

TRIUMPH SWEDEN 2012

The idea for this tour was conceived by a Stag Owners Club member following a previous Scandinavian tour they had participated in. On this trip they had encountered the Triumph club of Sweden on their annual club classic car rally. Having seen the details then appear in the club newsletter contact was made and the idea came to fruition that it would be a great idea to get a contingent of UK Triumph clubs members out to the event.



With good ferry links from Harwich to Esbjerg, fantastic Scandinavian scenery and a club event and rally to take part in makes for a good start to the tour. The tour then takes a change of pace as we take a Gota Canal cruise (optional) lasting two days and one night before we drive south to Copenhagen Historic Grand Prix. This event has been running for over five years now and is set within the pretty Fælledparken it attracts some great cars and promotes exciting racing. Once again we shall be greeted this time by Club Triumph Denmark and given a warm welcome which is to include parade laps of the circuit.

We have carefully selected some very nice hotels and there will be some great driving to be enjoyed. This two week trip promises to be quite an experience. We are limiting numbers on the tour to 20 cars so register your interest asap.

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Day 1 Tuesday 24 July

Depart Harwich on the DFDS sailing to Esbjerg. This overnight sailing departs at 17.45h and we will have pre-arranged the safe loading of our cars after check in. Your 2 berth cabins with sea view are reserved for you and we have included dinner in the ship's a la carte restaurant for the group.

Day 2 Wednesday 25 July

Esbjerg – Malmö 200 miles all motorway

Our ship docks at Esbjerg at 13.00h. From the port we will drive via the main routes passing over the impressive bridges to Malmö. We stay in the centre of Malmö in the Marriott Renaissance hotel where our cars can be securely kept overnight. Dinner is included.

Day 3 Thursday 26 July

*Malmö – Jonköping
180 miles all motorway*

We head North along a mixture of main and country roads taking in the beautiful Scandinavian scenery. This evening we stay on Lake Vattern in the town of Jonköping. Our hotel is a short walk from bars and restaurants and this evening we will have a typical Swedish dinner (included) in a local restaurant.

Day 4 Friday 27 July *Jonkoping – Norrkoping 110 miles all motorway*

We travel along the lake heading North up to Norkoping to register for the Triumph Club Sweden weekend activities. This evening we join our Scandinavian compatriots for a barbeque (cost included) they are hosting. We stay with the other Club Triumph members at the Scandic Hotel Nord for two nights.

Day 5 Saturday 28 July *Norrkoping Triumph Rally (approx. 60 miles)*

After breakfast we join the Club rally with 75 entries plus our group expected, taking in the nice surroundings and following a carefully prepared map. This evening there will be a club dinner (cost included)

Day 6 Sunday 29 July *Norrkoping*

At this juncture in the tour we are giving the group the option of joining an organised two day one night canal cruise along the Gota Canal. Details are below. Alternatively you can take two days at your own pace perhaps with a visit to Stockholm reconvening with the cruise group on Monday evening or on Tuesday in Gothenburg. Advice and arrangements.....

For those joining the boat cruise we leave our cars safely tucked away at the Scandic nord hotel and board our bus taking us to Motala to join our Gota Canal cruise.

The Mini Canal Cruise is the perfect choice for anyone wishing to try a short canal cruise. Despite spending only one night on the ship we promise you many great experiences and memories.

This cruise takes you through the picturesque Östgöta section of the Göta Canal, journeying from Motala on the shore of Lake Vättern to the idyllic town of Söderköping.

You will enjoy the beautiful eastern section of the canal onboard of M/S Wilhelm Tham, as well as lovely food and great company.

On the way, we pass Borensberg with its well known Göta Canal hotel, two aqueducts, Lake Roxen and Lake Asplången as well as Berg with an impressive flight of 11 locks.



Included:

- Two days and one night on board
(dock for the night at the locks at Berg)
- Full board and lodging
(one breakfast, two 2-course lunches and one 3-course dinner)
- Visit to Runstorp säteri (Runstorp manor)

Day 7 Monday 30 July

We enjoy the rest of our picturesque cruise before docking at 16.00 in Soderköping. We shall be collected by bus and returned to the Scandic Hotel nord where we will stay that night with dinner included.

Day 8 Tuesday 31 July *Norrkoping to Gothenburg 200 miles 80% motorway*

Sweden's second largest city is undergoing a transformation from industrial seaport to contemporary cultural and international sports venue. With the addition of the Gothenburg Opera in 1994 and a

revamping of some of the city's museums, its cultural landscape is also changing – all for the better.

Perhaps the most surprising change in Gothenburg is in its restaurants and other eateries. The city has gained an international reputation for innovative cuisine using local produce, mainly north Atlantic fish and shellfish. Gothenburg boasts several Michelin Guide restaurants which should not be missed when you visit.

We stay in the city center in the Novotel for three nights overlooking the harbour. With dinner included and secure parking.

Day 9 & 10 Wednesday 1 & Thursday 2 August

We have two days off in Gothenburg to enjoy the surroundings, take a trip on Gothenburg's answer to the London eye or simply to relax and take in the café culture for 'fika' (a drink, usually coffee, and a bite) or indulge in food markets, impressive museums.



Day 11 Friday 3 August

Gothenburg to Copenhagen

180 miles all motorway

We drive down the West coast into Copenhagen, we stay at the Crowne Plaza for three nights situated on the edge of the park where the racing takes place. We have secure parking for the cars throughout the weekend. Dinner included.

Day 12 Saturday 4 August

Historic Grand Prix

After breakfast we meet up with the Danish Triumph club and have opportunity to do our bit for charity in giving passenger rides for the event "driving with hospitalized children from Copenhagen University Hospital" and will give you the possibility to drive a few rounds on the race track. We also have access to the classic car club where lunch is included and there is parking on the circuit.



Day 13 Sunday 5 August *Historic Grand Prix*

We can watch the racing once again with classic club tickets giving us hospitality throughout the day.

Day 14 Monday 6 August *Copenhagen to Esbjerg 180 miles*

We check out of our hotel this morning and have a relaxed day to get back to Esbjerg for the 18.45 sailing back to Harwich. Once again we have comfortable on board accommodation with a porthole reserved and dinner included.

Day 15 Tuesday 7 August

Harwich to home

The ferry arrives back into Harwich today at 12.00h.

The cost

£2859 per person based on two in a car sharing a twin/double room

£2989 based on one person in a car and single occupancy



What's included?

- Return ferry sailings with DFDS including cabin accommodation and evening meal each way
- 11 nights hotel accommodation on bed and breakfast basis
- Dinner on 7 of the evenings
- Lunch included on Saturday of the Copenhagen Historic Grand Prix
- Services of an experienced tour manager

Optional excursion

- 2 day 1 night Gota Canal cruise including accommodation cost £380 per person based on two sharing a main deck cabin.

To book:

A £250 per person deposit is required by 1st April 2012

Balance required by 1st June

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