



Malmö & the South

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Why Go?

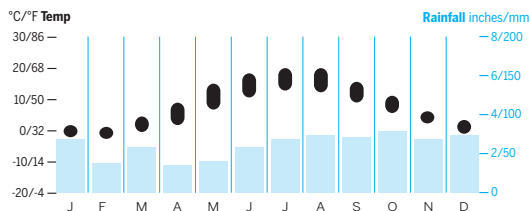
Artists adore southern Sweden. Here, the light seems softer, the foliage brighter and the shoreline more dazzling. Skåne (Scania) was Danish property until 1658 and still flaunts its differences: the strong dialect (skånska), half-timbered houses and the region's hybrid flag: a Swedish yellow cross on a red Danish background. Copenhagen is a mere bridge away from vibrant Malmö, the region's biggest city.

South of Malmö is a bona fide Viking settlement and some of the country's finest birdwatching. Just to the north, erudite Lund is Sweden's answer to Cambridge. Pottery studios, cultured manors and dramatic cliffs dot Skåne's north-west coast, while its southern shore is home to medieval showpiece Ystad, Bronze Age remains and the apple-orchard landscapes of Österlen.

Northeast of Skåne lies the county of Blekinge, splashed with deep forests and fish-filled lakes, and once seat of Sweden's 17th-century sea power. Topping its crown is the naval city of Karlskrona, a Unesco World Heritage-listed site.

When to Go

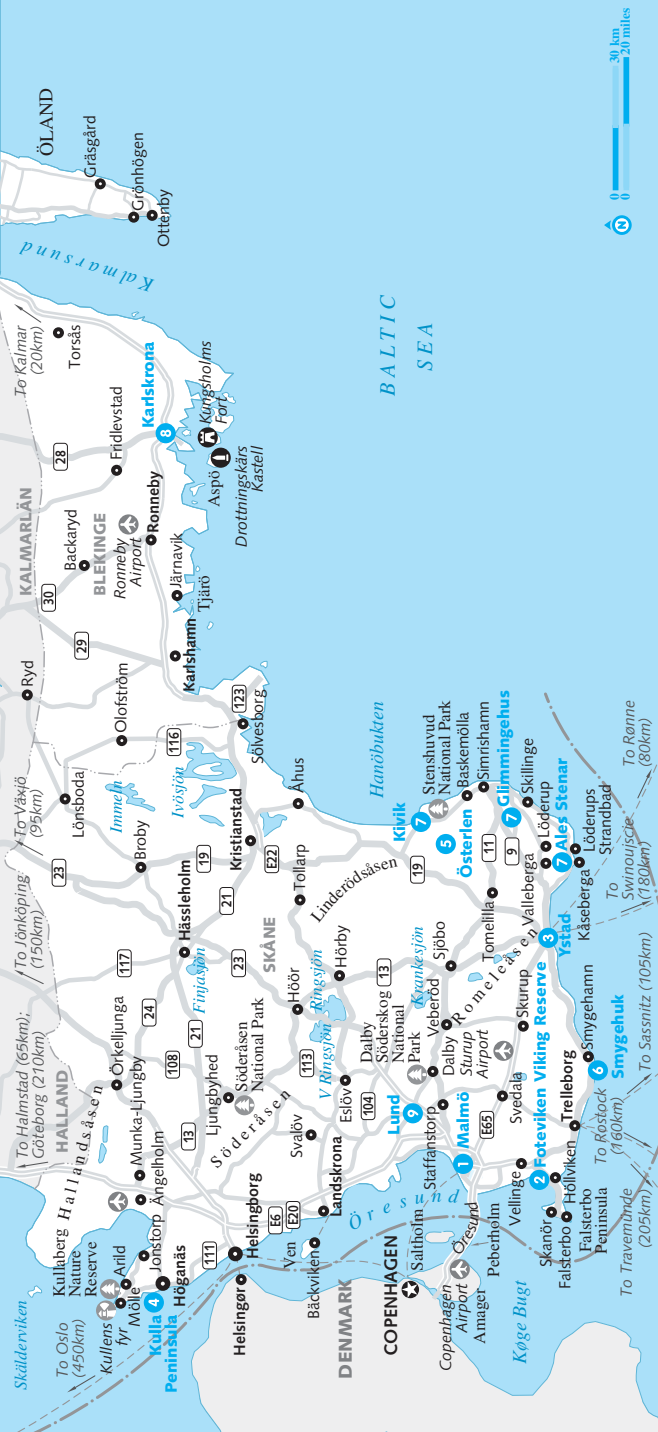
Malmö



Jul–Aug Warmest and busiest months; tourists flock to the coast and the Malmö Festival.

May & Sep Cool, clear and peaceful. Autumn weather is ideal for apple harvesting.

Nov–Feb Sweden's mildest winter. Tends to be wet; for snow, head inland.



Malmö & the South Highlights

- 1 Dance late into the night in the hip clubs of multicultural **Malmö** (p185) and recover early with a sauna at the picture-perfect Ribersborgs Kallbadhus
- 2 Hang out with verified Vikings at the **Foteviken Viking Reserve** (p199)
- 3 Walk in the footsteps of fictional crime-fighter Inspector Wallander in medieval **Ystad** (p202)
- 4 Gallop through the fields of exotic **Kulla Peninsula** (p214) on an Icelandic horse
- 5 Pick apples in the sweet-smelling orchards mellow **Österlen** (p206)

- 6 Nibble on smoked eels and play lighthouse-keeper in **Smygehus** (p201)
- 7 Cycle past hauntingly beautiful stone ships, graves and castles at **Ales Stenar** (p206), **Kivik** (p207) and **Glimmingehus** (p207)

- 8 March alongside Swedish marines and check out impenetrable fortresses at **Karlshamn** (p216)
- 9 Listen to the marvellous Domkyrkan clock strike up *In Dulci Jubilo* in **Lund** (p196)