

Navigare Yachting – Sweden Itinerary 1

With 30,000+ islands within easy reach, you could sail the Stockholm archipelago for months and never run short of delightful, sunny, charming destinations. Whether you're looking to relax amid the dramatic Baltic maritime scenery of pine-shrouded islets and secluded rocky coves, or sample food & drink pleasures onshore with the region's friendliest people, sailing the Stockholm archipelago is an experience that creates lifelong memories!

Our first sample Stockholm archipelago itinerary stays relatively close to home, from inner- to mid-archipelago, where you'll find a breathtaking variety of destinations just a few hours' smooth sailing away.

Saturday: Vaxholm

Your sailing holiday begins in Vaxholm, the "capital" of the Stockholm archipelago. Located just east of Stockholm, Vaxholm (the name of both the town and the island it's on) is a gorgeous and quaint Baltic destination, home to picturesque turn-of-the-last-century pastel houses, delightful family-owned cafes and restaurants, and charming little shops on cobbled streets.

Visit Vaxholm Fortress (built in 1544), a famous castle that for centuries has guarded the approaches to Stockholm. The area is also home to an amazingly diverse selection of scenic pine-clad islets and sheltered rocky coves, perfect for a day's exploring and relaxation.

Sunday: Grinda

Grinda is a delightfully unspoiled island, sprinkled with cozy, rustic wooden cottages among elegant pine woods. Even from the waters offshore, you can glimpse deer and foxes frolicking. In medieval times, this island was the haunt of buccaneers and smugglers. Today, it's home to the Grinda Wardshus, a hotel resort noted for its woodsy charm.

Grinda is a favorite destination for outdoor day activities, including hiking, paddle boarding, bird watching, and more. Seals and marine sea life are common sights, at play in their natural habitat. The island is also a perfect destination for rest & relaxation, with numerous little cafes, restaurants, and bars.

Monday: Furusund

Venturing now further north but still within the cozy confines of the Stockholm archipelago, Furusund is a small and quiet island with a reputation for attracting an interesting and fun-loving crowd of holiday visitors.

During the day, when you're not swimming in the calm waters around the island, you can come onshore to sample the numerous galleries, cafes, and tiny shops. Entertainment options are plentiful with several lively harbor bars and restaurants and an active summer season of local sailing events.

Tuesday: Finnhamn

Located in the northern archipelago, Finnhamn's natural beauty and Baltic scenery is preserved within one of the region's most eco-friendly destinations. Sheltered bays and rocky cliffs warmed by long summer days beckon you to relax, explore, play in the water, and enjoy the incredible adventure of Sweden's island treasures.

Large portions of Finnhamn are designated as nature reserves, but you're free to responsibly wander the island. Primeval forests and fairy tale meadows, quaint farms and cozy cafes – bike around the island, swim, hike, and relax in one of the Stockholm archipelago's most enchanting destinations.

Wednesday: Ostholmen/Möja

Perched on the eastern fringe of the Stockholm archipelago, Ostholmen and Möja are companion islands that offer a dramatic and unforgettable place to view the northern lights. The islands are more sparsely developed and less frequently visited than other islands, allowing you plenty of freedom to enjoy time with family, friends, and loved ones.

The sauna on Ostholmen is a can't miss attraction; it's free, but book reservations ahead to ensure you have a place. Möja has been inhabited since Viking times and is a wonderful place to commune with nature while biking or hiking. Kayaking is a uniquely beautiful and private experience – much of the surrounding waters and islets are nature reserves, where you can observe wildlife and Baltic flora.

Thursday: Sandhamn

Just an hour south is Sandhamn, a beloved sailing destination that combines an idyllic village that looks straight out of the 18th century, with a lively day and nighttime scene of cozy cafes and shops, bustling restaurants, and cheerful bars. White sand beaches are perfect for fun & sun activities, while the interior of the island offers biking and hiking among the stately pines.

Sandhamn is home to the Royal Swedish Yacht Club and numerous amenities, making this a perfect island to wind up your Stockholm archipelago holiday. Enjoy delicious food, pulsating nightlife, and a vibe that caters to the fun-loving vacation yachting crowd.