

INTRODUCTION

Appendix to item 20

THE SWEDISH ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS

The host organization, Swedish Association of Chartered Surveyors – Sveriges Lantmätareförening - SLF

Swedish Association of Chartered Surveyors is a non-political, non-profit organization that represents all surveying disciplines as well as students. The association was founded in 1908 and has about 1800 members today.

The organisation has the aim to unite members and promote cooperation between them, as well as broadening their knowledge and strengthening their positions in society. The Swedish Association of Chartered Surveyors also focuses on legislation governing land and property.

Swedish Association of Chartered Surveyors has taken part in all FIG congresses and as well as in the Nordic conferences that are organized every fourth year. The association also takes an active part in the continued development and education of land surveyors.

The organisation organizes conferences and publishes the magazine "Lantmätaren"

Swedish Association of Chartered Surveyors has its web page www.slf.net

ORGANISING COMMITTEE - FIG Working Week 2008

Svante Astermo, Chairman - The Swedish Association of Chartered Surveyors (Svenska Lantmätareföreningen).

Göran E Eriksson, Marketing Director - Cadastral Services in the national Land Survey of Sweden (Lantmäteriet).

Birgitta Hansson, Director – Ministry of Agriculture Food and Fisheries in Stockholm.

Björn Hedlund, Vice President - The Swedish Association of Chartered Surveyors (Svenska Lantmätareföreningen) & Company surveyor, land surveyor – JM AB.

Christer Lignell, Secretary to the Marshal of the Realm – Royal Palace in Stockholm

Christina Gustafsson, Managing Director - Swedish Property Index (Svenskt Fastighetsindex).

Hans Sandler, Head City Surveyor - Stockholm City Planning Administration (Stadsbyggnadskontoret).

DURATION & TIMING

The FIG Working Week of 2008 is proposed to take place in the summertime of June, the week before Sweden's most traditional celebration, "Midsummer". During this period of the year, in early June, the summer days in Stockholm are long and the sunlight last more or less around the clock – that means the June nights only have a few hours or semi-darkness. The average temperature in June is around 17 degrees.

In this beginning of June there will be a wide range of opportunities for the participants to come closer to the Swedish traditions and culture life with different events that take place during this time of the year in Stockholm.

WHY STOCKHOLM?

STOCKHOLM, SMALL TOWN – BIG CITY

- Stockholm is served by more than 65 airlines offering more than 750 regular flights a day to and from more than 125 international destinations.
- There are 224 hotels in the county of Stockholm with a total of 22,300 hotel rooms (41,900 hotel beds). More than 11,000 of these hotel rooms are situated within 20 minutes walk from the central Station.
- Stockholm has a wide range of modern and flexible conference centres, hotels and Banqueting Venues, which can cater between 2 and 16,000 people.
- Within the coming three years period there will be a higher activity regarding plans for hotel & conference project in the city of Stockholm. Up to over 4000 new hotel rooms may be planned in the future together with many conference facilities.
- More than 100 congresses are being held each year in our city. Many great organisations prefer to come back to Stockholm such as the European Society of Cardiology with around 20,000 delegates. We had them in 1990, in 1997, 2001 and they will come back in September 2005.
- Stockholm has a high developed infrastructure and we are known of being organised with an easy and close communication/interaction with organisations and public- & government authorities.
- Swedes are known for their friendly nature and excellent English.
- Stockholm is a small Town and a Big City – with most of its attractions and life within walking distance! Stockholm offers for example a wide selection of shops and department stores and more than 60 museums as well as over 1000 restaurants.
- Stockholm is a pure Beauty on Water



View over Riddarfjädersn, The Stockholm City Hall
Photo by: R Ryan

STOCKHOLM

...is considered to be one of the world's most beautiful capitals. Situated where Lake Mälaren flows into the Baltic Sea, the city is sheltered by an archipelago that encompasses tens of thousands of islands.

The City was founded in the mid 13th century by King Birger Jarl. Today, Greater Stockholm is a modern metropolis with 1,8 million residents.

The Swedish Parliament and the Government are based in Stockholm, along with a majority of the country's authorities and head offices of multinational corporations. The educational level is high, and the region is one of the most research-intensive in Europe.

It is possible to swim and fish in the very centre of Stockholm because of the success in purifying waste water, the use of district heating, recycling and environmentally friendly mass transit.

Cost of living and staying is low in Stockholm. According to the latest Cost of Living Rankings World-wide, Stockholm has fallen in the rankings. The strong US dollar causes Stockholm to rank lower than for example London, Geneva, Oslo, Paris, Copenhagen and other European cities.

