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Swedish Christmas - a very traditional experience

Enjoy the festive season the Swedish way, with twinkling Christmas trees, masses of candles, and traditional Christmas buffets with cold and warm meats, fish dishes, cheeses and home-made sweets. You can also celebrate Advent, drink mulled wine and enjoy the magical atmosphere of the Lucia celebrations on 13 December

Here's everything you need to know about the Swedish Christmas traditions



Visit Gothenburg and West Sweden this Christmas

Christmas is a magical time in Gothenburg. The darkest time of the day is when our beautiful city shines its brightest. The city centre will be decorated with lights, and the beautifully lit façades, statues, trees and bridges create

a wonderful festive atmosphere.

Most of the shops are open every day during the holiday season and you'll find Christmas markets dotted all over the city. Many restaurants offer a special Christmas buffet starting from mid-November. The official switch on of Christmas City Gothenburg will take place on Thursday November 30th in Götaplatsen.

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Millions of Christmas lights at Liseberg

In the glow of millions of Christmas lights, Liseberg turns into a dazzling winter wonderland. 'Christmas at Liseberg' is Sweden's largest Christmas market with around 500,000 visitors and some eighty boutiques and shops, rides that are open over winter, and restaurants serving festive delights.

Every day there will be a sparkling ice ballet with a Nutcracker theme followed by a spectacular light show. Little ones - and big ones in touch with their inner child - can visit Santa's world, go on a treasure hunt and greet the reindeer. New for this year are the fantastic light decorations in the Liseberg Gardens.

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Christmas smorgasbord (julbord) in Smögen

Come and enjoy Musselbaren's Christmas smorgasbord in Smögen, just two hours north of Gothenburg. Get a west coast Christmas dinner experience which

focuses on creating a genuine atmosphere using local produce, in a setting rich with years of traditional Swedish handicraft.

Mussels will of course take centre stage in their version of a Swedish Christmas smorgasbord, but the restaurant also offers traditional dishes as well as other kinds of shellfish, meats and veggie creations.

The chefs at Musselbaren have already started to create exciting new dishes and taste sensations with their own twist.

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Celebrate Lucia with a church concert

Lots of Lucia concerts take place in Gothenburg. Domkyrkan, for instance, the city centre cathedral, celebrates Lucia with four concerts from December 9th – 13th. In Oskar Fredrik's Church, Oskar Fredrik's Cecilia Choir, the Chamber Choir and Sinfonietta will brighten up the winter darkness with beautiful lights and tones. Enjoy all the classic Lucia carols and hear some new pieces at the same time. There will also be a Lucia procession for children and their families led by the children's choir Musikul and the Cecilia Choir.

[More information here](#)



Enjoy the Paddan Christmas Tour

During the 'Christmas at Liseberg' celebrations you can take the Paddan canal boat straight to the magical Christmas market. The adventure starts on the quayside with warming mulled wine and ginger snaps by the fire. On board you can enjoy the splendid views and guided talk as usual, with added festive Christmas music.

[Read more about Paddan Christmas Tour](#)



Hallins Hus - Slussen's new gourmet autumn and winter restaurant

Slussens Pensionat on the wonderful island of Orust, is opening a new gourmet autumn and winter restaurant. It's called Hallins hus, and will be a little bit of paradise on earth during these lovely, cosy seasons when the land is at its best.

Most of the dishes served will be cooked outdoors on the barbecue. Both wines and alcohol free drinks will be carefully chosen to enhance the meal. There's no menu – just turn up – and a selection of dishes will be served as the evening proceeds. In December the experience will be Christmassy in the best sense of the word!

[Book a whole package – with woodfired sauna, dinner, bed & breakfast here](#)



Christmas in the countryside in West Sweden

Get a flavour of Christmas in the countryside by visiting one of the traditional markets held in the quaint towns across the region. Potter around rustic market stalls



Wonderful Christmas packages

It's time to book your traditional Christmas experience in West Sweden. Enjoy a delicious Christmas buffet packed full of festive favourites, with plenty of twinkling fairy lights, stylishly

selling arts and crafts, and indulge in scrumptious festive food.

decorated trees and old-fashioned Christmas markets.

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Winter kayaking in West Sweden

Winter kayaking gives you unrivalled access to Sweden's west coast, the Bohuslän archipelago and its wildlife. Harbour seals now venture in to the inner archipelago. Little auks, guillemots and black guillemots enjoy the open waters here before heading to the Arctic in springtime, and as the big freeze covers the lakes of Dalsland, goldeneyes and goosander also gather here.

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