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2018

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SUMMER IN THE ARCHIPELAGO

Västervik is the archipelago city with a capital C. In the city centre, the east coast's largest guest harbour with its archipelago, ferry wboats await you to take you out into the amazing isles and skerries, Arguably, Västervik has the most beautiful archipelago in Sweden! Unforgettable summer memories await you, we look forward to seeing you in Småland.



**Enjoy your summer
in the archipelago**

Hasselö – the family’s active choice



M/S Freden will take you to the forest-scented island of Hasselö which dEparts from Västervik, via Gränsö Castle and Västervik Resort Lysingsbadet. Next to the harbour, the longest sandy beach in the archipelago awaits you and Hasselö’s pulsating heart with its restaurant, general store, mini golf, canoes, kayaks, pedal boats and bikes. The island’s pedestrian dirt roads are made for adventurous discoveries on foot and by bike. Among the authentic boat houses is the

classic archipelago restaurant Sjökantén. If you take the bridge across to the neighbouring island of Sladö you can purchase smoked and fresh fish. There are other enjoyable things to do on the island, for example, “remmalag” (a tour of the island on a tractor-drawn carriage) and sea tours in the company of the island’s fishermen. For boat guests there is a guest marina and the old village school now houses a cosy hostel.vandrarhem.

Idö – A small island with a big heart



Summer is not complete without a trip to the paradisiacal island of Idö in the outer archipelago. M/S Sladö makes several trips each day from the city centre, stopping at Gränsö Castle, Västervik Resort Lysingsbadet and Horns Udde (Horn’s promontory). When you arrive at the island you will see the ice cream bar and a small village shop and at the top of the towering cliff,

the popular Idö Skärgårdskrog (archipelago restaurant) awaits you. People come to Idö to enjoy the delicious food and the magnificent sea views, to sunbathe and swim from the rocks and beaches to paddle a kayak, catch a glimpse of the mighty eagle, to experience a seal safari in the archipelago. of island life, there is a guest harbour, and small cabins for rent.

By archipelago boat to the islands



From Skärgårdsterminalen (the archipelago terminal) in the city centre, there are regular tours to Hasselö and Idö throughout the summer which stop at Gränsö Castle, Västervik Resort Lysingsbadet and Horns Udde and from Loftahammar a boat will take you over to the island of Rågö. A circular line between Skeppsbron, Gränsö Castle and Lysingsbadet makes it easy to travel by boat within the city. From Blankaholm you can undertake a journey with MS Blanka. There is nothing more exhilarating than a day excursion or an overnight stay in the archipelago with a return journey by boat to the mainland on another day.



Food on the Islands

Perch fried in butter, smoked salmon, walleye soup. For many "locally produced food" forms an integral part of the archipelago experience. Except on the islands of Idö and Hasselö you can experience local produce at Rågöbyn's cafe, at Laxboa on Stora Grindö and at the restaurant Östra Skälö.

Lots of places to bathe

How much can you swim? As much as you want to! There are 550 km of coastline, 5,000 islands, 500 lakes and an ultramodern water park offering the Västervik area somewhat unique opportunities for bathing to suit everyone's tastes. Shallow sandy beaches, cool rocks from which you can bathe, pleasant lakes, indoor and outdoor pools – you choose! Read more at: vastervik.com



Discover the archipelago

The boat that delivers the mail to the islanders in the central parts of the archipelago (for example Norra and Södra Malmö, Smågö, Rågö, Björkö, Hasselö) departs from Gränsö Kanal. Reserve your place on the ferry boat (obligatory) at least one day in advance with Solidö skärgårdstaxi.



Water taxis and rental boats

In addition to the scheduled ferry tours, it is always possible to make your way around the archipelago by water taxi or by renting a sail boat, motor boat or kayak, that's if you don't have your own boat. Please consult vastervik.com for a list of operators.



Accommodation

There are many alternative places to stay overnight on Hasselö and Idö as well as on Gårdsholmen, Björkö, Rågö, Smågö, Stora Grindö, Torrön and Flatholmen. On vastervik.com you will find all the information you need to make a reservation.



Without a boat

There are bridges that take you to islands such as Händelöp, Stora Askö and Östra Skälö and coastal communities such as Loftahammar and Blankaholm provide a splendid archipelago feeling without you even having to leave the mainland.



Hot tub

A dip in a hot tub under the stars is a relaxing way to socialise. Hasselö, Idö, Torrön, Blankaholm and Västervik Resort offer guaranteed hot tubs during the summer nights.



