A mini vacation from SEK 140

You don’t need to travel far to stroll along wide sandy beaches, try a new dish in an excellent restaurant, sleep peacefully in a house beside the sea or spend the night under the stars.

Stockholm’s archipelago is like another country. Just a few nautical miles from the city. You can come here whenever you want, exactly when you need it the most by taking a mini vacation with us. The trip will cost you just a few hundred kronor, but the experience will be unforgettable. Welcome on board!
As reliable as the salt in Saltsjön

Waxholmsbolagets boats depart daily all year round. Every morning, we make sure that Mr Johansson on Harö receives his newspaper. We collect freshly baked bread from Utö bakery and take the children from Ramsö to school. Our boats are the ones that deliver milk to all archipelago stores and also deliver the post.

As you ride the waves, you can see how the archipelago grows and flourishes. There’s always a place for new ideas, whether it’s an inn, store, workshop for craftspersons or farm for animal breeders. Of course, a lot goes on in the summer. And while we run a very good service during the summer, we can also offer reliable contact with the mainland all year round. We have been doing this for 140 years and we are as reliable as the salt in the Saltsjön Sea.
Hip Hip Hurrah!
We have a jubilee ship in the fleet. This year it is exactly 100 years since S/S Storskär left Lindholmen’s boatyard to provide a service in Lake Mälaren, between Strängnäs and Stockholm. In those days she was also known as the Strängnäs Express – and for good reason. With a 3-cylinder steam engine in her slender hull she could reach a speed of up to 14 knots, which at that time was lightening speed for those Stockholmers who wanted to get to Strängnäs.

She cut a powerful image and children would gather along the beaches of Lake Mälaren to watch the big waves she would leave behind. She continued on that route for 30 years, before the express train and automobiles eventually made the journey unprofitable. That’s when we stepped in. In December 1939, Waxholmsbolaget bought S/S Storskär for the very reasonable price of 110,000 SEK. Ever since then, she has been Saltsjön’s pride and our flagship, especially on our popular tour to Ljusterö, the “quarter-to-five” run. And still today, the promenade deck and beautiful salon are filled with tourists, bathers and residents of the archipelago.
The Steampot’s Revenge

They were affectionately known as "steampots". But the fact is that when they started running towards the end of the 19th century, the lovely old steamboats revolutionized traffic in the archipelago. Most have now been replaced, but a few of the old workhorses remain. And when they set sail again every spring, it feels almost festive. Today they are almost a sensation. Nowhere else in the world are there such well-preserved steamboats in regular traffic and nowhere else are they as loved as in the Stockholm archipelago. You could call that a fitting revenge for the old steampots.

CELEBRATE SUMMER WITH A STEAMBOAT TOUR
Climb on board and join us on a proud tour through Stockholm’s archipelago. Enjoy the view from the cosy salon, have a beer in the café or maybe a classic steamboat steak in the lovely dining room.

The steamboat season starts in May with daily tours until the middle of September. The following times are valid during the period 15th June – 17th August 2008. For other times, please refer to our website. Tickets for the journey are purchased on board. They cannot be booked in advance, but if you want to eat in the dining room it is best to reserve a table.

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Hiking!

If you wish to see a bit more of the archipelago, we’ve made it easy for you. All the information you need is collected in a Boat Hiker’s Kit. It includes tips on where to go and where to stay, as well as a map with suggestions for interesting trips.

Welcome on board and join us for an adventure! With Waxholmsbolaget’s Boat Hiker’s Pass you can travel on all our boats as much as you like over a five-day period.
The Boat Hiker’s Pass