Many major events take place in Stockholm every year. The most prestigious one is the annual Nobel Prize Award ceremony in December.

SWEDEN

The warm Gulf Stream in the Atlantic gives Sweden a milder climate than other areas equally as far north. Stockholm has an average temperature of about 17°C (63°F) in July. The winter temperatures average slightly below freezing and snowfall is moderate. The most northerly parts of Sweden have long and cold winters and bright summers of moderate temperatures; in June and July daylight lasts around the clock.

GEOGRAPHY

Sweden has an area of 450,000 km² (174,000 sq. Mi.). Half its land surface is covered with forest. Less than 10% is farmland. Nearly 100,000 lakes dot the countryside, which is relatively flat. A long mountain chain in the Northwest reaches heights of up to 2,111 m (6,926 ft). There are thousands of islands along the jagged coast.

THE PEOPLE

Sweden has a population of 8.9 million, with about 85% living in the southern half of the country. Swedish is a Nordic Germanic language.

PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY

Sweden is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary form of government. Today the King, Carl XVI Gustaf, has only ceremonial functions as Head of State. The Parliament consists of one chamber, whose members are directly elected by proportional representation for four- year terms. Sweden has universal suffrage and the voting age is 18. Voter turnout is traditionally very high, 80–90%.

FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENCE

Sweden is an active participant in international co-operation. Strong support for the European Union and United Nations is one cornerstone of its foreign policy. The country is also a member of many other international organizations such as the OECD and the World Bank. There is far-reaching co-operation between the Nordic countries in social welfare, cultural affairs and a joint labour market.

INDUSTRY AND ECONOMY

At the beginning of this century Sweden was largely an agrarian economy, and one of the poorest nations in Europe. However, a rich domestic supply of iron ore, timber and waterpower, clever engineers and skilled workers enabled a rapid industrialization that transformed Sweden into a modern welfare state.

Traditionally, scale-intensive industries (e.g. pulp, paper and paper products and ferrous metal products) have had a large share of Swedish exports. However, Sweden is also a relatively important exporter of more technically sophisticated products like telecommunications equipment, specialized machinery and motor vehicles. Science-based products (e.g. pharmaceuticals) account for around 10% of manufacturing value added.

The international recession in 1989-91 forced companies to review their operations to eliminate inefficiency and unnecessary costs in order to improve productivity, thereby increasing manufacturing productivity by 8% during 1991. The competitive edge of Swedish industry was further sharpened by the depreciation of the exchange rate in 1992. As a result the growth in exports exceeded market growth in 1993-95 and Sweden's market shares increased by more than 20%.

Since 1992, when the Swedish krona was floated and fell in value by about one fourth, the government has made great efforts to restore balance. Therefore, the conditions for growth, as far as the macroeconomic situation is concerned, presently seem bright. Inflation is very low and long-term interest rates have declined considerably.

SWEDEN AND SURVEYORS

Surveyors are employed in most organisations in Sweden and are the co-ordinators in all fields of development in the Swedish society. Many banks, estate companies, building firms, valuation consultants and others employ surveyors as key persons. The Swedish communes are together a very big employer. The biggest employer is the Swedish Land survey and reflects the history of surveying in Sweden for more than 375 years.

Lantmäteriet – the National Land Survey of Sweden

Lantmäteriet – the National Land Survey of Sweden – can celebrate its 375 years anniversary this year. The organisation was established as a state agency when the King Gustav II Adolf on 4 April 1628 appointed the mathematician and cartographer Anders Bure as the first head of the organisation. His task was to set up the organisation and to employ and educate the staff with the aim to create a systematic surveying and mapping of the entire country.

The first years focus was set on mapping at larger scales (over villages, homesteads, and cities). After that an intensive period of mapping at smaller scales followed. During this period, which lasted until the beginning of the 1800's century topographic maps and land-use maps over counties, parishes, road networks, and lakes and rivers was produced. From the middle of the 1800's century extensive land reforms took place in Sweden, which also meant that the land surveyors to a high degree were engaged in this work.

However, the systematic mapping continued and the results from the mapping activities are uniquely well preserved and documented in archives containing several hundred thousand maps and documents. Today, parts of this material can directly be accessed on the Internet and Lantmäteriet is rapidly making more and more of this information available in digital form.

Sweden also has the advantage of a long tradition of cadastral mapping and parcel-based records developed for taxation and land consolidation. The computerisation of the real property and land registry, which started 1968 and now for long time have been in operation, has contributed to a very efficient land administration based on electronic titles and mortgages and made the use of land information as a base for a broad range of activities in society very effective.

