



## Swedish Christmas Exploration

December 11 - 18, 2026

**Unique Swedish Holiday Traditions – Special Cooking Class – Santa Lucia Ceremony –  
Icehotel Stay – Arctic Adventure with Reindeer and Dog Sleds – Top Quality  
Accommodations – Private Tour Guides Throughout**

### **2026 SWEDISH CHRISTMAS EXPLORATION**

**December 11 – 18, 2026 8 Days/7 nights**

Embark on an unforgettable journey into Sweden's authentic Christmas traditions! With my Swedish heritage and insider knowledge, I'll personally accompany you through a luxurious, handpicked itinerary—featuring festive markets, exclusive culinary experiences, and breathtaking Arctic adventures. Prepare to be captivated by the magic of Sweden's winter wonderland as I have, and create memories that will last a lifetime!

We will begin our **2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration** in Stockholm, Sweden's vibrant capital. Stroll along the picturesque harbor and charming, softly-lit cobblestone streets in the historic city center. Enjoy festive window displays, visit renowned Christmas markets, and immerse yourself in centuries of Swedish history and culture with our expert private guides. Savor authentic holiday traditions, including a gourmet Julbord, hands-on cooking classes, and the enchanting Santa Lucia ceremony—a celebration of light and hope.

After exploring the festive streets and rich history of Stockholm, our journey continues north to Swedish Lapland, deep within the Arctic Circle—a region renowned for its extraordinary winter adventures. In this magical landscape, you'll experience the thrill of gliding through snowy forests on a reindeer sleigh and racing across a frozen river on a dog sled. Embrace Swedish wellness traditions with spa practices indoors and out, and ascend a mountain by chairlift for a chance to witness the awe-inspiring Northern Lights. Each activity is designed to immerse you in the unique culture and natural beauty of Sweden's far north and offers outdoor adventure like none other.

Prepare for an extraordinary escape during Sweden's magical pre-Christmas season—when the northern countryside transforms into a sparkling winter wonderland, drawing

travelers from every corner of the globe. Yet, what sets our journey apart is the rare privilege of staying at the legendary original Icehotel, a masterpiece of art and innovation sculpted entirely from ice and snow. Imagine stepping into this breathtaking creation, where every room is a work of frozen artistry and every moment feels like a scene from a Nordic fairytale. As we venture into Swedish Lapland, you'll be among the select few to experience the wonders and enchantment of this iconic destination—an adventure that promises memories as unique and dazzling as the Icehotel itself.

If you're ready and excited to join me on a pre-Christmas travel experience featuring the ideal balance of Scandinavian tradition, history, culture and nature in one of the few places on earth where the winter leads the way – come with me on my 2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration! This is truly the travel opportunity of a lifetime and I know you will be beyond thrilled with your experience during my Essential Earth Explorations program. Click on the link below to get details! There are a very limited number of spots available for those who act quickly to register. My **2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration** is going to be my best travel program ever! Join me!

***Limited space for this truly unique Exploration and opportunity!***





## 2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration

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***The Ultimate Christmas Celebration and Arctic Adventure!***

***Special Santa Lucia Celebration – Authentic Julbord Dinner – Outdoor Christmas Markets – World's Original Icehotel – Sami Culture – Dog Sled on a Frozen River – Drive a Reindeer Sleigh – Northern Lights Safari – Lapland Winter Wonderland***

### **Experience A Winter Wonderland Like No Other!**



Take a magical, luxury journey to Sweden with me for the ultimate in Christmas festivities paired with the winter wonderland of Northern Lapland! From Sweden's exciting capital city of Stockholm to the Arctic Circle, get ready to experience the most enchanting places for pre-Christmas Exploration. December is truly the ideal time of year to visit this Scandinavian gem as I've discovered during previous visits. My **2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration** features three distinctive, 4-star and 4-star superior, boutique hotels for the most comfortable nightly rest; incredible meals from local specialties; and daily experiences led by the Professional Tour Guide team we've assembled to make this Exploration fun, exciting,

informative and incredibly special. This is a journey that celebrates tradition at every turn, and one you will remember for the rest of your life!

## Swedish Christmas Traditions

My **Swedish Christmas Exploration** features some of the country's most enchanting,



holiday season traditions during our first three days in Stockholm. It all begins with a sumptuous, special Christmas feast, called *Julbord* where we'll discover an incredible array of time-honored, special holiday foods. We'll join locals to witness the candlelit Santa Lucia service in the iconic Stockholm Cathedral – bringing light to the darkest days of winter. We'll visit the enchanting Christmas markets to shop the beautiful hand-crafted items and Christmas foods. With a city backdrop lit up by Christmas décor, we'll learn about Swedish history, culture, legends and lore by visiting key attractions and unique museums. Christmastime in Stockholm is the perfect place to take in time-honored Scandinavian traditions — doesn't it sound magical?!?