- The Boat Hiker’s Pass costs SEK 340 and is valid for 5 days on all our boats as well as the Cinderella boats.
- The pass becomes valid from your first boat trip. That means you can purchase it well in advance and plan your trip with the help of all the information you receive when you get the pass.
- If you already have a 30-day travel pass with SL, you can buy Waxholmsbolaget’s Additional Pass for SEK 560. It is valid for 30 days on board all our boats, as long as your SL Pass is valid.
- You can also buy a Cash Card which you can load with cash and use as payment on every trip. The advantage is that you are then given a 25% discount. You pay SEK 750 and we load it with SEK 1,000.
- Observe that all passes and cards must be activated in the ticket machines on board the boat on every trip. The machine will print out a ticket, which you hand over when you disembark.
- The first time you buy one of these cards you pay a deposit of SEK 40. The card contains a chargeable chip that should not be thrown away. Once you are finished with it, hand it back to us and we will refund you.
- All information as well as passes and cards are available at our terminals at Strömkajen in Stockholm, and in Stavsnäs and Vaxholm. The Boat Hiker’s Card is also sold at Sverigehuset in Kungsträdgården and at several tourist offices in the archipelago.

For more information and advice about tours, tel. 08–679 58 30, www.waxholmsbolaget.se

Most of Waxholmsbolaget’s routes start at Strömkajen in Stockholm, but some also depart from Vaxholm and Stavsnäs. From here you can make day trips or longer trips. Regardless of your choice, we recommend you get Waxholmsbolaget’s Boat Hiker’s Pass. Together with the pass you will receive a map showing three great trips in various parts of the archipelago. Follow them in detail or just “pick the cherries on the cake”.

THE NORTHERN FAIRWAY
You travel via Vaxholm through Roslagen. Half way there, the fairway divides and you can choose between classic destinations like Fejan, Idö and Arholma in the north, or Saltkråkorna’s Norröra, Rödlöga and Svartlöga in the outer archipelago.

THE MID FAIRWAY
This is where the archipelago is broadest, with an abundance of islands and boat tours. From Stockholm and Vaxholm you can reach islands like Grinda, Gällnö, Möja, Finnhamn and Ingmarsö. If you are looking for something a little more adventurous, why not hop between the different tours and boats using the boat hikers’ rowing boats.

THE SOUTHERN FAIRWAY
Along the Southern Fairway, the open sea is never far away. In the larger bays, towards well-known destinations like Nåttarö, Rånö, Utö, Fjärdlång, Ornö and Strindberg’s Kymmendö, you can feel the swell.

BECOME A BOAT HIKER AND PROTECT THE ARCHIPELAGO
Boat hiking is a caring form of tourism. It promotes an active archipelago. We will donate five Swedish Crowns from your Boat Hiker’s Pass to The Archipelago Foundation’s project “The Living Archipelago”, aimed at long term management and protection of the unique flora and fauna in the archipelago.
Arholma

Stockholm – Arholma, SEK 120 one way.

Arholma is the last outpost before the open sea. This is why the people of Arholma used to make their living from boat traffic. In order to display their wealth, the inhabitants built imposing villas all around the island, which would eventually prove very useful. In 1862 the islanders’ pilot boat duty was abolished and thereby an important source of income was lost. The beautiful houses were then refurnished as inns and Arholma transformed into the Stockholmers’ own paradise of inns.

Large areas of the Arholma Nature Reserve are now managed by The Archipelago Foundation. Among the sights worth seeing is the beautiful midsummer pole, in the form of a fully rigged mast. Then, there is the Arholma beacon, which is Roslagen’s most famous sea landmark. It was built in 1768 and was later turned into a pilot look-out and optical telegraph, with a view all the way to Åland. Today, it houses a gallery with art and handicrafts. Opening hours: 13-17. Group bookings: 0176-562 20.

Also worth a visit is the 19th century harbour of Österhamn, as well as Simesgården and the typical Roslagen style farm, the Bull-August gård. Stop by the dance floor as well. Here, you will find a cozy café and recently opened restaurant with a panoramic view of the sea. A new attraction this year is Batteri Arholma on the northern tip of the island – an exciting museum, which focuses on coastguard operations and the Cold War years. Guided tours daily 22/6–15/8 (booked in advance the day before by calling 0176-560 40).

On 19th July residents celebrate Arholma day. There are activities for children, gift stalls and flea markets in Österhamn and Arholmavalsen, among others.

