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Elitlopp Tour 2019 May 23 - 27

World Driver Championship-tour May 23- June 1st

The Elitlopp is not just one of the greatest trotting events in the world, but it is also like a folk festival, comparable to the Little Brown Jug in America. It's held in Stockholm, one of the most beautiful cities in the world at a time when Sweden is enjoying the full bloom of springtime.

Sixteen of the best trotters from around Europe and North America compete in two elimination heats and a final all in the same day. Past Elitlopp champions include Moni Maker, Mack Lobell, and Peace Corps as well as Europeans stars such as Varenne, Victory Tilly and Timoko. You will be able to enjoy some of the greatest trotting action you'll ever see and hear the roar of more than 30,000 trotting devotees.

Moreover, you will also tour Stockholm, often called "the Venice of the North" because of the crisp, clean waters that give the city its unique character. In late May, Stockholm enjoys almost 20 hours of daylight and wonderful weather, so the trotting action on the track and the sights of the city combined make this trip a truly memorable experience.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY MAY 23 – Arrival & get-together dinner

Your tour begins today, and Equi Tours will arrange your transfer from Arlanda airport, outside of Stockholm, to the centrally located hotel for check-in. You will stay at Hotel Grand Central by Scandic, superbly located in the heart of Stockholm!

In the evening you will enjoy a get-together-dinner in the restaurant, where you will meet with more international trotting-fans.

WDC: same program

FRIDAY MAY 24 – Stockholm sightseeing & Yearling Auction

A Swedish breakfast-buffet is served at the hotel.

This morning is your chance to see the beauty of Stockholm with its many historic and interesting sights, such as the Vasa Museum, the Royal Castle, the Old Town and much more. This tour is by a private bus and of course with an English-speaking guide. After the tour, a savory lunch is served at a nice restaurant.

In the afternoon, Equi Tours will provide transportation from the hotel to the Elite Yearling Auction, which is held in the outskirt of Stockholm. This sale is sure to have yearlings by some American stallions and many by top Swedish and French stallions. We will meet a professional who will explain to us about Swedish trotting.

If you prefer not to attend the yearling auction, you have the evening to explore the wonders of Stockholm.

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WDC PROGRAM

After a morning sightseeing, transfer to Solvalla for the races at lunchtime (4 races). Afternoon and evening program as above.

SATURDAY, MAY 25 – Menhammar Stud, Solvalla & Dinner-cruise

A Swedish breakfast-buffet is served at the hotel.

You're in for a very special day as we start the morning with a visit to Menhammar Stud, Sweden's largest and most famous breeding farm. It is owned by Margareta Wallenius-Kleberg, who has stood famous stallions such as Mack Lobell, Zoot Suit, Smokin Yankee and Viking Kronos. Today you'll find Nuncio, Going Kronos, Zola Boko, From Above, Maharajah and others at this beautiful and historic farm.

Furthermore, we will also have a chance to visit the training camp of Menhammar, Yttersta. It's where one of the most successful trainers in Europe – Stefan Hultman – used to train international trotting stars such as the Elitlopps winner From Above, Maharajah and many more.

We will return to Stockholm where you can enjoy an exciting afternoon of **V75-races at Solvalla** or explore the city on your own. The level of this Saturdays racing is higher than normal, with some of the best horses in Scandinavia competing. You can choose to enjoy the action from a comfortable **VIP-seat in the restaurant Festvåningen** or join the crowd in the public area. Transfer back to the hotel in late afternoon.

Your evening is free. We suggest you follow us on a cosy **Dinner-cruise** in the beautiful archipelago of Stockholm. More information and price for this dinner to be advised later.

WDC PROGRAM

Follows the program above, today there will be 1 race at Solvalla in the WDC

SUNDAY, MAY 26 – THE ELITLOPP DAY

A Swedish breakfast-buffet is served at the hotel.

Today, you're about to see one of the greatest trotting shows in the world! Fans will be at Solvalla early in the morning to stake out a good vantage point for this great event. You'll have the choice to enjoy the action from a comfortable **VIP-seat in the restaurant Festvåningen** or join the crowd in the public area.

The best trotters in the world will fight it out in two heats for the privilege of joining the honor roll of Elitlopp winners. This great event dates back to 1952 and among the winners have been Roquepine, Fresh Yankee, Timothy T, Pershing, Meadow Road, and so many others.

The Elitlopp isn't the only top race on this Sunday's crammed program. You'll find several international quality trotters from all over the world in the line-up and will even get to see the special cold-blood trotters, so beloved in the Nordic countries, fight it out on the track. The atmosphere is smoldering and the excitement vast!

After the races, Equi Tours will provide transportation back to the hotel.

