



Itinerary, Göta Canal Express Sjötorp–Mem, 3 days. Have a pleasant journey!

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If you are travelling between Gothenburg and Vänersborg, you will pass through the Trollhätte Canal, 80 km, and Lake Vänern, 118 km. The Trollhätte Canal is open every day. For more information, visit www.sjofartsverket.se.

Göta Canal

Sjötorp–Karlsborg/Vättern–Motala

21 locks, 3 lakes, 97.8 km

08.00 The Canal Office in Sjötorp opens.
Check-in. Dep Sjötorp

About 19 Karlsborg, road bridge opens, remote controlled from the Forsvik lock.
Cross Lake Vättern, 32.5 km.
Night harbour: Motala marina.

Day's trip: Your canal journey begins in the idyllic canal town of Sjötorp. After five locks, you arrive in Lyrestad and soon pass the grand Norrqvarn hotel with its mini canal.

The Riksberg locks and the Hajstorp lock area are well-known tourist attractions before you reach Töreboda. The stretch leading to Tåtorp is surrounded by leafy woodlands and farmland, and has no locks. In Tåtorp, the lock is still operated by hand. Now you come to a lovely stretch of the canal, Lake Viken, with narrow passages, deep woods and tiny islands. The Forsvik lock is the oldest lock on the canal, built in 1813. After crossing Lake Bottensjön, you arrive in Karlsborg and Lake Vättern, which takes you to Motala.

Motala–Berg/Lake Roxen–Norsholm

23 locks, 2 lakes, 64.4 km

08.00 Dep Motala lock.

17.00 Arr Berg (Lake Roxen). Cross Lake Roxen, 27 km.

19.00 Lockage into Norsholm

Night harbour: Norsholm marina

Day's trip: The day begins with lockage into the Motala lock from Lake Vättern. After three picturesque kilometres in Motala, you reach the Borenhult locks. The Borenhult locks are the second largest flight in the canal, with five locks. After you cross Lake Boren, you'll reach the lock in Borensberg, which is operated manually, just like in the olden days. The next stretch features two aqueducts and a lovely agricultural landscape. Afterwards you begin lockage down towards the Berg locks and Lake Roxen. This lockage ends with the canal's greatest sight, the Carl Johan flight of locks. After crossing Lake Roxen, you pass through the lock into Norsholm for the night.

Norsholm–Mem

15 locks, 1 lake, 28 km

08.00 Dep Norsholm.

About 16 Arr Mem.

Day's trip: The trip from Norsholm to Söderköping passes through a beautiful landscape and across Lake Asplången. The medieval town of Söderköping is an idyll with a central canal harbour. Your Göta Canal journey ends in Mem, where the grand opening of the Göta Canal took place in 1832.



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Mem–Berg

15 locks, 2 lakes, 55 km

08.00 The canal office in Mem opens. Check-in.
Dep Mem.

About 14 Arr Norsholm.

Cross Lake Roxen, 27 km.

Night harbour: Berg marina, Lake Roxen

Day's trip: Mem was where the grand opening of the Göta Canal took place in 1832.

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Berg–Motala/Vättern–Karlsborg

22 locks, 2 lakes, 69.9 km

08.00 Dep Carl Johan flight of locks, Berg.

14.00 Arr Borensberg.

Cross Lake Boren, 13 km.

About 16 Arr. Motala harbour.

Cross Lake Vättern, 32.5 km.

Night harbour: Karlsborg marina, east of the road bridge, in Lake Vättern.

Day's trip: The journey begins with the greatest sight on the canal, the Carl Johan flight of seven locks, which raise and lower boats over 18 metres! After another four double locks, you come to a stretch featuring two aqueducts and a picturesque agricultural landscape leading you to Borensberg. The lock in Borensberg is operated manually, just like in the olden days. After crossing Lake Boren, you reach the Borensbult locks, which are the second-largest flight in the canal, with five locks. After arrival in Motala harbour, you cross Lake Vättern, Sweden's second-largest lake.

Karlsborg–Sjötorp

21 locks, 2 lakes, 65.3 km

08.00 Karlsborg, road bridge opens, remote controlled from the Forsvik lock.

About 19 Arr Sjötorp, Lake Vänern.

Day's trip: Karlsborg is home to the impressive Karlsborg Fortress. Forsvik lock is the oldest lock on the canal, built in 1813. Now you come to a lovely stretch of the canal, Lake Viken, with narrow passages, deep woods and tiny islands. In Tätorp, the lock is still operated by hand. The stretch leading to Töreboda is surrounded by leafy woodlands and farmland, and has no locks. The Hajstorp lock area is a well-known tourist attraction, as are the Riksberg locks. After passing the grand Norrqvarn hotel, you come to Lyrestad. The last part of your canal journey is lockage down to Sjötorp, a picturesque canal community on Lake Vänern.

Trollhätte Canal

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