



## Elitlopp Tour 2023

**May 26 – 29**

The Elitlopp is not just one of the greatest trotting events in the world, but it is also like a folk festival, comparable to the Little Brown Jug in America. It's held in Stockholm, one of the most beautiful cities in the world at a time when Sweden is enjoying the full bloom of springtime.

Sixteen of the best trotters from around Europe and North America compete in two elimination heats and a final all in the same day. You will be able to enjoy some of the greatest trotting action you'll ever see and hear the roar of over 30,000 trotting devotees.

Moreover, you will also tour Stockholm, often called "the Venice of the North" because of the crisp, clean waters that give the city its unique character. In late May, Stockholm enjoys almost 20 hours of daylight and wonderful weather, so the trotting action on the track and the sights of the city combined make this trip a truly memorable experience.

### PROGRAM

If you wish to arrive Thursday or earlier please contact us and we will make arrangements with the hotel. The program will start on Friday morning at 10AM

#### **Friday May 26th – Arrival in Stockholm - Sightseeing & Yearling Auction**

This morning is your chance to see the beauty of Stockholm with its many historic and interesting sights, such as the Royal Castle, the Old Town and more. This tour is by foot, walking with an excellent English-speaking guide. The tour ends at the Vasa Museum where a savory lunch is served at the restaurant.

In the afternoon, Equi Tours will provide transportation from the hotel to the Elite Yearling Auction, which is held in the outskirt of Stockholm. This sale is sure to have yearlings by some American stallions and many by top Swedish and French stallions. We will meet a professional who will explain to us about Swedish trotting and breeding. Dinner at your own expense tonight

If you prefer not to attend the yearling auction, you have the evening to explore the wonders of Stockholm.

#### **Saturday, May 27th – Menhammar Studfarm, Solvalla & Dinner in the Archipelago**

A Swedish breakfast-buffet is served at the hotel.

You're in for a very special day as we start the morning with a visit to Menhammar Studfarm, Sweden's largest and most famous breeding farm. It is owned by Margareta Wallenius-Kleberg, who has stood many famous stallions such as Mack Lobell, Zoot Suit, Smokin Yankee and Viking Kronos.

Today you'll find Nuncio, Readly Express, Maharajah, Credit Winner, Calgary Games and others at this beautiful and historic farm.



Furthermore, we will also have a chance to visit the training camp of Menhammar, Yttersta. Here, many star horses have been raised and competed. From Above, Jaded, Jocose, Orecchietti, Panne de Moteur, Maharajah and Who's Who are some examples. The training facility is beautifully located with a view to Lake Mälaren in the west, and in the east, the 5 km long forest trail winds its way.

We will return to Stockholm and Solvalla, where you can enjoy an exciting afternoon of **V75-races**. The level of this Saturday's racing is higher than normal, with some of the best horses in Scandinavia competing. You will enjoy the action from a comfortable **VIP-seat in the restaurant** (lunch included). You are also welcome to join the crowd in the public area, it's a nice experience! Transfer back to the hotel in late afternoon.

Evening – Come with us to the beautiful island FJÄDERHOLMARN in the archipelago of Stockholm, where we'll have nice evening with (a 3-course) dinner and drinks. (Optional tour)

### **Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> – THE ELITLOPP DAY**

A Swedish breakfast-buffet is served at the hotel.

Today, you're about to see one of the greatest trotting shows in the world! Fans will be at Solvalla early in the morning to stake out a good vantage point for this great event. You'll enjoy the action again from a comfortable **VIP-seat in the restaurant Festvåningen**.

The best trotters in the world will fight it out in two heats for the privilege of joining the honor roll of Elitlopp winners.

The Elitlopp isn't the only top race on this Sunday's crammed program. You'll find several international quality trotters from all over the world in the line-up and will even get to see the special cold-blood trotters, so beloved in the Nordic countries, fight it out on the track. The atmosphere is smoldering and the excitement vast! After the races, Equi Tours will provide transportation back to the hotel.

