



Gothenburg



Smörgåsbord

Highlights of West Sweden

Sunvil Discovery was established in 1970 and, over the years, we have gained a wealth of experience in arranging tailor-made holidays for our clients. We know our featured properties and are happy to answer any questions that you might have in order to help design a holiday itinerary which suits you perfectly.

Gothenburg:

The city:

Just 2 hours away from the UK, Gothenburg sits on Sweden's west coast. A truly cosmopolitan destination, Gothenburg is an ideal city break destination combining heritage with fine dining in Michelin-starred restaurants, boutique shopping and a lively nightlife.

Gothenburg is a compact city and all of the primary attractions are within walking distance. A tour of the city should commence at the historic 17th century district of **Haga**, where visitors and locals come to wander the maze of cobbled streets, and enjoy the architecture, shopping opportunities and lively coffee-shop scene. Close-by the hilltop fortification of **Skansen Kronan** (Crown keep) and Gothenburg's most decorated church **Oscar Fredrik**, offer a magnificent panorama of the city.

A tram or a gentle walk links the Haga district to the **Maritime Museum** and harbour-side preservation area of **Klippans kulturresevat**, where many of the buildings are associated with the Swedish East India Company and the period of prosperity in the 18th century.

Return to the centre of Gothenburg by canal cruise boat, winding your way alongside the park of **Trädgårdsföreningen** and the bustling fish market, **Feskekôrka** (Fish Church), a popular lunchtime haunt for local residents.

Attractions:

Gothenburg boasts attractions to suit all interests and ages. Why not spend the day visiting **Gothenburg's art museum**; **National History Museum**; **Museum of World Cultures**; the **Liseberg amusement park** - Sweden's

premier tourist attraction; or shopping in Sweden's leading indoor shopping centre (150 shops) or in the areas of **Vallgraven**, and **Linnegatan**? Alternatively, escape the bustle of the city and visit the beautiful manor house, gardens and restaurant of **Gunnebo**.

During the summer months a variety of boat excursions depart Gothenburg for the archipelago; offering visitors a wonderful, peaceful atmosphere and hiking, biking and swimming opportunities. A range of evening cruises are also available.

Special offer

Sunvil Discovery is pleased to offer a complimentary Gothenburg Pass to each client booking a stay in Gothenburg. The pass provides free admission to attractions and museums, several sightseeing tours by bus or boat and free travel on public transport.

Attractions include: Liseberg amusement park, Universeum, Museum of World Culture, Maritime Museum, National History Museum, Gothenburg Art Museum, Gothenburg City Museum, the Paddan canal cruises and Gothenburg Botanical Garden.

Notes: The months of July and August are the height of the tourist season in Sweden. Please note that outside of these months, many attractions are closed or are open for reduced hours. If you have a specific site or museum that you would like to visit, please contact us to check that it will be open during your visit.

Shrimp and Salmon cruise:

Enjoy a shrimp buffet, a west coast speciality, as you cruise Gothenburg's southern archipelago. Departing from Gothenburg at 1800hrs, this three hour excursion will show you Gothenburg from the water as well as passing island communities including **Styrso**, **Donso** and **Branno**.

Available: May-Oct

Price: £62.00 per person.

Archipelago evening dinner cruise:

Cruise the waterways of the Gothenburg archipelago on board a 19th century boat, the **MS St Erik**. Departing from Gothenburg at 1900hrs, the excursion not only offers wonderful panoramic views (make sure to take your camera) of the rocky islets and islands surrounding the gateway city of West Sweden but, also includes a sumptuous buffet with delicacies from the archipelago.

Available: Jul-Aug

Price: £60.00 per person



Feshekörka, Gothenburg



Nordic Water Colour Museum

West Sweden:

Landscape:

The landscape of West Sweden offers some of the most picturesque and varied scenery in Sweden; an archipelago of some 10,000 islands, lush open countryside, vast forests and lakes. It is a delight to tour this region by car, whether for a short break or for a longer more relaxing stay.

The archipelago:

The 170km Bohuslän Coast splinters into thousands of granite islands, islets and skerries north of Gothenburg. It is home to a great variety of wildlife and much of Sweden's fish supply.

