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Snapshot

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Kelly Ranson gets the measure of one of Scandinavia's most sophisticated cities

where to eat...



The Art Bakery

Taking a *fika* (coffee and cake break) is a must for locals, so be sure to join them at the Art Bakery in the NK shopping centre. Here, celebrity baker Johan Sörberg blends art with baking via handcrafted creations, interior design and internal exhibitions. For something different, vegetarian restaurant Rutabaga in the Grand Hotel is still a hot favourite, with two taster menus among its fare. artbakery.se



good to know...



Island city

Spread across 14 islands, Stockholm is blessed with beautiful landscapes, historical architecture and a buzzing cultural scene. With plenty of flights, it's a growing year-round city-break option for UK operators, appealing to clients seeking long midsummer days or cosy winter escapes. visitstockholm.com

make time for...



Stockholm City Museum

After a four-year closure for renovations, the Stockholm City Museum in Slussen reopened this spring and brings to life the culture and history of the city. Nearby is Fotografiska, the museum of photography, housed in a former industrial art nouveau building along Södermalm's waterfront. After taking in thought-provoking exhibitions, stop for a break in the restaurant, which offers fantastic sustainable dining menus.

star attraction...



Gamla Stan

A visit to Stockholm isn't complete without a wander through the city's old town, known as Gamla Stan, which dates back to 1252. It's home to the expansive and impressive buildings that make up the Royal Palace. Alternatively, a rooftop tour is an excellent way to get the best views: Takvandring will take you on an historical walk 43m above the ground.

takvandring.com/en



book it...



Hotel Diplomat

Osprey Holidays offers a two-night city break at the four-star Hotel Diplomat from £529. The price includes breakfast and flights from any London airport, for departures in January 2020.

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where to stay...



Hilton Stockholm Slussen

The hotel giant's only property in Sweden right now, this is located across the water from the Old Town and sits on the edge of the trendy Södermalm district. Alternatively, try the recently reopened Radisson Blu Royal Viking Hotel, which has undergone a multimillion-pound refurbishment with updated guest rooms, public areas and event spaces.