Lantmäteriet's overall goal today is to support the creation of an efficient and sustainable use of land and water. The organisation has three divisions: Cadastral services, Land and Geographic Information Services and Metria. These divisions are supported by Corporate functions. Swedesurvey AB, a limited company, is the international agency of the organisation.

The total staff is approximately 2,100. The headquarters is situated in Gävle. Lantmäteriet has in total around 100 offices throughout the country. The annual turnover is approximately 1,500 million SEK (160 million Euro) of which 70 percent is generated through charging fees on real property formation, the use of information from databases and on consultancy services. Core grants from the Government is primarily used for producing basic geographic data and managing and maintaining registers and databases. The activities of Lantmäteriet comprises the following main product areas:

- Cadastral procedures
- Cadastral consulting
- Property information
- Credit Market System
- Printed maps and CD products
- Geographic Sweden Data
- Historical maps
- Geodesy and field survey
- Satellite imagery, remote sensing and visualisation services
- Surveying and large-scale mapping
- GIS consultancy services, software and training
- Customised databases and maps
- Atlases and tourist maps

Lantmäteriet is today very active in the international field. The activities comprise active participation in standardisation and harmonisation with the aim to facilitate exchange of geographic information and property information. More and more of research and development projects are also carried out in co-operation with international partners. Lantmäteriet is furthermore very active in supporting developing countries, for example through UN/ECE Working Party on Land Administration. The Swedish surveyors have also contributed to the development of the surveying international society, among others through an active participation in FIG.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

The Swedish Government's overall environmental policy objective is to solve Sweden's major environmental problems within a generation, i.e. 25 years. The City of Stockholm is making several major investments in environment, such as for example investing in environmentally friendly vehicles.

Source: The Swedish Institute.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE VENUE

– STOCKHOLM CITY CONFERENCE CENTRE

Stockholm City Conference Centre is situated by the square, Norra Bantorget, in the heart of central Stockholm. It has two unique conference buildings, which offers a wide range of alternatives and possibilities for a successful convention. Folkets Hus was designed as a meeting place, whilst the grammar school, Norra Latin, only became a conference facility in recent years. Both buildings are preserved as historical monuments due to their architecture, which is typical for the time when the buildings were constructed.

Stockholm City Conference Centre has a total of 50 conference rooms. Six of them accommodate more than one hundred people, and the largest room, the Congress Hall, has 1,362 seats. The other rooms are suitable for 20-30 people. In connection with the conferences coffee, lunches and dinners can be served. With a total of 50 rooms, the conference options are virtually endless.



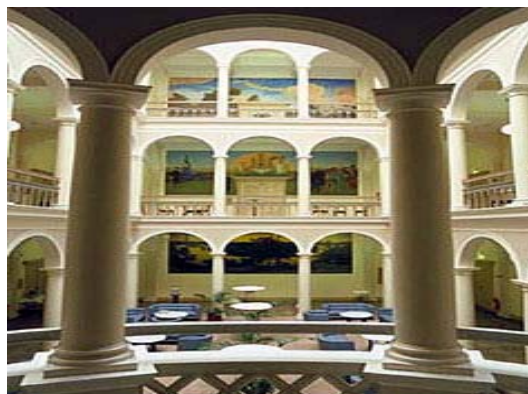
Source: www.stoccc.se

LOCATION AND ACCESS TO THE STOCKHOLM CITY CONFERENCE CENTRE

Stockholm City Conference Centre is situated in the heart of central Stockholm. It is merely a five-minute walk to Central Station, where you can catch long distance trains, buses, the underground trains as well as the Arlanda Express train, which takes you to Arlanda Airport in 20 minutes.

NORRA LATIN

Norra Latin was opened in the autumn of 1880 in the presence of King Oscar II. For more than a hundred years, it served as a school, and many pupils were taught classical subjects there. After renovation, Norra Latin was reopened in 1989 and has served as a conference facility since then. The architect, Helgo Zettervall designed the building in classic style. More precisely, Florentine Renaissance, including two light-courts with glass ceilings on both sides of the central stair lobby. The 13-part organ in the auditorium has been renovated and was re-inaugurated on August 24th 1997.



Source: www.stoccc.se

FOLKETS HUS

The first Folkets Hus (community centre) was inaugurated in 1901 on Barnhusgatan by the square, Norra Bantorget. The new one that is in use today was designed by the architect, Sven Markelius, and was built in three stages during the 1950s. The inauguration was held in June 1960.



