



Gothenburg and the West Coast

Bohuslän Coast



The wondrous Bohuslän coastline, stretching 170km from Gothenburg to the Norwegian border has to be seen to be believed.

Gothenburg, at the mouth of the River Gota, is the gateway to the region, rich in history and culture and has a character and vibrancy all of its own. An ideal destination for a weekend break or a longer stay.

The stark beauty of the region's 10,000 island archipelago is counterbalanced by an abundance of colourful, traditional fishing villages.



Gothenburg

For the past few years, Gothenburg has been gaining an international reputation for its cool cafes, laid-back parks and cuisine. The city has a friendly small-town feel.



Södra Skärgården

To the south of Gothenburg is an archipelago of 13 islands. Here there are broad horizons, active fishing communities, places to bathe and leafy woodlands interspersed between the sea's blue inlets.



Weather Islands

For a real edge-of-the-earth experience, look no further than the remote Weather Islands (Väderöarna). These 300 or so humpbacked rocks provide excellent opportunities for spotting seals.



Koster Islands

The Koster Islands form Sweden's first Marine National Park. Take a stroll, hire a bike, enjoy a swim in the crystal clear waters or just relax on the deck and enjoy the wonderful panoramas.

Note: Not all our accommodation is suitable for guests with reduced mobility. Please contact us to answer any questions you may have regarding our properties and to discuss their suitability for those with health conditions or impairments.

Gothenburg and her archipelago

Sweden's second city is vibrant, progressive and full of historical sites, fabulous cafes, restaurants, museums and shops. Her archipelago offers a landscape of far reaching beauty that is perfect for exploring by boat, bike and kayak.

Vanilla Hotel, Gothenburg

The Vanilla Hotel enjoys a tranquil position in the heart of Gothenburg. The bustling Avenyn is just a few steps away and the cosmopolitan pedestrian shopping streets, city museums and the beautiful gardens of Tradgårdsforeningen Park are all close at hand.

Built in the 19th century, the hotel has been carefully restored and now offers modern, comfortable accommodation. Located next to the hotel is the Café Vanilj, which serves light meals and freshly baked pastries,

and during the summer months guests can enjoy their meal in its delightful cosy little courtyard.

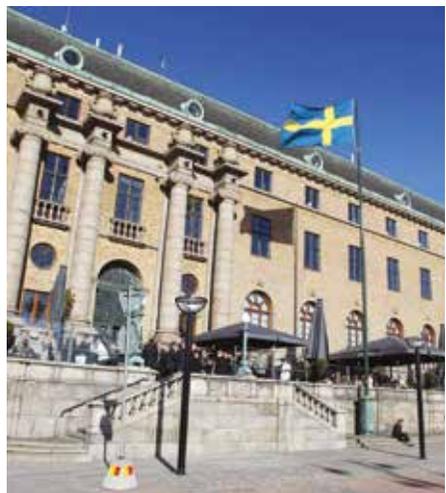
Accommodation: 32 charming rooms including single, standard, superior and family rooms.

- Airport: 25km
- Gothenburg Landvetter
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi

Guide price from **£628 per person***



Standard room



Standard room

Clarion Hotel Post, Gothenburg

The Clarion Hotel Post is located on the canalside in the centre of Gothenburg, a stone's throw from the central train station, the Nordstan shopping centre and the 19th century park of Tradgårdsforeningen with its manicured lawns, rose garden and palm house.

Housed within a former post office building, the Clarion Hotel Post combines modern decor with many original features and artistic pieces. The history of the building is celebrated and through memorabilia the early 1900s are brought to life.

Accommodation: 500 air-conditioned rooms including standard, superior and deluxe rooms and junior suites.

- Airport: 28km
- Gothenburg Landvetter
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Spa facilities
- Swimming pool (outdoor)

Guide price from **£619 per person***

Styrsö Skäret Guest House, Styrsö

Nature, tranquillity and a warm summer vibe take centre stage on the island of Styrsö. It is here that you will find a gentle landscape of granite rocks, sandy bays, calm ponds, woods of pine and birch trees, waterfront hamlets, walking trails and car-free roads that are ideal for cycling.