## An Extraordinary Hotel Made of Ice



After a few days of Christmas season festivities in Stockholm, we'll fly north into the Arctic Circle and step into a true winter wonderland! We'll visit the small town of Jukkasjärvi – founded as a Sami marketplace and named by the Northern Sami people to mean *lake of assembly*. Get ready for a spectacular experience as we check in and explore the world's original, **Icehotel** – truly one of the most unique, one-of-a-kind accommodations on the globe. You'll marvel at the intricate sculptures and artistry of each room's ice carvings. Here in Lapland, we'll introduce you to the ultimate healing traditions of Swedish culture both indoors and out. With the Icehotel as our home base for a few days, we've arranged an incredible variety of outdoor adventures you will love!

## Discover Peace and Adventure in the Arctic Wilderness



Get ready for outdoor adventure paired with the quiet pace of the north as the second part of our program takes us to Northern Swedish Lapland. We'll get outside to play and explore the magnificent, snow-covered hills and woods as we meet local Sami people whose traditions of reindeer herding and honoring nature is the foundation of their indigenous Arctic culture. Bundle up for dog sledding on a frozen river and driving a reindeer sleigh through wide-open countryside. Then come indoors to enjoy hearty, warm meals featuring local specialties. You'll forever remember the quiet of wintry Polar nights, candles in the windowsills, and with luck—a glimpse of the Northern Lights!

My **2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration** is truly the adventure of a lifetime and I can't wait to share this extraordinary experience with those who say "yes" and register right away!

**Cheers! Skål!**



**—Marty**





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## 2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration:

### Daily Itinerary

**December 11 – 18, 2026 – 8 Days/7 Nights**



Prepare for an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime adventure to the heartbeat of Swedish culture in December. Join me to explore the unique Christmas traditions and foods, the historic sites and creative accommodations that dot the winterscape of cosmopolitan and Arctic Sweden. This will be a trip like no other for those who are ready to venture into the snow to play and try unique experiences, and to travel toward the darkest skies to see thousands of twinkling stars and perhaps the Aurora Borealis itself! Take a look at what I have planned for you with the help of my incredible travel partners at Learning Journeys.

## DAILY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 – Friday, December 11, 2026

#### ARRIVE IN STOCKHOLM, WELCOME CHRISTMAS DINNER – GAMLA RIKSARKIVET JULBORD

Your journey through Sweden begins right here! Upon arrival at Stockholm Airport, your driver will be waiting for you with a name sign, ready to assist with your luggage and ensure a smooth and comfortable transfer to your hotel. Relax after your flight and take in the first

glimpses of Sweden's beautiful landscapes along the way. Welcome to Stockholm – the vibrant heart and capital city where your Swedish Christmas Exploration begins!

Check in to the Sparrow Hotel, a lovely, boutique property located in Central Stockholm and just minutes away from Sweden's bustling Stureplan (Central Square). Each room has a unique design with a Parisian flair – perfect as our home base to enjoy the good things in life with warm and personalized service.

Tonight we will welcome you to Sweden as we enjoy a traditional, festive Christmas buffet dinner known as **Julbord**. We will be dining at Gamla Riksarkivet, one of Stockholm's most elegant historic buildings. Gamla Riksarkivet was once home to Sweden's National Archives that now hosts one of the city's most well-known Christmas Feast dinners. The grand halls and warm lighting create a charming and welcoming old-world atmosphere. Bring your appetite as we take a few hours to explore and taste the generous holiday buffet loved by families and colleagues for generations, and featuring many courses of delicious Swedish specialties. This is the perfect way to begin experiencing Swedish seasonal traditions! We'll enjoy a delicious and memorable Welcome Dinner together to begin our Swedish Christmas Exploration. (drinks not included)

**Overnight: The Sparrow Hotel      Meals Included: Swedish Julbord Dinner**

**DAY 2 – Saturday, December 12, 2026**

**STOCKHOLM: OLD TOWN WALKING TOUR, PRIVATE COOKING CLASS, SANTA LUCIA CONCERT**

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel, then prepare to join our **Private Guide for a walking tour of Stockholm's Old town** (Gamla Stan) beginning at our hotel. **Gamla Stan** is a beautiful and iconic area of the Swedish capital, where Stockholm was founded in 1252. We will see many historic landmarks as we wander along cobbled, narrow streets, older houses and monuments full of the medieval spirit. Along the way, we'll enjoy the festive Christmas décor and move with the holiday crowds to explore the Stortorget, Stockholm's main Christmas Market in Gamla Stan. As we wind up our three-hour private tour, we'll hop on a private shuttle back to our hotel.