Source: www.stoccc.se

SHORT FACTS ABOUT STOCKHOLM CITY CONFERENCE CENTRE

Description

Scandinavia's largest central conference and meeting centre in the heart of Stockholm. In the two adjacent buildings you will find three convention halls, 49 conference rooms and exhibition areas both indoors and outdoors (6,000 m²). On the premises there are also restaurants, cafes, a theatre and the Wallin Hotel offering 131 rooms.

Location	Down Town
Time from Central Station	3 minutes walk
Distance from Central Station	700 meters
Direction	N
Nearest stop	Bus, 50 meters

HOTEL/DORMITORY FACILITIES NEARBY

In addition to Stockholm City Conference Centre's centrally located hotel, Best Western Wallin Hotel, there are 6,000 beds in other hotels, all less than ten minutes away.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME – of the FIG Working Week
2008

DATE	MORNING	LUNCH	AFTERNOON	EVENING
TUESDAY/ WEDNESDAY/ THURSDAY/ 10/11/12 TH JUNE	Swedish Lapland Helsinki and/or St. Petersburg	Swedish Lapland Helsinki and/or St. Petersburg	Swedish Lapland Helsinki and/or St. Petersburg	Social activity of choice
FRIDAY 13 TH JUNE				Council Dinner at the hotel of choice
ADM DAY 1 SATURDAY 14 TH JUNE	Council Meeting		ACCO Meeting	“Get together dinner” at the Sthlm City Conf. Centre
DAY 1 SUNDAY 15 TH JUNE	General Assembly (9:00-13:00) <i>Accompanying programme:</i>	<i>Accompanying programme:</i>	Opening Ceremony at the Sthlm City Conf. Centre 14:00-16:00 (Commission Annual Meetings) <i>No accomp. prog.</i>	Welcome Reception at the Stockholm City Hall 18:00-
DAY 2 MONDAY 16 TH JUNE	Plenary Session 9:00-10:30 Technical Sessions <i>Accompanying programme:</i>	Exhibition <i>Accompanying programme:</i>	Technical Sessions Commission Annual Meetings Exhibition <i>Accompanying programme:</i>	Evening dinner at the hotel of choice/Foundation Dinner/Vasa Museum/Home visits
DAY 3 TUESDAY 17 TH JUNE	Plenary Session 9:00-10:30 Technical Sessions Technical Tours Exhibition	Exhibitionom	Technical Sessions Technical Tours Exhibition	Evening dinner at Skansen open-air Museum

DATE	MORNING	LUNCH	AFTERNOON	EVENING
DAY 4 WEDNESDAY 18 TH JUNE	Plenary Session 9:00-10:30 Technical Sessions Technical Tours Exhibition		Technical Sessions Technical Tours Exhibition	Farwell banquet at the world famous Grand Hotel – The Winter garden (?)
DAY 4 WEDNESDAY 18 TH JUNE (SECOND OPTION)	Technical Tour – to all Requires cutting technical tours elsewhere	And reschedule of exhibition and perhaps technical sessions	Stockholms’ archipelago	Farwell banquet at the world famous Grand Hotel – The Winter garden (?)
DAY 5 THURSDAY 19 TH JUNE	President’s Meeting General Assembly 10:00-14:00		Closing Ceremony at the Stockholm City Conference Centre 14:00-15:00	
POST CONF. DAY FRIDAY- SUNDAY 20 TH JUNE - 22 TH JUNE	Midsummer celebrations in Dalarna / West Cost and/or Gotland	Midsummer celebrations in Dalarna / West Cost and/or Gotland	Midsummer celebrations in Dalarna / West Cost and/or Gotland	

WELCOME RECEPTION AT THE CITY HALL OF STOCKHOLM

There *may* be a possibility to hold the first night Welcome Reception at the Stockholm City Hall - known throughout the world for the Nobel Prize Banquet. Located in central Stockholm, the City Hall is one of Stockholm's most fascinating, impressive and aesthetically pleasing attractions.

The host for the reception would be the City of Stockholm and the reception would include a Swedish "Smörgåsbord" with wine and a guided tour of the City Hall.

