

AMERICAN UNION OF SWEDISH SINGERS TOUR OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY JULY 5, TO JULY 21, 2017

Wednesday, July 5 - Depart from individual cities, air transportation to be assumed by individual tour members.

Thursday, July 6 - Arrive in Copenhagen with transfer to Ystad Bad Hotel. Some will arrive in Ystad on their own while others will take the bus that has been arranged for us.

Our bus will be from Västanhede Trafik Company and have a Leksand logo and a sign for our singers. It will be a white double decker bus and will be available at approximately 2:30 pm. It will be located outside of Terminal 3 where charter busses are allowed.

Daily buffet breakfast is included.

SWEDEN

Friday, July 7 - In Ystad. All day rehearsals. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included! Lodging: Ystad Saltsjöbad.

Saturday, July 8 - In Ystad. All day rehearsals. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included!

Our 1st concert will be after dinner at the Ystad hotel.

Sunday, July 9 – Depart for Lund with intermediate stop in Höllviken. Dinner included. Lodging: Scandic Star Hotel.

Our 2nd Concert will be at The Swedish Church in Höllviken. We will participate in a traditional Swedish Sunday mass. Arrive by 10:00 am; service begins at 11:00. We may also sing at the reception following the service. We have arranged to have buffet lunch at the sea at restaurant Havsnåra, cost TBD.

Monday, July 10 - Depart for Växjö with intermediate stop in Älmhult where IKEA was founded. A Hyttsill dinner is planned. Lodging: Royal Corner Hotel.

Tuesday, July 11 – Depart for Stockholm with intermediate stops in Jönköping, Gränna, Vadstena and the Berg Locks. Dinner is not included this evening. Lodging: Scandic Anglais Hotel.

Our 3rd concert will be in Jönköping at the Sophia Church. We will arrive at 10:00 am. The church will provide coffee and treats before the concert. We will go to lunch together after the concert. The lunch has been paid for and the restaurant is within walking distance from the church.

If time allows, we could join in at Allsång på Skansen!! It is at the Skansen outdoor park. Performers this particular Tuesday are: Linnea Henriksson, Mando Diao, Emmi Christensson. This will of course depend on when we arrive in Stockholm. The concert is in the evening. The day is a pretty full travel day...

Wednesday, July 12 - In Stockholm with morning sightseeing, the afternoon is free. Dinner is not included this evening.

Thursday, July 13 - Depart for Karlstad. Dinner included. Lodging: Scandic Winn Hotel.

NORWAY

Friday, July 14 – Depart for Oslo. Upon arrival our Swedish driver will leave us. Dinner is not included this evening. Lodging: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel.

Saturday, July 15 - In Oslo with a 3 hour sightseeing tour. Dinner is not included this evening.

Sunday, July 16 - In Oslo with evening concert planned. Dinner is not included this evening.

Our 4th concert will be at 7pm at the University of Oslo's Blindern campus, where their International Summer School (ISS) is being held. There is usually a student performance Sunday evenings during ISS at 8 pm that we are welcome to attend.

Monday, July 17 – Depart for Balestrand. Our journey will take us through fjord country; Lake Tyrifjord, Fagernes, the Laerdal valley, Borgund. We will travel by ferry to Mannheller, to Sogndal and another ferry crossing before arriving at Balestrand. Dinner included. Lodging: Kviknes Hotel - one of the Historic Hotels of Norway.

Our 5th concert will be at the Valdres Folk Museum in Fagernes. We will have free admission to the park and will sing on their outdoor stage, time to be announced.

Tuesday, July 18 – Depart for Bergen. At Dragsvik crossing we will ferry across Songnefjord to Vangsnes then start the descent to the Vik Mountain arriving at Flåm where we board the famous Flåm Railway. This provides a spectacular view of the Flåm valley with a stop at Kjosfossen continuing to Myrdal. Here we board a train bound for Voss where our motor coach will be waiting for the continuing trip to Bergen. Dinner is not included this evening. Lodging: Radisson Blu Royal Hotel.

Wednesday, July 19 - A morning sightseeing tour is planned and will include a visit to Edvard Grieg's home and studio. Dinner is not included this evening.

Our 6th concert will be at the Mariakirken (St Mary's Church) near our hotel. We will have access to the church from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, with the concert expected to begin at 5:30. We will need non-singers to help by being fire marshals. Immediately following the concert we will go to Korskirken (The Church of the Cross) for the Grieg Festival which begins at 7:30 pm. We have tickets and the cost is covered by a grant from Norse Hall in Portland.

Thursday, July 20 - The day is free for independent activities. Our farewell banquet will be a 3 course dinner atop Mt. Floyen with a view over the entire city and surrounding mountains and islands.

Friday, July 21 – Individual departures.

Concerts or Impromptu events may still be added.

Links to Lodgings:

- Ystad Saltsjöbad: <http://www.yvb.se/?!lang=en#>
- Scandic Star Lund: <https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/sweden/lund/scandic-star-lund>
- Royal Corner Hotel:
<https://www.nordicchoicehotels.se/hotell/sverige/vaxjo/quality-hotel-royal-corner/>
- Scandic Anglais:
<https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/sweden/stockholm/scandic-anglais>
- Scandic Winn: <https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/sweden/karlstad/scandic-winn>
- Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Oslo: <https://www.radissonblu.com/en/plazahotel-oslo>
- Kviknes Hotel: <http://www.kviknes.com/>
- Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Bergen: <https://www.radissonblu.com/en/royalhotel-bergen>

Other links:

- Swedish church in Höllviken: <https://www.svenskakyrkan.se/hollviken>
- Havsnära restaurant: <https://www.havsnara.nu/>
- Sophia church in <http://www.svenskakyrkanjonkoping.se/>
- Skansen: <http://www.skansen.se/en/>
- ISS at UiO: <http://www.uio.no/english/studies/summerschool/> and here is where we will perform:
<http://www.uio.no/english/studies/summerschool/student-life/housing/dormitory/index.html>
- Valdres Folk Museum:
<http://www.valdresmusea.no/vfm.asp?nid=463&lid=2>
- St. Mary's Church: <https://en.visitbergen.com/things-to-do/st-marys-church-p827623>
- Grieg Festival: <http://www.grieginbergen.com/>