Karlskrona
CRUISE DESTINATION SWEDEN

GREAT HOSPITALITY
WE CARE ABOUT YOUR PASSENGERS

Smooth operations
No congestion, no lining up – much appreciated among cruise lines, agents and passengers

WORLD CLASS EXCURSIONS
IN A WORLD HERITAGE CITY
A royal entrance
Those arriving by tender boats will enter the city in a royal manner, docking at the Kings Bridge, where all Royal members used to arrive to Karlskrona – and still do.

300 years of naval history
Inside the guarded fences of Sweden’s main naval base lies the Old Naval Ship Yard, exhibiting 300 years of naval history.

Naval Museum
Our most visited attraction and a must see for both groups and individuals. Sensational new Submarine Hall opens in June 2014.

Karlskrona City Port
Our main port is situated right in the city center. It’s a 5 minute walk to the Naval Museum and 10 minutes to the Great Square – or you can hop on our complimentary mini-train.

WORLD CLASS
The city center of Karlskrona is located on the main island of Trossö, 6 km out in the archipelago – much like Venice. Another Mediterranean touch is the hours of sunshine per year. Karlskrona was Sweden’s sunniest city 2012.

So swedish
The island of Brändaholm is often marketed as an image of Sweden; small, red cottages with white window panels and Swedish flags waving in the wind. A definite picture point!

Curious?
Scan the QR code and enjoy our aerial movie!
An exciting encounter with Sweden’s naval history.

In 1689, King Charles ordered the construction of the city as Sweden’s naval base, due to its location. The city centre of Karlskrona is uniquely situated in the middle of the archipelago, 6 km from the mainland. This gives a unique, spacious sense to the city and breathtaking views. The naval presence has ensured distinctive architectural qualities, and UNESCO has named Karlskrona a World Heritage City. Despite its militant past, Karlskrona is a peaceful town, with an open and friendly atmosphere. Gunpowder towers and fortifications make a splendid backdrop, together with a mix of yellow ferries, white sails and the occasional submarine visible in the waters surrounding the city.

Classical and popular shore excursions

Kungsholm Fortress
This fortress has guarded the entrance to Karlskrona for more than 300 years. Stunning circular harbour, exotic gardens. Boattrip providing an excellent view of Karlskrona from the seaside! Boat, 4 hours.

Old Naval Shipyard
Enjoy the Great Square, picturesque Stumpholmen, Bällsholmen and Strömsholm, the Old Naval Shipyard, a view of Karlskrona and the archipelago from its highest point, Brygganberget. Ends with guided tour of the Naval Museum. Bus, 3.5 hours.

Karlskrona City Tour
Enjoy the Great Square, picturesque Stumpholmen, Bällsholmen and Strömsholm, the Old Naval Shipyard, and the archipelago from its highest point, Brygganberget. Ends with guided tour of the Naval Museum. Bus, 3.5 hours.

Natural and scenic

Kristianopel
The coastal road between Kristianopel and Torhamn offers its visitors farm shops and handicraft along the journey. The Torhamn’s Cape hides an ornithologists’ paradise. Finish the day with a guided tour of Kristianopel, a picturesque little 17th-century town, that was once the Danish king’s pride and defense against Sweden. Follow the footsteps of history among old houses and narrow streets behind the monumental defensive wall. Bus, 4.5 hours.

Wildlife Safari
Visit Eriksberg Wildlife Park and experience deer, bison, boar and other animals in 9 sqkm of their natural environment. Bus, 4 hours.

A trip on your own

Karlskrona by boat
Classic 1-hour sightseeing canal boat tour of the World Heritage City.

Nostalgia Car Museum/Porcelain Museum
Two small, family-owned museums under one roof. Visit local history and sweet nostalgia.

Naval Museum & Stumpholmen
After 300 years as a military area, the district of Stumpholmen became part of the civilian town in 1993. This is where you will find the Naval Museum, Karlskrona’s foremost visitor attraction. The museum is an architectural masterpiece, with its 140-metre-plus structure extending right out over the water! Enjoy boats, figure-heads, models, submarines and old weapons, all of which explain the Swedish Navy’s exciting history from Sweden’s time as a superpower until the present. The museum also incorporates the interesting Sloop and Longboat Shed with boat displays. The old hangars from the pioneering days of aviation and Kungsholm warehouse are other interesting attractions.

The Admiralty Church
A well-known statue of “Old Man Rosen-bom”, a sailor from the 18th century, holding the well-known statue of “Old Man Rosen-bom”, a sailor from the 18th century, holding the poor box, stands outside the main door of the church.

The Fredrik Church
Served as the town parish church, the cruciform building designed in the 1690s resembles a Roman basilica. The façade was probably inspired by the Santa Trinita Del Monti church at the top of the Spanish steps in Rome.

Cold War Experience

During the Cold War a concept of “total defense” was developed in preparation of the feared invasion by the Soviet Union – only 35 km across the Baltic. Join an exciting underground tour of one of the many civil defenses from the 1950s, situated directly under the Great Square. Go through the railway tunnel which the military used as a starting point for the underground facilities and end the adventure at the brand new and impressive Submarine Hall, a part of the Naval Museum.

Here you will experience a close encounter with an actual cold war submarine. Filled with the latest technology, HMS Neptun was commissioned in 1960 by the Swedish Navy to patrol the Baltic Sea during the cold war. Come onboard for a dramatized experience that will shed new light on the classified technology and exciting tales of the submarine crews. Watch the interactive exhibition about life, death, myths and technique which you can see in the specialized built hall around the submarine. On foot, 3.5 hours.

Mr. Torbjörn Pedersen, Head of Tourism

“Cruise passengers do not generally know what to expect from Karlskrona. My impression is that, when leaving, they are quite amazed.”
Majestic, maritime & mellow*

well-matured, as wines – a state, atmosphere, or mood of ease and gentle relaxation

Getting around

There are many ways to experience Karlskrona. We always recommend enjoying the city from the seaside, if it’s from one of our many archipelago ferries, a kayak, or a pedal boat. Should you prefer solid ground, why not try a Segway or a bicycle? Either way, we promise you lots of good memories.

**Facts**

**LANGUAGE**
Native = Swedish, English is widely spoken. German spoken by tourist information staff and guides.

**CURRENCY**
Swedish krona, 1 krona = 100 ore. www.xe.com/ucc

**OPENING HOURS**

**SHOPPING AND EXCHANGE OFFICE**
Opening hours for shops: 10 am – 6 pm Saturday: 10 am – 4 pm
Opening hours for exchange office: Weekdays: 10 am – 8 pm Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm

**CLIMATE**
Seasonal with pleasant temperatures and usually nice weather in the summer season. Average temperature 15–20° C. Sweden’s sunniest city 2012.

**TIPPING/TAX**
Tips always included. Tax-free shopping available at stores displaying the tax-free logo.

**WEBSITE**
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**Maximun ship dimensions**
- Length: 150 m, draft 7.4 m.
- Beam: No limits

**Pilot**
Compulsory

**Waste handling**
Yes

**VTS-channel**
VHF ch16

**ISPS 24 Hour contact**
+46 709 30 44 00

**TimeZone**
GMT+1 (European summer time: GMT+2)

**Tourist information**
In port when cruise ships are calling. Tourist office in the city center.

**Taxi**
Available at pier.

**OTHER TRANSPORTATION**
Complimentary mini-train offering shuttle service to/from the Naval Museum and city center.

**Shopping**
Within walking distance.

**Downtown**
300 m from pier or tender landing.

**Transportation to/from the airport**
30 km – approx 25 min by taxi.

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