Arholma Dancing & Inn, south of Norra Bryggan, 0176-560 87.
Arholma Nord, café in the youth hostel on the island’s northern tip, 0176-560 40, www.arholmanord.se
SL bus from Östra Station to Simpnäs jetty. Boat to Arholma. Summer-time, there is also a boat from Stockholm, dep. Mon–Fri 10:00, Sat-Sun 08:45. Travel time approx. 4 h. Information 08-679 58 30.
Lidö

Stockholm – Lidö,
SEK 110 one way.

The history of Lidö stretches all the way back to the Middle Ages. Eventually, in 1630, “Resare-Bengt” Oxenstierna took over the island and built a large manor house here, which was destroyed by the Russians in 1719. Lidö Säteri was then built on the foundations of the old building. Today, it houses a renowned award-winning archipelago restaurant and inn. There is also a hostel and small cottages to rent.

Further inland you will find Lidö Gård, a small-scale ecological farm. Apart from that, Lidö is largely unpopulated with some of the archipelago’s finest forests intact. The island is owned by The Archipelago Foundation.

Lidö Krog in the famous manor with a view over the steamboat jetty, tel. 0176-404 98, www.lidovardshus.se.

Lidö Vardshus with rooms in the manor and small cottages to rent, tel. 0176-404 99. Hostel (STF), tel. 0176-400 63. Camping by Österhamn.

Guest harbour, kiosk. Kayaks and rowing boats to rent, tel. 0176-404 99.

SL bus from Östra Station to Räfsnäs jetty, ten boat, all year round. Summertime the boat also leaves from Stockholm, Mon–Fri at 10:00, Sat–Sun at 08:45. Change boats at Fejan. Travelling time approx. 4 hrs. Information 08–679 58 30.
Fejan

Stockholm – Fejan, SEK 120 one way.

Fejan has an extraordinary history, filled with war, disease – and song. In the 19th century, when cholera swept over Europe, the island was a quarantine station. There was, however, nothing wrong with the entertainment. Among the sick patients was the musical group Orphei Drängar, who after a concert performance for the Russian Tsar, had been put under observation on the island for a period of time.

Later on, the island became a camp for Baltic refugees who escaped across the Baltic Sea during the Second World War. They travelled in fragile boats and were guided into Fejan, where the isolation hospital was turned into an arrival terminal.

Today, the beautiful little island of Fejan is made up mainly of private summer cottages, with the exception of the former quarantine station, which is owned by The Archipelago Foundation. The old hospital and lovely doctor’s residence have been renovated and turned into an attractive hostel, while the boat house and former mortuary have been made into a cosy archipelago inn, right beside a popular harbour.

Fejans Krog in the boat house, 0176-430 42.
Hostel, camping facilities, sauna, 0176-430 31.
Small store, smokery for fish, canoes for rent. Info at www.fejan.se
SL bus from Östra Station to Räfsnäs jetty, then boat. Summertime, there is also a boat from Stockholm, departing Mon–Fri at 10:00, Sat–Sun 08:45. Travel time approx. 3.5 h. Information 08-679 58 30.
Svartlöga

Stockholm – Svartlöga,
SEK 120 one way.

Svartlöga rests like a black line on the horizon, hence “Svart”, which means black. Despite the fact that we are now far out at sea, several permanent residents lived here until the 1960s. People made a living from fishing and farming, but also from hunting, and this was why Svartlöga was one of the few islands that survived the ravages of the Russian onslaught in 1719. The Russian boats ran aground and were fiercely shot at by the islanders who were highly experienced seal hunters.

The landscape of Svartlöga is varied with excellent opportunities for swimming and walking. From the jetty in the north there is a road stretching approximately 1.5 km across the island past old fishing huts, a chapel from 1916 and the world’s smallest post office.

©️ Good camping.

☎️ Telephone, water pump, dustbins in the village, otherwise little service. Information 0176–719 90, www.norrtalje.se

🚌 Bus from Östra Station to Furusund, then boat approx. 1.5 h. Summertime, there is also a boat from Stockholm departing Mon–Fri 08:45, Fri–Sat 08:15, Sun 08:45. Travel time approx. 3.5 h. Info. 08–679 58 30.

