about Swedish agriculture and discussion about specific topics of interests.



Dinner at the hotel together with local farmers

Day 7 Skara – Örebro (ca 160 km)

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Travel north towards Örebro

Farm visits along the way

In the area there is a large variety of farming; **grain, successful bioenergy, dairy, sheep, farm tourism, pigs** (*the tour will be customized according to the interest of the group*)



Lunch by the Göta Kanal (www.gotakanal.se)

The Göta Canal was one of the largest civil engineering projects ever undertaken in Sweden. The Canal stretches from Sjötorp on Lake Vänern to Men on the east coast. It has a length of 190 km and a total of 58 locks. The Canal was opened in Mem 1832.

Forestry visit during the afternoon. Coming closer to mid-Sweden the open land tend to change to a deeper forest. The State and the Swedish Church are large forest owners in Sweden, but there are also many private owners. Nature reserves and other regulations make it necessary for the forest owner to have a good communication with the state

Check in and dinner at hotel in Örebro

Day 8 Örebro – Stockholm (ca 200 km)

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Short sightseeing in Örebro with visit to the castle

Travel northeast towards Stockholm

Farm visit and lunch along the way. This area has a large variety of farming. The entrepreneurial thinking is strong, especially when you come close to the capital.



Check-in at the hotel in Stockholm and time for freshen up before dinner

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Stockholm

Day 9 Stockholm

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

City sightseeing by bus with an authorized Stockholm guide. The tour will include lunch and a visit to the **Vasa ship museum** (www.vasamuseet.se). (The warship Vasa sunk on the way leaving Stockholm on her maiden voyage in 1628. She was brought up to land 1961 and restored. Today, Vasa is a worldwide sensation in her museum).



Stockholm is generally referred to as Beauty on Water, or Venice of the North, which is understandable, as the city is built upon 14 islands. It is surrounded by Lake Mälaren, and by the Baltic Sea. The mixture of old and new, greenery and water, picturesque narrow streets and engaging modern broad ones provides an attractiveness you rarely meet elsewhere.

The tour will also include a visit to the famous **City Hall** (www.stockholm.se/cityhall). (Stockholm's City hall was built between 1911-1923 to the design of architect Ragnar Östberg. It is one of Sweden's foremost buildings in the National Romantic style. The City Hall is used for the yearly Nobel Banquet.)

Free time for shopping

An Aperitif will be served at Absolute Icebar where you will get a warm coat before entering the bar and receiving a drink in a glass made of ice.

Nice dinner at the famous **open-air museum Skansen** (www.skansen.se) (Skansen is the first open-air museum in the world. Skansen is also a zoological park specialising mainly in Scandinavian fauna. It is located on the island of Djurgården, a royal park near the centre of Stockholm. Skansen was founded in 1891 by Artur Hazelius (1833-1901) for the purpose of showing how people had lived and worked in different parts of Sweden in times gone by. Over the years about 150 historical buildings have been moved here from nearly every part of Sweden. Most of them dated from the 18th and 19th centuries)



Overnight at the same hotel in Stockholm

Day 10 Stockholm-Tumba-Norrköping (ca 170 km)

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Travel south towards Tumba for **technical visit at DeLaval** (www.delaval.se)
Information about the company, visit to the factory and stables

Lunch will be served at DeLaval's restaurant

Continue south through at varying agricultural area

Visit to **Julita Estate and Garden, an agricultural open air museum**

(www.julita.se)

(Possible to combine with traditional farm visit, dairy production.)



Travel towards Norrköping for dinner and overnight

Day 11 Norrköping – Väderstad – Göta Kanal – Norrköping (B/-/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Full day in the rich agricultural area in area “Östergötland” famous for its black earth and modern agriculture. **General farm visit** or possible visit to the international soil preparation machinery company **Väderstad Verken**. (www.vaderstad.com)

Lunch on your own in the **medieval town of Vadstena**, where the group will have time to do some shopping or visit the St. Birgittas Convent and the Convent Church (*lunch and Convent entrance fee not included in the price*)

Technical visit on a farm with crop and poultry

Travel north to the famous Göta Kanal to have some time for watching the boats in the locks. (www.gotakanal.se)

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Travel back to Norrköping

Evening cruise in the beautiful archipelago St. Annas Skärgård

Dinner on board

Overnight at the same hotel in Norrköping

Day 12 Norrköping-Kosta (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel



Visit to a potato - or vegetable farm

You will follow the coast line and make a stop by “Mörrumsån” where masses of salmon make their way out to the sea

Lunch

Visit to grain producer farm

Arrival to Kosta, visit to the glass factory and shop. (www.kosta.se)

Dinner and overnight at Kosta Boda Art Hotel

Day 13 Kosta - Åhus (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel

The tour will continue in the southern area of the region Skåne with a large scale grain production, many of large estates with a long history.

Visit to Grönåsens Moose park in Kosta

Travelling along the picturesque coastline you will end at the east coast of Skåne at the beach resort Åhus

Dinner and overnight at hotel by the beach

Before or after dinner: Presentation of the fantastic story of **Absolut Vodka** which is produced in the village of Åhus. Enjoy some Vodka testing.

Day 14 Åhus - Copenhagen (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Travelling along the picturesque coastline, passing Kivik, Simrishamn
Travel over the Öresundsbridge to Copenhagen



Arrival in Copenhagen, check in to your hotel

City sightseeing tour or free time. *(if city sightseeing was done upon arrival)*

Dinner at the hotel

Overnight in Copenhagen

Day 15 Copenhagen-Canada (B/-/-)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Free time prior to departing to the Kastrup airport for flight back to Canada.

Sweden

Sweden is a long country, the south is close to the continental climate and the very north offers a wild mountainous landscape. The best variety of agriculture is offered in the part from our capital Stockholm and south.

On a tour in Sweden we want to show you the typical landscape; forest, open land and water. We want you to meet representatives for traditional livestock- and grain farming, forestry, bioenergy, small scale food production and tourism. Accompanied by the technical visits you will also get to try the traditional food and the most famous touristic sights.

Denmark

Denmark is a modern European democracy with 5,2 million people and an agricultural production for something like 15 mill people. We are the biggest on the world market for fresh pigs meat, and we sell milk products all over the world.

We have a high organic percentage of especially milk producers, and quite a big and growing production of vegetables and particular products, highly demanded by the consumers.

A farmer spends lots of money and time on the production and buying assistance from outside.

On your tour we will look at what it is to be a farmer, production techniques, costs, well fare, pigs, milk cattle, arable farms – we look at the administrative part/ technical advise, and we show you how it is to live in our country, as you will meet people living and working here.

(B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

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