Owner-managed by Ola and his wife Ylva, Styrsö Skäret Guest House is a true gem, offering charming accommodation and a comfortable lounge adorned with antique furnishings and ornaments.

It is however, the service received by guests and the delicious cuisine served which sets this property apart.

Accommodation: 13 simple, individually decorated rooms.

- Airport: 38km Gothenburg Landvetter plus a 15-minute ferry journey
- Archipelago location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£1,046 per person***



* Guide prices for the Vanilla Hotel and the Clarion Hotel Post based on 2-sharing a standard room (3 nights), flights from London to Gothenburg Landvetter and return private transfers. Prices for Styrsö Skäret based on 2-sharing a standard room (7 nights), flights to Gothenburg Landvetter and return private transfers to Saltholmen - boat tickets are payable locally. Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

The west coast of Sweden

The landscape of West Sweden varies from rocky coastlines with picturesque villages, bustling marinas and cultural attractions – Pilane Sculpture Park, the Nordic Watercolour Museum and Carlstens Fortress on Marstrand – to open fields, vast forests and beautiful lakes.



Smögen



Fjällbacka

Stora Hotellet Bryggan, Fjällbacka

The idyllic coastal village of Fjällbacka, with its picture-postcard harbour front of colourful wooden buildings, rocky backdrop and lively summer scene, was the favourite retreat of film star Ingrid Bergman. It is also famed as the birthplace of the Swedish author Camilla Läckberg.

The charming Stora Hotellet Bryggan is located in the centre of Fjällbacka. A warm welcome from owners Susanne Maxvall and Peter Holmstedt and their team, and homely accommodation await guests. The guest accommodation is decorated in

either a Newport maritime style or in a style that symbolises a city or destination.

Accommodation: 32 rooms divided between three buildings in the heart of Fjällbacka.

- Airport: 150km
Gothenburg Landvetter
- Bed & Breakfast
- Coastal location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£883 per person***

Salt and Sill, Klädesholmen

Floating (yes, floating) on the waters of Bohuslän's outer archipelago, Salt and Sill tastefully combines great Scandinavian design with scenic views. This unique property is more than a gimmick; it offers unspoiled panoramas, personal service and exceptional cuisine - the herring smorgasbord is particularly good.

The guest accommodation is located on a two-storey pontoon with the public hotel areas on the mainland. The rooms are simple but bright with white-washed walls and vibrant colours, and for those who like a

refreshing dip in the morning, many rooms have their own private ladder into the Skagerrak. On the roof of the hotel is a large sun deck and adjacent is a floating sauna.

Accommodation: 12 rooms including standard sea view rooms and a suite.

- Airport: 92km
Gothenburg Landvetter
- Bed & Breakfast
- Coastal location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£1,045 per person***



Standard room

* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a standard room (7 nights), flights from London to Gothenburg Landvetter and car hire (Group B). Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

A short break in Gothenburg and her archipelago

Itinerary: 6 days / 5 nights

There are few cities in the world that enjoy a natural island playground on their doorstep. Gothenburg is one of the lucky ones, boasting an archipelago of islands just 20 minutes from the city centre. Our five night itinerary offers time to experience the cultural attractions and shopping opportunities of Gothenburg before visiting the island of Styrösö and its woodland, sandy bays, fishing villages and sailing harbours.

Day One: On arrival at Gothenburg Landvetter airport, you will be transferred to the Vanilla Hotel in the centre of Gothenburg. Overnight at the Vanilla Hotel in Gothenburg (page 27).

Day Two: Day at leisure. Gothenburg is best explored on foot or by using the network of electric trams. It is also possible to hire a city bicycle to explore the 370 miles of marked cycle paths that criss-cross 'The gateway to West Sweden'.

For the first time visitor to the city, we would recommend that you start your exploration in Haga, one of the oldest districts in Gothenburg. This once wooden settlement is now home to cobbled streets brimming with cosy cafes and boutique shops. Try coffee at Da Matteo where beans are roasted on site or sample the largest Kannelbulle (cinnamon bun) at Café Husen.

Overnight at the Vanilla Hotel in Gothenburg.

Day Three: After breakfast, depart Gothenburg by boat and travel to the island of Styrösö, home to the Styrösö Skäret Guest House. On arrival at Styrösö Skäret harbour you will find the guest house 300m along the waterfront. Overnight at Styrösö Skäret Guest House (page 27).