Get ready for a memorable, delicious and delightful afternoon learning to prepare a traditional, three-course Swedish dinner during our three-hour **Private Cooking Class**. The warm and intimate cooking studio is located in one of the oldest and most charming neighborhoods of Södermalm, Stockholm. This hands-on cooking class menu is inspired by festive Christmas flavors and provides a wonderful introduction to Swedish culinary traditions. Throughout the experience, we'll learn about local ingredients, seasonal traditions, and the stories behind the dishes we create. On arrival, we'll be greeted with a

light snack and a cup of Swedish glögg to set the mood. All participants will receive aprons to use during the class, and at the end, we'll take home the full set of recipes so we can recreate the menu anytime we wish. Following our class, we'll return to the hotel for a short break before this evening's program.

December 13 officially marks this historic Christmas season tradition in Sweden – Saint Lucia Day. Tonight we will enjoy a remarkable setting and performance while attending the **Santa Lucia Concert** in the Storkyrkans Kammarkör (Stockholm Cathedral.) This experience provides a truly magical moment during the candlelit service where enchanting music accompanies a festive atmosphere. Saint Lucia Day for many, marks the start of Christmas with its message of bringing light into the world of darkness. You too will become part of a beautiful tradition that fills the heart with warmth and wonder.

**Overnight: The Sparrow Hotel      Meals Included: B, Fika and L at Cooking Class**

**DAY 3 – Sunday, December 13, 2026**

### **STOCKHOLM – HISTORY, UNIQUE MUSEUMS and CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Get ready to explore the history and culture of Sweden with today's tours of two important museums that give you an excellent overview of the country and its people. Following breakfast, we'll head out for the day to see the **National Museum, Sweden's museum of art and design**. The National Museum helps preserve cultural heritage and promotes art, interest in art and knowledge of art. The collections include painting, sculpture, drawings and prints from 1500-1900 and applied arts, design and portraits from early Middle Ages up until present day. It's a wonderful display of Swedish art and creativity through the years.

Later, we'll head to **Skansen** – a unique museum set in both an indoor and outdoor village environment. At Skansen, we'll discover more about Sweden's history and find out how Swedes once lived according to the changing seasons, through their customs and traditions, work, celebrations and everyday life of times gone by. This is also a place where festive occasions are celebrated throughout the year. The lively program of cultural activities includes a wonderful **Christmas Market** where we can find holiday treasures and perhaps notice "elves" dancing around the Christmas tree. Make sure to explore the delicious lunch options in the market stalls for a hot chocolate, cup of Glogg, and something tasty to eat! We will then return to our hotel for you to enjoy an evening on your own.

**Overnight: The Sparrow Hotel      Meals Included: B**

**DAY 4 – Monday, December 14, 2026**

## STOCKHOLM TO KIRUNA FLIGHT, ICE HOTEL and SAMI CULTURE

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before check out and our transfer to Stockholm Arlanda Airport. Our **flight from Stockholm into the Arctic Circle and Kiruna Airport**, is approximately 1 hr 40 min long. Welcome to Swedish Lapland!

Once we land in Kiruna, get ready for an exciting day unlike any you've ever experienced as we arrive at **the world's original ICEHOTEL!** Every year, when the winter comes, the pristine waters of the meandering of Torne River slow down and freeze into ice. On one chilly day in 1989, the first ever Icehotel was hand-sculpted out of massive ice blocks harvested from this river it sits alongside. Today, over three decades later, the Icehotel has become a must-visit Swedish landmark for travelers from all parts of the globe. Artists are selected from around the world to create magical rooms for touring and sleeping.

Surprisingly, the Ice Hotel retains a constant temperature inside as you will discover.

On arrival at the Icehotel, we'll drop our bags and join our local Sámi guide for an immersive tour through the historic village of Jukkasjärvi. We'll begin with a visit to the original Icehotel, where we'll have time to explore the world-famous ice art exhibition at our own pace. Our guide will then lead us to the oldest part of Jukkasjärvi, sharing stories about the Kiruna region and Sámi culture. We'll step inside the old church — often called the "Sámi Church" — with origins dating back to 1607, and meet the reindeer at Nutti Sámi Siida, the Sámi open-air museum. Throughout the tour, our Sámi guide will offer insights into the Icehotel, the history of Kiruna, and the traditions of the Sámi people, while you experience some of the region's most iconic landmarks. Somewhere along our tour, we will stop for lunch as well.

Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner this evening across from the Ice Hotel before we head toward our overnight "briefing" and our accommodations tonight in an Ice Room. (I loved our night staying in an Ice Room – it is SUCH a unique and unforgettable experience and I stayed toasty warm!) *A night spent sleeping inside the ICEHOTEL is more than just an overnight stay – it's a magical Arctic adventure.* Here's what you can expect in your Ice Room:

- *stunning rooms created with an elegant and sleek design – all made of ice! With a temperature of around 23°F, you'll experience a magical night at this unique winter destination.*
- *The beds in the ice rooms are equipped with thick mattresses covered with soft reindeer hides and a cozy sleeping bag to keep you warm while you sleep. The rooms have curtains instead of doors, creating a secluded and inviting atmosphere.*

- You have overnight access to a storage locker in their heated Riverside Lobby, located on the shore of the Torne River. Here, you'll also find changing rooms, bathrooms, and saunas for both women and men. In Riverside, they serve warm lingonberry juice in the morning – a perfect start to the day!

**Overnight: ICE HOTEL**

**Meals Included: B, L, D**

## **DAY 5 – Tuesday, December 15, 2026**

### **KIRUNA – PRIVATE REINDEER TOUR**

Waking up with warm lingonberry juice, coffee, sauna and hot shower time, we'll head to breakfast and check our bags for the day before a truly exciting experience out in the incredible winter landscape around us. Today we will enjoy a **Private Reindeer Tour** where over the course of nearly six hours, you'll get to handle and drive your own reindeer sled along an approximately 10 km trail, surrounded by the stunning winter landscape. Before setting off, your guide will provide detailed instructions on how to manage and drive the sled. We each will get a turn behind the reins, and together we'll travel in a column with the guide leading the way. After some time on the trail, we'll reach a scenic spot where the guide will prepare lunch and coffee by a cozy camp fire.

Later we'll return to the Icehotel where we check in to our "warm" rooms. Take some time to wander through other parts of the village and hotel property, to spend more time with the Icehotel exhibits, enjoy a cocktail in the Ice Bar, or a warm drink in the lounge before dinner and a restful night's sleep.

**Overnight: Icehotel**

**Meals Included: B, L, D**

## **DAY 6 – Wednesday, December 16, 2026**

### **KIRUNA – PRIVATE DOG SLEDDING TOUR**

Enjoy a delicious breakfast before we depart for our **Private Dog Sledding tour**.

During this 90-minute tour, we'll experience the incredible energy of the huskies as they pull us through the stunning landscapes of northern Lapland. Sit back and enjoy the ride, with the peaceful silence of the wilderness broken only by the whoosh of the sled runners on the snow and the dogs barking with joy! The tour includes an outdoor Swedish "Fika" break with wilderness coffee and cake served by a warm, open fire.

The rest of today is ours to enjoy in Jukkasjärvi with dinner at the IceHotel restaurant.

**Overnight: Icehotel      Meals Included: B, D**

**DAY 7 – Thursday, December 17, 2026**

### **WELLNESS EXPERIENCE – PRIVATE TOUR ABISKO AURORA SKY STATION & NORTHERN LIGHTS SEARCH**

After breakfast and check out, we'll drive to **Camp Ripan hotel** where our day begins at their lovely **Aurora SPA**. Over the course of two hours, we'll wander between indoors and outdoor amenities, heat and cold, soothing water and crystalline snow. Relax indoors and enjoy the winter white landscape through panorama windows, or feel the cool caress of the polar winter across your cheek while enveloped by the warming comfort of their outdoor pool. Deeply relaxing with wonderful spa features throughout, you'll enjoy this opportunity to unwind and experience **Swedish wellness practices at the Aurora SPA**.

**Camp Ripan's** hotel rooms are actually cozy cabins with private entrances. Camp Ripan was carefully designed to incorporate nature at every turn, offering an environmentally-sustainable approach in all aspects of its operations. It covers a sizeable area where each building was constructed to reflect the natural surroundings. We'll enjoy their lovely restaurant which features local produce and food culture, as well as shops run by local craftspeople.

After checking in to our Camp Ripan cabins, we'll meet up in late afternoon for our ride to a truly unique evening enjoying a Private tour to **Abisko Aurora Sky Station** with dinner. Abisko Sky Station is known as offering some of the best conditions in the world to experience the magical **Northern Lights!** Our private guide will take us to the best viewing spots and share stories about the Aurora Borealis, Lapland, the Sami people, and the region's rich culture and traditions. Get ready for an outdoor adventure together as our evening begins with a two-kilometer (1.25 mile) **Chairlift Ride** up to STF Aurora Sky Station, 900 meters (1/2 mile) above sea level. Here you'll find sweeping views, an outdoor terrace, and a cozy café with snacks and drinks. We can join a short mountain walk and listen to a Northern Lights presentation. *In case of severe weather, the event moves to their fire-lit lavvu (Wooden hut) in the National Park.* After a short walk to the evening's best viewing locations, warm drinks and northern delicacies are served for dinner, along with stories about nature, the Aurora, and Abisko's history. If we are lucky, the colorful dance of the **Northern Lights** will entertain us on our final night together!

