



Experience Swedish countryside on bikes

Countryside - Nature - Glass - "Fika" - Culture

Go on a two-day bike trip through Småland's idyllic countryside. Cycle on the endless country roads, stop by interesting places, create new memories and experience the joy of long-distance cycling.

Suitable for those:

- Wanting to cycle longer distances to fully appreciate the beautiful nature in the Kingdom of Glass. Estimated cycling time about 3-5 hours per day.
- Wanting an all-inclusive bike trip, including accommodation and meals, that offers a variety of sights and activities.

Tip:

- Rent, or bring your own, electric bike if you prefer a more comfortable experience. Take the opportunity to charge your bike's battery during your "fika" (coffee breaks) and lunch.
- Leave a bag with a change of clothes at Ödevata Country Hotel, which you will need when you come back on day 2.
- Buy snacks during your breaks and lunches when you pass the towns.

Overview:

- 1 night at Rugstorps Lantgård (farm), shared double room
- 1 night at Ödevata Country Hotel, shared double room
- Your room includes bed sheets, towels and breakfast.
- Packed snack bag, 2 days
- Packed food bag, 2 evenings

Price (Excluding bike rental): SEK 1920 per person

Optional extras:

- + single room: + SEK 550 / 2 nights
- + electric bike: + SEK 770 / 2 days
- + guided tour at Ödevata: + SEK 500 / group
- + sauna raft rental at Ödevata: + SEK 500 / group

Below you can read more about what our all-inclusive bike trip includes:



Day 1

Estimated cycling time: 4.5 hours

You will start at Ödevata Country Hotel. It is possible to finish the trip on a regular bike, but for those who want to be a little more comfortable, we recommend an electric bike. You can rent regular bikes and electric bikes at Ödevata Country Hotel. It depends on if you want to take it easy, or work out your calves. The roads are relatively flat, but an electric bike still helps.

The first leg of the trip is on smaller country roads, where you will be surrounded by nature, countryside, and the occasional stone walls guarding each farm. After about less than an hour, you will arrive at *Toresbo nature reserve*. You can take a break here and recharge your energy from the snacks in the packed bag you received before departure.

Cycle for an hour, you will arrive in *Pukeberg*. Take the opportunity to have a “fika” (coffee break) or lunch at *Café Hos Oss* on *Pukebergarnasväg 24*. You can also charge your bike’s battery there. When you are in *Pukeberg*, you should also visit the glass shop which is located just above the café.

After *Pukeberg*, you will enter the town of *Nybro*. Here you can stock up for the rest of the trip with snacks and drinks. In *Nybro*, you will find many interesting places to visit, make a small detour and check out; *Nybro glassworks*, *James Bond museum*, and *Madesjö Hembygdsmuseum* (the Swedish folk museum).

Cycle another 30 minutes, you will reach the small town of *Kristvallabrunn*. The town became known in the 18th century for its well with healing water. People went on pilgrimages to the town to drink the healing water. *Kristvallabrunn* is one of Kingdom of Glass’ smaller communities with intact reminders of the past.

You then continue on country roads with nature constantly by your side. After about an hour, you will arrive at *Stödstop 132*. You can take a break here to recharge your energy and the bike’s battery before continuing.

The journey continues towards *Rugstorps Lantgård* (Rugstorp farm). To reach *Rugstorps Lantgård* from *Stödstop 132*, it takes just under an hour. On the way, you will pass the entrance to *Skåningsmåla Mohair*, where you can make a quick stop and visit their craft shop. You will go pass them again at the start of day 2, as the distance between road 125 and *Rugstorps Lantgård* is the same both days.

At *Rugstorps Lantgård*, comfortable beds and packed food bags await. Enjoy the countryside, relax and prepare for tomorrow's journey.

Day 2

Estimated cycling time: 4 hours

The day starts with breakfast, which consists mostly of "on-farm-produced" foods. You can also book a guided farm tour of *Rugstorps Lantgård* and learn about what they are doing. However, you need to book no later than one day before your arrival.

Before setting off, you will receive another packed bag with snacks inside that you can enjoy on your breaks. You will first pass *Skåningsmåla Mohair* again on your way to *Stödstop 132*, which should take you less than an hour. When you arrive at *Stödstop 132*, be sure to take a break to have “fika” and charge the bike's battery.



Your journey continues towards *Kristvalla* and there you turn off onto new roads. It will lead you through the Småland countryside and smaller communities. The road passes through almost endless pine forests, where it is nice to take a rest. The sunlight shining through the tree gaps and the snacks from the packed bag will energize you.

Continue for about an hour, you will arrive in the central parts of *Nybro*. Take the opportunity to visit any destinations you did not have time for during day 1, and buy supplies for the rest of the trip.

10 more minutes you will reach *Café Hos Oss* on *Pukebergarnasväg 24*. If you haven't had lunch, we recommend you to have it here and remember to charge the bike's battery too. Before continuing your trip, you can stop by *Pukeberg's exhibition hall* and look at Swedish handicrafts.

The journey continues on less winding country roads. You will pass *Madesjö*, where the local community association has an exhibition that shows what life in the country looked like in the olden days. You can also take a small detour to *Glasrikets Älgpark* (the moose park) and go on one of their guided tours.

Cycle for another half an hour, you will arrive at *MickeJohan's glass art studio*. It is one of Kingdom of Glass' finest glass studio cabins, owned by a glass artist who is passionate about genuine glass craftsmanship. At *MickeJohans* you will find a studio cabin that is known for its advanced technologies, and a glass store next door. Take a look inside and marvel at what can be done with the hard but fragile material, glass.

Continue through the small community of *Örsjö* on small country roads. You can stop at one of the lakes in *Örsjö* for a swim, or you can continue onwards through the Småland countryside.

Within an hour, you will arrive at your final destination, *Ödevata Country Hotel*. If you have booked the sauna raft beforehand, then it will be heated and ready for you. Or if you booked a guided tour about our "Conservatory of the future" that talks about our sustainability work, we will be ready for you. We cultivate using aquaponics and grow all sorts of fruits and vegetables. For example, bananas are grown all year round and is very popular amongst our guests.

Rest in the comfortable hotel beds and enjoy the packed food bags while you digest all the experiences from your two days journey on a bike through Småland.

Breakfast will be served on day 3. At and around *Ödevata*, there are many nature experiences and outdoor activities to do before returning home. Check out "Activities" for more inspiration and information.

What are you waiting for? Embark on a fantastic cycling trip in the Kingdom of Glass today!