

EXPLORE SWEDEN'S MOST CHILD-FRIENDLY CITY

In the concert hall at Malmö Live, expectant five-year-olds take their seats along with their teddy bears to enjoy Tchaikovsky. In the aquarium at Slottsholmen, the poisonous gaboon vipers bare their long, scary fangs and in Stapelbäddsparken, down by the sea, a proud skater lands successfully after a debut double kickflip. Malmö surprises, challenges and entertains. No matter whether you are five or fifteen, every day can be turned into an adventure. How do you want yours to start?

From Africa's savanna to the world's bumpiest football pitch

Our youngest guests will no doubt have most fun in the city's play parks. There are about fifty different play parks in Malmö, real full-experience parks with proper themes. In the Africa park, you can go on a safari among artificial, full-size animals and climb up the termite mounds. At Musiklekplatsen, children are fascinated by the giant harp while Äventyrslekplatsen in Krokäcksparken tempts them with obstacle courses, climbing nets and wonderful, wide slides. A little further away, there are Krokäcksbäckarna - perfect for sledging in winter - and the world's only mogul (bumpy) pitch where a game of football can end up any old way.

Start your day as a television celebrity

If you visit Malmö in summertime, you can start off by going to Västra Hamnen. Get up really early and make your way to the green hills down by Scaniabadet - this is where Sommarlov will be filmed, for the seventh year running. At 9 o'clock sharp, the show starts live: there's a great atmosphere, a lot of laughter and - who knows - maybe the cameraman will zoom in on your smiling face? A few hundred metres away, you will find Stapelbäddsparken, one of Europe's largest and best skateboard parks. Here you can explore 2150 m² of flat-ledges, quarterpipes and banks at the same time as you admire the amazing riders who have made this park their living room. Malmö is a real dream place for skating with many great places to ride and this summer, the World Cup final will be held on a brand new facility in Hyllie. The facility has been built and donated by the shoe company Vans and will be the first park in the world to be built specifically for a world cup.

Blow the tanks and surface!

From Västra Hamnen, you can get to Malmö Museer in less than 15 minutes. Walk over the bridge to Slottsholmen and sneak down into the palace cellars. Here you can say hello to Nemo and his friends from the coral reef in the newly opened aquarium, look at poisonous vipers and sweat in the wonderful, humid, tropical rainforest. Across the road, in Tekniken och Sjöfartens hus, you can go aboard a real submarine, see how it was loaded with torpedoes and imagine you are far below the water surface in the small, cramped engine room. The museum's Science Center links the different exhibitions in the building together and in the halls, you will find everything from a steam locomotive and horse-drawn trams to innovative visions of the future. On the top floor, there is a large "knowledge funfair" with many fun experiments. Don't miss it!

Take a bicycle ride on water

After enjoying a tasty and organic snack at Kommendanthuset - don't miss their homemade cakes - it's time for your next thrill. A few hundred metres along Malmöhusvägen, you can jump on the old museum tram that will rattle and shake you all the way to the library Malmö Stadsbibliotek. Follow the canal to Raoul Wallenbergs park. Here you can rent a pedal boat and take a look at Malmö from the water. Pedal for as long as you like but watch out for the fountain on the other side of the Kaptensbron bridge.

The water jets are controlled from a little panel on land and wisecrackers who are in the mood for a joke will do everything they can to wet boaters!

Enjoy entertainment from the first row

Afternoons are perfect for culture and in Malmö that can mean anything from daring circus acts and thrilling theatre shows to entertaining concerts and memorable art experiences. Malmö Konsthall and Moderna Museet often organise special guided tours for children and open workshops. At Moderna, everyone from the age of 15 months is welcome to go on guided tours. In the concert hall at Malmö Live, children who love music can get to know Mozart, Beethoven and Prokofiev, always together with their favourite teddy, of course. The next jewel to be discovered is the yellow dance rotunda in Folkets Park. At Barnens Scen, you can enjoy circus, theatre, dance, music, alternative stage art... And when the curtain falls, there's plenty more to do in the park. Here, you can drive veteran cars, challenge your family to a game of adventure golf and look at lizards, snakes and crocodiles at Malmö Reptilcenter. Click on malmotown.com and plan your adventure.