Eagle and seal safari

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Eating out

What you will find on a menu in Småland's archipelago? Crispy coarsely-ground smoked sausage with lingonberry jam? Creamy cheesecake? Smoked whitefish? Yes, absolutely! As well as sushi, meze, pizza baked in a wood-fired oven, cevapcici and tagine. Expect a global gastronomic journey. Which will whet your appetite.



Delicious road cuisine

Acclaimed road pub Tindered Lantkök along the E22 North of Västervik has been a blessing for motorists for a quarter of a century and has received several awards. The basic ingredients come from their own and other local farms and many of the dishes and pastries are made from the family's recipe book which has been passed down from one generation to the next.



The food party Smaka på Tjust

Don't miss the colourful culture and harvest festival Smaka på Tjust (A Taste of Tjust) which is an annual event held every September. A two-day smorgasbord from Småland, full of things to do, taste, shop, enjoy and admire. The Tjust district's food and art craftsmen arrange the event presenting local and regional wares. A large-scale celebration of small-scale life.



Terrace on the square

On Gamleby's picturesque triangular square is the restaurant Torget 1. At lunch time, ordinary fare is served, and in the evening, you will be treated to an international à la carte. Outdoor dining and lounge bar.



In the green

In the archipelago city, many possibilities are available for those who like to eat out. A popular alternative is Gertrudsvik Restaurant & Café, which is nestled in the greenery in beautiful Gertrudsviks Sjöstad.

Flavoursome fish

Restaurant Fiskeboden in Fiskarehamnen in Västervik is a popular urban oasis for anyone who loves seafood. Lovely outdoor seating right on the water's edge.

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Västervik Resort

Expect the unexpected! In the five-star, summer paradise Västervik Resort in Småland there is more to see and experience than you could ever imagine – and all within a convenient walking distance from the archipelago city's streets and squares.



Water park & relax

A fantastic wave pool, gushing water slides, caves, a challenging climbing wall and several other interesting environments are guaranteed to satisfy all of the resort's guests. For the children there is a kiddie pool that will stimulate their imagination and the adults can enjoy the spa and relax areas which have several types of saunas and a wonderful pool area.



Never idle

At Västervik Resort you will never be bored! In addition to the water park, there is Lysseklubben for the small kids, while the older kids can look forward to a challenging game of adventure golf, the aerial walkway, cable car, basejump, rock climbing, magic evenings camping out, a disco and lots of other interesting things to do. Rent a kayak, bicycle and pedal car or go on an exciting seal safari. Let loose in the climbing pyramid and in the bouncy air-cushion land. And if you add all the free, professional evening shows, the scenic walks, the spa treatments, sauna baths, gyms, the Asian garden and the golf course, your to-do list grows even bigger.

CAMPING

Bright summer nights in the company of your neighbours and lazy mornings to the buzz of bumble bees and the scent of wild strawberry. A summer camping in Västervik, will probably be your best summer ever. There is such a lot to do.



Camping



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Hallmare Havsbad

Well maintained green oasis in Loftahammar forming a pleasant combination of an active archipelago and camping life, with a shallow and child-friendly sandy beach. Camping pitches and cabins near the sea, grocery store and BBQ facilities.



Summer on the waterfront

Would you like some suggestions as to where there are more unique camping sites by the sea? Check out Tättö Havsbad, Gudingebadet and Bjursund. Odensvi is on a lake, a peaceful area with the same distance to Västervik as to Vimmerby.

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SMALSPÅRSJÄRNVÄGEN HULTSFRED – VÄSTERVIK

Cultural areas

Those who venture out on a walk along Västervik's cobbled streets and narrow alleys will find no difficulties in imagining what Västervik was like several hundred years ago. In the picturesque city centre, beautiful wooden houses in pastel colours await you with their rich orchards behind high fences that conceal a considerable amount of cultural history.



In the castle ruins

Perhaps Stegeholm's castle ruin is Sweden's most beautiful arena? Since 1966 in week 28, the cult festival "Visfestivalen" (song festival) has been held in the ruin. During the remainder of the summer, plays and concerts are held here.



The magnificent Mars

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Beautiful, white, St. Gertrude's Church has been a part of the Västervik skyline since the 1400's. It is located in the picturesque district of Gamla Norr, which slopes down toward the glittering Gamlebyviken.



Aspagården

At Gamla Norr you will also find Aspagården, an 18th century farmhouse which now houses a ceramics workshop and a store.



Boatswain cabins

Båtsmansgränd is lined with small, timber, cabins from the 1700's – once accommodations for Tjust's boatswains. At the nearby deanery, crispy waffles are served during the summer.



Stately home

A stone's throw away from Båtsmansgränd is Wimmerströmska estate, a well-preserved manor house now in its third generation and well worth a visit. The Västervik art group and a pleasant cafe can also be found at the manor.