Days Four and Five: Days at leisure in Gothenburg's southern archipelago, Södra Skärgården. Opportunity to explore the island of Styrösö, home to approximately 1600 residents, to take a walk along one of the island's marked trails or to hire a kayak from the harbourfront and explore the island from the water. Alternatively, take the boat to the islands of Vrångö, Vargö, Köpstadsö, Sjumansholmen and Kårholmen (to name a few) or hire a bicycle and explore the neighbouring island of Donsö (linked to Styrösö by a bridge). Overnight at Styrösö Skäret Guest House on Styrösö.

Day Six: After breakfast, take the ferry to Saltholmen. On arrival at Saltholmen you will be transferred to Gothenburg Landvetter airport for your return flight to the UK.



Price includes

- Return flights to Gothenburg Landvetter airport
- 2 nights at the Vanilla Hotel, Gothenburg (Bed & Breakfast)
- 3 nights at Styrösö Skäret Guest House, Styrösö (Bed & Breakfast)
- Private transfers on arrival and on departure
- 24 hour Gothenburg Pass
- Single room supplement on request

Departures

Daily

Duration

5 nights

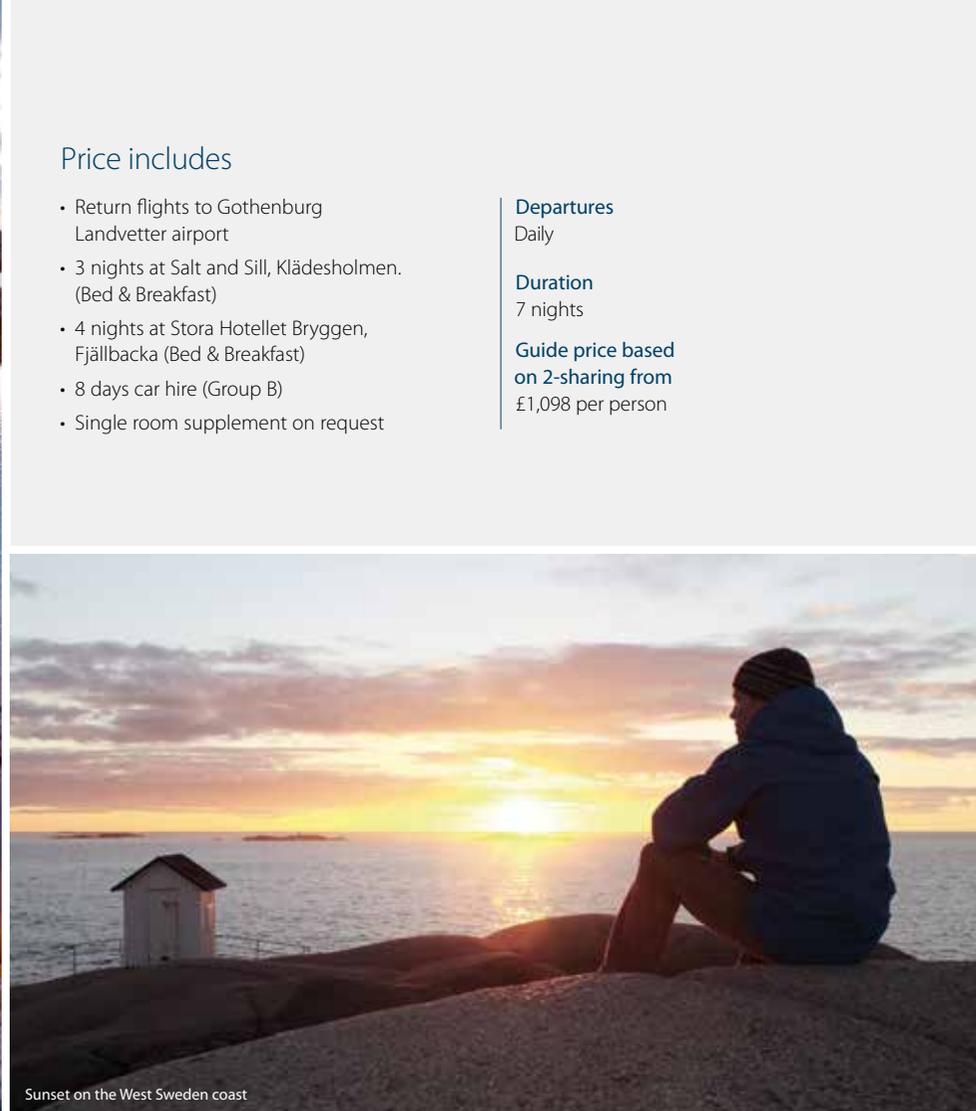
Guide price based on 2-sharing from £844 per person

