

## **Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers Sweden Tour 2023**



### **Day 1 - Sunday, June 18th- Depart from Lindsborg, KS to Chicago, IL (O'Hare Airport)**

Sunday evening we depart by charter bus from SVHS to Chicago O'Hare airport to begin our Sweden Tour. We will be traveling overnight from Lindsborg to Chicago.

### **Day 2- Monday, June 19th- Chicago O'Hare Airport**

We will arrive Monday morning by chartered bus into Chicago (O'Hare Airport). We will proceed through security and find our international terminal for departure. We will depart from Chicago in the afternoon aboard SAS flight 946Y and travel overnight to Stockholm (Arlanda International Airport).

### **Day 3- Tuesday, June 20th- Arlanda Airport Sweden- Stockholm, SE**

Early Tuesday morning arrival into Arlanda International Airport, near Stockholm Sweden. Our tour will begin with charter bus transportation to visit and spend the day at Skansen, the World's Oldest Open Air Museum in Stockholm. After Skansen we will travel by charter bus to our overnight accommodation The Generator Hostel in Stockholm. There will be free time after dinner and we can split up into groups to explore the area.

### **Day 4- Wednesday, June 21st- Stockholm, SE**

Day 2 in Stockholm will include our visit to the Vasa Ship Museum, Sweden's pride and joy during the 17th Century that sank on its maiden voyage just inside the harbor. From there we will visit Sweden's royal courtyard to watch the changing of the guard ceremony. We will then split into groups to explore Gamla Stan (Stockholm's old downtown) in the afternoon. The groups can then visit inside the Royal Palace, visit the Crown Jewels, Etc. After our time in Gamla Stan we will travel by charter bus back to the Generator Hostel in Stockholm. There will be free time after dinner and then we can split up into groups to explore the area.

**Day 5- Thursday, June 22nd- Stockholm, SE to Orebro, SE to Munkfors, SE to Ransberg, SE**

We will travel by charter bus (2.5 hrs) from Stockholm to Orebro, Sweden to the Wadköping Open Air Museum. We will have a late morning performance in the main square of the museum. We will then load up the charter bus and travel (2 hr 15 min) from Orebro to Munkfors, SE. In Munkfors we will visit with City officials before proceeding to our overnight accommodations at Scout Camp in Ransberg, SE. We will have free time this evening to explore the campground site and other activities.

**Day 6- Friday, June 23rd- Ransberg, SE to Ransäter, SE**

Friday, June 23rd is Sweden's Midsummer's Eve, the celebration of the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. We will start the day with a short charter bus ride into Munkfors, where we will have a mid-morning performance at the local retirement home. We will then travel by bus to Ransäter, SE to the Ransäter Homestead to have lunch and then participate in raising the Midsummer's pole. In the afternoon we are guests for the Värmländers performance. This is a musical/play production. That evening we are participating in the Midsummer procession, playing of folk music, folk dancing, food, and raising of the Midsummer Pole. After we are done celebrating we will travel back to the Scout Camp in Ransberg, SE for our second overnight stay.

**Day 7- Saturday, June 24th- Ransberg, SE to Sunnemo, SE to Munkfors, SE, to Lysekil, SE**

After a long evening of celebrating and having fun at Midsummer, we will travel by charter bus to Sunnemo Church to learn about the history of Sunnemo Church and its connection to Lindsborg and Bethany College. We will then participate in a short service before doing a short performance outside the church in the courtyard. From Sunnemo we will travel by bus back to Munkfors for lunch before proceeding (4 hrs) to the West Coast of Sweden. On the West Coast is the small town of Lysekil. Lysekil is where some of my current family members reside. We will be staying overnight at the Hotel Lysekil. There will be free time after dinner and then we can split up into groups to explore Lysekil for the evening.

**Day 8- Sunday, June 25th- Lysekil, SE**

We will start the day with a visit to the beautiful granite built, large stained window Lysekil Church for a very casual mid-morning service. After lunch we will have our performance located in Lysekil's City Park (Stadpark). Stadpark is a very busy place during the summer months and is the center of all things happening in Lysekil. After our performance as an option we will revisit the church on the hill. Inside we will have the opportunity to light a prayer candle and the Lysell-Alkire family will join us here as well. Within a short walk is Lysekil's Lookout Tower. We will take in the views from an elevated perspective looking down upon the city and ocean front views. In the evening we will be grilling and enjoying some sand between our toes at Pinnevik

Beach. Near the beach is the marina, hiking trails and sand volleyball courts. We will conclude the night back at Hotel Lysekil.

### **Day 9- Monday, June 26th- Lysekil, SE to Gothenburg, SE**

Our day will start off with traveling by charter bus from Lysekil to Gothenburg. The bus will then drop us off for a fun day of wild roller coasters and spinning rides at Scandinavia's greatest amusement park Liseberg. Who will ride Europe's longest diving roller coaster "Valkyria"? We will be at the amusement park much of the day and into the early evening before checking into the Kvibergs Vandrarhem Hostel for the night. This location does have laundry facilities so we will plan accordingly if anyone needs to wash clothes.