Rödlöga

Stockholm – Rödlöga,
SEK 120 one way.

Rödlöga is the furthest island to the east and shimmers in red granite. This is as far out to sea as you can get with regular traffic. At Rödlöga there is a small village, but no roads, just winding paths through wild rose bushes.

Dating back to the era of King Gustav Vasa, the islands were inhabited by fisherfolk. Today it is only populated by seafarers, as there are lots of good harbours and swimming here.

The summer store, Handelsboden, is run by summer guests. It was given to them by the old shopkeeper Gösta Söderman, whose memory is traditionally celebrated one Saturday in July every year. Close by is Cafe Truten where you can enjoy fresh Danish pastries, cakes and sandwiches or grill yourself a hot dog.

★ Summer café by Rödlögaboden, 0176–870 60, www.rodlhogaboden.se

★ Summer store, 0176–870 60. Telephone, water pump, dustbins, no electricity. Info 0176–719 90, www.norrtalje.se

★ Bus from Östra Station to Furusund, then boat approx. 1.5 h. Summertime there is also a boat from Stockholm, dep. Mon–Thu 08:45, Fri–Sat 08:15, Sun 08:45. Travel time approx. 4 h. Info. 08–679 58 30.
Stockholm – Ängsö, SEK 100 one way.

Most of the magnificent landscape of Roslagen and much of its cultural history can be found in Ängsö. Maybe that is why it was made into Sweden’s first national park in 1909. Because Ängsö is protected, we can enjoy a piece of ancient agricultural landscape with hayfields and pastures. There are plenty of good spots for swimming and a network of walking paths. The paths are marked and easy to follow, even if you have a pram or are disabled. The bird life here is rich; if you are lucky you might even catch a glimpse of a white-tailed eagle or fish hawk. Don’t miss a visit to The Nature Room (Naturrummet) with its fine little exhibition.


Boat from Stockholm, summertime, departure Mon–Thu 08:45, Fri-Sat 08:15. Travel time approx. 2 h. Boat trips also from the nearby Östanå, travel time approx. 30 min. Information 08-679 58 30.
**Finnhamn**

Stockholm – Finnhamn, SEK 120 one way.

The name Finnhamn originates from the time when Finnish ships on their way to Stockholm used to berth here. Nowadays, Finnhamn is the name of a group of islands, which due to the rising land have grown into a magnificently beautiful archipelago landscape.

The area is owned by The Archipelago Foundation and you can wander freely along paths and small roads or rent a rowing boat and row out to one of the islands nearby. If you happen to pass by Idholmens gård, we recommend a visit to the farm store.

If you wish to stay the night, perhaps the old coal keeper Rönström’s fabulous summer villa might suit you. Today, the house is a hostel, but the chimney from his yacht still stands on the view-point as a monument over a long-gone era of the archipelago. Here, the Andersson family run their charming youth hostel all year round and you will be able to get help with most things, including booking a sauna, renting a rowing boat, ordering breakfast or finding out about excursions and events taking place at the hostel or the cosy inn just a stone’s throw away.

**Bathing lunch on Finnhamn**

Join us on a trip to Finnhamn and spend the day on one of the archipelago’s best bathing cliffs. Lunch is served at the homely Finnhamns Café Krog. Price including lunch and return boat trip from Stockholm – Finnhamn is 300 SEK per person. Tickets can be bought on board the boat. The offer is available every day throughout June, July and August.

- Finnhamns Café Krog, weekends Easter–Sep, daily June–Aug, 08-542 464 04.
- The largest hostel in the archipelago (STF), cottages and camping, 08-542 462 12.
- Rowing boats to rent, shower and sauna at the hostel, 08-542 462 12. Summer store, 08-542 462 07. Farm store at Idholmens gård, 08-542 462 42. Information at www.finnhamn.se
Siaröfortet

Stockholm – Siaröfortet, SEK 85 one way.

