

Information about the City Hall Tower

Stockholm City Hall took 12 years to build, from 1911 to 1923, and was designed by the Swedish architect Ragnar Östberg. The City Hall is still used as offices for Stockholm's politicians and civil servants and every year it hosts the famous Nobel Banquet.

The City Hall Tower is 106 m high and there are 365 steps leading to the top. At the top of the tower there are nine bells. The largest one weighs 3,000 kg. The bells strike every hour and at 12 noon and 6 pm they play a tune. When the tune plays, the figures in the carillon turn on the balcony on the eastern side of the tower. The carillon tells the story of St. George and the Dragon.

It took almost 2.5 million bricks to build the tower, which weighs 24,000 tonnes, double the weight of the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

The lift stops halfway up the tower at the Tower Museum. Here you can see models of busts and statues found in other parts of the City Hall.

After you have reached the Tower Museum, narrow passages and stairways lead up to the top of the tower. The last stairway is made of wood and on your way up you pass the carillon machinery.

After the wooden stairway, you reach the viewpoint, which is enclosed by grating. The viewpoint at the very top is closed to visitors for safety reasons. The viewpoint is 73 m above sea level and you can walk around the whole tower, allowing you to see all of Stockholm. Up here you can also see four large sculptures, including Eric IX of Sweden (known as Eric the Saint), Stockholm's patron saint.

At the top of the tower there are three crowns. The Three Crowns have been the national emblem of Sweden since the 14th century. The crowns on the tower are angled towards Gamla Stan, the Old Town, where Stockholm's medieval castle stood until it burned down in 1697. The castle also had a spire with three crowns on top. The crowns on the City Hall Tower are made of gilded copper. Each crown is 2.2 m wide, 1.1 m high and weighs 70 kg.



Welcome to the

City Hall Tower!

Information about your visit to the tower:

Viewpoint

You can only visit the tower at scheduled times. Your ticket is only valid for the appointed time and cannot be exchanged.

For fire safety reasons only 30 people are allowed in the tower at the same time

The whole visit takes max. 35 minutes.

The lift goes to the museum, about halfway to the top. There are stairs the rest of the way.

You will find information about the tower on the reverse.

Enjoy your visit!



Tower Museum