SHOPPING



Only in Västerik

Västervik's cobble streets invite you to enjoy completely irresistible shopping in fashion and design boutiques that are unique to Västervik. Browse through the unique treasures, established retail chains and interesting flea markets. The cosy cafes are the best places to celebrate your bargain.



Shop stop västervik

Västervik's own high street is called Storgatan. It is here as well as on the intersecting Bredgatan and around Spötorget that you can find all the famous chains. There is also a considerable collection of unique small boutiques and friendly cafes. Take a stroll over to the shops on Västra and Östra Kyrkogatan for even more delights that will appeal to you. Other commercial attractions can be found along the long approach to Västervik named Allén (the Avenue) and Ljungheden, with several discount stores and outlets where you will find many bargains.



Popular flea markets

The Västervik area has many attractions for those interested in antiques, flea markets and second-hand stores, both mid city and just outside. Take a look at the excellent second-hand and flea market guide on vastervik.com/second-hand and arrange a tour that combines an adventurous treasure hunt and sustainable shopping.



Andersons Ur & Guld

Andersons Ur & Guld on Storgatan (the main street) sells a large selection of designer jewellery and watches. Do you dream of owning something completely unique? There is also a workshop which produces bespoke jewellery.



Boligheter

Discover today's and tomorrow's design icons in a comfortable setting. Trendsetting premises on Bredgatan where you will find selected furniture, home furnishings and high quality toys.



Väster om Viken

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Erik Hultgrens Bokhandel

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Loftahammar



The former spa town of Loftahammar is a tar-scented archipelago idyll that can be reached by boat or by car via Bjursundsbron (Bjursund's bridge). Whether you prefer to camp, sail, ride a bike or stay in a cabin you will really enjoy this summer paradise.



Guest harbour & marina

The harbour with the marina form a natural rallying point during the summer. All kinds of boat accessories and service facilities are available here and adjacent to the store is the popular restaurant Sjökrogen.



A living coastal community

The small community has shops and restaurants, such as the classic Stures bageri. At Sweeds you will find information about accommodation and things to do and see. Both the church and the old homestead museum organise musical evenings and other summer family entertainment.



9-hole golf course

One of Västervik's three golf courses is in Loftahammar. The popular 9-hole course offers a driving range and a large practice area.



Active holiday

In Loftahammar, a wealth of activities for landlubbers as well as seafarers await you. It gives you the opportunity to mix sea-bathing from the rocks and beaches with renting a bike or boat. Or why not try wakeboarding or water skiing?

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Gränsö - The good life

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Castle guests have free access to the spa and relaxand all those who wish, can book admission to the day spa: jacuzzis,pools, a tropical rain shower, dry and steam saunas, a spa lounge and gym await you. The many treatments available on the spa menu include, for example, floating, hot stone massage and facial treatments with a gold mask.



A château in Småland

The delightful Gränsö Castle, right next to the sparkling sea, is Sweden's youngest. What is now a four star, superior class hotel, spa and conference centre, was built with Karl XIV Johan's pleasure palace Rosendal as its magnificent example.



Limitless adventures

The castle has its own private beach and guest harbour. The archipelago ferries depart daily during the summer and in the castle grounds concerts and other events are often organised. At any time, you can borrow one of the hotel's bikes and ride into the archipelago city or just walk or jog along the Gränsö trail.



Delightful Gränsö

The beautiful peninsula Gränsö, just outside Västervik's city centre, is partly a nature reserve. A beloved green oasis with popular hiking trails, hundred-year-old oak groves, tall pine trees, gently rounded cliffs and beautiful sandy beaches.

Appetite on the archipelago

Why not plan an outing and enjoy a nice lunch or an evening meal by taking one of the ferry boats or a water taxi out into the archipelago and taste the ocean's pantry at Sjökantén, Hasselö, Idö Skärgårdskrog, Rågöby's cafe and Laxboa on Stora Grindö.



Feast for connoisseurs

Demanding gastronomists with demanding taste buds have much to look forward to. Some of the restaurants in Västervik that have been praised by the White Guide include, Smugglaren and Guldkant.



Cultural treasures

Don't miss the museum exhibition about the Magnificent Mars, the largest wreck found since Vasa, and St.Gertrude's well-preserved medieval church. The cosy Lofta Caffè offers constantly changing art exhibitions in combination with Italian coffee culture.



Unique arts and crafts

Diligently-made arts and crafts, where everything is unique can be found at Gränsö Slotts-ljusstöperi (candle manufacturer), Aspagården Keramik (pottery), Lilla Återbruket in Vråka and at Rickys sjöbod.