EVENING BUFFEE AT THE VASA MUSEUM

On the second conference day, it is suggested that delegates will have the opportunity of taking part in a private visit to the world famous Vasa Museum. In 1961, the 17th century ship of war, the Vasa, was raised from the depths of Stockholm harbour where she had lain for 333 years. Now fully restored and resting in an award-winning museum, the Royal flagship is a never to be forgotten experience. The museum can be privately hired for the delegates offering private guided tours and a buffé dinner with wine. Guests can be picked up by bus at the conference hotels and returned there after the party. This could at the same time be the FIG Foundation Dinner. There is also option for “Home visits” on the evening of the second day.

EVENING DINNER AT THE SKANSEN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

An evening dinner the third day may give the delegates an unforgettable outdoor experience at the Skansen open-air museum. Here they can discover Swedish traditions, old buildings, Scandinavian fauna and animals. Starting at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until 8:00 p.m., dinner and refreshments may be served in tents erected outside Solliden, an imposing local restaurant.

A guided tour of the open-air museum will be offered during the evening. The delegates can either be picked up from their hotels or brought to Skansen by bus or by vintage tram from Norrmalmstorg.

CONFERENCE DINNER AT THE GRAND HOTEL – WINTER GARDEN

The Grand Hôtel opened for the first time in 1874 and has a long and fascinating history. The rooms and interiors are unique, as is the hotel's location in the centre of Stockholm. The guests live and eat well, take part in conferences and meetings or attend dinners and banquets.

Vinterträdgården, the "Winter Garden", is a magnificent indoor space. It is a perfect venue for large conferences and important meetings. Because of its beautiful interior and great sense of space, Vinterträdgården has become many people's favorite part of the Grand Hôtel. It was created by the Grand Hôtel's legendary female hotel manager, Wilhelmina Skogh, and its opening in 1909 was a major event in Stockholm.

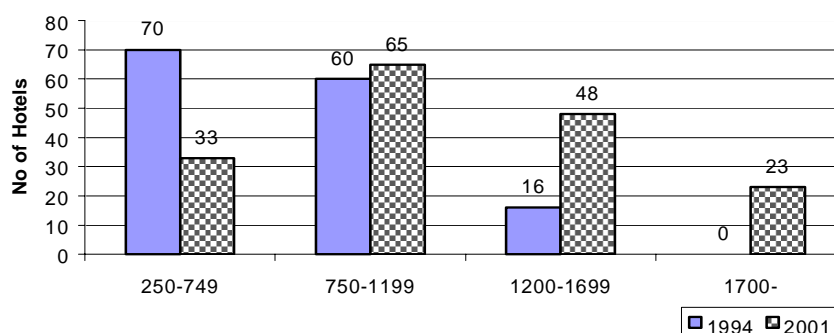
There is room for a stage, and a capacity for large conferences. The room changes character practically every day, as different events require a different setting. It is a very versatile space, and can be adapted for each new event. The room is suitable for parties of 250-750 people. Stalls: 600 people. Round tables: 440 people.

www.grandhotel.se/english/festvaning/lokaler.php

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Stockholm and its immediate surroundings have a wide range of both modern and classical hotels. There are 224 hotels in the county of Stockholm with a total of 22,300 hotel rooms (41,900 hotel beds). More than 11,000 of these hotel rooms are situated within 20 minutes walk from the central Station. The hotel standard ranges from luxury to economy class.

Sweden does not have any official hotel classification. Hotels in Stockholm are considered of high standard. The hotel prices presented below indicate rack rates of hotel accommodation in the Stockholm Region. The rooms in the different price categories below have a bath and or shower as standard.



Hotel Prices in SEK
Source: Stockholm
Visitors Board
1 € is about 9 SEK

SUGGESTIONS FOR ACCOMPANYING PERSON PROGRAMME & OPTIONAL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES - IN STOCKHOLM

CITY SIGHTSEEING OLD TOWN WALKABOUT



Photographer: R Ryan

Bus sightseeing and guided walks in and around central Stockholm: The old Town (Gamla Stan), which is built on three islands in the heart of the city, is where Stockholm was originally founded in the 13th century. A medieval atmosphere still prevails here with narrow lanes, low-rise, old-style houses, squares, workshops, boutiques and no cars!

Alley in the Old Town, Source/Distributor: Stockholm Visitors Board,

The best way to explore the Old Town is on foot, and you will quickly discover that there are several museums and many interesting cultural sight to see. Don't miss the Royal Treasury. If you're on time you will see the changing of the Palace Guards, and Stockholm's cathedral, Storkyrkan, is right next door to the palace.

Season: All year

Duration: minimum 40 min (without visiting sights) 1.5-3 hours (incl. Visiting sights)
www.citysightseeing.com

STOCKHOLM CITY HALL



Located in central Stockholm and elegantly situated on the waterfront, the City Hall is one of Stockholm's most important attractions. It is well known for its architecture and grand halls. It is here that the Nobel Prize Banquet is held every year on December 10.

