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FINLAND & SWEDEN

SPORTS TOUR

Helsinki & Stockholm

9 Day / 7 Night Program



SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your game & practice schedule, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team's arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

ALL SPORTS ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 **USA – HELSINKI**

Evening Fly overnight to Helsinki, Finland, via major international scheduled airline with possible change of plane enroute. Dinner and Breakfast served aloft.

Day 2 **HELSINKI**

Morning Arrival in Helsinki.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we select are chosen for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the duration of your stay, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Helsinki, known as the "Daughter of the Baltic", features cultural influences of both east and west, as it was both a Swedish and Russian colony for several centuries prior to gaining independence in 1917. It is a delightful, compact, waterfront city, and very walkable.

Transfer by private motorcoach to your Three-Star Hotel to check in.



Lutheran Cathedral



Art Nouveau Apartments



National Theater

Afternoon Free time to explore the neighborhood around your hotel and have lunch on your own.

Afternoon **PRACTICE SESSION**

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

In summer, go for a walk after dinner. The sun doesn't go down in Helsinki until close to midnight from May through August !

Day 3 **HELSINKI**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **City Sightseeing Tour**



Finlandia Hall



Helsinki Harbor



Finnish National Museum

Board your private motorcoach with your Tour Guide for a tour of this Nordic capital. Visit **Senate Square** with its imposing **Lutheran Cathedral**, the city's impressive **Orthodox Cathedral**, and the 1920's-era rail station designed by Eliel Saarinen, featuring artwork ground out of huge granite blocks. Pass by the **Esplanadi** shopping street with its nice boutiques and cafés, and see the ultra-modern architecture of **Finlandia Hall** and the city's **Opera House**. Visit the "**Rock Church**", actually built out of a rock pit, the **National Parliament** building, and the **Olympic Stadium**, built for the 1952 Summer Olympics hosted by Finland.

Afternoon **MATCH # 1 vs. a FINNISH TEAM**

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 4 **HELSINKI**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Free day to explore Helsinki on your own, taking in its many sights. Stroll along the waterfront stopping in at the cafés and meeting new people.



Suggestion: Board a boat for the 15-minute ride out to **Suomenlinna Fortress**, which was built in the 18th-century on an island in Helsinki Harbor to protect the city from invasion. Visit its many fortifications and view World War II-era artillery. Most interesting is the **Vesikko** World War II submarine.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening **MATCH # 2 vs. a FINNISH TEAM**

Day 5 **HELSINKI – CRUISE**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **CLINIC with a highly-qualified licensed professional coach.**

Afternoon Free time for last-minute activities in Helsinki prior to transferring to the pier for your luxury overnight cruise to Stockholm, either on **Silja Line** or **Viking Line** departing at 6.00pm.



Check in to your cabin and enjoy the many delights these ships have to offer, including a "smorgasbord" dinner and various entertainment facilities.

Day 6 **CRUISE – STOCKHOLM**

Morning Breakfast onboard ship.

Morning 9:00am arrival in Stockholm, capital of Sweden.

Stockholm was the seat of the powerful Swedish empire, which once extended through much of present-day Russia and Scandinavia. It is larger than Helsinki, but is also a compact and walkable waterfront city with a lot of history to offer. Stockholm's most interesting attraction is its Old Town, an island in the center of the city known as Gamla Stan, featuring narrow cobblestone streets lined with many shops and cafés, which are a delight to visit.

Morning

City Sightseeing Tour (en route to hotel).



Drottningholm Palace



Swedish Royal Palace



Stockholm City Hall

Witness Stockholm's many canals as you tour the city. Visit the imposing and towering **City Hall** where you will see the stunning mosaic-lined **Golden Hall** with thousands of golden tiles and the **Blue Hall** where the annual Nobel Prize banquet is held. Climb the tower for great views of central Stockholm. View the **Parliament** and the larger-than-life **Royal Palace**, that is ideal for an in-depth tour later on during your visit to Stockholm. A brief stop at **Gamla Stan**, the oldest part of the city, will give you a taste of the Stockholm of centuries past. Conclude your introduction to the city at your hotel where you will check in.

