



Starting off from the AirBNB in Stockholm



Bucolic views started an hour out of Stockholm



Changing our first and only flat tire

Dominick and Susan were again a very strong tandem team, with Kevin working hard to keep up on a single Bike Friday folding bike. We experienced wind for most of the tour, with cold rain and strong winds for the first week. Except for the day pulling into Sala, the bad weather didn't dampen our spirits. After the weather turned sunny, the countryside turned glorious. Sweden is a beautiful country filled with some of the nicest people.

We started in Stockholm, rode north west to Sala, then south thru Västerås and Eskilstuna to Norrköping, west above Lake Roxen to Vadstena, then south to Gränna, Eksjö, and Orrefors, with a turn north to catch the ferry at Oskarshamn to Gotland. A day ride around Visby, followed the next day by a ferry to Nynäshamn with a final ride north back into Stockholm.



Geared-up for the Sala silver mine tour



Ancient gold at the Swedish History Museum



Tour down into the depths of the Silvergruva in Sala



The Silvergruva main shaft house is on the left



Dominick and Susan are a strong team



13<sup>th</sup> Century Lilla Rytterne church near Borgasund



Lunch break among the church ruins



Susan & Dominick showing good stretching technique



Unpaved roads provided some of the best riding



Maybe not, but we are having a good time



Dark rain clouds on the horizon



Cold day of riding into Katrineholm



Google maps was crucial for route finding



Cutie at Jagarbo Alpaca farm



Great campground in Eskilstuna with very well-equipped kitchen



Picturesque Matteus Kyrka in Norrköping



Bridge over the river Motala Strom in Norrköping



Gorgeous roads



River power for early industry in Norrköping



Mid-summer celebration with dancing around pole in Norrköping



13<sup>th</sup> century church wall paintings at Vaversunda Kyrka near Vadstena



A close encounter of the sheep kind along the Gota canal between Ljungsbro and Borensburg





The runestone was found built into the wall of the 12<sup>th</sup> century Rök church



Most “white” roads had little traffic



The 9<sup>th</sup> century Rök Runestone



Arbitrary arrangement of letters



We are all very proud of our excellent teeth



Two views of harbor at Gränna



All of the farms were so neat and tidy



The Andrée Expedition’s attempted balloon flight over the North Pole in 1897 didn’t get far



Nice campsite by the water at Orrefors Camping



Overlooking the Baltic Sea to Öland



Along the gorgeous 28km rail-to-trail between Sävsjöström and Orrefors



We have ridden thousands of miles together and we still enjoy each others' company



Orrefors Glasbruk glass blowing studio



Bergskärningen Singelstorp railway path



Dominick chilling out



Leaving the ferry at Gotland



Day or night, Sweden is lovely



12<sup>th</sup> century Visby Cathedral



Detail of the pulpit at Visby Cathedral



Another picturesque & neat farm near Källunge on Gotland



Natural cliff on a hilltop makes an Iron Age Fornborgar on Gotland



A Zen moment on the Gotland ferry



Learning about Swedish burial practices at the Vid Bro Kyrka from mother and daughter caretakers



Tjelvar's Grave is a boat shaped Bronze Age grave of standing stones that measures 18x5 meters



Studying picture stones at Gotlands Fornsal Antiquities Museum



800AD picture stone with tale of conquest



Trying on medieval armor



The ship was floated into an open end of the Vasa Museum in Stockholm which was finished around it



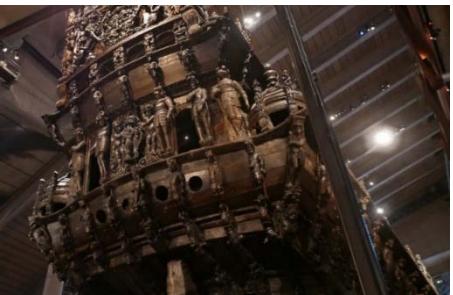
Sunk 1km from shore on its maiden voyage and rediscovered 330 years later



98% of the Vasa is the original wood, now preserved with polyethylene glycol (Miralax)



Scale model showing original paint scheme with colorful figures



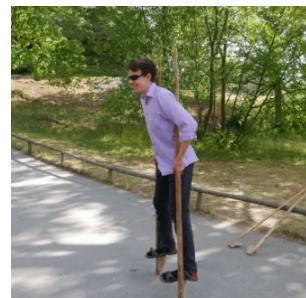
The grocery shop and period actors at Skansen



The belt driven equipment at the furniture factory



Susan learning glass blowing



Dominick learning to walk on stilts at the Skansen open air museum of Swedish history



Royal crown canopies sit above the royal pews at the Cathedral of Saint Nicholas in Stockholm



St. George and the dragon from 1489 has a reliquary pedestal holding remains of six saints



Painting showing demons dragging people to hell



Silver and ebony triptych alter piece has closing side panels



The fancy mirror and marble mantle are nice, but what's in the reflection is my favorite part



3D crown molding must be tough to dust



Gilded hall in the Royal Palace



Semi-private street urinal



Admiring the colorful Royal Orders of Chivalry



Slightly grand entry hall at the Royal Palace



A moment of rest from being tourists