Paddan cruise, Gothenburg





Kayaking on the Bohuslän coast



Sunset on the West Sweden coast

Price includes

- Return flights to Gothenburg Landvetter airport
- 3 nights at Salt and Sill, Klädesholmen. (Bed & Breakfast)
- 4 nights at Stora Hotellet Bryggen, Fjällbacka (Bed & Breakfast)
- 8 days car hire (Group B)
- Single room supplement on request

Departures

Daily

Duration

7 nights

Guide price based

on 2-sharing from

£1,098 per person

Island hopping and activities on the West Coast of Sweden

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

CNN Travel ranks the Bohuslän archipelago as the seventh most beautiful natural wilderness area in the world. Whilst our seven night itinerary includes car hire, we have recommended a number of outdoor activities and experiences to enable you to discover the real West Sweden and to scratch under the surface of this remarkable coastal paradise.

Day One: On arrival at Gothenburg Landvetter airport, collect your hire car and drive to the island of Tjörn. Your accommodation is Sweden's first floating hotel, Salt and Sill, in Klädesholmen. Overnight at Salt and Sill (page 28).

Days Two and Three: Free time to explore Sweden's sixth largest island. From high peaks, pine forests and oak groves to calm bays and open seas, Tjörn has much appeal.

The island is an excellent destination for walkers with numerous scenic trails and viewpoints. Or, you can hire a bicycle from Salt and Sill (payable locally) and explore further afield by taking the ferry from

Rönnäng to the nearby islands of Åstol and Dyrön - these two communities typify West Sweden's coastal settlements with their red wooden houses, quaint harbours and waterfront cafes serving fresh seafood. Picnic lunches can be purchased from your hotel. Overnight at Salt and Sill.

Day Four: Before leaving Tjörn visit the Pilane Sculpture Park, set on an Iron Age Burial Ground, and the Nordic Watercolour Museum. Continue your drive northwards to Fjällbacka, visiting the idyllic, and much photographed, village of Smögen. Overnight at the Stora Hotellet Bryggen in Fjällbacka (page 28).

Days Five, Six and Seven: Days at leisure in Fjällbacka. Opportunity to explore the north Bohuslän coast and the archipelago that lies off her shore. During the summer months (May-Sep - days/weather dependent) there are a number of excursions available for visitors to enjoy: kayaking, guided walking tours, rib boat safaris, kayak trips and seafood experiences to name but a few.

With no strong currents or tidal waters, the Bohuslän archipelago offers the perfect conditions for sea kayaking, even for beginners. To experience the beauty and serenity of the islands from the water is an emotive experience and, we promise, will be the highlight of your trip to the region. Whether it is for an hour, for a day or longer, kayaking allows you to discover remote isles and private shores. Guided and self-guided tours are available from nearby Grebbestad.

For those who wish to make use of the car, do not miss the Koster Islands, Sweden's first National Marine Park. Comprising of two islands, South Koster and North Koster, and a scattering of smooth bedrock islets and skerries, the Koster archipelago is a wonderful day excursion for any visitor to the West Coast of Sweden. Unspoiled natural scenery, bathing opportunities and a lively summer scene of waterfront restaurants await those taking the 45-minute ferry from Strömstad. Overnight at the Stora Hotellet Bryggen in Fjällbacka.

Day Eight: After breakfast, drive to Gothenburg Landvetter airport for your return flight to the UK.

A journey from Gothenburg to Malmö

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The concept of Swedish 'Lagom' means 'not too much, not too little - just right' and it applies to everything from food and drink to clothing and travel. It is about making time for yourself and enjoying the simple pleasures.

