



Malmö & the South

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Why Go?

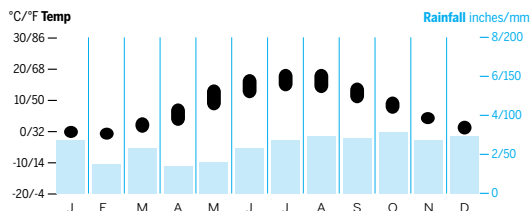
Artists love southern Sweden. Here, the light seems softer, the foliage brighter and the shoreline more dazzling. Skåne (Scania) was Danish property until 1658 and still flaunts its differences: the strong dialect (*skånska*), the half-timbered houses and the region's hybrid flag: a Swedish yellow cross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

South of Malmö is a bona fide Viking settlement, while, just to the north, erudite Lund with its cycling students is Sweden's answer to Cambridge. Pottery studios, manors and dramatic cliffs dot Skåne's northwestern coast, while its southern shore is home to medieval showpiece Ystad, as well as Bronze Age remains and the rosy apple-orchard landscapes of Österlen.

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

When to Go

Malmö



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

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

Nov–Feb Expect the country's mildest winter, although it tends to be wet with snow inland.



Malmö & the South Highlights

- 1 Dancing late into the night at fashionable clubs like **Debaser** (p178) in Malmö.
- 2 Hanging out with verified Vikings at the **Foteviken Viking Reserve** (p184).
- 3 Walking in the footsteps of fictional Inspector Wallander at Ystad's **Cineteket** (p187).
- 4 Galloping through the Kulla Peninsula with **Kullabergs Islandshäster** (p199).

- 5 Picking apples in the sweet-smelling orchards of **Kiviks Musteri** (p192).
- 6 Playing lighthouse-keeper at **Captain Brinck's Cabin** (p186).

- 7 Cycling past stone ships, graves and castles at **Ales Stenar** (p191), **Kivik** (p192) and **Glimmingehus** (p191).
- 8 Marching alongside Swedish marines and checking

- out impenetrable fortresses like **Kungsholms Fort** (p201).
- 9 Listening to the marvellous **Domkyrkan** (p180) clock strike up *In Dulci Jubilo*.