Noon

Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Free time to explore the neighborhood around your hotel or wander the streets and alleyways of Gamla Stan and have lunch on your own.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening

MATCH # 3 vs. a SWEDISH TEAM

Day 7

STOCKHOLM

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

PRACTICE SESSION

Morning &
Afternoon

Free day to enjoy Stockholm on your own.

Suggestion: Tour the **Royal Palace**, which with 608 rooms is the largest royal palace in the world still being used for its original purpose. The **Royal Apartments** are popular but the highlight is the **Royal Treasury** where crowns, sceptres, orbs and other spectacular regalia and jewelry accumulated by the Swedish Royal Family over the centuries are on display. Time your visit to watch the **Changing of the Guard**, which takes place at 12:15pm on most days.



Views of Gamla Stan from Stockholm Harbor, old alleyways & shopping streets

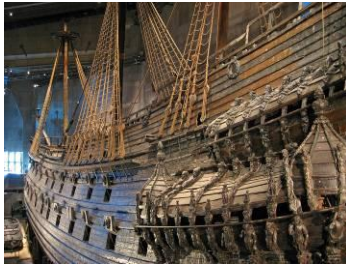
Alternatively, visit **Gamla Stan**, which is impossible to get too much of, to visit its quaint shops and stop in to a café for a leisurely lunch while viewing sailboats pass by Stockholm Harbor. The Old Town's charming streets go back centuries and give a sense of life in the city during its rich past.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 8 **STOCKHOLM**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **Wasa Ship Museum Visit**



Visit to the **Wasa Ship Museum**. This imposing 17th century wooden Swedish warship, intended to be an intimidating force on the high seas, instead sunk in Stockholm harbor on its maiden voyage due to its colossal weight. It was salvaged in recent decades and put on display in its own museum featuring its story.

Afternoon Free afternoon for lunch on your own and to explore the city

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening **MATCH # 4 vs. a SWEDISH TEAM**

Day 9 **STOCKHOLM – USA**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of your hotel.

Transfer to Stockholm's Arlanda International Airport for your flights home.

Afternoon Arrive in the USA.

Your Scandinavian Sports & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Travel Services:

- Economy-Class Air Transportation USA / Scandinavia round-trip
- Overnight cruise Helsinki/Stockholm, inside cabin, double occupancy, including both dinner and breakfast.

- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers by private motorcoach.
- Port / Hotel / Port transfers by private motorcoach.
- Three nights Three-Star Hotel in Helsinki including.
- Three nights Three-Star Hotel in Stockholm including.
- Breakfast and Dinner daily.
- City Sightseeing Tours in Helsinki with Bilingual Guide.
- City Sightseeing Tours in Stockholm with Bilingual Guide.
- Wasa Ship Museum visit in Stockholm.
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary in Scandinavia and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours'** Operations Office.

Sports Program:

- ***Four Games with clubs /universities at your level.***
- ***Two Practice Sessions.***
- ***One Clinic with a highly-qualified licensed professional coach.***
- ***Bottle of Water provided to each player, each game / practice.***
- ***Round-trip Transfers to above Sports Activities by private motorcoach.***

Summary of Included Meals:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 7 Dinners

Tour Price:

- For the most up-to-date pricing information on this tour, please visit our website:

<http://www.victorysportstours.com/browse-tours/>

Click on your sport and scroll down to the tour named "**Finland & Sweden #1**".

- Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers.
- Prices are subject to availability of fares at time of booking.
- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Coach would share twin room with paying traveler and pay only taxes/fees.

Notes:

- The itinerary text outlines both included services and suggested free time activities. For a definitive indication of what is included in the tour price, please refer exclusively to the "TOUR INCLUSIONS" section above.
- No booking has been made yet. Tour dates are subject to availability.
- All activities to be arranged and confirmed after deposits received.
- Tour price is based on current U.S. dollar/foreign currency exchange rates. Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
- Air taxes/fees are determined by the various governments/airlines involved and are those currently in effect. By government regulation, actual air taxes/fees collected will be those in effect at ticketing, approx. 45 days before departure.
- Airlines may add a fuel surcharge if the price of fuel increases significantly.
- Final fuel surcharge is determined approx. 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.

