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STOCKHOLM SWEDEN

**In three words, Stockholm is... “Royal, breathtaking, trendy”...
“Something for everyone!”... “Fantastic, romantic and wonderful”...**

The capital of Scandinavia is built on 14 islands scattered around. The ever-present blue and clean water defines and sets Stockholm apart. The Swedes live with and on the water, play and take advantage of it. Stockholm is split between built-up areas, green spaces and sparkling water. The cosmopolitan city contrasts with the nature: the quality of life is hard to match.

Stockholm is also referred to as “the Royal Capital”. The Swedish monarchy is one of the oldest in the world. Sweden has had a king or queen for more than a thousand years and has been a democracy (constitutional monarchy) since 1921. Still today the royal family plays a natural and important role in society. Stockholm’s history spans from the beginning of the 13th century onwards, which

means almost 800 years of culture, battles and historical monuments.

Love and respect for nature are key elements of the Swedish soul and sustainability is always high on the agenda in Stockholm. Residents live among parks or many other recreational areas allowing them to escape from time to time from the lively city.

Stockholm is known for design, food, new lifestyles, architecture and its archipelago of 30.000 islands and reefs. Sophisticated but friendly, this beautiful city has lots of attractions to offer.

Welcome to Stockholm and its never ending summer nights!

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON
<http://www.visitstockholm.com>





CLARION STOCKHOLM
BY NORDIC CHOICE



THE VENUE

The Clarion Hotel Stockholm will host our 10th Annual Conference.

When entering for the first time the main lobby, we were immediately wrapped in a nice atmosphere. With extended experience in the organization of conferences and other events, the staff is friendly and professional, and knows how to take care of customers.

The Clarion offers conference rooms, VIP rooms, lounges, dining and cocktail areas,... all designed in a modern and stylish way. 17 rooms accommodate from 10 to 190 delegates while the banquet hall can host up to 500 persons, which makes an overall capacity of 1000 attendees!

The Clarion Hotel venue assigned us a personal project manager who is following our project from the beginning until the end. The project manager, and the Clarion team, has done her best to accommodate all our demands, with professionalism and humor.



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HOW TO GET TO THE CLARION HOTEL



METRO TO SKANSTULL

Take the green line southbound towards Skanstull station (the 4th station after Central).



BUS

Numbers 3, 4, 55 and 74 to Skanstull.



FROM ARLANDA AIRPORT

Arlanda Express to Stockholm Central Station
Take the metro, green line, south direction, to Skanstull station.



TAXI

Taxi Stockholm, Taxi 020 and Taxi Kurir have a set price from Arlanda to Stockholm.



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STANDING BUFFET RECEPTION

The City of Stockholm is pleased to host a buffet reception at the Stockholm City Hall for the participants of the EMN 10th Annual Conference.

The City Hall, with its imposing facades and interior in National Romantic style, is one of the best known buildings in Sweden. It was built by the architect Ragnar Östberg and inaugurated on 1923 Midsummer's Eve. So, exactly 90 years ago!

200 people share their office and meeting rooms in the City Hall, among which members of the Municipal Council. This famous monument houses ceremonial halls and beautiful art pieces. The City Hall is also the venue of the Nobel Prize ceremony, each December 10.

The building can be visited all year long, and during the summer, the City Hall Tower (106 meters high) is also accessible: it gives a stunning view on the whole Stockholm!



STOCKHOLM CITY HALL

Hantverkargatan 1
112 21 Stockholm



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USEFUL INFORMATION



TRANSPORTS

Stockholm Public Transport "SL" (<http://sl.se/en>) manages buses, metros, commuter trains, trams and some ferries in Greater Stockholm. The subway (divided into 3 zones) is easy to go around: each ticket is valid for an hour and can be purchased at SL centers, Metro kiosks or newsagent kiosks, and machines at bus stops. 1, 3 or 7-day cards are also available, or the 24hr, 48hr or 72hr-Stockholm Cards (including entry to attractions and museums).

TAXIS

Many companies share the market. Always make sure to choose taxis with metered fares, meaning the ones with yellow number plates. Credit cards are usually accepted, and fares vary a lot as there's no national regulation on them. Check the price before entering.



MONEY

The national currency is the Swedish Krona ("SEK" or "kr"). Coins are available in 1kr, 5kr or 10kr, and notes in 20kr, 50kr, 100kr, 500kr and 1000kr. 1 € - 8.5 SEK (Central Bank website <http://www.ecb.int>)



TELEPHONE

The country code for Sweden is 46. The area code for Stockholm is 8. Phone numbers are 5 to 8 digits.



WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

If you need to contact emergencies, here below you'll find the most useful numbers:

- **Swedish Police, Fire, Ambulance:** 112
- **Poison control:** 331 231 (after 17:00 call 112)
- **Hospital directory:** 171 000
- **Rescue and fire service:** 540 4600
- **Security:** 222 0700
- **24hr hospital :** Sjukhusbacken 10, 118 61 Stockholm (Tel: 08-616 10 00)
- **Dental clinic:** City-Akuten Tandvård (dental emergencies) Olof Palmes gata 13 A, T-bana: Hötorget; Open daily: 8:00 -20:00 (Tel: 08-412 29 00)
- **24hr Pharmacy:** Apotek C.W. Scheele, Klarabergsgatan 64, Stockholm (located across from the Central Railway Station, near Åhlens Department Store) Tel: 0771 - 450 450



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