



You're invited to join Jill Seaholm, Head of Genealogical Services,
on a Swenson Center tour to Sweden.

12 Days / July 19 – 30, 2025
(starts & ends in Stockholm)



Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center
at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois

A message from your host.....

Join my husband and me as we travel to our ancestral land of Sweden. Let me show you places of historical significance to the migration from Sweden and of modern Sweden, plus other places I think you'll like, with free time for shopping and exploration.

A little bit about your host.....

Jill Seaholm was born and raised in Moline, Illinois by *extreme* Swedish-American parents. All of her immigrant ancestors came from Sweden, settling in Rock Island, Henry, & Mercer Counties in Illinois.



Jill's parents took her brother and her to Sweden for the first time when she was 14 and she was completely hooked.

She then went to Augustana and studied Swedish, attending the Augustana Summer School in Sweden, an intensive language course.

She took a term off during her senior year and earned a certificate from AAA's Midwest Travel Institute in Davenport, Iowa, and with her interest in the travel industry, finished her senior year with an Augustana internship at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Stockholm. During that time, she was able to meet and converse *for real* with non-English-speaking relatives she had met previously.

Jill lives in Rock Island with her semi-retired husband Dave Garner, and their two semi-spoiled cats.

Early Booking Price: \$3999.00 per person, double

\$4999.00 single occupancy

Private and Custom Fully Escorted Tour Includes:

- ❖ Tour Director throughout
- ❖ Deluxe Motorcoach with air conditioning
- ❖ 11 Night Hotel Accommodations
- ❖ Breakfast Daily / 4 Lunches / 3 Dinners
- ❖ Sightseeing as indicated in the day-by-day itinerary including highlights
- ❖ Vadstena Castle - Guided Castle and Archives Tours
- ❖ Göta Canal Day cruise with lunch included on board
- ❖ Visit Brahehus Castle
- ❖ Visit Grenna Polkagriskokeri w/ guided tour
- ❖ Entrance - IKEA Museum
- ❖ Entrance - Naval Museum Karlskrona
- ❖ Day with Ulf Nilsson
- ❖ Guided Tour House of Emigrants - The House of Emigrants - Utvandarnas hus
- ❖ Entrance - Astrid Lindgren's World
- ❖ Guided Tour of Stockholm
- ❖ Free afternoon on Djurgården
- ❖ Local guide for 10 hours visiting Sigtuna, Biskopskulla and Tortuna
- ❖ Entrance Bishop Hill Museum Biskopskulla

Prices are land only. Airfare, transfers, additional nights and Insurance extra.

Space Limited to one coach only!

Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 Sat. 19 July 2025 Stockholm

- ❖ Individual arrivals
- ❖ Meet your tour leader in the hotel
- ❖ Coach at disposal for RT transfers to the restaurant (Rolls Buss AB)
- ❖ Dinner 3-course - Wårdshuset Ulla Winbladh or similar
- ❖ Overnight in Standard Room at Radisson Blu Royal Viking Hotel (D)

Day 2 Sun. 20 July 2025 Stockholm, Östergötland

- ❖ Breakfast at hotel
- ❖ Long distance coach starting: Stockholm
- ❖ Departure to Vadstena
- ❖ Walking tour of Vadstena with guide / Lunch on own
- ❖ Entrance + Guided Tour –
 - Vadstena Castle Vadstena Castle was originally built in 1545 as a fortress to protect Stockholm from enemies from the south. The fortress was turned into a castle in 1620. Since then, the castle has been very well preserved, and is one of Sweden's best examples of Renaissance architecture. Vadstena Castle was a royal palace until 1716, when the royal family lost interest in it; after which it became a storage for grain. Since 1899, the castle has housed the Provincial Archives and today visitors can also find a Castle Museum with 16th and 17th century furniture, portraits and paintings. During summers the courtyard plays host to many concerts; both classical and pop music.
- ❖ Dinner at Vadstena Klosterhotel
- ❖ Overnight in Standard Room at Vadstena Klosterhotel (B,D)