3 x tee time

On the way out towards Gränsö you will find a fantastic 18-hole golf course which is a mixture of parkland and links. The club house has a pleasant restaurant. Two more 9-hole courses await you at Västervik Resort Lysingsbadet and in Loftahammar.



Relax

The bathing city is also a spa city. Take the opportunity to fulfil the dream of a spa weekend with a massage and culinary delicacies at Gränsö Castle or brighten up your life at one of the luxury spas at BEST WESTERN PLUS Västervik's city hotel and at Västervik Resort.



A taste of Oskarshamn

Many feel that the sea, archipelago and the genuine nature of Småland and our proximity to Blåkulla provide a magical feeling.

There is more to savour in Oskarshamn, for example, chocolates and pastries made by the world's best pastry chef. Nilsson's pastry shop has evolved into a popular attraction thanks to pastry chef, Anders Oskarsson's competitive successes. He has recently been awarded the title the World's Best Pastry Chef. There are so many taste experiences!

Its strategic location on the coast is also a plus. Astrid Lindgren's World, the Kingdom of Crystal and Öland's beaches are only an hour away by car. In addition, Gotland and the legendary Blåkulla (Blockula), Blå Jungfrun (The Blue Maiden), are just a few nautical miles away. In other words, close to everything!



The adventure trip

Active Västervik delivers all year round. In the archipelago you will find world class pike fishing, kayak adventures among the 5,000 islands, shipwrecks and diving for all tastes and levels. On land, one of the world's hottest bouldering scenes awaits you, as well as trail running, trekking and cycling along the coastal trails and through the forest. Welcome to one of Sweden's most exciting outdoor destinations.



Trekking

Whether you are a real trekking professional or an occasional jogger, you are guaranteed to find a trail that will suit you. The popular Tjustleden offers a variety of different types of walking trails (200 km of beautiful hiking trails divided up into nine different day-stages) that will take you across the mainland and onto the islands.



Running

On winding paths with twinflower growing on the soft moss, along narrow dirt roads bordered by stone wall fences, over sun-warmed rocky islets or along the archipelago city's long, paved seafront promenade. If you choose Västervik you can expect lots of fun, picturesque and inspiring trails to go running on.



On two wheels

The archipelago city Västervik is a prime base for all sorts of events on two wheels. Try cycling for example, with salt spray in the breeze, on the excellent cycle track Ostkusten. Closer to the city there are a few excursions to places such as Horns Udde where you can take the ferry to Idö, the bathing friendly fishing village Händelöp. You can also take your cycle with you on the railcar to Hultsfred and cycle home from one of the stations – or vice versa. Cycles are available for rent in Västervik, in Gamleby, Lofthammar and Hasselö.

If you would like to get really close to the countryside in Småland, you should try a tour on a mountain bike. The countryside offers challenging forest trails, hilly dirt roads and rocky terrain that will tax your stamina. Tjustleden, a 200 km long hiking adventure, is also suitable in places for mountain biking. Gränsö nature reserve offers varied terrain, which you can easily tackle on a mountain bike. Take a break at one of the bathing areas, stuff your face with blueberries or head for Gränsö Castle cafe for a well-deserved boost of energy.

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Fishing grounds

Västervik archipelago is a legendary hot spot in fishing circles. Passionate anglers from all over Europe come here to experience the pike fishing which is absolutely world class. During the competition Pike Open, which is held in May and October, Västervik's waters are filled with boats on the hunt for kicks and big pikes. There is also an extensive range of sea trout, salmon and bass. The inland offers fantastic Kronofiske and game fishing. Visit vastervik.com for more information about fishing camps and for tips and advice for your own big fishing adventure.



Climbing

Did you know that Västervik is one of Europe's best climbing destinations? The granite in Småland has created rare opportunities for bouldering. In several areas throughout the district you will find opportunities for bouldering as well as "regular" climbing. Everything from kiddie climbing to tough challenges for the real enthusiasts. "Give it a try" or pure climbing packages with accommodation? Further information is available on vastervik.com.



Kayaking

Are you the type of person that prefers several days of challenging kayak paddling or would you prefer just a few restful hours of adventure? Do you prefer to explore the pleasant canoe trails inland or the beautiful islets and skerries of the archipelago? The choice is yours and there is an enormous variety to choose from. Kayak, Canadian, canoe and SUP can easily be rented in many places and there is a large selection of courses and guides available. Read about the tours, download maps and get tips on rental companies at vastervik.com.



Moonlight, magic and crayfish

Have you ever been crayfishing? Watch out, it's easy to get hooked! At Långsjön, you can rent the rights to catch crayfish and in a traditional fashion catch the little creatures on a velvety smooth August night. Happiness is in the early morning when you clear the heavy cages, chock-full of the lake's black gold. An unforgettable and exciting experience for all ages.