**Overnight: Camp Ripan      Meals included: B, D**

**DAY 8 – Friday, December 18, 2026**

### **FLIGHT FROM KIRUNA TO STOCKHOLM**

Today we'll start with breakfast at Camp Ripan's restaurant and check out before our Private Transfer to the Kiruna Airport and our 1 hr 40 min **flight back to Stockholm**. As our magical Swedish Christmas Exploration comes to an end, we hope you leave with wonderful memories of both vibrant Stockholm and the serene nature of Swedish Lapland. May the experiences you've had here stay with you for a lifetime — from the landscapes to the adventures and all the moments in between. Wishing you a smooth and safe journey home!

**Meal Included: B**

**God Jul! (Merry Christmas!)**

## Program Pricing\*



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**Double Occupancy: \$9,600 Per Person**

**Single Occupancy: \$11,350 Per Person**

***3 Easy Payments Offered on This Exploration***

**1 – INITIAL REGISTRATION & DEPOSIT:** A **\$1,000 per person, non-refundable\*** deposit is required to reserve your place in the program. Please register on the link that corresponds to your room request – either sharing a “Twin Sharing” double occupancy room (each person must pay the deposit, or one person can pay for both people) or a Single occupancy room. Only register for a Twin Share/Double Occupancy if your roommate is known. Please email the name of your sharing roommate to [martyharger1@gmail.com](mailto:martyharger1@gmail.com).

*\*To confirm the departure of the 2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration, we must secure a minimum of 10 (ten) registered travelers no later than January 15, 2026. You will be notified on or before January 16, 2026 to confirm the departure of this program, or your initial deposit will be refunded by Learning Journeys right away.*

**2 – SECOND DEPOSIT:** Once the 2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration departure is confirmed, this non-refundable second deposit is due on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 and represents **30% of the program price**. You will receive a separate link to pay this amount.

Double Occupancy, Per Person = **\$2,880**

Single Occupancy, Per Person = **\$3,435**

**3 – FINAL PAYMENT** on the balance owed will be due 120 (one-hundred-twenty) days prior to departure for payment, in early August 2026.

*\*All prices are net, payable in US Dollars.*

NOTE: The 2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration begins and ends at Stockholm Arlanda International Airport (ARN).

Pre-and Post-Exploration hotel accommodations can be arranged on your behalf should your travel plans include arriving earlier or staying later.

#### **Program Price Includes:**

- Arrival **meet & greet** by English-speaking Learning Journeys representative at airport.
- **Private transfer** to The Sparrow Hotel in Stockholm from the Airport on arrival, and to Icehotel in Kiruna from Airport on arrival.
- Roundtrip **private group transfers** to and from Gamla Riksarkivet Julbord dinner, Santa Lucia Service, National Museum and Skansen Tours, Reindeer Tour and Abisko Aurora Sky station evening.
- Return trip **private group return transfer** from Gamla Stan to Sparrow hotel after Walking Tour and after Stockholm Cooking Class.
- **Private group transfer** to Stockholm Airport for flight to Kiruna, and from Kiruna Airport for flight back to Stockholm on departure day.
- Ground Transportation as outlined in **modern deluxe vehicles**.
- **Roundtrip airline tickets** (economy class) from Stockholm to Kiruna, and then from Kiruna back to Stockholm.
- Private **English-speaking Tour Guides** for individual tour experiences.
- 3 nights at **The Sparrow Hotel** 4-star boutique hotel in Stockholm.
- 3 nights at the world's original 4-star **Icehotel** (One night in an Ice Room, Two nights in a Warm Room) in Jukkasjarvi.
- 1 night at **Camp Ripan** cabin, 4-star hotel in Kiruna.
- **Meals:** 7 Breakfasts, 2 lunches, Fika + lunch at Cooking Class, 5 Dinners

- 3-hour Private Stockholm Old Town **Walking Tour**
- 3-hour Swedish **Cooking Class**
- Evening Santa Lucia **Concert**
- 5-hour Private National Museum and Skansen **Museum Tours** with Admission Tickets
- **Private Tour** of Jukkasjarvi, Nutti Sami Silda and Icehotel
- 5.5-hour Private **Reindeer Tour**
- 1.5-hour Private **Dog Sledding Tour**
- 2-hour Aurora **SPA Experience**
- Porterage for 1 bag per person at hotels
- All currently applicable VAT, accommodation taxes, city taxes, tolls, parking fees, fuel costs and service tax

Please note: Some visits or activities may be altered due to unforeseen circumstances.

