



Day program

Day 1: Ferry to Landsort during the morning, birdwatching and exploring the island. Night at Landsort

Day 2: Landsort, ringing and local bird guide, bird watching, free time for own exploring, possibly guided tour of the lighthouse. Night at Landsort

Day 3: Boat after breakfast to Utö, birdwatching and exploring the island. Night on Utö

Day 4: Longer boat trip after breakfast to Söderarm, bird watching during the boat trip, own time on Söderarm. Night on Söderarm

Day 5: Boat after breakfast to Kapellskär, cruise ship to Mariehamn and further by shorter bus tour and ferry to Kökar. Night on Kökar

Day 6: Birdwatching Kökar, local birdguide. Night on Kökar

Day 7: Birdwatching Kökar, free time for own exploring. Night on Kökar

Day 8: Return via Mariehamn to board cruise ship to Stockholm city.

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Rock Pipit.

Price

Price indication 2 030€ or 20 900 SEK.
Registration 305€ or 3 150 SEK.

Group size: 6–14 guests

Season: May and June

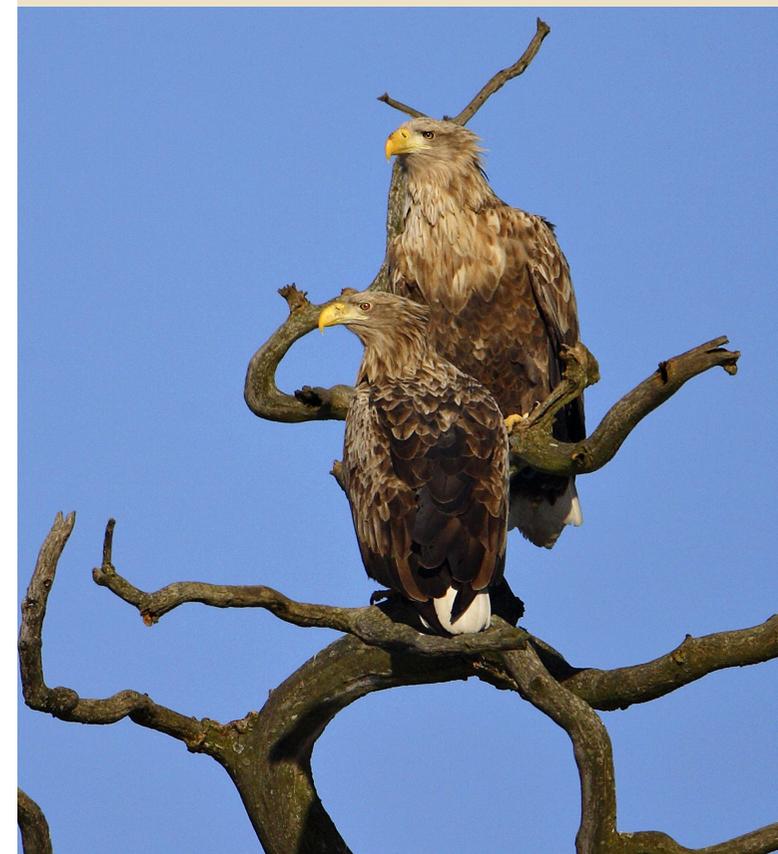
More info, booking and contact: Fågelguidning AB, gb@fagelguidning.se, www.fagelguidning.se. On the website you will also find the bird species of the trip in Swedish.

The Baltic Wings project has developed the central Baltic area as a nature and birdwatching destination through infrastructure investments, capacity building in co-operation with local entrepreneurs as well as other stakeholders, marketing and information. Read more at www.balticwings.org.



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Birding Stockholm Archipelago and Kökar – island hopping





Landsort.

The tour in summary

Imagine traveling through an archipelago of 30 000 islands and a visit to an island world far out in the Baltic Sea! For 8 days we follow the journey of the migratory birds, from south to north. We start on the southernmost island in the Stockholm archipelago, Landsort. The island is the first island many migratory birds encounter when heading north. On the island there is a bird station that rings birds and we will see how it works.