On our seven night itinerary you will have plenty of time to experience this Scandinavian way of life; an approach that is a breath of fresh air and a welcome antidote from the fast-paced and competitive society in which we live. The trip allows plenty of time for fika, lazy afternoons in the park, leisurely strolls and for learning about new cultures. Return enriched from your time along the Öresund Strait.

Day One: On arrival at Gothenburg airport, you will be transferred to the Clarion Hotel Post in the centre of the city by private taxi. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel Post in Gothenburg (page 27).

Days Two and Three: Free time in Gothenburg. This compact city has come into its own in recent years and has an exciting art and culture scene. No matter the time of year, there is always something to see, do and taste. New attractions include the 18th Swedish East India trading ship docked on the quayside, fashion exhibits at the Museum of Cultures and the emerging Artscape scene (street art).

The Sunvil team love Gothenburg's open and natural setting. The city has an abundance of

parks including the 137 acre Slotsskagen; one of continent's largest botanical gardens, and the 'Garden Society of Gothenburg', one of the best preserved 19th century parks in Europe. Linking these green spaces are waterways, footpaths and cycle trails - all attractions within the city centre are within walking distance.

A ferry connects Gothenburg with her southern archipelago. Twice daily services enable visitors to visit the islands of Brännö, Styrso and Vrångö on a day trip - highly recommended. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel Post in Gothenburg.

Day Four: After breakfast, take the train from Gothenburg to Helsingborg. Your accommodation, the Grand Hotel, is located in the centre of the town and within a short walk of the waterfront promenade, manmade beach and from the Castle keep. The surrounding maze of cobbled streets hide boutique shops and local restaurants. Overnight at the Grand Hotel in Helsingborg (page 19).

Day Five: Day at leisure in Helsingborg. A new initiative in the city allows visitors to hire local residents as tour guides (Visit Helsingborg Greeter). The idea is that your 'guide' will show the city that they know and love, the sites that they frequent, the viewpoints that they enjoy and more. On Sunvil's tour with a 'local' we saw a hidden garden, a much-overlooked mural and explored the ramparts of the castle.

Within easy reach of Helsingborg, and accessible using the included Skånetrafiken Pass, is the former

Royal Palace of Sofiero and the Kullaberg nature reserve. There are also many picturesque seaside villages in the area - accessible by bus and train - including Arild, Molle and Höganäs, the latter deserving a special mention for its farm shop and microbrewery. Overnight at the Grand Hotel in Helsingborg.

Day Six: After breakfast, take the train to Malmö. On arrival in the city, self transfer to the MJ Hotel on the edge of Stortorget square. Enjoy the afternoon exploring Malmö on foot; be sure to visit the Old Town and the cosmopolitan district of Västra Hamnen. Free walking tours of the city are available locally. Overnight at the MJ Hotel in Malmö (page 19).

Day Seven: Free time in the Fairtrade city of Malmö. Why not hire a bicycle and visit the Ribbersborg beach; sample gastronomic delights at the food markets in Möllevångstorget; relax in the Slottsparken; take in the latest exhibition at the Moderna Museet or cosy-down at an organic cafe and enjoy a warm gooey cinnamon bun?

In the evening, try one of Malmö's leading restaurants or book 'A slice of Swedish hospitality' with the local tourist board and dine with a local family - this authentic experience will give you the chance to sample seasonal delicacies and chat about everyday life. Overnight at the MJ Hotel in Malmö.

Day Eight: After breakfast, self transfer to Copenhagen Kastrup airport by train for your return flight to the UK.

Price includes

- Flights to Gothenburg Landvetter airport, returning from Copenhagen Kastrup airport
- 3 nights at the Clarion Hotel Post, Gothenburg (Bed & Breakfast)
- 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, Helsingborg (Bed & Breakfast)
- 2 nights at the MJ Hotel, Malmö (Bed & Breakfast)
- Private transfer on arrival
- Train tickets from Gothenburg to Helsingborg and from Helsingborg to Malmö
- 72 hour Skånetrafiken Pass
- Single room supplement on request

Departures

Daily

Duration

7 nights

Guide price based on 2-sharing from £975 per person

