

9 Stunning Spots for Natural Ice Skating Around the World



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Imagine the sun on your face, the crisp air all around you, and the smell of fresh ice – and now imagine gliding along on skates without being forced to go around and around in a tiny oval rink. Instead, you can experience the great outdoors on one of these naturally frozen skating spots. Just you, the ice, and your skates.

The spots we've chosen here let you skate from the middle of cities to secluded rural spaces – and even in your own backyard. These are professionally maintained, and while you may find a frozen lake, pond, or river in your local park, you should always check with officials and take proper safety precautions before setting out.

UK-based [Nature Travels](#) sets up [environmentally responsible](#) tours of Sweden in summer and winter – and if you choose the colder months of the year, you could book this four-day, three-night tour of natural ice skating in [Östergötland and Södermanland](#).

Professional guides make sure you're on the strongest ice at all times, and customize the distances for your activity level; the company hints that you might also get the chance to go out at night for a "moonlight skating tour beneath the stars."