**1 Sip a cocktail at the subzero ICEBAR**

It wouldn’t be a visit to Scandinavia without some sort of winter activity—regardless of what season it is—which is why a visit to the [**ICEBAR**](https://www.icebarstockholm.com/) is literally one of the cool things to do in Stockholm. Found in the hip Nordic C Hotel near the central train station, the icy lounge is open year-round and kept at -7 degrees celsius to preserve the intricately carved ice sculptures.

## 2 Ride the rails along an underground art gallery

You don’t have to head inside a museum to view incredible art installations in Stockholm—in fact, it’s as simple as buying a ticket and riding the metro. Nearly 100 of the city’s underground subway stations make up what some call the “world’s longest art gallery,” where artists have transformed otherwise drab, concrete terminals with vibrant sculptures, paintings and mosaics, each with a different theme.

## 3Experience thrills at Gröna Lund

Those looking for a change of pace from historical walking tours and relaxing boat rides will want to head to **[Gröna Lund](http://www.gronalund.com/en/" \t "_blank)**, which is one of the best things to do in Stockholm with kids. Also found on Djurgården, this amusement park has more than 30 rides including roller coasters, bumper cars and a haunted house, and hosts concerts by world-class performers like Elton John.

Don’t skip Eclipse, a sky-high swingset that rewards visitors with incredible views of the surrounding archipelago.

4 **Glide through the city on a boat ride**

Since Stockholm is situated on the shores of the Baltic Sea and built on 14 different islands, it’s no wonder the city is so proud of its maritime heritage. A great way to get a new vantage point is by enjoying a boat ride, where you’ll sail through the different districts which are linked by more than 50 bridges.

# 5 Visit R1 Nuclear Reactor

The reactor hall has since been opened to visitors and as of April 2007 the reactor hall can be visited from the KTH Museum of Science and Technology. The reactor is now a popular venue for modern art and dance performances.

**6Visit teleskope**

The telescope was made in 2007 by the German company Astro Optik and weighs a baffling 2.3 metric tonnes, nearly 5,100 pounds. Originally it was used for environmental physics studies and was later taken over by the astronomy department. It is now used as a testbed for new astronomical instruments, as a tool for teaching students, and for the observation of supernovas.

**7** [**Open-air club Trädgården**](https://www.timeout.com/stockholm/nightlife/traedgarden)

No trip to Stockholm between May and September is complete without a visit to the city’s outdoor party spaces. Rooftop bars [Slakthuset](https://slakthuset.nu/" \t "_blank), in a former slaughterhouse, and [Tak](https://tak.se/en/" \t "_blank), on a revamped square in brutalist Norrmalm, are the most talked-about locations right now. But the epicentre of summer nightlife on Södermalm is Trädgården, a massive courtyard dance area with burger shacks, table tennis and a jigsaw of bars bedecked with fairy lights. During colder periods, the venue scales down to a two-floor techno and electro club called Under Bron (Under the Bridge), which has a more underground feel.

**8** [**Swimming off Långholmen island**](https://www.timeout.com/stockholm/attractions/langholmsbadet)

For most people, Stockholm doesn’t immediately conjure up images of tanning on an idyllic beach followed by an afternoon dip. But you can, in fact, do both, right in the city centre. Just a 15-minute stroll from urban Hornstull’s bustling coffee shops and bars is Långholmen island, one of the Swedish capital’s most frequented swimming spots. With a modest sandy front, it’s surrounded by flat rocks and a grassy bank where locals love to picnic. Långholmen used to be the exact opposite of a place to chill out; from the eighteenth century until 1974 it was home to a prison. The buildings have now been converted into a smart hotel and hostel with a shady courtyard café—handy if you need a break from the sun.

**9 shopping on DROTTNINGGATAN**

You could spend an entire day making your way through the many shops that line Drottninggatan and still not visit them all. While it sometimes seems there is an H&M every few steps don’t miss out on the other gems along the way. Åhlens City, right at the corner of Drottninggatan and Klarabergsgatan, is one of the best department stores in the city, with not just an excellent selection of fashion but also books, [homewares](https://viewstockholm.com/stockholm-best-furniture-interior-design-stores/), makeup, and much, much more. The street is also home to plenty of tourist shops, as well as some great restaurants and cafés.

**10Roof tour**

Unwind and enjoy the panoramic views, you will be dressed in a harness attached to a wire system that runs the length of our walk. Walk on a metal walkway designed especially for the tour itself, relax - you are safe!

**11 helicopter tour**

Fly in a helicopter over Stockholm, the archipelago and the Baltic sea during a 20 minutes comprehensive aerial tour. Pass over the city's canals, bridges and central islands while listening to informative commentary from your local guide and helicopter pilot. Hover for a closer look at landmarks like Kungliga Slottet (the Royal Palace) and Stadshuset (City Hall).  
  
12 **ice hockey**

Of all team sports, ice hockey is probably the one most closely associated with Sweden. With multiple World Cup and Olympic-medals in their cabinet, both Sweden’s women's –and men’s national team is a force to be reckoned with out on the ice. And SHL (Swedish Hockey League, the top-tier league in hockey) is consistently ranked as one of the greatest in the world. The most prominent clubs in Stockholm are [Djurgården](https://www.difhockey.se/) and [AIK](http://www.aikhockey.se/). For more info on the teams and current season visit [SHL.se](http://www.shl.se/) or [SDHL.se](https://www.sdhl.se/).