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The treasures of Småland



Time travel on the narrow-gauge railway

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Ankarsrum

Just a stone's throw away from Ankarsrum's station, you can explore the mill's industrious past at the Museum Aktiveum. Iron cast goods, bathtubs, stoves, and the world's first refrigerator. The leaven bread baker's favourite tool is manufactured here: the ultra classic Assistent Original. Cafe Trefoten in the station building is open when the steam train runs on the weekends.



Lofta

You will find both coffee and culture at Frank and Cécil's Lofta Caffé in Lofta's old primary school. Fresh ground espresso, tasty pastries, pleasant chat and an art exhibition will brighten up your day even more.



Överums mill museum

Cannons, horseshoes, nails and axes... the traditional mill town Överum offers a 360-year history of the iron industry and a nice little works museum in the old hammer mill.

SOUTH OF VÄSTERVIK



Mörtfors

A white-water rapids makes its way through the village of Mörtfors and in the midst of the idyll is the centuries-old Mörtfors guesthouse. Order your picnic basket at Panget and enjoy a pleasant tour of Lake Maren on the ferry boat Aron.



Hvalstad kvarn

Close to Valstad station, a lushly verdant picnic area dating back to the 1700's awaits you. The last miller stopped the mill wheel for the last time in 1970. Bring a snack or grill some sausages next to the babbling brook.



Hjordteds moped museum

Check the rear-view mirror and experience the time when Elvis was King and the moped was the ultimate symbol of freedom. Hjordted's moped museum with its well cared-for vintage mopeds and cool gadgets will take you on a trip down memory lane.



Virum's Elk Park

The wildlife safari in Virum Elk Park where you can kiss (!) and feed the four-legged giants while you sit well protected in a carriage with a roof and open sides. Have your camera ready for close encounters with the King of the forest. Round off the elk adventure with coffee and moose shopping at Älglogen.



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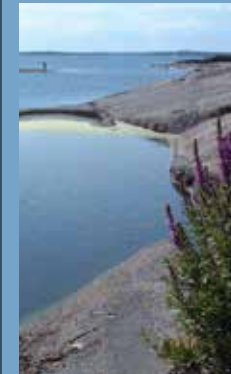
Turn off into the idyllic village of Lunds by near Gladhammar and enrich your holiday by experiencing the village's extensive timber ornamentation. In this incredibly adorable village from the 18th century parts of the Children of the Noisy Village were filmed.

NORTH OF VÄSTERVIK



Segersgårde

Segersgårde Nature Reserve is a classic place to visit. On the orchid-rich floral slopes, Adam and Eve and Sankt Pers nycklar (Orchis Masculina – early-purple orchid) grow. If you hike the trail up to the top of Örnberget or Fruberget you are rewarded with heavenly island views. With a little luck, you will see the sea eagle soar above you.



Flatvarp

There is a bridge over to the half island Stora Askö. You can easily get across by bike or car from the mainland to the famous fishing and bathing place on the rocks of Flatvarps. At Skärsmaren you can shop for some freshly smoked fish.



Vråka

In the traditional row village Vråka, the glassworks Lilla Återbruket transforms cans and bottles to make new glass objects. Shop for unique creations in the shop and celebrate eco-friendly bargains at Café Vråka Magasin.



Almviks Tile museum

A well-preserved part of the district's industrial heritage which sets the imagination in motion and a testimony to hundreds of years of strenuous hard work. After the visit, you can let it all sink in with a cup of coffee at Almviks Café.



Casimirsborg

Casimirsborg is the name of a beautifully situated Tjust(t) castle by the bay Gamlebyviken. The lush green estate dates back to the Bronze age and during the summer you can tour the grounds and estate.



Uknadalen

Beautiful Uknadalen, on the border of Östergötland, is known for its fabulous nature and its massive cliff face. Stenebo mine has an exciting tunnel which opens out into a submerged shaft. Don't forget your torch!

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Gamleby

Gamleby is in the shelter of the bay facing the mythical Garpedansberget. A community with a fantastic history and a wide range of shops and restaurants surrounding the medieval square.



Park life

Are you in the mood (for dancing)? Gamleby's genuine people's park offers nostalgic folksy decor, concerts and dance evenings. There are also regular music evenings, an open-air cinema, barbecues and other summer pleasures in Unos Park.



Vintage warning

Are you perhaps a collector of bric-a-brac with an eye for curiosa? Little Gamleby's cobblestone streets hold an impressive variety of antique, second-hand, and flea markets with guaranteed bargains.