Day 3 Mon. 21 July 2025 Östergötland

- ❖ Breakfast at hotel
- ❖ Long distance coach
- ❖ Visit Vadstena Archives with Anna & Claes
- ❖ Göta Canal Cruise with lunch on board: Borensberg → Berg
- ❖ Overnight in Standard Room at Vadstena Klosterhotel (B,L)



Day 4 Tue. 22 July 2025 Östergötland, Småland

- ❖ Breakfast at hotel
- ❖ Long distance coach
- ❖ Visit Brahehus Castle Ruins
- ❖ Visit Grenna Polkagriskokeri and guided tour
- ❖ Lunch en route (2-course or buffet)
- ❖ Entrance - IKEA Museum
- ❖ Overnight in Standard Room at Elite Stadshotellet Växjö (B,L)

Day 5 Wed. 23 July 2025 Småland, Blekinge

- ❖ Breakfast at hotel
- ❖ Long distance coach
- ❖ Depart to Karlskrona
- ❖ Entrance - Naval Museum Karlskrona
- ❖ Stop for lunch on own and afternoon at leisure to explore Karlskrona
- ❖ Return to your hotel in Växjö
- ❖ Overnight in Standard Room at Elite Stadshotellet Växjö (B)

Day 6 Thu. 24 July 2025 Småland

- ❖ Breakfast at hotel
- ❖ Long distance coach
- ❖ Day with Ulf Nilsson in Vilhelm Moberg Country and Kingdom of Crystal, including lunch
- ❖ Overnight in Standard Room at Elite Stadshotellet Växjö (B,L)



Day 7 Fri. 25 July 2025 Småland

- ❖ Breakfast at hotel
- ❖ Long distance coach
- ❖ Guided Tour House of Emigrants - Utvandrarnas hus
- ❖ Lunch at Mammoras Cafe
- ❖ Departure to Vimmerby
- ❖ Entrance - Astrid Lindgren's World
- ❖ Overnight in Standard Room at Best Western Vimmerby Stadshotell (B,L)

Day 8 Sat. 26 July 2025 Småland, Östergötland

- ❖ Breakfast at hotel
- ❖ Long distance coach
- ❖ Drive to Kisa / Peter Cassel Day Festival – *schedule pending* / Lunch on own
- ❖ Overnight in Standard Room at Best Western Vimmerby Stadshotell (B)



Day 9 Sun. 27 July 2025 Småland, Östergötland, Stockholm

- ❖ Breakfast at hotel
- ❖ Long distance coach ending: Stockholm
- ❖ Lunch en route on own
- ❖ Enjoy a walking tour in Gamla Stan
- ❖ Overnight in Standard Room at Radisson Blu Royal Viking Hotel (B)

Day 10 Mon. 28 July 2025 Stockholm

- ❖ Breakfast at hotel
- ❖ Coach at disposal for 3 hours (Rolls Buss AB)
- ❖ Local guide for 3 hours (Stockholm Guides)
 - This tour will take you around Stockholm to enjoy the city's top sights and attractions. First you'll pass by the City Hall, renowned for its architecture, murals, and as the site of the Nobel Prize Banquet. The tour continues to the Old Town, where Stockholm's history began almost 800 years ago. You'll pass by the Royal Palace, the Parliament, the House of Nobility, as well as the world's longest established bank, the Bank of Sweden.
- ❖ Free afternoon on Djurgården
- ❖ Overnight in Standard Room at Radisson Blu Royal Viking Hotel (B)

Day 11 Tue. 29 July 2025 Stockholm, Uppland, Västmanland

- ❖ Breakfast at hotel
- ❖ Coach at disposal for 10 hours (Rolls Buss AB)
- ❖ Local guide for 10 hours visiting Sigtuna, Biskopskulla and Tortuna
 - Sigtuna sits beside Lake Mälaren, in the lush landscape of Uppland, north of Stockholm. The area prospered during the Viking Age, leaving a heritage of rune stones, graves and monuments, which to this day still stand in and around the town. Sigtuna is said to be home to the most rune stones in the world. They were erected during the Viking era to commemorate deceased men. Don't forget to visit Sigtuna Museum with its fascinating exhibitions of Sigtuna through the ages and round your morning off with a visit to one of the town's many quality eateries.
- ❖ Entrance Bishop Hill Museum - Bishop Hill Museum Biskopskulla
- ❖ Dinner and beer tasting at Tortuna Bryggeri - Tortuna Brewery
 - A tasting with 6 different kinds of extra quality beer and an outside homemade barbecue.
- ❖ Overnight in Standard Room at Radisson Blu Royal Viking Hotel (B,D)

