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Spend the Night at This Abba Member's Hotel in Stockholm



The first boutique hotel in Stockholm, Hotel Rival. | © Hotel Rival



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Are you planning a trip to Stockholm and need a place to stay? Look no further than the hotel of one of Sweden's most popular residents, Benny Andersson. The legendary ABBA member is the owner of this fabulous boutique hotel that's located in the heart of Södermalm.

Preserving history

Hotel Rival first opened its doors in 1937 and became the perfect place for all things entertainment. It was a combination of an apartment, hotel, restaurant, cinema, bakery, and theater. Throughout the years, it served as a great entertainment hub for the residents of Södermalm.

Following the purchase of the hotel in 2002, an extensive renovation began. The attic was completely re-figured to include the suites that would become available for guests. There was an addition that was added towards the back of the property to help accommodate 15 more rooms. [Hotel Rival](#) re-opened on September 1, 2003, making it Sweden's first boutique hotel.

Re-opened in 2003, Hotel Rival has become one of the hottest hotels in Stockholm. © Hotel Rival



Comfort on all levels

The hotel has been designed with an Art Deco style and features beautiful glass elevators. In total, there are 99 rooms (194 beds) with four different kinds to choose from: Standard, Superior, Deluxe, and Suites. All of the rooms include the breakfast buffet, so you can be sure to have a hot, delicious breakfast every morning of your stay. In addition, the Deluxe rooms all have the extra bonus of having a balcony facing Mariatorget.

A beautiful view from the Deluxe room! © Hotel Rival



One of the best things that [Hotel Rival](#) has to offer is the number of options for food and drinks. While the Bistro has a focus on Swedish cuisine as well as hosting a delicious brunch on Sundays, Café Rival has lighter fare of sandwiches and pastries to choose from and offers outdoor seating during warmer months.

One of the beautiful rooms at Hotel Rival! © Hotel Rival



If you're wanting to grab a cocktail or a glass of wine, you have plenty of options to choose from as the hotel has three bars: Lobby Bar, Cocktail Bar, and the Bistro Bar.

Entertainment possibilities

Since Hotel Rival is a former theater and cinema, you can be sure there is plenty of entertainment available right in the hotel. The theater, which is still actively running, seats 703 guests for a variety of concerts, shows, and performances. In addition, there are five, newly remodeled conference rooms, so if you are in need of a space, this is the perfect spot. In addition, the Cocktail Bar regularly hosts DJs on the weekends, so if you're looking at going out, it's a great place to begin your evening.

With loads of amenities and located in the heart of Södermalm, this is a perfect place to stay when wanting to visit [Stockholm](#).