Stockholm City Hall – Statue – The Dance, A Woman
Source/Distributor: Stockholm Visitors Board, Photographer: R Ryan

Stockholm's City Hall was built between 1911-1923. Designed by the architect Ragnar Östberg, it is a distinctive red brick building that dominates Kungsholmen (King's Island), one of the sixteen major islands on which the city of Stockholm is built. The City Hall is one of Sweden's most outstanding buildings in the National Romantic style, admired for its architecture, its grand halls and its picturesque setting on the shores of Lake Mälaren. Behind its imposing eight million brick façade are offices, conference rooms and banquet halls. Inspired by the palaces of the Renaissance, Ragnar Östberg had the City Hall built around two squares or 'piazzas', Borgargården and the Blue Hall. Every year, television audiences around world see the interior of Stockholm's City Hall when the Nobel Prize Banquet is held on December 10th. http://www.stockholm.se/cityhall/eng_tittain.htm

Season: All year

Duration: 1-hour

www.stockholm.se/stadshuset

SKANSEN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM



Discover Swedish traditions at Skansen. Founded in 1891 as the first open-air museum in the world, Skansen is home to preserved artefacts from five centuries of Swedish history and is today the site of many old buildings that have been brought there from all over Sweden. Some of the houses accommodate handicraft workshops. Besides being an 'Old Sweden in miniature', Skansen has a zoo that accommodates a wide variety of Scandinavian fauna. Folk dance performances are regularly held here during the summer, as are concerts featuring classical and operatic music, jazz, pop, rock and blues.

Midsummer celebrations at Skansen

Source/Distributor: Stockholm Visitors Board, Photographer: Skansen

Season: All year

Duration: 1.5 - 2 hours

www.skansen.se

THE VASA MUSEUM



When the Royal flagship, Vasa was built in 1628 she was the pride of Sweden. But it was a glory that turned out to be short-lived as she sank on her maiden voyage. It was 333 years before she was brought to the surface once more and she is now the only fully preserved vessel dating from the 17th century in the world. Located in a purpose built museum, the ship and many items found onboard are on permanent display.

Vasa Museum, Stockholm

Source/Distributor: Stockholm Visitors Board, Photographer: R Ryan

The museum is widely acclaimed for its exhibitions and the comprehensive information provided there. There are guided tours on the hour in various languages and a 30 minute long film that describes the ship's history and her salvage.

Season: All year

Duration: 40 min - 1.5-hour

www.vasamuseum.se

DROTTHINGHOLM PALACE & THE DROTTHINGHOLM'S COURT THEATRE

Drottningsholm Palace situated by Lake Mälaren only 15 km from Stockholm, dates from the 17th century. The palace, which is Sweden's Royal Residence, is built along the lines of Versailles and stands on breathtaking grounds. The 18th century Royal Court Theatre is the world's oldest playhouse and its original scene-changing machinery is still intact.

The palace-along with the court theatre, its park and the Chinese Pavilion located there – is one of the five Swedish cultural heritage treasures noted on UNESCO's list for world preservation.

As the visitor enters the Drottningholms Court Theatre, he finds himself in a unique eighteenth century environment, surrounded by fabulously complex and ornate theatre machinery, including some thirty complete eighteenth century sets. Nowadays, playing music is composed before 1800 on old instruments has become a matter of course in many places. *Season:*



Drottningholm Castle, Stockholm
Source/Distributor: Stockholm Visitors Board, Photographer: R Ryan

All year *Duration: 2-3 hours*
www.royalcourt.se/drottningholm/index
www.drottningholmsteatern.dtm.se

THE MODERN MUSEUM

The new Modern Museum, which has replaced the former provisory structure by the same name, was opened to the public in February 1998. Situated on the island of Skeppsholmen in the centre of Stockholm, the new building was designed by the award-winning Spanish architect Rafael Moneo. Now, for the first time ever, the museum has ample space in which to show its fine collections of international and Scandinavian 20th century art, photographs, film and video. The collections are regarded as some of the most important in Europe.

