

Welcome to Uppsala!

Uppsala is the 4th largest city in Sweden with a lot of activities taking place all year around. Since the city has a long tradition of education, many of the historical buildings are connected to the Uppsala University. Below you can find a selection on what to experience during your stay in Uppsala. The links provide some additional information of each site.

The Botanical garden / The Orangery: Just a short walk from Uppsala city center you'll find the Botanical garden, containing more than 9000 species of plants. Showcasing a baroque garden as well as a 200-year-old Orangery, this is the perfect place for a relaxing stroll. Read more at: <http://www.destination uppsala.se/en/To-do/ToDo/?tlang=en&tid=716579>

Uppsala cathedral: The construction of the today largest and tallest cathedral in Scandinavia begun as early as 1270. However no one really knows what the cathedral looked like when it was consecrated in 1453. There are no prints still existing from that time, and the cathedral has gone through several major renovations as time has progressed. The cathedral is the burial site for several Swedish kings and queens as well as several famous scientists, and is also housing a Treasury museum. Read more at: <http://www.destination uppsala.se/en/To-do/ToDo/?tlang=en&tid=721681>

The Linnaeus garden: Carl Linnaeus is one of the most famous scientist within botanic. Amongst other things, he is behind the biological naming system (the binomial nomenclature). In the Linnaeus garden, you'll find (in addition to a number of beautiful plants of course) the house in which he lived and worked as a professor of medicine at Uppsala University during the 18th century. Read more at: <http://www.destination uppsala.se/en/To-do/ToDo/?tlang=en&tid=788870>

Uppsala city garden: Along the Fyris river you'll find the city garden, a perfect place for a lazy stroll or just hanging out with some friends. The garden offers open green areas as well as a rose garden and the 'Bliss Island' (Lycksalighetens ö) which is a small island in the middle of a pond of water lilies. Read more at: <http://www.destination uppsala.se/en/To-do/ToDo/?tlang=en&tid=720913>

Museum Gustavianum/The University building: Gustavianum is the oldest preserved building of Uppsala University, housing many historical artefacts including the Augsburg Art Cabinet. In the top of the building resides the anatomical theater, once used for public dissections. Close by you'll find the university main building built in late 19th century. Although the building unfortunately is closed due to renovation and will not open until autumn 2017, the exterior and the surrounding park (where you'll also find rune stones) makes the area a place worth visiting. Read more at: <http://www.destination uppsala.se/en/To-do/ToDo/?tlang=en&tid=719846>

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Uppsala castle/ The Gunilla clock: The castle, originally intended as a fortress, was built under the reign of King Gustav Vasa (mid-16th century), however it was burnt to the ground in 1702. The castle was then rebuilt, and the reconstruction was finished in 1740. In the proximity of the castle you'll find the "Gunillaklockan" (donated to the castle church by Queen Gunilla year 1588), which has become a symbol for the city and is part of several traditional ceremonies during the year. Read more at:

<http://www.destination uppsala.se/en/To-do/ToDo/?tlang=en&tid=721784>

Carolina Rediviva: Being the main building of Uppsala University's Library, Carolina Rediviva is significant part of the University today. The library offers fascinating architecture and holds as much as 5,000,000 books, amongst them the famous 6th century *Codex Argenteus* or 'Silver Bible'.

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There are of course several other things to experience in Uppsala. Buying an ice cream and take a stroll along the Fyris river, which flows through the center of Uppsala, will take you past a few of the sites mentioned above and more. During the weekend of the YSC there are several other events taking place as well such as a cultural carnival (Kulturernas Karneval) and the Student Nations yearly Spring proms. So don't be surprised if you bump into a choir or students in evening dresses.

We hope that you'll have a wonderful time here so; Welcome to Uppsala!