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A Swedish Valentine Weekend: Castles, chocolates, and tying the knot

Swedes may not be romantic, yet Sweden can absolutely be the perfect destination for a Valentine's Day weekend! Castles and manor houses provide a wonderfully romantic setting, and the lakes and forests around them offer just the right degree of seclusion from the world around.

Near Gothenburg

About a half hour by car from Gothenburg's airport, the manor house**Aspenäs Herrgård** offers it all: a manor dating back to the 16th century, with the nearby lake and forest as just the right backdrop for some romantic pictures, good food – and not to forget an actual wedding officiant for the guests going all-in on the Valentine's Day package.



Photo: Aspenäs Herrgård (Download)

Near Stockholm:

The Valentine's package at **Villa Foresta** on the island of Lidingö, just outside of Stockholm, does NOT include the wedding ceremony. But it does include key ingredients for a successful proposal: flowers, luxurious chocolates, a four-course meal including carefully selected wines, and the beautiful surroundings of a castle from the early 1900s overlooking the city of Stockholm.

Those wanting to take wedding plans all the way to the finish line can do so with a short public transport ride away, at the world's oldest open-air museum, Skansen.



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Skansen offers – for the first time in 2026 – drop-in weddings on Valentine's Day itself. At the risk of killing romance, though, do note that foreigners wanting to get married in Sweden need to get approval from the tax authority to ensure they're not already married somewhere else. Find out how to do that.

Near Malmö:

Less than half an hour from Malmö airport, but on an island in the midst of a nature reserve, lies Häckeberga castle.



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The Valentine's package here includes champagne in the room, brunch and sparkling wine, and a three-course dinner focused on locally and sustainably produced foods and dishes that combine innovation and tradition. The package does not include getting married right there and then – but of course, the hotel offers a complete package, including a wedding planner, for those who fall in love with the venue so much they want to get married there at a later date.

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