Fairy tales and legends

The top of Garpedansberget offers a fascinating sculpture park enjoyed by both the old and the young. Say hello to a beautiful collection of gnomes, goblins and fairies and enjoy the fabulous view.



Rock carvings

The area around Casimirsborg, an ancient dwelling place from the Bronze age, is teeming with unique remains which provide a fascinating insight into historical imagery. Pack a picnic and take an exciting journey into the past.

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A fairytale adventure

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meadows. Gamlebyviken sea temperatures are comparable to inland lake temperatures and there are exciting play facilities and extensive natural surrounding for strong legs. Hair-raising fairytale adventures with mother trolls, fine fishing and the chance to hire boats and segways are just a few of the adventures awaiting you at the little pearl of a campsite by Östersjön.

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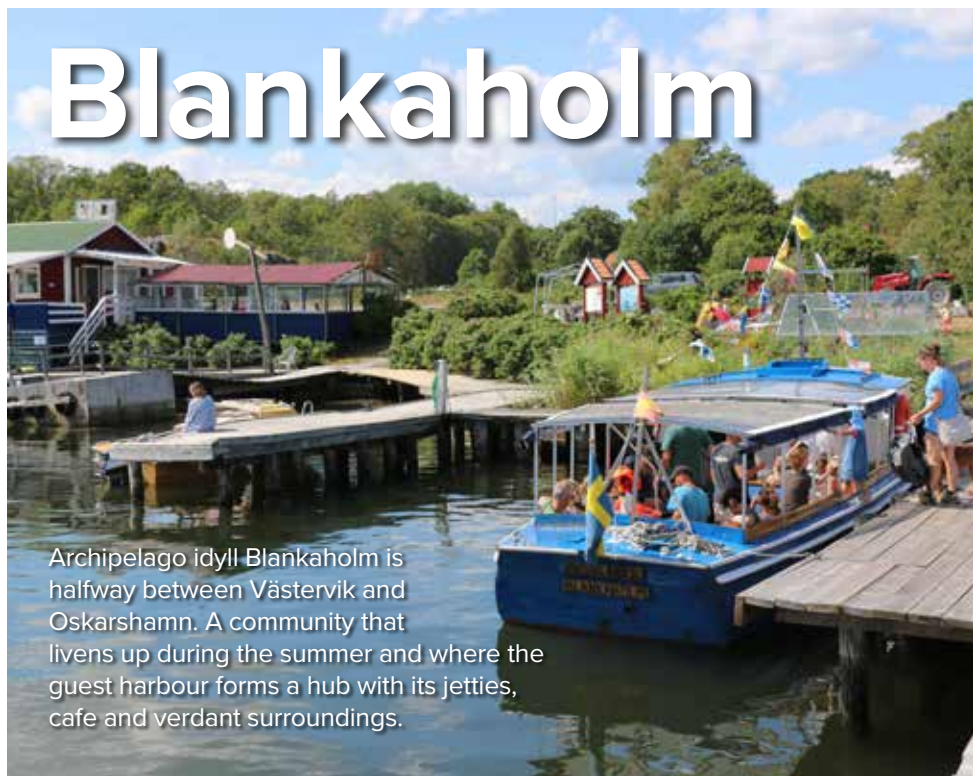
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Blankaholm



Archipelago idyll Blankaholm is halfway between Västervik and Oskarshamn. A community that livens up during the summer and where the guest harbour forms a hub with its jetties, cafe and verdant surroundings.



Much in the way of entertainment

Near the harbour there is a tennis court, mini golf, boules, several playgrounds and a football pitch. The view is impressive from the top of Majkaseberget and if you look straight down from the jetty, you will be able to spot bleak or perch. Fishing rods for hire! The general store has almost everything for camping and cabin life and if you do not want to cook your own meals, there are two restaurants, a coffee shop and an ice cream bar.



Food, music and wood art

Venerable Blankaholm's Guesthouse offers comfortable, lovingly prepared food and a very personal atmosphere. The enjoyable music evenings in July offer everything from ballads to rock. The old forge houses Blankaholmers' art gallery displaying works by, among others, Gösta Holmer, a wood sculptor.