*\* Package price does not include: International airfare to and from Sweden's Stockholm Arlanda International Airport; the highly recommended Trip Cancellation and Medical Emergency Evacuation Insurance which we encourage you to purchase very shortly after your FIRST non-refundable deposit; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service, spa treatments; any meals or beverages not mentioned in program description or inclusions; telephone or fax calls, camera/video fee at any attractions or museums; any medical expense; tipping for guides, drivers, porters/bellmen, housekeeping, wait staff on independent meals and restroom attendants; and any services including guides, admissions, meals and drinks not mentioned in the inclusions.*

**Important Notes Before You Register for This Exploration:** Traveling on this 2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration is a unique and captivating experience that will require travelers to walk unaided and with ease at distances of two to three miles or more, walk and sleep in winter weather conditions, move unassisted through uneven surfaces including snowy and potentially icy streets, to move quickly through crowds, climb and descend steps, transport their own luggage on occasion, and get in and out of vehicles that may require a sizeable step up. Medical cannabis and some other prescriptive medications may be illegal in Sweden and possession may result in your arrest/jail. Please contact Marty Harger before registering to confidentially discuss any and all prescriptive medications you take, to insure

they are allowed in these countries. As a reminder, all travelers on the Swedish Christmas Exploration must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of departure.

**PLEASE NOTE:** 2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration will travel if a minimum of ten (10) persons have paid their deposit before January 15, 2026. Less than ten will require rescheduling the group for a future date with the option for a full refund of your deposit or transferring it to the future scheduled date. It is suggested you **wait to book your international air transportation** until the Exploration is *confirmed* for departure by Marty Harger.

**Our itinerary will cover so many unique and wonderful experiences – please read the daily activities fully to insure you understand the rhythm and pace of this program before you commit. It will be a remarkable experience!**

Is Your Passport Ready for Travel? Travelers leaving the USA for Sweden must have a passport that is valid for at least 3 months AFTER they return to the USA, and must have at least 6 empty pages for stamping. Please visit the US State Department website for the latest options for processing as passport information will be needed from all passengers in early 2026 to secure domestic airline flights.

As of December 2025, US Passport holders do not need a tourist visa to enter or exit Sweden if staying for less than 90 days. This may change and you will be notified if that is the case.

Travel Protection Plan: Travel protection is highly recommended by purchasing Trip Cancellation/Interruption and Medical Evacuation insurance for this Exploration. Learning Journeys can recommend options for Travel Protection plans which are suitable for your experience, or see Marty Harger for suggestions.

**Travel arrangements and payment for the 2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration are made through my partners at *Learning Journeys*.**



**LIMITED SPACE IN THIS EXCLUSIVE, SMALL GROUP**

Questions? Call Marty today at 801-712-5406

**Please read the Terms & Conditions below in detail *BEFORE YOU CHOOSE THE APPROPRIATE BUTTON*  
TO REGISTER & PAY YOUR INITIAL NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT TO LEARNING JOURNEYS**

**Register using your name as it appears on your valid passport.**

NOTE: Once Learning Journeys receives your deposit, you will be emailed a registration link, invoice, and information about Trip Cancellation, Interruption and Medical Evacuation Insurance they offer.

**ROOMING WITH SOMEONE AND PAYING FOR BOTH: 2 PEOPLE 1 ROOM/TWIN SHARE –**  
**Click to REGISTER and pay \$2,000 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT**

**ROOMING WITH SOMEONE BUT PAYING SEPARATELY: 2 PEOPLE 1 ROOM/ TWIN SHARE – EACH PERSON** **Click to REGISTER and pay \$1,000 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (email Marty the roommate names)**

**ROOMING ALONE – 1 PERSON/SINGLE OCCUPANCY – Click to REGISTER and pay \$1,000 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT**

## **Terms & Conditions**



**TERMS & CONDITIONS.** THIS AGREEMENT sets forth the terms under which we, Learning Journeys agrees to provide you with the services and accommodations for your custom/or package tour.

**RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT.** A **\$1,000 non-refundable per person deposit is due at the time of booking via the appropriate link provided for rooming type.** The second non-refundable deposit equaling 30% of Exploration land package is due January 20, 2026. One-Hundred-Twenty (120) days prior to departure, the final non-refundable land balance is due to Learning Journeys.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS REVIEW.** While Learning Journeys takes the utmost care in making sure the information on your itinerary and travel vouchers (collectively, “Final Documents”) is complete and accurate, it is your responsibility to carefully read and review the final documents upon receipt. Failure to contact us in time to allow for the correction and re-sending of the final documents could result in the loss or

cancellation of your reservation, tickets or services listed on the documents for which Learning Journeys will not be responsible. In such a case, no refunds will be possible. Documents will not be issued unless full payment has been received. Your final travel documents will be emailed to you 14 days prior to departure.

