



Sustainable Sweden Tour

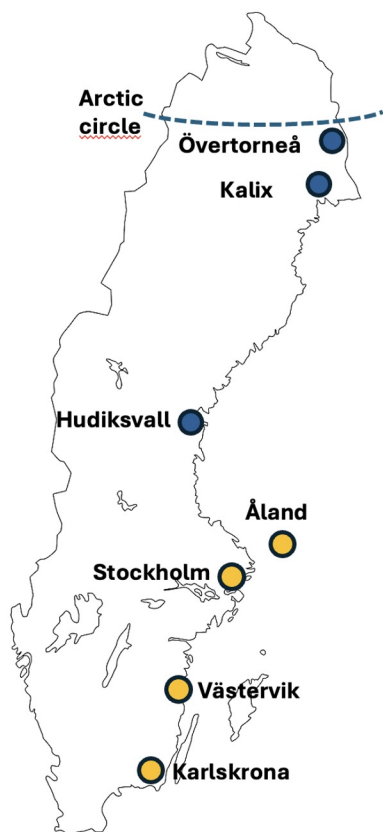
May 11 – 26, 2024

INVITATION

Sustainable Sweden Association is providing an opportunity to visit Sweden for an experience of inspiration and learning. The educational program covers two weeks and it is optional to be part of the full tour or to choose only the Northern or Southern tour. You are invited to join along with participants from all around the world!

ECOMUNICIPALITY CONCEPT – IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

STUDY-VISITS | PRESENTATIONS | WORKSHOPS | DIALOGUES



Guiding themes for the Tour:

Climate actions and Regenerative development

- Framework for Strategic Sustainable Development (FFSD) The theory and practical implementation in municipalities, research, education, and sustainable entrepreneurship
- The history and the present of the national network of Swedish ecomunicipalities
- Social sustainability, Democracy and participation
Indigenous culture, Swedish welfare
- Ecological sustainability; Biodiversity, Food security.
Forestry, Biogas, Electricity, Water and waste management
- Sustainability in business and education





Tour program plan

Sat May 11	Arrival to Stockholm	Welcome to our Northern tour ! Meet your fellow travellers during an introduction dinner at Stockholm.
Sun May 12	Stockholm – Luleå - Kalix	Flight to Luleå in the morning. Bus to Kalix. Receive Introduction to Sweden, the history of ecomunicipalities and the introduction to the concept of ecomunicipality 5.0. Torbjörn Lahti, chairman of Sustainable Sweden Association.
Mon May 13	Kalix	Visit to The House of Care and learn about social, economic and ecological sustainability. Learn more about how food is connected to local development and food security. Talk about the future with teenagers and listen to the Mayor presenting the ecomunicipality.
Tue May 14	Kalix Övertorneå	Meet representatives from Ecomunicipalities from all around Sweden, at Sekom's annual conference. Travel to Övertorneå and the Arctic Circle. Welcome by the Mayor Tomas Mörtberg. Dinner while listening to the history of Övertorneå -- the first Swedish ecomunicipality -- and its link with nature and indigenous culture.
Wed May 15	Övertorneå	40 years as an ecomunicipality! Current development program. "Family House," -- a cross sectoral meeting place for families. Presentation of programs for biodiversity and waste management. "Utveckling Nord" (Development North) - International Training Institution related to labor workforce development. Visiting restored historical sites for agriculture — celebrating nature, culture & history.
Thu May 16	Sundsvall Hudiksvall	Travel to Hudiksvall, and stop at Sundsvall for a visit and dinner.
Fri May 17	Hudiksvall	The municipality presents their Framework for Strategic Sustainable Development (FSSD) and how we develop the municipality to take steps towards sustainability. Business and municipality are presenting their collaboration on all dimensions of sustainability, with a lens on climate change. We will investigate systemic solutions; the Quintuple Helix framework; discuss electrification innovation and do site visits.
Sat May 18	Stockholm	The final day of the Northern tour ! Share your experience and say goodbye to the group, or join us for the Southern tour.
Sun May 19	Stockholm Åland	Take the ferry to the archipelago of Åland, Finland, and explore the local nature surroundings. The newcomers will benefit from an orientation session with the chairman of Sustainable Sweden Association, Torbjörn Lahti. After dinner, enjoy a first presentation about Åland.
Mon May 20	Åland	At the Parliament we will learn more about this unique "country", one of the oldest autonomies in the world. How they work with a cultural, value transformation towards a sustainable society. Presentations and study visits with choices to learn about social empowerment and sustainable consumption, food and fish production, biological diversity (water, wetland) or sustainable banking.

Tue May 21	Stockholm Västervik	Take the ferry back to Sweden and go to Västervik. Stop at Eskilstuna for a lunch visit.
Wed May 22	Västervik	Discover Västervik, a water-shortage zone in Scandinavia in a changing climate. Energy is a theme here. Sustainable Municipal housing. Climate protection measures that prevent drought and torrential rain. Presentation of the unique collaboration between the Ecomunicipality and farmers. Recirculation of nutrition, limitation of eutrophication, access to water, biodiversity.
Thu May 23	Västervik Karlskrona	Morning study visit, and then travel to Läckeby for a lecture about biogas, followed by a biogas study visit and lunch. Then travel on to Karlskrona for visiting the Blekinge Institute of Technology (BTH). We will hear more about the development of the Framework for Strategic Sustainable Development (FSSD).
Fri May 24	Karlskrona	We have now reached the beautiful archipelago in South Sweden and we will visit the headquarters of the National Association of Swedish Eco-municipalities, Sekom. Here in Karlskrona we will start the morning with learning about Karlskrona's ecomunicipality program --- including goals and challenges.
Sat May 25	Karlskrona Copenhagen	For our last morning on the tour, reflect on your experience and have an evaluation discussion with the other participants. Take the train to Copenhagen for a farewell dinner and some free time in the Danish capital-city.
Sun May 26	Travel	Goodbye, and have a safe travel home !