The evening is free to spend on your own.



WDC PROGRAM

Follows the program above, today there will be no races in the WDC

MONDAY, MAY 27 – Departure Day

A Swedish breakfast-buffet is served at the hotel. During the day, depending on your flight times, you will head back to the airport for your flight home. Please let us know your flight details if you want us to book your transfer to the airport.

WDC PROGRAM – LINDESBERG

At lunchtime, bus will take us to Lindesberg racetrack (about 2h 30m drive). After the races, bus to Eskilstuna (1h 30 m drive) for accommodation (2 nights)

TUESDAY, MAY 28 – SUNDBYHOLM /ESKILSTUNA

Visit horsefarm (training or breeding) in the area during the day, races in the evening where we also will have dinner, transport to the track and back. Night in Eskilstuna

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 – RÄTTVIK

Bus will take us from Eskilstuna to Rättvik today (about 3h drive). We plan to do a visit before the races in Rättvik. Lunch or dinner included in the program today. Night in Rättvik

TURSDAY, MAY 30 – SIGHTSEEING

No races today. We plan to visit some nice sights and offer an activity in the area, lunch or dinner – more information to come. Night in Rättvik

FRIDAYM MAY 31 – Finals in GÄVLE back to STOCKHOLM

Bus in the morning from Rättvik to Gävle (about 2h drive) for the final races. Who will win today? Return to Stockholm by bus after the races in the afternoon (about 2h drive). Dinner in the evening
Night in Stockholm

SATURDAY JUNE 1ST – END OF TOUR

Departure day or enjoy another day in our beautiful capital

More details about the program, such as visits to studfarms, trainers and meet with the drivers will be announced in Feb-Mar 2019



Costs per person Elitloppstour May 23-27 : 1.045 US dollars/ 925 Eur per person

Cost per person WDC extension May 27 – June 1st : 1.395 US dollars / 1.230 Eur

All this is included May 23-27:

- Four (4) nights accommodations (in shared double room) in 4* Hotel in Stockholm
- Delightful buffet breakfast each morning
- Get-together-dinner Thursday night, including one glass of wine or one beer
- Transportation according to the program
- Sightseeing with an English-speaking guide on Friday morning
- Lunch after the sightseeing tour on Friday
- Tour to the Yearling sale on Friday afternoon
- Tour to Menhammar Studfarm on Saturday morning
- Entrance and program to Solvalla racetrack on Saturday
- Entrance and program to Solvalla racetrack on Sunday
- An English-speaking tourguide during the whole stay in Sweden

All this is included May 27- June 1st :

- **Five (5) nights accommodations (in shared double room) in 3-4* Hotels**
- **Delightful buffet breakfast each morning**
- **Lunch or dinner Monday through Friday**
- **Transportation according to the program**
- **Entrance and racing program each race-day**
- **Visits to Swedish well-known trainers, breeders and meet with the Drivers**

Costs does not include:

- Airline tickets
- Other personal expenses and meals not mentioned above.

Optional costs, per person in Us dollars / Euros:

- Arrival & departure airport transfer
- Single room supplement May 23-27: 360 / 320
- Single room supplement May 27- June 1st: 420 / 370
- Seats in VIP restaurant on Saturday, including buffet lunch and soft drinks: 210 / 185
- Seats in VIP restaurant on **Sunday Elitloppsdag**, including buffet lunch, glass of champagne and soft drinks (wine and beer can be bought directly in the restaurant): 295 / 260
- Dinner cruise in the archipelago of Stockholm on Saturday evening: 140 / 125

The cost is based on a minimum of 20 persons in the group and todays exchange rate (swedish kronor, November 2018). Equi Tours claims the right to make adjustments in the program and price adjustments due to exchange rate and other changes that are out of our control.



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RESERVATION

Last day for reservation is February 28, 2019. Please send us an email with your name, address, phone number. Indicate also:

- How many persons?
- How many hotel rooms? Single or double rooms?
- Airline details if you need transfer
- Do you want a restaurant seat on Saturday & Sunday at Solvalla?

You'll get a confirmation and an invoice by mail. Payment with bank transfer or credit card.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The price is based on a minimum of 20 persons. A non-refundable deposit of 30 % of the cost of the tour and restaurant seats are to be paid within 10 days of making the reservation. Full payment must be made no later than 40 days prior to departure day. Equi Tours general booking terms, which can be found on our website or be requested from us, are used and followed.

Costs of cancellation

From reservation to the 28th February 2019: 30% of the cost of the the tour and restaurant seats

From the 1st March 2019 to deparature: 100% of the cost of the tour and restaurant seats

Welcome to Sweden and the Elitlopp!