**UNUSED TOUR ELEMENTS.** No refund will be given for any unused tour features, whether because of customer's choice, operational reasons, because of bad weather or any other reason.

**ERRORS.** In case of printing, typographical error, computer error, verbal or human billing error, we reserve the right to invoice or re-invoice participants with corrected billing.

**BAGGAGE.** Each traveler is limited to one large suitcase (maximum 50 lbs.) and one small carry on due to limited baggage area on buses. For some airlines and taxi/coach transfers, extra luggage and additional weight of luggage may be subject to an extra charge due on the spot.

You are responsible for complying with the airline regulations concerning their baggage allowances and with the airline restrictions on the size, weight and contents of your check-in and carry-on bags. Check with the carrier for luggage guidelines. Learning Journeys is not responsible for loss or damage of luggage or personal belongings. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to cover loss or damage of your luggage.

**AIRPORT:** We recommend you arrive at the airport for your check-in at least 3 hours prior to your international flight departure time and 3 hours prior for your domestic flights.

**PASSPORT and VISA.** For travel outside the United States U.S. citizens must have valid passports, with an expiration date of at least six months after the scheduled return date. If possible, you should renew your passport approximately 9 months before it expires. Travelers are responsible for ensuring that they have the proper travel documents and **MUST CHECK** with the respective consulate(s) or visa agency to determine whether any visas are required. Each traveler is responsible for processing any required visas. Please ask the respective consulate for visa processing schedule to ensure you receive your documentation at least 7 days prior to departure. Any information provided pertains to US citizens only. Non-US citizens should check with the respective consulate of the country(s) to be visited for current entry requirements.

A valid Government-issued photo ID is required for all domestic flights within Sweden. It is suggested that you use a passport for domestic travel as well. Learning Journeys is not responsible for denial of boarding due to passenger negligence and cannot offer assistance on location or at the airport. If a passenger has not met the requirements as stated above and is denied boarding the cost of the tour is fully non-refundable.

**NAMES MUST MATCH PASSPORT.** The name given on your Learning Journeys booking must match the name on your passport, and in-turn, the name on your air ticket. Any variation between the spelling of your name on your air-ticket and passport will require re-ticketing, often at the cost of a completely new ticket. The airline will deny boarding if your airline ticket does not match your passport. Learning Journeys requires a copy of passengers' passport be forwarded no later than 95 days prior to departure. Passengers are responsible for providing accurate information including the exact name as listed on the passport, date of birth and passport number. If the information forwarded is incorrect, the passenger will be liable for any change fees which may occur.

**FEES FOR CUSTOMIZED ITINERARY CHANGES.** After your final payment (90 days prior to start of services), a \$50 fee per person will be imposed for each change of service within your itinerary. These services include but are not limited to changes or cancellations of transfers, hotels, villas, train tickets, day tours and reservations or services of any kind. There is no additional charge for adding services to your itinerary at any time. Changes requested during travel will be considered as a new reservation, with new dates and products priced accordingly. Air ticket changes and cancellations carry different fees as shown above. Fees for itinerary changes are NOT covered by purchased travel insurance.

**FEES FOR CANCELED LAND and AIR SERVICES.** If you cancel your complete land and supplemental air reservation after full payment, the cancellation charges shown below will apply. Some charges may be avoided by your purchasing optional travel insurance explained above.

**CANCELLATIONS & COMPLAINTS.** We work around-the-clock to ensure your vacation goes smoothly and according to plan. But unexpected problems, often out of our control, can still arise. We urge you to work with us in correcting the problem on the spot instead of dealing with it after you return home. If your program has a tour manager, you are required to work with them to resolve pending issues.

If a cancellation or refund is warranted, it is under the express condition that you release Learning Journeys from all further liability and you thereby waive all additional rights and remedies under this contract or any applicable state, federal or foreign law.

**GUESTS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.** We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other transportation vehicles, or other personal needs. Travelers who need such assistance should not register for the 2026 Swedish Christmas Exploration due to the nature of travel and experiences on this particular itinerary. Please provide your Learning Journeys Program

Manager about any specific dietary needs or any specific issues which may require attention during your program.

**GROUND TRANSPORTATION.** Deluxe ground transportation will be provided to you based on the number of participants in your party. Should the number of participants on any tour drop below estimated passengers, we reserve the right to operate the tour with a smaller vehicle. Please also note that smaller coaches do not have lavatories, TV, etc.). Baggage is limited to one carry on and one suitcase per person. If luggage guidelines are not followed, a second vehicle may be added to accommodate the excess baggage at the passenger's expense. There are strict laws concerning driver hours on touring coaches that must be always respected. A typical touring day can last 8 hours only. In addition, there are mandatory rest periods during the working day and weekly rest periods depending on the length of the tour.

