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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Lisa Elmqvist (p1098)
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- ➔ Camp Ripan Restaurang (p1109)
- ➔ Mrs. Brown (p1101)

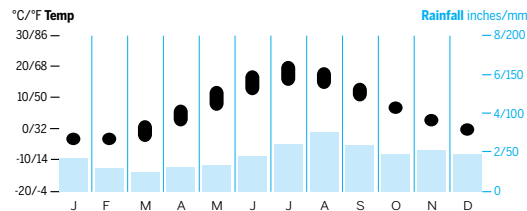
Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Vandrarhem af Chapman (p1094)
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Why Go?

As progressive and civilised as it may be, Sweden is a wild place. Its scenery ranges from barren moonscapes and impenetrable forests in the far north to sunny beaches and lush farmland further south. Its short summers and long winters mean that people cling to every last speck of summer sunshine, while in winter locals rely on candlelight and *glögg* (mulled wine) to warm their spirits. But lovers of the outdoors will thrive here in any season: winter sees skiing and dog-sledding, while the warmer months invite long hikes, swimming and sunbathing, canoeing, cycling, you name it – if it's fun and can be done outdoors, you'll find it here. For less rugged types, there's always restaurant- and nightclub-hopping and museum-perusing in cosmopolitan Stockholm, lively Göteborg and beyond.

When to Go Stockholm



Mar There's still plenty of snow, but enough daylight to enjoy winter sports.

Jun–Aug Swedish summers are short but intense, and the White Nights beyond the Arctic Circle are magical.

Sep The stunning colours of the autumn season make this prime hiking time up north.

Sweden Highlights

- 1 Hike wild reindeer-filled landscapes, explore Sami culture and sleep in the world-famous **Icehotel** (p1108) in Jukkasjärvi.
- 2 Tour urban waterways, explore top-notch museums and wander the labyrinthine Old Town of **Stockholm**.
- 3 Head south to **Malmö** (p1100) for edgy museums, good food and a dynamic, multicultural vibe.