Day 12 Wed. 30 July 2025 Stockholm

- ❖ Breakfast at hotel
- ❖ Individual departures (B)

For Questions on the Itinerary Contact: Jill Seaholm at

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For Reservations & Information Contact: Liz Wolak at

Viking Travel Service Email: Lwolak@vikingtv.com / Phone: 630-321-1664

Deposit: \$1000.00 per person, along with reservation form, insurance payment and copy of passport.

Form of Payment: Check or Credit Card (*credit card payments may be assessed a 3% fee*).

Make Checks Payable to: Viking Travel Service

Mail To: Viking Travel Service, 700 East Ogden Avenue, Suite # 106, Westmont, IL 60559

Final Payment: Due no later than April 5, 2025 / Late payments subject to late charge fee.

Documentation requirement: Currently only a valid passport is required. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from return date and have a few empty pages. Names on reservations must match exactly what appears on passports. Passport and entry requirements are subject to change at any time without notice.

Prices do not include: Airfare, arrival and departure transfers, baggage handling, meals not indicated as included, optional tours, gratuities for driver, tour director and local guides as well as the unforeseen admission fees, items of a personal nature - such as liquor, telephone calls, deviation fees, or items not indicated as included.

Terms & Conditions: Prices are quoted in US dollars and based on a minimum of 30 participants. Prices are subject to any fluctuations in the Euro, increases in taxes, and/or government or items beyond our control. Please do not purchase your airline ticket until tour departure is guaranteed.

Notice: As the worldwide COVID-19 corona-virus pandemic remains ongoing at this time, and travel resumes around the world, all destinations and suppliers have established COVID-19 safety measures and precautions which may change from day to day. These safety measures may include wearing masks at certain times, size of group gatherings, social distancing requirements, health screenings, and requiring Covid vaccination cards.

Participation on the tour acknowledges the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while traveling. Participants also understand and agree to follow all the protocols and the acceptance that travel plans may be altered, interrupted, changed or canceled and that Viking Travel has no control over these unforeseeable conditions.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be in writing to Viking Travel Service, thus making cancellation effective on date of receipt. Insurance and unused portions of this tour package are non-refundable.

No refunds for no shows, unused services and insurance premiums. Credit card fees non-refundable.

Per Person Cancellation charges: Date of deposit – March 1, 2025 = \$525.00 per person penalty

March 2, 2025 to April 9, 2025 – \$1,000.00 per person penalty / April 10, 2025 to Departure date = 100% Penalty

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend protecting your investment with travel insurance. We are offering Travel Guard Group Insurance which is calculated at 7.2% of the total cost. The group insurance covers, trip cancellation due to a covered medical reason, interruption, accident, baggage and medical evacuation and must be taken out at time of deposit. As with all insurance policies, cost of insurance is non-refundable and subject to change at any time. A minimum of 10 passengers required for group insurance rates. Insurance must be modified when adding on airfare or any extras to maintain maximum coverage and benefits. Insurance protection for *cancel for any reason* is not covered in the group insurance but can be purchased for additional costs. Please contact Viking Travel for questions on insurance. Questions specific on insurance coverage can be obtained by contacting Travel Guard at 1-800-826-1300.

Travel Guard Group Insurance Coverage

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost	Medical Expenses	\$20,000
Trip Interruption	125% Trip Cost	Emergency Medical Transportation	\$50,000
Travel Delay	\$500 (<i>Maximum of \$150 per day</i>)	Baggage Delay	\$500
Missed Connection	\$500	Baggage & Personal Effects Loss	\$1,000

Note: Sweden is a mostly cashless society.

The Stockholm airport is about 35-40 minutes by car or 20 minutes by train from downtown.

www.visitstockholm.com/travel-info/and-airports/.



