

# Gothenburg and the West Coast

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



The stark beauty of its 10,000 island archipelago is counterbalanced by an abundance of colourful, traditional fishing villages.

## 1 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.



## 2 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.

## 3 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.



## 4 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.

# 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**

Prices from £494 per person\*



## 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)**

Prices from £489 per person\*

## Styrsö Skäret Guest House, Styrsö

On the island of Styrsö nature, tranquillity and a warm summer vibe take centre stage. 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 and Breakfast**
- **Complimentary WiFi**
- **Restaurant**

Prices from £522 per person\*





# 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.

## Koster Hotel, Koster Islands (Sydkoster)

Perched on the waterfront of Sydkoster, a stunning island in Sweden's first Marine National Park, is the recently renovated Koster Hotel. Unspoiled landscapes, crystal clear waters, traffic free roads and quaint communities are bountiful and make the Koster Islands the ideal choice for a natural, active escape.

Located only 100m from the harbourfront the hotel enjoys views across the sea and port. A hotel has stood on this site since 1905 and a number of original artefacts remain. Inside, the rooms are simply decorated in a traditional or fresh maritime style.

**Accommodation:** 78 rooms including single, standard and triple rooms, suites and apartments.

- **Airport:** 189km Gothenburg Landvetter plus a 45-minute ferry journey
- **Archipelago location**
- **Bed & Breakfast**
- **Complimentary WiFi**
- **Restaurant**

Prices from £919 per person\*



## 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**

Prices from £959 per person\*



## Smögen Hafvsbad, Smögen

The village of Smögen is without a doubt one of the most picturesque settlements along the West Sweden coast and encapsulates the best of the region with its colourful houses, sailing boats, fishing harbour and swimming bays protected by the stark granite boulders.

Located in the centre of the village, Smögen Hafvsbad is a modern spa hotel with a light, warm and relaxing atmosphere. The property has an indoor swimming pool, wellness centre and shoreline sauna all available free of charge to guests.

**Accommodation:** 76 rooms including single rooms, standard rooms, junior suites and suites divided between two adjoining buildings.

- **Airport:** 145 km Gothenburg Landvetter
- **Bed and Breakfast**
- **Coastal location**
- **Complimentary WiFi**
- **Restaurant**
- **Spa facilities**
- **Swimming pool (indoor)**

Prices from £923 per person\*

# A short break in Gothenburg and her archipelago

Itinerary: 6 days / 5 nights

**Departures:** Daily  
**Duration:** 5 nights  
**Prices from:** £764 per person

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 25).

**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 tram and travel to the harbour of Saltholmen (20 minutes – payable locally). Your destination today is the island of Styrösö, 15 minutes from Saltholmen by ferry (payable locally) and 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 25).

**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
- Private transfers on arrival and on departure
- 2 nights at the Vanilla Hotel, Gothenburg (Bed & Breakfast)
- 3 nights at Styrösö Skäret Guest House, Styrösö (Bed & Breakfast)
- 48 hour Gothenburg Pass
- Single room supplement on request

\* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room (7 nights), flights from London to Gothenburg Landvetter and car hire. Regional airports and single room supplements on request. Please visit our website for further information on these and other featured properties.