

Wonderful hospitality at Hokeriet, Granby

We visited Hokeriet at Granby farm for lunch as part of our Viking tour. Lunch consisted of produce from the farm itself or other local produce. The food was delicious and a great showcase for local artisan food production, some of which was also available for purchase. Lise was warm and welcoming and apart from preparing our lunch, also accompanied us up the hill to visit the site of a longhouse and Viking village and magnificent rune stone. Lise and her family are fortunate in living with so much Viking history and also generous in sharing that history with others. Thank you Lise, I hope others discover the gems of Granby!

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We did have our hotel pick-up and drop-off. I called them in advance to confirm the time 8:20 am. A free coffee/tea break on the way to Uppsala in a working farm is a great time for chatting or just relaxing. Guide and driver is very knowledgeable not only with history of Vikings but also Sweden. He is full of passion for his job and humorous. Make sure to collect some questions for him to answer.

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This tour was outstanding! Our guide was extremely knowledgeable and friendly. We really enjoyed the fika in Granby and hiking through a field to discover rune stones. Sigtuna was a beautiful as well. If you get a chance to take this your while in Stockholm, do it

Wonderful day in historical Sweden

It was a wonderful sunny day leaving Stockholm. This tour guide has diverse knowledge about Viking history, Swedish history and world history. He is able to tie in all of these facts and make them relevant to our lives in current times. The stop for coffee and fika was a very nice experience as well and the good chance to see the country side of Sweden and how people really live outside of Stockholm. I highly recommend this trip to get up to speed on Swedish history and current lifestyles.

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Eine sehr gute Führung. Man konnte nur ein Stückchen außerhalb von Stockholm etwas vom Land sehen, und durch die ausgezeichnete Reiseleitung viel Hintergrundinformation erfahren. Eine Reise auf den Spuren der Wikinger. Wirklich sehr empfehlenswert.

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After reading some of the prior reviews and taking the tour, I believe if you are looking for a cheesy Hollywood Viking tour that will entertain you with fluff for eight hours straight, this is not your tour. However, if you are looking for a deep history of the Vikings and the areas inhabited by the Vikings north of Stockholm while seeing these famous sites first-hand, this is most certainly your tour. Urban is a wonderful tour guide who takes absolute care of his guests. He has a deep knowledge of Viking lore and history while providing his own narrative on things that he thinks the history books may have gotten wrong. He has clearly done this for quite a while as he is precise and thorough in his agenda throughout the tour. I would highly recommend it to anyone wanting to get out of Stockholm for a day to see these sites first-hand and learn about the Viking era.

Covered a lot of ground!

There is no way I could have possibly learned this much and seen so much stuff in a day on my own. Most of the locations we went to were fascinating and things that you would only know of if you were an insider. Some of the Viking ruins we saw were almost unmarked- amazing for ruins that are 1500 years old! The scale of what means "old" is completely different in Sweden as it is for us from the States. Our tour guide covered everything in an interesting way that tied everything together well. He has a deep understand of the history and could answer any questions I had, and went deeper into into areas as needed. And the coffee break ("Ficka") spot was a memorable gem in the Swedish countryside. A great value, and I plan to take the tour again when I return with my family in tow next year.

Interesting and Comprehensive

This is a very good tour if you want to learn more about the Vikings. Our guide was knowledgeable and thorough with his explanation.

What Happened Earlier

An informative introduction to reading ancient Rune Stones. Angus read the inscriptions on a number of stones and showed how the writing is laid out. We saw several Viking sites including a meeting place, a farmstead, and a causeway. It was a treat to go into the countryside north of Stockholm. We had a "fika" at a farmhouse near several of the Viking sites; people have lived in this area for thousands of years.

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The trip was exactly as described and the trip to the farmhouse for coffee and a dessert break was a delight. The Viking burial sites are not sensational but the history was very enjoyable as was our guide's explanation of the runes. Our guide was very well informed and he made the trip so very nice. We also appreciated the guide's information about the country and suburban lifestyles and economy.

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Excellent. Filled in gaps in our tour of Denmark, the Baltic States, Russia, Finland, Sweden and Norway up to North Cape on a Hurtigruten cruise.

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Great value, great guide, and a TON of Swedish history!

Very interesting all day tour

You certainly get your moneyed worth - 9am til after 6pm All over southern Sweden - dirt roads/cow pastures/churches/towns.runes and runes! Our guide was informed, passionate and a natural educator- however his accent is still a little thick and takes some focus to stay with. But he is very good and a nice man. I recommend this tour.

Many sights - Wonderful guide

This is a wonderful tour with many interesting stops. Our guide and he was very helpful and knowledgeable. He took us to several rune stone sights that we never would have located without him. He was very considerate and the tour covered great interesting places.

Biking tri

Excellent trip to get a good overview of local viking history. Guide was excellent and had so many facts.