The evening is free to spend on your own.

### **Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> – More visits and/or Departure Day**

A Swedish breakfast-buffet is served at the hotel. During the day, depending on your flight times, you will head back to the airport for your flight home. Please let us know your flight details if you want us to book your transfer to the airport.

You can choose between two visits this morning:

**The ABBA Museum** – if your flight is in the afternoon, evening or next day, you might want to go to the ABBA museum, not far from City Center. Please let us know if you wish to have a guided tour from the hotel in the morning (about 80 Eur including transfer from the hotel, minimum 10 persons)

**Swedish trainer-visit** – if you wish to have more inspiration or knowledge of Swedish trotting, you might want to visit one of the many successful Swedish trainers (Daniel Redén, Svante Båth, Reijo Liljendahl or other. About 80 eur including transfer from the hotel and lunch, minimum 10 persons)



Your memorable Elitlopp Tour ends. You are free to stay extra days on your own if you wish. Equi Tours will be happy to offer you a package price, please contact us for further information.

**Costs per person for this trip: 1.400 EUR per person**

**All this is included:**

- Three nights' accommodations (in shared double room)
- Delightful buffet breakfast each morning
- Transportation according to the program
- Walking-tour with an English-speaking guide on Friday morning
- Lunch on Friday (2-course)
- Tour to the Yearling sale on Friday afternoon, and return transfer
- Tour to Menhammar Studfarm on Saturday morning, followed by Solvalla racetrack
- Lunch at VIP restaurant at Solvalla on Saturday (drinks not included)
- Lunch at VIP restaurant at Solvalla on Sunday (drinks not included)
- An English-speaking tour guide during the whole stay in Sweden

**Costs does not include:**

- Airline tickets
- Other personal expenses and meals not mentioned above.

**Optional costs:**

- Arrival & departure airport transfer
- Single room supplement – 345 Eur (3 nights)
- Dinner cruise in the archipelago of Stockholm on Saturday evening – 150 Eur

The cost is based on a minimum of 20 persons in the group and todays exchange rate (swedish kronor, january 2023). Equi Tours claims the right to make adjustments in the program and price adjustments due to exchange rate and other changes that are out of our control.

**The Hotel: Hotel Kung Carl – a centrally located hotel at vibrant Stureplan in Stockholm**

<https://www.kungcarl.se/en>

Hotel Kung Carl is located at Stureplan in the absolute center of Stockholm. With us, you experience a classic and elegant atmosphere where each room is personally decorated in everything from Gustavian style with antiques and art to modern design with wallpaper that stands out.

Stockholm's oldest family-run hotel is always up to date, with its central location, bold design and proximity to Stockholm's best wining and dining, green spaces and many tourist attractions

Our restaurant is inspired by the home of Annie Berg who, together with her husband, were the owner of the hotel in the beginning of the 20th century. We have tried to create an environment of a kitchen, orangerie, library and the saloon. The menu has also a twist of inspiration from that time.

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## RESERVATION

**Last day for reservation is February 28, 2023.** Please send us an email with your name, address, phone number. Indicate also:

- How many persons?
- How many hotel rooms? Single or double rooms?
- Airline details if you need transfer to/from the hotel

You'll get a confirmation and an invoice by mail. Payment with bank transfer in EUR

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

The price is based on a minimum of 20 persons. A non-refundable deposit of 30 % of the cost of the tour and restaurant seats are to be paid within 10 days of making the reservation. Full payment must be made no later than 40 days prior to departure day. Equi Tours general booking terms, which can be found on our website or be requested from us, are used and followed.

### Costs of cancellation

From reservation to the 28<sup>th</sup> of February: 30% of the cost of the tour and restaurant seats

From the 1st of March to departure: 100% of the cost of the tour and restaurant seats

***Welcome to Sweden and the Elitlopp!***

