



Gotland and Öland

Gotland



Lying 90km off the east coast of Sweden, the island of Gotland is the Pearl of the Baltic Sea and a historic gem.

Gotland, including the island of Fårö, is 175km long and measures 50km at its widest point. It is well-known as the Swedish playground because of its beautiful sandy beaches and the vibrant social scene in summer.

On the west coast of the island stands the medieval walled city of Visby – considered by some as the best preserved medieval city in Northern Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Among the most notable historical remains are the 3.4km long stone wall that encircles the city and the old church ruins. A stroll through the cobbled streets will show a wealth and richness of architecture, picturesque medieval buildings and peaceful squares.

A 10-minute ferry journey from the northernmost point of Gotland, Fårösund, leads onto the barren island of Fårö (114km²). It is here where you will find the imposing 'raukar' or stone pillars which are scattered along this storm beaten coastline. This island is also famous for being the resting place of Swedish film director, Ingmar Bergman.

Rolling green countryside, small fishing villages and medieval churches – 92 in total, one for each parish on the island - add a charm and quaintness to the island's landscape. At the southern tip of Gotland are the parishes of Storsudret. Here, the scenery is magnificent with shingle mounds, raukar, heathlands, forest meadows and sandy beaches.

Öland

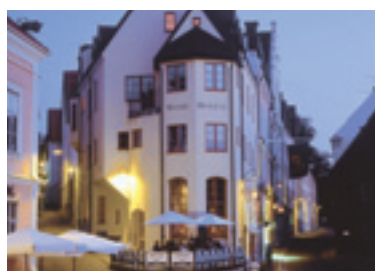


The island of Öland, stretching 150km along the east coast of Sweden, is the smallest province in the country and a renowned summer paradise. Here you will find 500km of coastline and a wonderful natural environment – coniferous and deciduous forests, agricultural lands and limestone plains - which attracts many species of migrating birds each year.

Öland is also famed for its windmills; there are some 350 windmills on the island; and for its ancient castles and countless historic monuments.

Borgholm, the capital, is located on the east coast of the island overlooking the Kalmar Sound. On summer nights, the town hums with a holiday atmosphere – restaurants and bars brimming with locals and holidaymakers open onto the streets. To the rear of town stands the ruin of 17th century Borgholm Castle. The Castle today, is a fascinating museum which enables visitors to step back in time. From June-August, guided tours as well as a range of concerts and art exhibitions take place.

At the southern tip, the unusual limestone-based plain of Stora Alvaret has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its extraordinary biodiversity and heritage. The region features the ancient burial grounds of Gettlinge, which includes graves and standing stones from the Stone Age to the late Iron Age; and the ring-fort of Eketorp. Thanks to its thin soil mantle and high pH levels, this is also a wonderful area for naturalists, with rare flora species and rich birdlife.



Hotel Clarion Wisby, Visby (Gotland)

■ Airport: 3km Visby ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Indoor swimming pool

The Hotel Clarion is located in the centre of Visby, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is a short walk from the botanical gardens, cathedral and city walls. Housed within a medieval 13th century building the hotel has been beautifully remodelled and decorated throughout in a modern style, and in our opinion, offers the highest standard of accommodation on the island. Guests staying at the hotel should take a moment to admire the remaining medieval architecture, which includes an original vaulted ceiling in the hotel reception and a 13th century alleyway.

Accommodation: 134 air-conditioned rooms including 109 standard and 16 luxury rooms, 10 junior suites and 1 duplex suite ■ All rooms have a bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, cable TV, iron and ironing board, telephone, complimentary WiFi internet connection, safe deposit box and minibar ■ Some standard rooms (twin bedded) interconnect ■ Luxury rooms have a designated living area and many have a single sofa bed suitable for a child ■ 8 split level junior suites (c. 8 steps to the bedroom area) with a designated living area. One junior suite (not split level) has a Jacuzzi ■ The suite has a single bedroom on the ground floor with a distant sea view over the roof tops of Visby. A spiral staircase leads to a living room, bathroom (Jacuzzi and shower) and spacious bedroom with a view over the town to the sea.

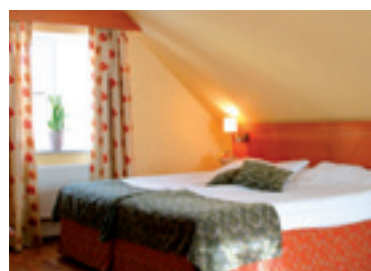
Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast served in the 'Captain's House' restaurant ■ 'Friheten' restaurant ■ Lounge with original vaulted ceilings ■ Winter garden and bar with occasional live music ■ Brunch served in the winter garden on Sunday's during the autumn months ■ Sauna (payable locally) ■ Indoor swimming pool (payable locally) ■ Treatment rooms (payable locally) ■ 2 Lifts ■ Parking payable locally c. 145SEK per day.

Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room, flights to Visby (via Stockholm Arlanda) with SAS Scandinavian Airlines and car hire (Group A – see page 98). Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Clarion Wisby	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sep-Oct
	£1469	£1524	£1551	£1453

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Hotel Strand, Visby (Gotland)

■ Airport: 3km Visby ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Indoor plunge pool

Housed in a 13th century building, once home to the largest brewery on Gotland (1854-1977), the Hotel Strand enjoys a central position within the Hanseatic town of Visby. The cobbled streets, picturesque squares, medieval walls and waterfront are all within a short walk.

Owner-managed by Magnus and Angelica Wiman, the Strand is a city hotel which provides a convenient base from which to explore the island. Remodelled and expanded over the years, the hotel offers comfortable guest accommodation and a personal atmosphere.

Accommodation: 110 rooms including 12 single, 91 standard and 4 superior rooms, 2 one-bedroom suites and 1 superior suite divided between the original wing and the new '300' wing ■ All rooms have a bathroom (shower), hairdryer, cable TV, telephone, complimentary internet connection, minibar, safe deposit box and tea and coffee making facilities ■ Rooms in the original wing are decorated using a traditional style, whereas rooms in the 300 wing are more modern in design ■ Some standard rooms can accommodate an extra bed for a child ■ Superior rooms have a Jacuzzi, sauna or a balcony ■ The two-bedroom suites, located in the original wing, have a twin bedroom, single bedroom, separate living room and can accommodate two extra beds ■ The superior suite, on three floors, has a Jacuzzi, balcony and a view over Visby to the sea ■ Due to the age of the building rooms vary in size and shape.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ Bar and lounge ■ Lift ■ Garden ■ Sauna ■ Steam bath ■ Indoor plunge pool ■ Limited free parking.

Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

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Hotel Strand	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sep-Oct
	£1157	£1272	£1385	£1272

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Visby, Gotland



Öland



Halltorps Gästgiveri, Borgholm (Öland)

- Airport: 35km Kalmar
- Bed & Breakfast
- Indoor plunge pool

Halltorp Gästgiveri is situated six miles south of Borgholm, overlooking the Kalmar Sound. The shoreline and the famous nature reserve, Halltorps Hage, are within easy walking distance as is the 36-hole Ekerum golf course.

This country inn, dating from the 17th century, offers great charm and hospitality, exquisitely furnished dining rooms and comfortable guest accommodation. Halltorps Gästgiveri has long been regarded as having one of the finest restaurants in Sweden where award winning chefs prepare gourmet cuisine using the finest local ingredients.

After a good meal guests can relax on the sun terrace with its magnificent view or, on cooler days, in front of one of the hotel's five fireplaces. The excellent location, the first-class food and unique rooms make the Halltorp Gästgiveri an excellent choice for those special occasions.

Accommodation: 40 individually designed rooms including 2 suites ■ All rooms have a bathroom (shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, radio, complimentary WIFI internet connection and iron and ironing board ■ 6 rooms including 2 suites have a view over Kalmar Sound. A further 9 rooms have a limited view over the Sound ■ 25 guest rooms have been specially designed by craftsmen from each province of Sweden ■ 10 guest rooms in the old mansion were renovated in 2011. Six of these rooms are maisonettes with a sitting room on the ground floor and a bedroom upstairs. Two are large suites that have a fabulous view over Kalmar Sound.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ Gourmet restaurant which uses many home-grown (fruits, vegetables and herbs), and locally sourced products. Three course half board menu offered ■ Bar and lounge ■ Wine cellar ■ Sun terrace with views over Kalmar Sound ■ Wellness centre with two saunas, plunge pool and spa treatments (payable locally) ■ Gardens where clients can play boules and croquet ■ Free parking ■ There are 3 golf courses within half an hour drive including the 36-hole Ekerum course 2km away ■ Bike hire (payable locally c.50SEK per day) ■ Bird watching, flora and fishing excursions available locally ■ 9km to the great Borgholm Slottsruin ■ Ottenby, the bird station of the southern point of Öland, is one of the liveliest in Europe.

Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room, flights to Kalmar (via Stockholm Arlanda) with SAS Scandinavian Airlines and car hire (Group A – see page 98). Single room supplement on request.

Halltorps Gästgiveri	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sep-Oct
	£1167	£1155	£1173	£1155

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