**DELAY CHARGES:** If your flight delays cause additional charges for transportation/guides waiting times you will be responsible to pay an extra charge on the spot directly to the vendor. If you purchased travel insurance, it may be covered under the policy. We recommend you check with your Travel insurance company on coverage for Trip Delay.

**EXPERIENCES & TRANSFERS:** Sightseeing and entrance fees have been included as specified in the itinerary. All foreign airport transfers are also included in the land cost unless otherwise requested by the agent. Land arrangements will be provided as described; however, Learning Journeys reserves the right to substitute sightseeing features.

**TIPS AND SERVICE CHARGES:** All taxes and service charges levied by the hotels or charged by various governments and municipalities are included. We have not included tips to the restaurants, chambermaids, drivers/guide or escort. Tips to servers, chambermaids and local guides should be left at the time of service. Tour Manager and driver tips should be given at the end of the tour. **Suggested Tipping in USD:** A detailed tipping guide will be provided to travelers prior to departure.

**CUSTOMIZED ITINERARY CHANGES.** In rare cases scheduled tours may be cancelled. In such cases Learning Journeys reserves the right to change the scheduled tour itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice and/or to substitute airlines, hotels or features of a similar category for those listed in the confirmed itinerary. Learning Journeys shall not be held liable for any such changes.

**CUSTOMIZED TOUR CANCELLATIONS BY LEARNING JOURNEYS.** From time-to-time a tour departure may be cancelled for lack of participation or other operational reasons. In such a case, Learning Journeys sole responsibility is to provide a complete refund of monies received without any other liability whatsoever including any additional costs or fees

related to cancellation of airline tickets or other travel reservations not made by Learning Journeys.

Learning Journeys is not responsible for necessary cancellations due acts of government; bites or attacks by animals, insects or pests; sickness; the lack of appropriate medical care; evacuation to same, if necessary; weather; strikes; acts of God; acts of terrorism or the threat thereof; events of force majeure; war; quarantine; epidemics/pandemic or the threat thereof; criminal activity or any other cause beyond the company's control.

**MISCELLANEOUS.** Foreign heating and air-conditioning systems in public places, hotels and motor coaches are not always up to U.S. standards. If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs.

The right is reserved to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of these trips at any time. In any such event, Learning Journeys' sole obligation is to refund for any unused accommodations or other trip features. Passenger certifies not to have any mental, physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other passengers.

**RESPONSIBILITY.** Learning Journeys Ltd. and their employees, shareholders, officers, and directors does not own or operate any entity which goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, guides or trip leaders, food service providers, equipment suppliers, ground operators, etc., including, without limitation, various entities which may utilize the Learning Journeys name. Learning Journeys is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, nor for any act or inaction of any other third party not under its control.

Without limitation Learning Journeys is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond its control, including, without limitation, any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract of any third party, such as an airline, train, hotel, restaurant, or food supplier; bus, taxi, van, or local ground handler; local outfitter or guide, which is, to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip.

Learning Journeys is not responsible for any loss, injury, death, or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule or failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart safely; overbooking or downgrading of accommodations; insolvency or default of any third party; acts of government; bites or attacks by animals, insects or pests; sickness; the lack of appropriate medical care; evacuation to same, if necessary; weather; strikes; acts of



God; acts of terrorism or the threat thereof; events of force majeure; war; quarantine; epidemics/pandemic or the threat thereof; criminal activity or any other cause beyond its control and cancellation policies per the contract will apply.

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE WARNINGS.** In the case of a government issued warning, we will provide our utmost consideration to the severity of the warning and accomplish everything possible to safeguard the well-being of our passengers. We reserve the right to evaluate each booking on a case-by-case basis for potential refund/cancellation fees, re-scheduling of tours or itineraries and postponements.

**BINDING ARBITRATION.** I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to these Terms and Conditions, this release, the catalog, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association in New York. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive New York law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or part of this contract is void or voidable. Upon payment of a deposit, tour participant indicates acceptance of the above Terms and Conditions and of the Arbitration Agreement.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passports, laundry, food and beverages not listed on the itinerary, International Travel Tax and Portage at U.S. Airports, as well as all other items of a personal nature.

**FORMS OF PAYMENT: CREDIT CARDS.** We accept all major credit cards for each deposit or the total amount of the cost of the tour.

Please note if you confirm and proceed with your booking you are automatically accepting these terms and conditions.

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I hope you'll join me in 2026 on this amazing adventure together!

—Marty Harger

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