### **Day 10- Tuesday, June 27th- Gothenburg, SE**

We will start the day visiting and touring Sweden's second largest city. We will split up into groups to explore downtown, everything is within walking distance in Gothenburg. You can make a visit to the Skansen Kronan or maybe you just like to sightsee. We will then all meet back up again in the afternoon to go onboard the Paddan Canal Tour boat. This sightseeing boat tour will take us under 20 low bridges and out into the main harbor to see the shipyard, fishing harbor, and other maritime sites all with a live guide onboard. We will then spend the remainder of the afternoon meeting up with other youth folk dancers from Gothenburg. We will visit the hall they use to practice, dance, play music, and enjoy other fun activities. This will be a casual afternoon and evening so no costumes. It will be an evening of visiting and meeting new people that share our same interest in traditional folk dance and music. Afterwards we will then bus back to the Kvibergs Vandrarhem Hostel for one last night.

### **Day 11- Wednesday, June 28th- Gothenburg, SE to Kosta, SE to Kalmar, SE**

Today we will start our day on the West Coast and end our day on the East Coast of Sweden. We start with a charter bus ride to Kosta, Sweden, home of Orrefors Kosta Boda Glassworks. Here we will experience the creation of glass, from a syrupy hot mass to sparkling crystal when we visit the hot shop. You can visit the factory on your own or take a guided tour. Remember OSHA is only in the USA so be careful around the hot glass handlers. From Kosta we will then continue our travels to Kalmar. We will be staying in 4-person cottages (stugas) on a campsite in Kalmar (First Camp-Stenso) where you can spend time on the beach, swim, play mini golf, etc. There will be plenty of places to explore as we settle here for the night.

### **Day 12- Thursday, June 29th- Kalmar, SE to Vimmerby, SE**

After a short bus ride from our camp we will visit the Kalmar Slott (castle). This 800 year old castle has been home to many Kings and Queens during its history. Can you imagine the fierce battles that must have taken place here between Sweden and other Scandinavia countries. We will tour at our own pace exploring all corners of the castle inside and out. After our time at the castle we will jump back on the charter bus and make our way to Vimmerby, Sweden. Upon

arrival in Vimmerby we will check into our Stugas at the Ovgarden. In the evening we will be grilling out and there will be free time to explore the small town of Vimmerby.

### **Day 13- Friday, June 30th- Vimmerby, SE**

We will start the day with a visit to Astrid Lindgren's World (Pippi Longstocking). The park's settings are taken from Astrid Lindgren's stories about the adventures of Pippi Longstocking. The park is set up with many different outdoor theatre's where visitors can experience the characters from Astrid Lindgren's books in their real life setting. The City of Vimmerby has helped by promoting our performance as one of the main event attractions taking place in the city's Central Square. We will perform in Vimmerby's Central City Square in the early evening. The square is the center of all entertainment with restaurants and ice cream parlors all located within the area. We will spend much of the late afternoon and evening at the square. Performing is a live local band Lifvens Vanner, LSFD, and other youth entertainers with the local theater. We will then end the day back at the Ovgarden for the night's stay.

### **Day 14- Saturday, July 1st- Vimmerby, SE to Linkoping, SE to Stockholm, SE**

Our day will start with loading the charter bus and traveling North to Linkoping, Sweden. Here, we will be performing at the Galma Linkoping Open-Air Museum. After the performance we will load the charter bus and take a short drive to the Gota Canal and see the Bergs Locks. This is a fascinating example of engineering to see; boats travel through the canal channel at different water elevations using a system of (7) interconnected water locks. After experiencing the locks we will jump back onto the charter bus and make our way North again to Stockholm, Sweden. Here we will finish the day and check-in to our overnight accommodations at the Zinkensdamm Hostel.

### **Day 15- Sunday, July 2nd- Stockholm, SE**

We will return to the Skansen Open-Air Museum in Stockholm for our last full day in Sweden. We will be doing a dual performance with the Skansen Folk Dancers on their stage in the museum park. The Skansen dancers will perform first and we will follow with our own performance. We will have extra time on this day to visit those sites we may have missed at the start of our trip. We will spend our last night in Stockholm and Sweden at the Zinkensdamm Hostel. Early to bed for an early morning departure for the airport.

### **Day 16- Monday July 3rd- Return from Stockholm, SE to Chicago O'Hare Airport to Lindsborg, KS**

We will leave bright and early by charter bus for the Stockholm-Arlanda International Airport. We will proceed through security and find our international terminal for departure. We will depart from Stockholm mid-morning aboard SAS flight 945Y traveling back home to Chicago O'Hare Airport. Once back in Chicago we will board our charter bus for the long drive back home to Lindsborg, KS. Expected return into Lindsborg will be close to midnight on July 3rd.