



Road Trip Drive	Distance	Driving Time
Stockholm to Dalsland	258 miles	4 hours 39 minutes
Dalsland to Strömstad	63 miles	1 hour 21 minutes
Strömstad to Grebbestad	23 miles	29 minutes
Grebbestad to Tjorn	67 miles	1 hour 20 minutes
Tjorn to Gothenburg	36 miles	49 minutes
Gothenburg to Soderasen Park	142 miles	2 hours 26 minutes
Soderasen Park to Copenhagen	68 miles	1 hour 26 minutes
Total Distance Covered:	658 miles	

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Driving is a great way to experience the most breathtaking places in Sweden with its ever-changing scenery. From north to south, Sweden stretches almost 1600 km from the wilderness above the arctic circle in Swedish Lapland all the way down to the farmlands of the south. In between, you'll find plenty of breathtaking views, picturesque cities, and scenic routes, all while enjoying the tranquil Nordic ambiance. West Sweden, a less-traveled region is the perfect laid-back getaway. The landscape – which stretches from Gothenburg all the way up to the border of Norway – varies from rocky coastlines dotted with picturesque villages to open fields, vast forests and thousands of beautiful lakes. Here's our pick of the best places to visit and activities to experience, during a road trip in West Sweden.

TO/FROM:

In this road trip guide, you'll begin your journey at Stockholm's airport and end at Copenhagen's airport.

1. Stockholm

Start your Sweden road trip in Stockholm - the capital of Scandinavia with a car rental at Stockholm Arlanda Airport. Stockholm is a city where modernity meets tranquility. The many public buildings, palaces, museums, and scenic natural surroundings all tell the history of the 700 year old city in a beautiful and unique way. A great way to spot and discover some of that history is in Old Town with the narrow cobblestoned alleys and since you have a car why not spend a day visiting some of the stunning castles open to the public around Stockholm?

2. Dalsland

Characterized by its deep forests, mountains, lakes, white beaches and the Dalsland Canal, this is a place with beautiful views and is a great spot for outdoor activities when you need to stretch those legs. Enjoy fishing, paddling and moose sightings at <u>Dalsland Moose Ranch</u>. Why not stay at <u>The Baldernäs Manson</u>, a cultural and historical treasure dating from the 18th century with a modern hotel and high class restaurants, overlooking the lake Laxsjön where you also can go for refreshing morning swim.

3. Koster Island

This is Sweden's <u>first marine national</u> park in the Koster Sea and the Koster Islands; above and below the water line some 12,000 species live here. This breathtaking part of the archipelago is an ideal for kayaking and hiking. As both islands, North Koster & South Koster, are basically car-free take the ferry from the town of Strömstad to reach them.

4. Grebbestad

Being on the west coast, famously known for its seafood, you have the opportunity to join plenty of unforgettable adventures and experiences like an <u>oyster safari</u> or a <u>lobster catching trip</u> in Grebbestad. This fishing village is also one of Bohuslän's most popular seaside resorts where several interesting ancient monuments, such as a stone labyrinth and an ancient castle can be found.

5. Tjorn

Here you can mix kayaking with culinary experiences by paddling to Klädesholmen Island, a former fishing community. The houses here are packed like sardines, or herring as they say down here, as this humble fish was the mainstay of Klädesholmen and the entire Bohuslän coast for hundreds of years. Paddle over to the village of Skärhamn for the Nordic Water Colour Museum and be mesmerized by the works of the artists on show; including Salvador Dali, Louise Bourgeois, Anders Zorn and Bill Viola.

6. Gothenburg

Sweden's second largest city has everything you need. Go on a shopping spree and explore small indie shops where local design meets global trends at the neighborhoods Magasinsgatan and Haga. Enjoy a stroll in one of the beautiful parks, visit The Garden Society of Gothenburg and their spectacular Palm House located right in city center.

7. Soderasens National Park

Time to visit <u>Söderåsens National Park</u>. Here you can hike, bike and even go horseback riding. Its landscape dates back 70-80 million years and is characterized by soaring cliffs and precipices that plunge dramatically into rocky ravines to create stunning scenery together with the deep, virgin forests that are unique in their kind.

8. Copenhagen

What better way to end your road trip than driving across the outstanding <u>Oresund Bridge</u> that connects Sweden to Denmark and finish up in Denmark's Capital Copenhagen! Be sure to schedule a day to explore the city before you return your Copenhagen rental car.

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