

Stockholm



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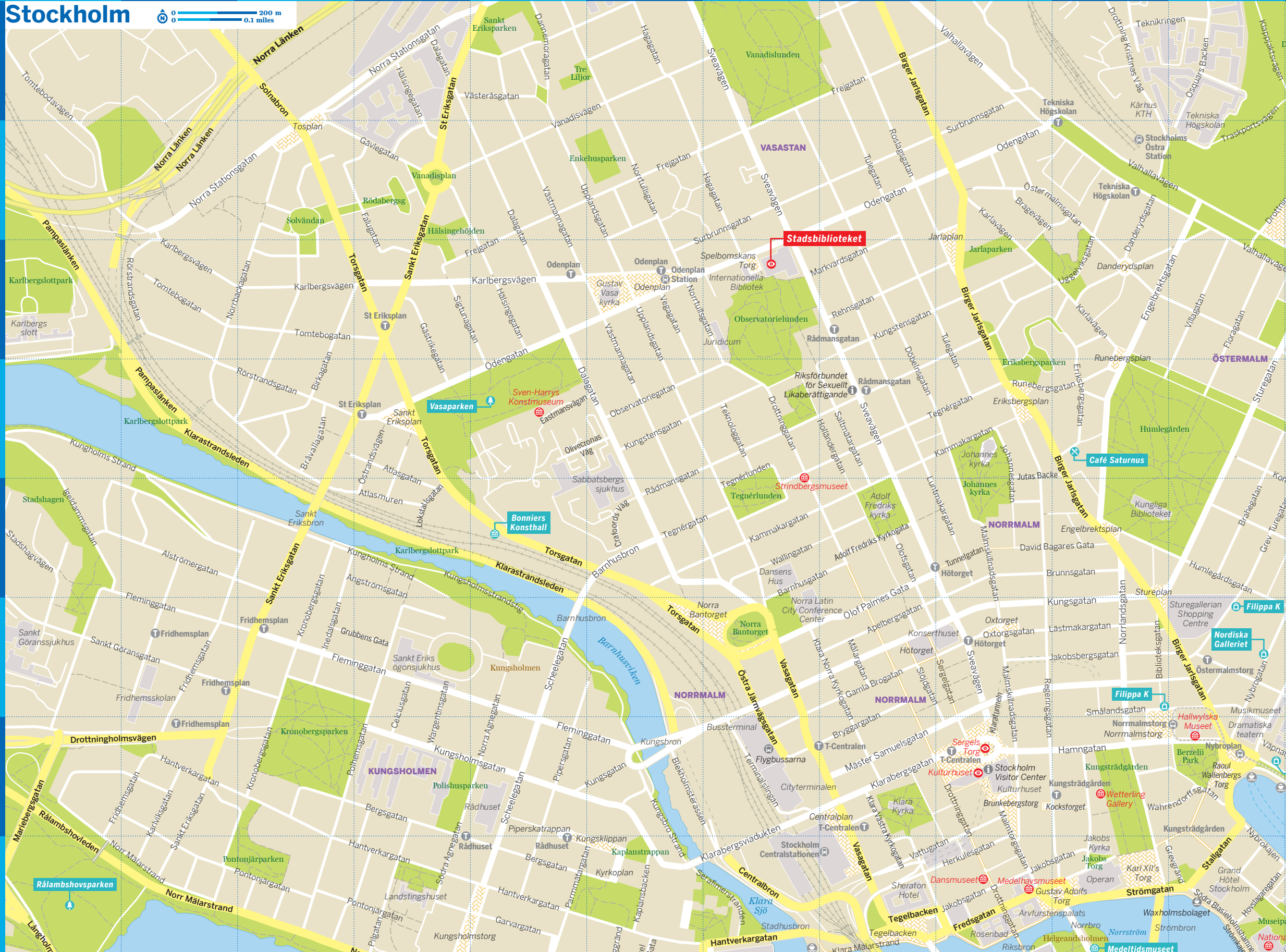
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STOCKHOLM

City Map



TOP SIGHTS



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GAMLA STAN

In Stockholm's historic and geographic heart, cobbled streets wriggle past Renaissance churches, baroque palaces and medieval squares, and narrow lanes harbour everything from dusty toy shops to candlelit cafes and restaurants.

