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**Travel without leaving home to Nordic museums with ASHM  
Virtual Field Trip Fridays  
Various Fridays at 12:15 pm EST**

**Philadelphia, PA (Virtual)**- Do you have a travel bug but COVID is keeping you from the world? ASHM is excited to bring the world to you with our *Virtual Field Trip Friday* program series! We are partnering with museums throughout the U.S. and Scandinavia to bring their collections to you. Experts from each organization will personally guide you through their exhibits and answer questions during lively conversations.

Each program is 45 minutes long over the lunch hour so you can take a break from your day, whether at home or work, to be immersed in a Scandinavian cultural experience. These trips will allow you to experience Finnish culture, explore a historic castle, and see Viking artifacts up close. This is the perfect way to preview places of interest to visit when travel is possible again!

Programs are from 12:15 – 1:00 pm, \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers.

Please see the upcoming dates and locations below. More dates and locations to be announced, please visit to register. [www.americanswedish.org/events](http://www.americanswedish.org/events).

**Museum of Cultural History- Oslo, Norway  
Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

Join us this month as we tour the Museum of Cultural History at the University of Oslo in Norway. We will get to view the exhibition; *Fabulous Animals – from the Iron Age to the Vikings*. This tour will take you on a journey, a Scandinavian safari, to meet some fabulous animals that the people of the Scandinavia admired. You will find animal motifs, hidden in their jewelry and weapons, in their houses, and later in their churches. The animals in turn, gave people, protection, courage and strength. Enter a world where the relationship with animals was completely different from today.





### **The National Museum of Finland - Helsinki, Finland Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

During this virtual tour we will explore the exhibitions and the main building of the National Museum of Finland. The National Museum of Finland is a national cultural history museum. It maintains and develops its collections as a source of research and use of cultural heritage and provides exhibitions and museum services in ten locations throughout Finland. The National Museum of Finland is part of the Finnish Heritage Agency and together we have the oldest and most comprehensive cultural history collections in Finland with half a million historical artefacts and approximately million prehistorical objects. The collections illustrate Finnish history, folk culture and the

culture of Finno-Ugric peoples as well as world cultures from various parts of the world. The National Museum of Finland also documents contemporary culture in Finland and exhibits the prehistorical times of the area.

### **Skokloster Castle- Stockholm, Sweden Friday, October 8th**

Join us on a tour through Skokloster Castle with curator Petri Tigercrona. Skokloster Castle is a white Baroque palace on the shore of Lake Mälaren, about one hour outside Stockholm and is one of the ambitious projects built in 17th century Sweden. The field marshal Carl Gustaf Wrangel was born in the old house at Skokloster, originally Sko Abbey, and commissioned this great house upon his return to Sweden after the Thirty Years´ s War. Generations of descendants used the house as a summer residence, and they changed very little or next to nothing over the years. Skokloster Castle ended up being more or less a time capsule, with interiors virtually untouched since the 1670s! The house with all its collections of art, furniture, books, armour, was sold to the state in 1967.



The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in scenic FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia near the Sports Complex. Plenty of free parking is available. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street Subway's AT&T/Pattison Avenue stop is within walking distance or SEPTA's Route 17 (Naval Base) can bring you right to the Museum.