Season: All year

Duration: 3 hours

www.modernamuseet.se/

ULRIKSDALS INN

Ulriksdal in Solna was built in about 1640 for one of the most powerful men in the country, Jacob De la Gardie, the Constable of the Realm. The present appearance of the building dates from the first half of the 18th century. Ulriksdal is closely associated with King Gustaf VI Adolf and Queen Louise. The famous 1923 living room dates from their time. The furnishings were a wedding present from the people of Stockholm, and Carl Malmsten designed the furniture. This living room is the one of the finest 20th century interiors in Sweden. The south wing of the palace houses the offices of the World Wide Fund for Nature, WWF. For some years now, the Oranegy, a late 17th century building, has been a museum of Swedish sculpture. www.royalcourt.se/ulriksdal/eng

CONFIDENCE THEATRE

In the early 17th century, the Lord High Constable Jacob De la Gardie merged several local villages to form a profitable estate, and commissioned a palace. Towards the end of the century, the new owner built in large coach-house on the property. Many years later, Queen Lovisa Ulrika and King Adolf Fredrik spent a great deal of time at Ulriksdal, and in the early 1750s, they decided to transform the old coach-house into a theatre. Today we know this as Confidencen-The Confidence. The theatre's décor has a playful, rococo elegance.

SUGGESTIONS FOR EXCURSIONS - IN THE SURROUNDINGS OF STOCKHOLM

As part of our proposal, we suggest that three extra days of activities be made available to the delegates, before the event or after it. We hope that these optional days will be especially attractive to delegates who have travelled to Stockholm from other countries, as the activities we offer will allow the delegates to experience some of the unique sights, events and institutions that exemplify the cultural life of Sweden.

TOUR OF THE ARCHIPELAGO



With its 25,000 islands, islets and reefs, the Stockholm archipelago is a world of its own. The serene beauty of its calm waters and lush, green islands interspersed with barren rocks makes the archipelago a treasured summer resort. The islands are often clustered in mini-archipelagos of their own. Between these groups the water widens out into large bays—a navigational challenge for seafarers throughout the ages.

View over the archipelago islands, Stockholm

Source/Distributor: Stockholm Visitors Board, Photographer: Christer Lundin

Close to the mainland, the islands are larger and more lush, the bays and channels wider and year-round residents more numerous. Further out towards the sea, the scenery becomes more rugged and finally ends in a scatter of barren, windblown islets. Only a few people live here all year round, but the beauty of the archipelago can be appreciated in any season.

For over 150 years one of Stockholm's most distinctive features has been the steamboats that ply the archipelago's waters. In addition to the many modern vessels, eight traditional steamboats—some from the turn of the century—are still in operation in what is the largest fleet of passenger steamboats in the world. A three-hour cruise on board a vintage steamboat takes you through the enchanting inner archipelago to Vaxholm, a fortress town founded in 1647. The town is compact and easy to explore on foot, and on a small island opposite the quay stands the 16th century fortress for which the town is named. During the cruise, lunch or dinner may be served.

The Archipelago is considered for technical tour to all participants.

Season: May - October

Duration one-way: 3 hours

www.dess.se

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRE- AND POST CONFERENCE TOURS - SWEDEN

SWEDISH MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION IN DALARNA, LAKE SILJAN – THE FOLKLORE DISTRICT

Dalarna, located north-west of Stockholm in central Sweden, is said to be the most Swedish of all Swedish counties and provinces. The province has natural beauty and cultural settings besides being rich in tradition, particularly in its folklore, music, costumes and midsummer celebrations. This beautiful region features hills and dales, mountains and lakes, and many picturesque villages. Lake Siljan is the remainder of a crater that was created in the third largest meteorite strike ever to hit the earth. From the rim of the crater, the visitor has a panoramic view out over the mountains.

The Midsummer celebrations are one of the highlights of the year. In the Dala region, traditional folk music and fiddle-playing flourishes, and fiddlers' 'hoe-downs' draw huge crowds.

During midsummer the markets garlands of flowers and people raise the maypole together with local Folk Dance Team, fiddlers and everyone perform ring dances. The ceremony is followed by singing, music, games and dancing round the maypole. In the evening there is a folk dance display and dancing on outdoor dance floors.

In the Dala region you might visit Dalhalla, a limestone quarry that is now the stage for festival performances and outdoor concerts. The unusual and imposing geological surroundings are a tonic to the imagination. In Dalarna local craftsmen still carve and paint Dalahorses by hand, a reminder of a genuine local handicraft tradition. The Dalacarian wooden horse is Sweden's most popular souvenir.

