



Uppsala & Central Sweden

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Why Go?

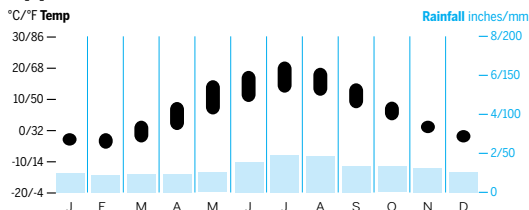
A wonderland of painted wooden horses marching across green hills dotted with little cabins, central Sweden is such a perfect distillation of all the Swedish highlights it could almost be one of those Las Vegas theme parks. It's an easily explored area right in the middle of the country, so travellers on a tight schedule can see a lot of what makes Sweden so Swedish.

The Lake Siljan area, with its idyllic villages and ever-green forest, represents the country's heartland. Further north, the landscape gets wilder and more rugged, a teaser offering hints of Lappland and the far north. In between lies Sweden's industrial core – perhaps not glamorous, but illuminating and important.

Uppsala and Örebro are lively cultural centres with well-preserved historical buildings and great museums, dining, shopping and nightlife. Outdoorsy types will have plenty to do, too, from skiing and hiking to birdwatching and canoeing.

When to Go

Uppsala



Mid-Jun–Aug The weather's fine, accommodation prices are low and attractions are open.

Sep & Oct Many sights are closed, but the weather's fair and autumn leaves mean gorgeous scenery.

Dec–Feb Winter means bundling up, but central Sweden during the Christmas holidays is lovely.



Uppsala & Central Sweden Highlights

- 1 Pondering the ancient burial mounds at **Gamla Uppsala** (p98).
- 2 Soaking up antique science and wonder at **Uppsala's Museum Gustavianum** (p100).
- 3 Visiting Carl Larsson's inspiring **family home** (p121) in Sundborn.
- 4 Watching roly-poly bears at play in **Grönklitt** (p129).
- 5 Stopping for **ice cream** (p112) in Nora.
- 6 Wandering the city park and historic **Wadköping village** (p113) in Örebro.
- 7 Seeing regional art and history in **Dalarnas Museum** (p121), Falun.
- 8 Sleeping underwater, or in a treehouse, in **Västerås** (p107).
- 9 Exploring an atmospheric old mine at **Ängelsberg** (p109).
- 10 Hitting the ski slopes at **Sälen** (p129).