Bridges and ferry services link the inner archipelago to the main land. Of those islands accessible to visitors, **Marstrand**, **Käringön**, **Tjörn** and **Orust**, in particular, warrant a visit.

Marstrand, 71km north of Gothenburg, is a pedestrianised island and a paradise for sailing enthusiasts. Dominated by the Carlsten Fortress, the island hums with life in July and August. Out of season, Marstrand is a tranquil island whose narrow cobbled streets and charming location justify a stop.

Käringön boasts a picturesque fishing village and a vibrant, summer island scene. A short stroll from the harbour will lead to a collection of historical houses and gardens that have changed little since the 19th century – a wonderful contrast to the busy marina.

The neighbouring islands of Tjörn and Orust are the largest in the archipelago and afford wonderful view points and nature trails.

All along the Bohuslän Coast quaint fishing villages can be found: **Mollösund**; **Lysekil**, **Gullholmen**; **Fjällbacka** – where Ingrid Bergman spent her summers; **Smögen**; **Hunnebostrand**, **Fiskebackskil** and **Grebbestad** - famous for producing 90% of Sweden's oysters; to name a few.

History and culture:

For those looking for history and culture, West Sweden has much to offer. Attractions worthy of a mention include the **Nordic Water Colour Museum** and **Pilane Sculpture Park** on the island of Tjörn; **Vitlycke**

Museum in Tanum, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its high concentration of Bronze Age rock carvings; and the 13th century **Läckö Castle** located on the shore of Lake Vänern.

Gastronomy:

The three regions of West Sweden, Bohuslän, Dalsland and Västergötland have their own local traditions and specialities. Seafood and shellfish are popular along the Bohuslän coastline. Dalsland has plenty of game, such as moose and deer, cultivated whitefish, pike and perch in its lakes and woods full of wild mushrooms and berries. Västergötland specialises in smoked fish and locally produced cheese.

Producing some of the finest seafood in the world – oysters, lobsters, prawns, herring, crayfish and mussels – this region is home to a host of excellent seafood restaurants and a wide selection of water based activities including: **Lobster safaris**, **crab fishing** and **Oyster courses**.

Nature:

The county of Dalsland on the Norwegian border is ideal for nature lovers. Relatively unexplored by UK visitors, Dalsland boasts vast forests, undulating countryside and shimmering lakes – including Lake Vänern, the third largest lake in Europe covering an area of 5,648km².

This is a region for **walking** in the Kroppefjäll mountains, **cycling** and **fresh-water fishing**. Also possible, is a day cruise along the **Dalsland Canal** (departing from Häverud), **boat excursions** from the town of Åmal and visits to the numerous small museums and studios presenting the traditional and modern artefacts.

The **Bohuslän coast** has the perfect environment for **kayaking** with calm, protected waters, inshore sheltered bays, narrow passages and quaint, fishing villages. The kayaking is varied and really quite magical. Guided kayak excursions are and self-guided tours are available.

Lobster Safari

Sunvil Discovery are pleased to offer our clients the opportunity to participate in a one-day Lobster Safari from Grebbestad. The Lobster Safari includes an afternoon boat cruise, with experienced fishermen, to the lobster pots; a chance to fish the lobsters and a delicious evening meal to celebrate your achievements and sample the Black Gold of the sea (lobster).

Available: 24Sep - 31Dec

Duration: 2 hour boat cruise and evening meal

Price: £192.00 per person

Crab fishing excursion

Enjoy a day at the ocean with a professional fisherman and try your hand at crab fishing. The excursion departs from Grebbestad.

Available: Jun-Aug

Duration: 2 hours

Price: £78.00 per person.

Oyster Course

Ninety percent of the oysters in Sweden are from Grebbestad. Based in Grönemad this course begins with instructions on how to catch an oyster and then the theory is put into practice on the oyster bank. Following the catch, participants are taught how to open the European wild oyster 'Ostrea edulus' along with the opportunity to taste the oysters - accompanied with Swedish porter beer.

Notes: Tastings can take place in the fisherman's boathouse or on board a boat whilst sailing in the archipelago.

Available: All year.

Duration: 2 hours

Price: £78.00 per person