Amazing historic trip

Our guide was above and beyond all our expectations. His knowledge and willingness to share it with all passengers was superb. We enjoyed every minute of the trip: from the moment he picked us up from the hotel to the moment of saying goodbye at the location, that was not included into the trip, but we asked He could drop us somewhere near a public transportation station, so we may go over there. And he just drove us to the place. We can't appreciate more his job. He showed us not only history of Sweden and Vikings but also showed heartwarming respect to the customers. I would definitely recommend the Viking History Day Trip from Stockholm including Upsala to everyone who is interested in Scandinavian history.

Fantastique découverte des territoires et vestiges vikings

Extraordinaire découverte de l'histoire des Vikings en explorant leur territoire et les vestiges! Une magnifique journée tres instructive avec un guide fantastique , tres professionnel, tres interressant donnant des explications durant la journée entière et tres sympathique! Il fait vivre pleinement cette mémorable journée ! Nous faisons de nombreux arrêts tres interressants à la fois pour les adultes et pour les enfants/ ados. Excursion complète avec une extraordinire pause café/gâteau incluse dans une magnifique ferme implantée sur les anciens territoires Vikings dont les vestiges se trouvent devant nos yeux! Nous visitons la magnifique petite ville de Sigtuna avec temps libre pour déjeuner où l'on veut , puis visite de la ville de Uppsala et son extraordinaire cathedrale chargée d'histoire de la présence des Vikings. Je dois également préciser que notre chauffeur/guide vient nous chercher et nous ramène à l'hotel et ce, d'une ponctualité exemplaire! De plus, le minibus est tout neuf, extrêmement confortable et nous sommes 16 personnes au maximum, ce qui rend l'excursion quasi privative! C'est une fabuleuse journée, une extraordinaire expérience et je la recommande à 300% pour tout le monde! Et un grand merci à notre guide, il donne vie à cette excursion !

Beautiful countryside, kind and very knowledgeable guide!

We had a wonderful time on this tour- definitely a highlight of our time in Stockholm! Our guide was perfect - kind, funny, and so informative about Viking history and about Swedish history and culture in general. The locations we visited were both interesting and beautiful. I strongly recommend this tour!

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The tour was awesome! Lucky for me and my wife we were the only ones in the tour that day and it turned out to be a private tour! Our tour guide was absolutely fantastic and very very knowledgeable .. he will definitely show you a lot of great places and tell you some stories. Highly recommended!</p>

This was a great educational tour...

This was a great educational tour. We ended out Vikings Homelands on Viking Cruise ships with this land tour while we stayed in Sweden. It was nice to get away form the city and see some of the country side. The town we had lunch in was very quiet and peaceful. Our driver and tour guide was knowledgeable and friendly. I would definitely take this tour again.

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Great day trip. Smooth pick up and nice little bus to take us around. The tour guide was excellent, kept us all entertained and educated. The areas we visited were beautiful and intriguing. Nice stop for refreshments and very impressed by the old stones and countryside.

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Truly wonderful. I had a splendid time taking this half-day tour while in Stockholm. It was limited to a tiny group of people and our guide, who was friendly, pleasant, and incredible knowledgeable, led us to many of the most fascinating and beautiful Viking sights. I probably would not have had a chance to visit these ruins and sights in person otherwise. Highly recommended

Fantastic guided tour

My husband and I signed up with Stockholm Excursions for a Viking history day trip out of Stockholm. On a tour of about six hours we visited a number of sites--the Jarlabanke Runestones at Taby, a working farm where we had a delicious fika (traditional Swedish coffee break), and the town of Sigtuna, Sweden's first capital and the site of the ruins of the twelfth-century St. Olaf's Church and the still standing thirteenth-century Mariakyrkan. We had a great time on the tour, and we learned a lot about Viking history and Swedish history more generally. Our guide was not only very knowledgeable on all of the topics we discussed but also very friendly and helpful. Even though we weren't staying in a hotel, StoEx was happy to pick us up and drop us off at our (relatively central) accommodations in Stockholm. We were both very pleased with the tour and highly recommend it.

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This is a trip to be highly recommended. We were picked up from our Stockholm hotel at the agreed time in a very comfortable minibus. We were given a tour of many Viking era sites and our guide was both entertaining and very knowledgeable on virtually any subject. We were taken to a farmhouse where we saw the Granby rune stone and were given coffee and warm apple pie. The tour finished with a visit to both old and modern Uppsala. There were many highlights but the burial mounds were not to be missed. We enjoyed our day. The weather could not have been better

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Guide was very knowledgeable and made the trip thoroughly enjoyable. He takes you to a few of the Viking Runic stones, you get to see a lot of the Swedish country scene-very beautiful. You also get a nice a Banana cake and sweet apple juice like none you've had in your life when you stop at a farm he seems to know well. A stop at a small town with great little shops and lots of green and water. My only regret is that we didn't tip him more! Must do.