

Karlskrona, Blekinge, Sweden

Founded in 1680 as Sweden's strategic naval fortress, Karlskrona is a UNESCO World Heritage baroque city spread across 33 archipelago islands — with a free world-class naval museum, wooden cottages straight out of a fairy tale, and the Baltic Sea on every horizon.

Pier (Verkö) or City Dock

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

Cashless (card only, SEK)

Swedish (English widely spoken)

UNESCO World Heritage Site

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Large ships dock at Verkö (10 km east); smaller ships berth at Handelshamnen in the city center; some anchor and tender to Fisktorget

Best For: Naval history, baroque architecture, archipelago walks, Scandinavian food

Walk to center: 5–10 min from Handelshamnen; shuttle/bus required from Verkö

Don't Miss: Naval Museum on Stumholmen — submarine hall and 18th-century figureheads (adults ~170 SEK summer; free for under-18)

Getting around: **Taxi** 170–210 SEK (~20 USD)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Naval Museum & Submarine Hall** — The Marinmuseum on Stumholmen island is world-class.
- Baroque Old Town & Stortorget** — Stroll the grand baroque main square — one of the largest in Sweden — flanked by Fredrikskyrkan and...
- Kungsholms Fort Boat Tour** — This 300-year-old active military fortification guards the entrance to the Blekinge archipelago with a unique circular...
- Aspö Island & Drottningsskär Citadel** — Take the free yellow car ferry from Handelshamnen to Aspö island (25 min), then walk 15 min to the remarkably preserved...
- Björkholmen Wooden Cottage Quarter** — Wander the narrow lanes of this 18th-century neighbourhood of tiny colourful wooden cottages, built for early naval...

BEST WALKS

- City Centre Loop: Stortorget to Naval Museum** 3 km · 60–90 min · Easy, mostly flat — Start at Stortorget (the main baroque square), walk past Fredrikskyrkan, head down to Fisktorget on the waterfront, cross the bridge...
- Admiralty Church & Harbour Walk** 1.5 km · 30–45 min · Easy — Visit Amiralitetskyrkan — Sweden's largest wooden church — and toss a coin in the famous Gubben Rosenbom statue's hat.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	51°	37°	8d
Jun	68°	54°	9d
Aug	69°	58°	12d
Sep	63°	53°	10d
Oct	54°	46°	11d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:51AM–8:04PM · Jun 4:09AM–9:46PM · Aug 5:28AM–8:34PM · Sep 6:29AM–7:14PM · Oct 7:29AM–5:55PM

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