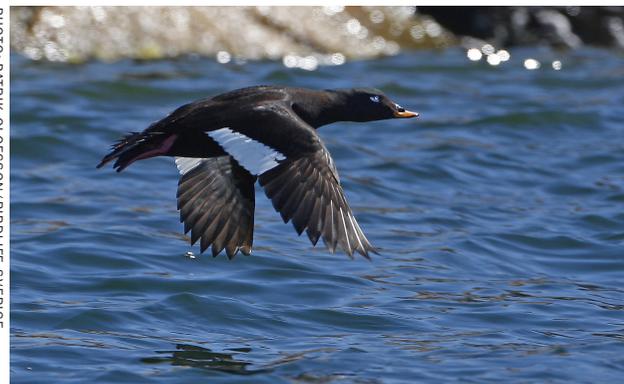
The next stop Utö is strategically right for the birds' migration north but also for breeding. Utö has an ancient history, is popular with summer guests and pleasant to explore on a bike. After a longer boat trip north through the middle archipelago, among islands, rocks and skerries we reach Söderarm in the northern archipelago. A charming island with barren cliffs but also greenery and a vibrant birdlife. We finish by traveling northeast to Kökar – a group of islands belonging to Åland far away from the mainland. Throughout the trip you will be amazed by the spectacular sunsets and sunrises over the Baltic Sea and thw many hours of daylight.

Itinerary

Nynäshamn/Torö – Landsort – Utö – Söderarm – Kökar – Stockholm. The journey goes north starting in Stockholm's southern archipelago, through the middle archipelago to the northern archipelago, ending in Kökar. Ferry to Landsort, then taxi boat to the islands Utö and Söderarm. Cruise ship from Kapellskär to Mariehamn, ferry round trip to Kökar. Return trip by cruise ship from Mariehamn to Stockholm. The route may change slightly and the visit to one of the islands may be cancelled or replaced with another island in case the weather is not favourable.

We visit interesting bird areas

We are in the middle of the bird migration, some birds are already in place and offer us beautiful singing and interesting courtship and many Arctic birds pass us on their way to northern latitudes. We have selected excellent birding sites where we can maximise the chance to see a lot of birds, but the entire archipelago, both Stockholm's and Åland's, is like one big birding site! Most islands we visit have bird towers or platforms. On some islands we have local bird guides to pass on the latest news on the bird front. Keep in mind that the weather can affect our possibility to see some species but hopefully we will see around 140–150 species.



Velvet Scoter.



Eiders.

Some of the birds we hope to see

Barnacle Goose, Brant Goose, Whooper Swan, Eider, Velvet Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Red-throated Loon, Black-throated Loon, White-tailed Eagle, Oystercatcher, Grey Plover, Curlew, Bar-tailed Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Caspian Tern, Arctic Tern, Parasitic Jaeger, Murre, Razorbill, Black Guillemot, Eagle-Owl, Barred Warbler, Thrush Nightingale, Rock Pipit.

Lodging and transport

Accommodation is both with hotel standard (bathroom in the room) and picturesque charming accommodation where you may share a bathroom with another guest. The journey begins in Nynäshamn and ends in Stockholm city. We travel by taxi boats, ferries, and cruise ships. On the islands we move on foot, by bike or possibly by a smaller bus.

Included in the trip price

8 days full board (from lunch day 1 to lunch day 8) including bed linens and cleaning, all transportation along the way, miscellaneous fees, tour leader and bird guide on the whole tour (Swedish and English speaking), local bird guide, guided tour at Landsort's bird/ringing station, bicycle rent, bird checklist. The price of the trip does not include alcoholic beverages.

Do you want to bring someone who is not as interested in birds as you? This trip will surely be an adventure for anyone who enjoys being out in beautiful and peaceful nature.