

EXCURSION TO NYNÄSHAMN

A bus trip to Nynäshamn with lunch served at Kroken restaurant and a boat ride on lovely M/S Flora around the archipelago and through Dragnets channel.

Nynäshamn coastline is about 1,000 km long with 1,852 islands, both large and small. Visiting during sunny summer months, as we did, is just marvelous. Nynäshamn is a relatively young town and first started growing when Stockholm needed a relatively ice-free harbor. Today it has become a major container-shipping harbor and cruise ships most often dock here as well. You can reach Nynäshamn using regular commuter train from Upplands Väsby in about one hour.

We cruised on M/S Flora, built around 1890's, in the main channel between islands and through a narrow 250 m (750') long Dagnet channel, a natural channel separating Kärringboda and Järflotta. You could almost touch the sides as we sailed through. The channel has been widened and excavated many times through the ages.

In the distance we saw Sweden's oldest lighthouse Landsort built on the island of Öja. Already during the 1680's fishermen operated their own warning signals until the current standing lighthouse was built 1869-70. Öja, with its strategic important location both in peacetime and war, would be a perfect hide-away for romance. There are military buildings and some old cannons remain. At Öja you are at the last island then you have just open sea.

After a day with friends, satisfied with a delicious lunch and a lovely cruise on old M/S Flora we returned home. How can ask for a better day – sun – friends – new adventure.