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Viking Travel Service Terms and Conditions

Reservation is not confirmed until this form is signed and received by Viking Travel Service.

Participation agreement: The purchase/payment of any travel services offered constitutes a contractual arrangement between the Traveler (you) and Viking Travel Service and its suppliers. As the lead traveler, you accept, and confirm you have authority and consent to accept, all Terms & Conditions for yourself and all members of your traveling parties.

Deposit: The required deposit is due at time of booking along with signed Reservation Form and Terms and Conditions Form.

Final payment: Reservations are subject to cancellation and late fee if final payment is not received by the due date. Rebookings are subject to availability and new pricing. Subject to currency fluctuations until paid in full.

Payments: All credit card charges are subject to 3% non-refundable fee.

Required Documentation: All bookings are subject to the proper documentation required for travel. i.e. Driver's license, valid passport, visa, tourist card. It is the responsibility of the traveler to provide such documentation for booking and for travel. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from return date. All travelers must provide emergency contact details prior to travel.

Airline reservations: Viking Travel Service is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. Routings are not guaranteed and are subject to change at any time. Seat assignments and upgrades may or may not be available and subject to additional fees. All airline terms and conditions, including baggage, departure taxes and fees and increases beyond our control are applicable. Frequent flyer miles may or may not be earned. Clients must retain boarding passes for any disputes.

Change/Deviation: In addition to any airline or tour/cruise-imposed changed fees, an administration fee of \$50 per person will be charged. Deviations are subject to availability. May not be applicable to group bookings. NOTE: Prices quoted on an inquiry cannot be guaranteed.

Insurance Protection: Optional insurance protection will be offered. Insurance is non-refundable and rates and features, are subject to change at any time.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be received in writing and subject to penalties outlined and a \$250.00 administrative fee regardless of reason for cancellation.

Documents: Printed documents are subject to a \$35 shipping cost.

Notice: While every effort will be made to adhere to the specifics shown in this or any other publication, certain circumstances may necessitate alterations, therefore; all fares, taxes, fuel surcharges, schedules, hours of arrival and departure and all other information contained herein are subject to change. During local or national holidays or special events, peak seasons, on Sundays, and during religious occasions, certain facilities such as museums, churches, restaurants, sightseeing tours, hotels, and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible. Viking Travel and Swenson Center cannot be held responsible for any closures, necessary itinerary changes, or curtails for any reason.

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Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expense due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. All service and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Viking Travel Service and the Swenson Center reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. We reserve the right to withdraw any tour announced. Viking Travel Service and the Swenson Center reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the tour manager to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. Viking Travel Service and the Swenson Center is not liable for any personal effects, same being always the sole responsibility of the owner. Payment constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Viking Travel Service or the organizer, accept no responsibility for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, bankruptcy, weather, or any other cause beyond their personal control. No carrier shall be responsible for any act, omission or events during the time passengers are not on board its own conveyance. The right is reserved to cancel or change itineraries or substitute services without notice and to decline to accept or retain any passenger at any time. In view of statutory or contractual limitations that may apply to personal injury or property damage losses the purchase of accident, medical and baggage insurance is strongly recommended. It is understood that I have requested Viking Travel Service and the Swenson Center to arrange bookings on my behalf. As the worldwide COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic remains ongoing at this time, I acknowledge that for this reason, and other reasons not reasonably foreseeable at this time, these travel plans may be interrupted or cancelled by the supplier that is providing them, a government entity or other third party over which Agency has no control. I further acknowledge that the suppliers own cancellation, rebooking and refund policies, subject to any applicable law that is now or may later be in effect, will govern my rights and remedies, including my right to receive a refund, in such an event. Moreover, I understand that should I elect to purchase travel insurance, the terms of the policy will dictate whether, and to what extent, coverage for any financial loss may exist under the circumstances. By signing below, I hereby agree to hold Agency harmless and release it from any and all liability for any damages, including but not limited to monetary losses, I may incur as a result of such interruption or cancellation of these travel plans.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ E5506

I (we) have read, understand and do accept all the terms and conditions of this tour.