Season: All year

Duration of the trip: 2-3 days

www.visit-sweden.com

GOTLAND

Gotland is an island in the Baltic Sea about 90 kilometres from the Swedish mainland. It has a fascinating history, and has more registered ancient monuments than any other region in Sweden. A typical Hanseatic town, Visby has been perfectly preserved and is so rich in unique cultural treasures that it has been put on UNESCO's world heritage list. The town has a ring-wall, a well-preserved street grid, and buildings from the Middle Ages onwards. Medieval church ruins and granaries stand cheek-by-jowl with low houses of wood and stone from later periods. From the 12th to the 14th centuries, Visby was the main centre of the Hanseatic League's trade in the Baltic. In still older times, Visby was a Viking stronghold. The island of Gotland offers dramatic landscapes and idyllic pastoral scenes in a unique mix, with everything from rugged, leafy woodlands to flowery meadows to chalky coastal cliffs.

Season: May - September

Duration of the trip: 1 ½ - 2 Days

www.visit-sweden.com

SWEDISH LAPLAND

Lapland, a province north of the Arctic Circle, could well be the last wilderness in Europe. This is the land of the Midnight Sun where, from May until August, there is daylight round the clock. Lapland presents a rare combination of peace and quiet, adventure and excitement. During three unforgettable days you will be introduced to the culture and traditions of the Sami people and the countryside and wildlife of Lapland, including activities such as fishing, hiking and white river rafting.

Season: All year

Duration of the trip: 3 days

www.visit-sweden.com

THE WEST COAST

Western Sweden encompasses the provinces of Bohuslän, Dalsland and Västergötland. The friendly maritime city of Gothenburg is the logical starting point from which to explore the region. Gothenburg is Scandinavia's largest port, and an architectural blend of well-preserved old districts and dramatically new areas, such as the redeveloped shipyards. The city, which is known for its friendly atmosphere, is criss-crossed by wide avenues and beautiful parks and gardens. The coastal province of Bohuslän, north of Gothenburg, is appreciated for its charm, its idyllic fishing villages, its wonderful sandy beaches, tempting seafood and historic stone carvings. Here you can examine the rock carvings in Tanumshede then wander through the museum of stone carvings in Viltlycke, which is listed among UNESCO's World Heritage sites.

Further inland lies the province of Västergötland, where you can see grave-monuments older than the pyramids of Egypt, 3 000 year-old bronze shields, and majestic latter-day man-made structures such as Karlsborgs Fortress, Läckö Castle, the stone house at Torpa, Göta Canal and the towering locks of Trollhättan. An angler's dream, Västergötland has both salt and freshwater fishing spots in abundance alongside lakes, rivers and seashores. North of Västergötland and inland from Bohuslän, lie the lakes and canals of Dalsland. One of the biggest tourist attractions in Dalsland is the aqueduct in Håverud, which dates from 1868. It is still perfectly intact, and not a single one of its 33,000 original rivets has had to be replaced since it was erected.

Season: All year

Duration of the trip: 2 days

www.visit-sweden.com

HELSINKI AND ST PETERSBURG

An overnight cruise to Helsinki on board a luxury passenger ferry offers a truly pleasurable experience. There are first-class restaurants, bars, night-clubs offering stage shows and entertainment, and all the shopping you can handle. When you arrive in the morning, it's time to take in the sights of Finland's capital city. A guided tour will take you to the main attractions such as the Temppeliaukio Church, an architectural wonder carved out of subterranean rock, and the Senate Square with its university and Cathedral. After lunch, the tour continues by train or coach to St Petersburg. The following two days will be spent enjoying the splendid monuments of this unique city, which was founded as the Russian capital in 1703 by Tsar Peter the Great. Here you can visit St Isaac's Cathedral, the Peter and Paul Fortress and Cathedral, Catherine the Great's summer residence in Pushkin and of course one of the world's most important museums, the Hermitage. Its doors alone are worth a visit!

Season: All year round

Duration of the trip: 3 days

LETTERS OF INVITATION AND SUPPORT PROVIDED BY:

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT – MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT SWEDEN:

Lena Sommestad, Minister for the Environment

THE CITY OF STOCKHOLM:

Annika Billström, Mayor of Stockholm

Barry Andersson, President of the Stockholm City Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

Mats Hellström, County Governor of Stockholm

NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS:

Peter Ljung, Managing Director - Svefa

Joakim Ollén, Director General - The National Land Survey of Sweden (LMV)

Dag Klerfelt, Chariman - The Swedish Society of Real Estate Economics (SFF)

CONFERENCE VENUE:

Monika Malmén, Marketing Manager, Stockholm City Conference Centre AB - CCC

OTHER:

Kerstin Broddheimer, Marketing Manager, SAS - Scandinavian Airlines System