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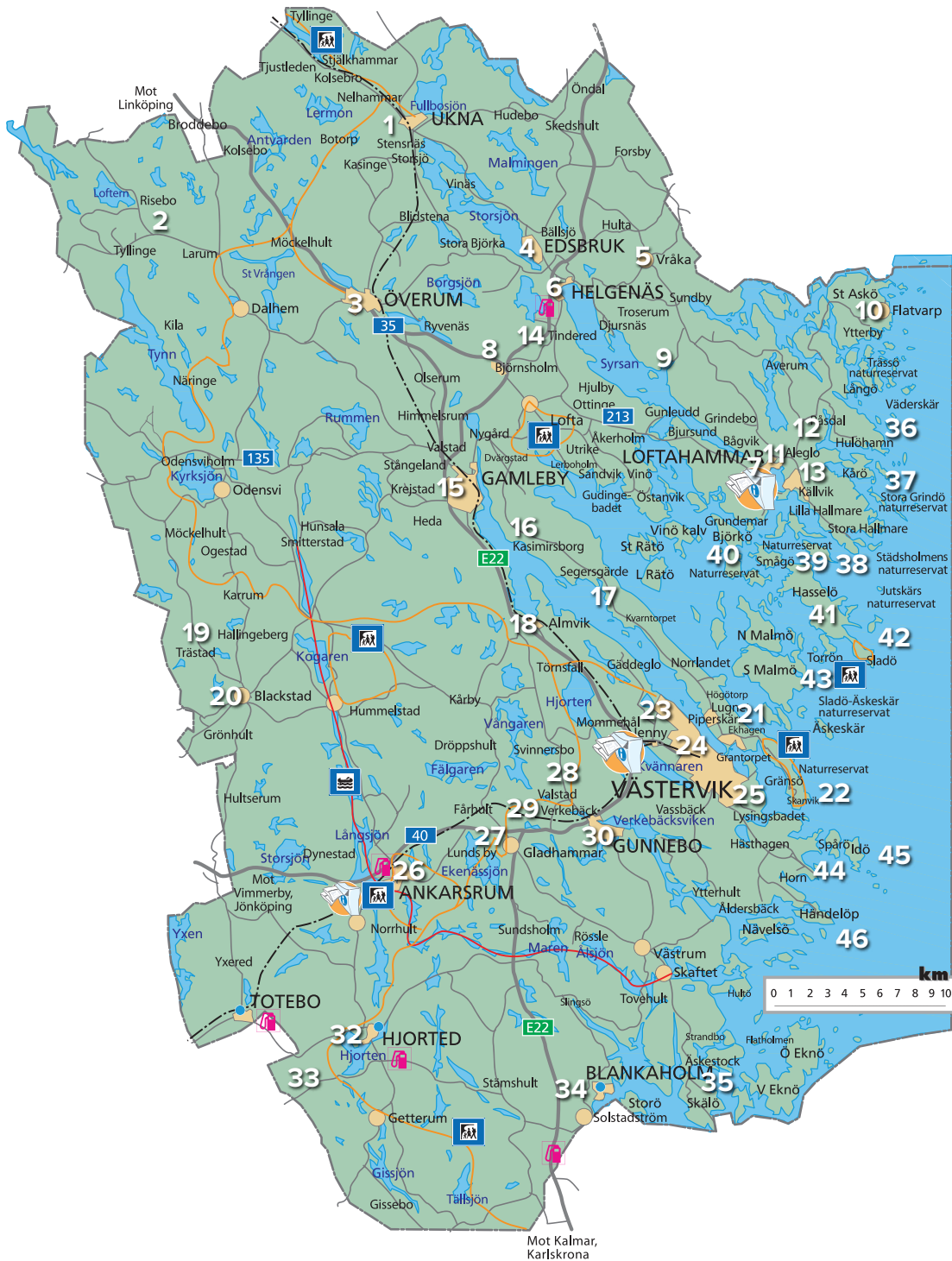
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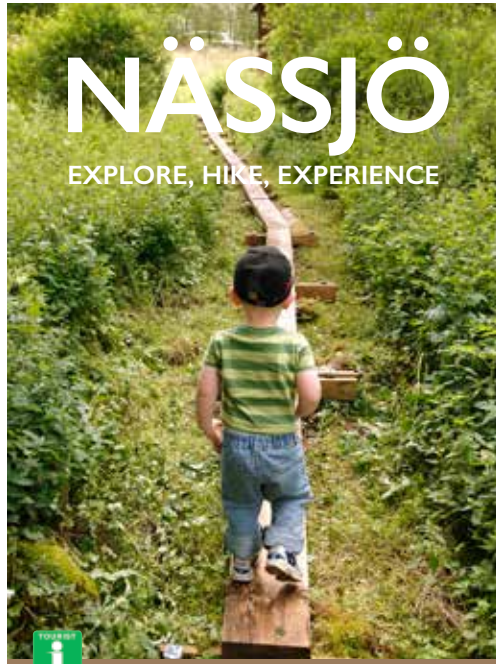
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13:20 Arrival Västervik Resort
13:30 Arrival Archipelago Terminal Västervik
 Price: SEK 175

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For only SEK 60 per day you can travel as many times as you want between Archipelago Terminal Västervik, Gränsö Slott and Västervik Resort.

