

24 new places to stay in Sweden highlight a shift toward nature-led travel

From off-grid cabins to coastal lighthouses and small-scale countryside hotels, Sweden is expanding how travelers experience its landscapes. In 2026, the Swedish Tourist Association (STF) will add 24 new accommodations across the country, reflecting growing demand for travel that combines access to nature with local culture and a slower pace.



Högbondens Lighthouse, High Coast A former lighthouse keeper's residence overlooking the Baltic Sea on Sweden's High Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its dramatic coastal landscape. Photo: Högbondens Fyr / STF ([Download](#))

Founded in 1885, STF works to make Sweden's nature and cultural landscapes accessible, with a focus on sustainable tourism, the [Right of Public Access](#), and partnerships with local hosts.

A growing demand for smaller-scale stays

The new additions point to a broader shift in how people travel. Rather than large hotels, the focus is on places that offer proximity to nature and a strong sense of location.

The network includes:

- Off-grid cabins with no electricity or running water
- Small guesthouses and countryside hotels
- Archipelago and coastal stays
- Mountain lodges and hostels in northern Sweden

Many of the accommodations combine outdoor activities—such as hiking, fishing, and paddling—with locally sourced food and small-scale cultural experiences.



Áilu Arctic Hotel, Lannavaara A converted village school in Arctic Sweden, where seasonal light, northern landscapes, and Sámi-inspired cuisine shape the guest experience. **Photo: Áilu Arctic Hotel / STF** ([Download](#))

From Arctic landscapes to southern coastlines

The 24 new locations stretch across Sweden.

In the north, Arctic stays offer access to wide landscapes, seasonal light, and activities such as hiking, skiing, and fishing. In central Sweden, mountain regions combine outdoor experiences with local food traditions and cultural events.

Along the High Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage site, travelers can stay in former fishing villages or in simple lighthouse accommodations overlooking the Baltic Sea.

Further south, the Stockholm archipelago, Småland, Halland, and Skåne offer island stays, rural hotels, and farm-based accommodations, often centered around seasonal ingredients and access to water and trails.



Arholma, Stockholm Archipelago An island in the northern Stockholm archipelago, offering coastal views, hiking trails, and access to one of Sweden's most extensive island landscapes. **Photo: Arholma Nord / STF** ([Download](#))

10 standout places to stay in Sweden right now

Among the new additions, these ten highlight the diversity of experiences across the country:

Ailu Arctic Hotel, Arctic Sweden

A former village school turned small-scale hotel, defined by seasonal light, wide-open landscapes, and Sámi-inspired cuisine. **Best for:** Northern lights and Arctic stays

Kittelfjäll Hostel, Lapland

A remote mountain base for off-piste skiing, hiking, and fly fishing in one of Sweden's most untouched alpine regions. **Best for:** Adventure travel and off-piste access

Ottsjö Wårdshus, Jämtland

A mountain guesthouse combining regional ingredients with international influences, set among hiking trails and alpine scenery. **Best for:** Food-led stays in the mountains

Strandgården Fjällnäs, Härjedalen

A lakeside stay at altitude, offering classic mountain views, outdoor activities, and a strong local food identity. **Best for:** Scenic mountain escapes

Högbondens Lighthouse, High Coast

Simple accommodation in a former lighthouse keeper's residence overlooking the Baltic Sea. **Best for:** Remote coastal stays

Kajkanten B&B, High Coast

A waterfront stay with direct access to the sea, nearby islands, and national park landscapes. **Best for:** Coastal access and island hopping

Rörsjö Cabins, Fulufjället National Park

Off-grid cabins with no electricity or running water, focused entirely on hiking, fishing, and time outdoors. **Best for:** Off-grid experiences

Arholma Nord, Stockholm Archipelago

An island stay with sea views, local dining, and access to the Stockholm Archipelago Trail. **Best for:** Archipelago hiking and island life

Strandvillan Lysekil, West Sweden

A restored seaside villa overlooking granite cliffs and open water along the Bohuslän coast. **Best for:** Coastal scenery and sea swimming

Halmstad Gärdshotell, Halland

A small countryside hotel set between coast and town, with a shared kitchen, wood-fired oven, and a flexible, self-catered approach. **Best for:** Relaxed countryside stays near the coast



Rörsjö Cabins, Fulufjället National Park Off-grid cabins without electricity or running water, set in a remote national park environment focused on hiking, fishing, and outdoor life. **Photo:** Anette Andersson / STF ([Download](#))

Key facts

- 24 new STF accommodations launching across Sweden in 2026
- STF founded in 1885
- Nationwide network from Arctic Sweden to the south
- Focus on sustainable, nature-based travel
- Range from hostels and hotels to off-grid cabins

Travel shaped by place

Across all locations, the concept is consistent: nature and culture are part of the stay itself. The expansion reflects a growing interest in travel that prioritizes access, simplicity, and a closer connection to place.

More information

STF New Accomodations: <https://www.svenskaturistforeningen.se/boende/nya-boenden/>

STF: <https://www.swedishtouristassociation.com/>

The Right of Public Access: <https://visitsweden.com/what-to-do/nature-outdoors/nature/sustainable-and-rural-tourism/the-right-of-public-access/>

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