



## Greetings!

*This is your personal invitation to join us on a fabulous journey to the ancestral homeland of many members of the Nordic organizations, the Royal Kingdom of Sweden. World Wide Consolidated Travel, Inc., has again prepared a special itinerary for those interested in the history and culture of Sweden. The tour is highly recommended by members of many of the Nordic organizations from the Delaware Valley. Our fully-escorted adventure starts when we travel from Copenhagen to Gothenburg, Marstrand, Bottnaryd, Stockholm and Uppsala. We cruise the archipelago before a personally escorted tour of the beautiful Stockholm City Hall by Lord Mayor Barry Andersson. After the tour, we will be treated to a Nobel Prize banquet menu dinner in City Hall with Lord Mayor and Mrs. Andersson. We will enjoy the fabulous mid-sommar festival in Skansen, the famous outdoor park in the center of Stockholm.*

*The Delegation from New Sweden tour features many places and people you will not find and meet on ordinary packaged tours. We sincerely hope you can join us.*

*Very Truly Yours,*

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Councillor, Swedish Colonial Society*

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Governor, Swedish Colonial Society*

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Knight, Order of the Polar Star*

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Author, Educator and Historian*



Note: The itinerary is subject to slight changes to accommodate special arrangements in Sweden.

Post Trip Arrangements: If you choose to extend your stay, you may do so for up to 14 days with no additional charges for airline reservation change. Contact World Wide Consolidated Travel, Inc., to assist you in the extension and any post-trip arrangements you may want to make.

Once World Wide Consolidated Travel, Inc., receives your deposit, they will send you a packet containing insurance application, insurance waver, personnel questionnaire, passport information sheet and final payment form.



## **“The Delegation from New Sweden”**

The Delegation is comprised of members of the Swedish Colonial Society, Delaware Swedish Colonial Society, Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, New Sweden Centre, American Swedish Historical Museum, Finnish-American Society of the Delaware Valley, Swedish Council of America, Friends of the Swedish Cabin and members of other Nordic organizations and their friends.

**Friday, June 18:** We'll be met by a luxury motor coach and begin our fully-escorted tour by driving over the famous Oresund Bridge to Malmö for our first glimpse of the natural scenic splendor of Sweden. We arrive mid-day in historic Gothenburg, where many Swedes and Finns began the passage to the New Sweden Colony. After checking into the SAS Park Avenue Hotel, the afternoon is free time. In the evening, we gather for the "Welcome Dinner" and learn of the special arrangements for the New Sweden Delegation, including our "People to People" friendship gift of two varieties of New Sweden apple trees that are extinct in Sweden.

**Saturday, June 19:** Following breakfast at the hotel, we're off for sightseeing in Gothenburg with its many ancient buildings. Among the stops is Sjöfartsmuseet (Museum of Sea Voyages), a "must see" experience, before we visit Mölndal with its mill and ancient buildings, some of which date to medieval times. We'll visit Ramberget where the Rambo family originated, before boarding our excursion boat for a special tour of the city's harbor and canals. The evening is free time with several options to pursue in small groups on your own, such as visiting Haga Quarters, a lively old time neighborhood.

**Sunday, June 20:** Breakfast at the hotel before visiting the mighty Carlsten Fortress and harbor at Marstrand Island. Sweden's King Gustav III declared Marstrand an "open harbor" at the time of American Revolutionary War, which allowed American ships a safe haven. Swedish gunners at the fortress fired the salute shots that resulted in Sweden being the first neutral nation to recognize the American flag! Many of those who returned to Sweden landed here, including the Björk/Stalcop party. Because no vehicles are allowed on the island, we'll have the opportunity to take a ferry for the last leg of the trip. The evening is free time.



**Monday, June 21:** We'll have breakfast at the hotel before going to City Hall, where the New Sweden Delegation will be received by Gothenburg Lord Mayor Jorgen Linder. Then we're off to honor the New Sweden colonists with a wreath laying ceremony at the Carl Milles statue. We'll end the formal tour by visiting the City Museum, one of Sweden's largest for cultural history, with its exhibitions about the history of "Göteborg" and surroundings, shipping, Vikings and Sweden's only ship from Viking times. After lunch, you'll have free time for shopping, a visit to one of many museums, or perhaps to see Fortress Elfsborg, built in the 1650's to protect the city from the Danes.

**Tuesday, June 22:** Following breakfast at the hotel, we'll leave Gothenburg and journey to Bottnaryd to pay our respects at the grave of Governor Johan Printz. We'll visit the village church where the Royal Governor's father had been vicar and see at least the outside of Printz Manor. Then it's a scenic drive along the shores of beautiful Lake Vattern and a stop for lunch. We'll reach Stockholm mid-afternoon and, after checking into the Sergel Plaza Hotel, the evening is free. Perhaps you'll decide to spend it by visiting Gamla Stan, the old city with its cobblestone streets lined with wonderful restaurants and shops housed in ancient buildings.

**Wednesday, June 23:** By now you'll know that food for "Sweden 2004" is top quality and the smorgasbord breakfast at our beautiful Provobis Sergel Hotel is among the very best. In the morning we'll visit the impressive Nordic Museum's multi-faceted collection, one of Europe's largest. Adjacent is the Vasa Museum, and it is an experience-of-the-life-time to view the massive 17th century warship that sank in the harbor during its maiden voyage. There are fascinating displays, and you'll have the opportunity to visit another unique gift shop, or have lunch. In the afternoon, Lord Mayor Andersson has arranged an excursion boat for a tour of the sparkling archipelago of Stockholm, fabled "Venice of the North."

*Just when it seems our adventure  
couldn't get any better, it will!*

In the evening we visit Stockholm City Hall, built in the style of a medieval Italian palazzo, for a private tour of this

massive building, including the famous "Gold Room." Lord Mayor and Mrs. Barry Andersson will be our hosts at a private dinner party in the Prince's Gallery, with menu from the Nobel Prize banquet. The ride back to the hotel enables us to appreciate the Swedish people's enjoyment of mid-sommar - when it doesn't get dark until after midnight!

**Thursday, June 24:** Breakfast at the hotel before going to Skokloster Castle, with its world famous collection of Lenape artifacts. The rest of our day is in Uppsala where, in addition to the cathedral, botanical gardens, university and castle, we'll visit the home of Carl Linnaeus as part of our "People to People" friendship program.

**Friday, June 25:** Following breakfast at the hotel, we'll visit the Royal Armory, cathedral, Finnish Church and have a private tour of Stockholm Palace, where we'll witness the pomp and pageantry associated with the changing of the Palace guard. We'll celebrate mid-sommar at nearby Skansen open air museum, with its collection of ancient buildings, fauna and cultural attractions. The Skansen Folk Dance Team and fiddlers perform ring dances, followed by singing, music, games and dancing round the maypole.

**Saturday, June 26:** Following breakfast, it's a free day with a major shopping district within steps of our hotel. There is much more to see and do in Sweden's capital city and suggestions will be provided.

**Sunday, June 27:** After an early breakfast, we transit to Arlanda International for the 10:40 a.m. departure on SAS Flight 903, arriving in Newark, NJ, at 1:10 p.m.