MODERNA MUSEET

This modern-art maverick features paintings, sculpture, photography, video art and installations – Andy Warhol's first international retrospective was held here in 1968. Bibliophiles will adore the well-stocked bookshop and attached cafe. (www.moderna-museet.se; Exercisplan 4)

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SKANSEN

The world's first open-air museum, Skansen was founded in 1891. Around 150 traditional houses and other exhibits from across the country dot the hilltop – 'Sweden in miniature', complete with villages, nature, commerce and industry. (www.skansen.se; Djurgårdsvägen)

STORKYRKAN

The one-time venue for royal weddings and coronations, Storkyrkan is both Stockholm's oldest building (consecrated in 1306) and its cathedral. Keep an eye out for posters and handbills advertising music performances here. (www.stockholmsdomkyrko-forsamling.se; Trångsund 1)



K9

KUNGLIGA SLOTTET

This not-to-be-missed palace was built on the ruins of the original royal castle, Tre Kronor, which burned down in 1697. With 608 rooms, it's the world's largest royal castle still used for its original purpose. (www.theroyalpalace.se; Slottsbacken)

G3

STADSHUSET

The main city hall of the city of Stockholm, designed by architect Ernst Salvisjö, is a landmark sporting a collection of art and a reading room. It's a prime example of Stockholm's neo-Gothic style. (www.stadshuset.se; Hantverkargatan 1)

NOBELMUSEET

The Nobel Museum is a slick, modern cultural space showcasing short films and exhibitions created by recipients of the Nobel laureates. (www.nobel.se; Stortorget)

VASAMUSEET

A good-humoured glorification of some dodgy calculations. This is the custom-built home of the massive warship Vasa, which sank just minutes after setting off on its maiden voyage in 1628. (www.vasamuseet.se; Galärvarvsvägen 14)

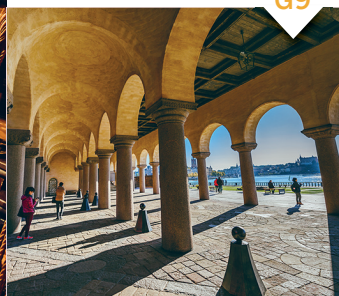
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STADSHUSET

The mighty Stadshuset (City Hall) dominates Stockholm's architecture, looking stern and weighty from afar but secretly aglitter inside. Built from some eight million bricks, it was designed by architect Ragnar Östberg, a proponent of the New Romantic style, and opened in 1923. (www.stockholm.se/stadshuset; Hantverkargatan 1)

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GRÖNA LUND TIVOLI

This crowded amusement park has some 30 rides, ranging from the tame to the terrifying, plus there are countless places to eat and drink. Big-name concerts are often staged here in summer. (www.gronalund.com; Lilla Allmänna Gränd 9)



K9



SPEAK LIKE A LOCAL



Where's the ...?
Var ligger ...? var li-ger ...

What's the address?
Vilken adress är det? vil-ken a-dres air de

Can you show me (on the map)?
Kan du visa mig (på kartan)? kan doo vee-sa mey (paw kar-tan)

How far is it?
Hur långt är det? hoor lawngt air de

STOCKHOLM SHORT LIST

HISTORY BUFFS

Historiska Museet (O6) Engrossing multimedia presentation of the country's culture and history, arcing across 10,000 years. (www.historiska.se)

Medeltidsmuseet (K8) Take a time-travelling tour of medieval Stockholm and the underpinnings of the royal palace (great for kids). (www.medeltidsmuseet.stockholm.se)

Nordiska Museet (O8) Swedish art and artefacts through the ages, entertainingly arranged

BARGAIN HUNTERS

Royal Armoury (K9) Check out the amazing old suits of armour and sundry scary weapons beneath the Royal Palace. General admission is free. (www.livrustkammaren.se)

Riksdagshuset (J9) Take an engaging free tour of the Swedish Parliament building in Gamla Stan. (www.riksdagen.se)

Stampen (J9) Every Sunday afternoon around 2pm, the regular Stampen crowd gets busy with a free blues jam. (www.stampen.se)

GETTING AROUND

TRANSPORT

Metro The tunnelbana underground rail system is both efficient and extensive.

Bus Local buses thoroughly cover the city, passing most attractions on Djurgården.

Cycling Stockholm City Bikes (www.citybikes.se) self-service bicycle-hire stands across the city