Excursions by archipelago boat

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VÄSTERVIK-HASSELÖ


Via Gränsö slott and Västervik Resort

M/S Freden 

	19 May, 26 May and 2 June	9-29 June (not 22 and 23 June)	30 June-5 Aug, 22 and 23 June	6-19 Aug	20-26 Aug, 1, 8 och 15 Sept
Västervik	10.00 14.00	10.00 12.00 15.00	10.00 12.00 14.00 16.00	10.00 12.00 15.00	10.00 14.00
* Gränsö slott	10.10 14.10	10.10 12.10 15.10	10.10 12.10 14.10 16.10	10.10 12.10 15.10	10.10 14.10
* Västervik Resort	10.20 14.20	10.20 12.20 15.20	10.20 12.20 14.20 16.20	10.20 12.20 15.20	10.20 14.20
Hasselö	11.00 15.00	11.00 13.00 16.00	11.00 13.00 15.00 17.00	11.00 13.00 16.00	11.00 15.00

HASSELÖ-VÄSTERVIK

Via Västervik Resort and Gränsö slott

M/S Freden 

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Hasselö	11.00 15.00	11.00 13.00 16.00	11.00 13.00 15.00 17.00	11.00 13.00 16.00	11.00 15.00
* Västervik Resort	11.40 15.40	11.40 13.40 16.40	11.40 13.40 15.40 17.40	11.40 13.40 16.40	11.40 15.40
* Gränsö slott	11.50 15.50	11.50 13.50 16.50	11.50 13.50 15.50 17.50	11.50 13.50 16.50	11.50 15.50
Västervik	12.00 16.00	12.00 14.00 17.00	12.00 14.00 16.00 18.00	12.00 14.00 17.00	12.00 16.00

VÄSTERVIK-IDÖ

Via Gränsö slott, Västervik Resort and Horns udde

M/S Sladö 

	9-29 June (not 22 and 23 June)	30 June-5 Aug (daily), 22 and 23 June	30 June-5 Aug (Wed, Fri, Sat), 22 and 23 June	6-19 Aug
Västervik	09.50 11.50 14.50	09.50 11.50 13.50 15.50	17.50	09.50 11.50 14.50
* Gränsö slott	10.00 12.00 15.00	10.00 12.00 14.00 16.00	18.00	10.00 12.00 15.00
* Västervik Resort	10.10 12.10 15.10	10.10 12.10 14.10 16.10	18.10	10.10 12.10 15.10
* Horns udde	10.35 12.35 15.35	10.35 12.35 14.35 16.35	18.35	10.35 12.35 15.35
Idö	10.45 12.45 15.45	10.45 12.45 14.45 16.45	18.45	10.45 12.45 15.45

IDÖ-VÄSTERVIK

Via Horns udde, Västervik Resort and Gränsö slott

M/S Sladö 

	9-29 June (not 22 and 23 June)	30 June-5 Aug (daily), 22 and 23 June	30 June-5 Aug (Wed, Fri, Sat), 22 and 23 June	6-19 Aug
Idö	10.45 12.45 15.45	10.45 12.45 14.45 16.45	18.45 21.30	10.45 12.45 15.45
* Horns udde	10.55 12.55 15.55	10.55 12.55 14.55 16.55	18.55 21.40	10.55 12.55 15.55
* Västervik Resort	11.20 13.20 16.20	11.20 13.20 15.20 17.20	19.20 22.05	11.20 13.20 16.20
* Gränsö slott	11.30 13.30 16.30	11.30 13.30 15.30 17.30	19.30 22.15	11.30 13.30 16.30
Västervik	11.40 13.40 16.40	11.40 13.40 15.40 17.40	19.40 22.25	11.40 13.40 16.40

LOFTAHAMMAR-RÅGÖ

	30 June - 4 Aug	5-18 Aug
Loftahammar	11.00 15.00	11.00
Rågö	11.20 15.20	11.20

RÅGÖ-LOFTAHAMMAR

	30 June - 4 Aug	5-18 Aug
Rågö	14.30 18.00	14.30
Loftahammar	14.50 18.20	14.50

*Please note! To travel from Gränsö slott, Västervik Resort or Horns udde, you must hoist the semaphore at least ten minutes prior to the vessel's arrival. Otherwise the boat will not moor at the jetty.

Tickets to Hasselö and Idö (SEK 220/return journey) are purchased at the Archipelago Terminal in Västervik, or on board. Tickets to Rågö (SEK 180/return journey) can be purchased on board. vastervik.com/skargard

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