Here, and no further, is as far as the Russians were allowed. This was the idea behind Siaröfortet, a fort built after the First World War, right in the middle of the fairway between Vaxholm and Furusund. Today, Siaröfortet is open to visitors and restored to its former glory, with canons and shooting shields above ground and a manoeuvre centre, kitchen and sleeping quarters inside the rock. There is a guided tour every day lasting about an hour. Those who want to go round by themselves can pay an entrance fee in the hostel café.

However, you do not need to be especially interested in war history to enjoy being here. The beautiful island offers both fishing and swimming opportunities, as well as boat rentals. Or why not enjoy the wood fire sauna before it’s time for a cup of coffee in the hostel’s summer café?

- Summer café by the hostel also serves light meals, beer and wine, Information 08-24 30 90.
- Hostel in the old sleeping quarters (STF), Information 08-24 30 90.
- Food store, canoe rental, sauna, www.blidosundsbolaget.se
- Boat from Stockholm, summer time dep. Mon–Thu 08:45 and 10:00, Fri 08:15 and 10:00, Sat 08:15, 08:45, Sun 08:45, 13:15. Travel time less than 2 h. Boat trips also from Östanå. Information 08–679 58 30.
**Ljusterö**

Stockholm – Linanäs, SEK 85 one way.

The northern and southern part of Ljusterö used to be separate, but over many centuries they have merged to become one of the largest islands in the middle archipelago, with a genuine Roslagen atmosphere and excellent swimming areas. The island has long been a summer refuge for wealthy Stockholmers. Engström, Heidenstam and Liljefors are just a few of the well-known artists and famous people who liked visiting Ljusterö during the summers.

Today, the island has a large number of permanent residents and offers a wide range of services and activities. If you arrive by boat, we suggest that you head for Linanäs brygga. Here you will find an inn, a restaurant, a café as well as a store and great places to go swimming.

- Rastalina Sjökrog (Inn) by Linanäs has a bar and outdoor grill, 08-542 480 08. Linanäs Skeppskrog serves à la carte, pizza and freshly made pastries from its own bakery. 08-542 419 04.
- Stores, pharmaceuticals and alcohol can be ordered, post, bakery, petrol, guest harbour. Info. Österåker, 08-540 815 10, www.osteraker.se
- In summer boats from Stockholm depart Mon–Fri 10:00, 14:00. Classic steamboat trips at 16:45. Sat at 09:00, 11:00 (steam boat), 15:30. Sun, 09:00, 11:00, 15:00. Travel time 2 h. Info. 08-679 58 30.

**Svartsö**

Stockholm – Svartsö, SEK 100 one way.

The landscape of Svartsö ranges from open agricultural land to untouched forests and crystal-clear lakes. Take a walk or a bike ride between the island’s four jetties, Ahlsvik, Skälvik, Söderboudd and Norra Svartsö.

There is a beach at Ahlsviks brygga where you can also find a cozy inn, a store and Svartsö’s old mission house, which today is a country farm with interesting exhibitions and events all summer. On the 19th July there is a local festival known as hembygdsdag, with Svinrodden, the annual gathering of local boats from all round the archipelago.

At Skälviks brygga you will find the school and library as well as Svartsö Herrgårds pensionat, a classical archipelago hotel with good food and simple accommodation.

- Svartsö Café and Bodar at Ahlsviks brygga, 08-542 471 10. Svartsö Krog at Ahlsviks brygga, 08-542 472 55. Svartsö Herrgårds pensionat in Skälvik, 08-542 470 17, www.svartsoherrgardspensionat.se
- Svartsö Herrgårds pensionat in Skälvik and bodarna at Ahlsviks brygga, see above.
- Grocery store, post office, bicycle hire and tourist information at Ahlsviks brygga, 08-542 473 25, www.svartsohandel.se
- During summer boats depart from Stockholm, Mon – Fri 09:00, 11:30, Sat 08:30, 12:00, Sun 08:30, 11:30 (steam boat). The trip takes approximately 2 hours. Traffic information 08-679 58 30.
Möja

Stockholm – Möja, SEK 120 one way.

Small villages and well kept harbours hug the coast of Möja, creating a characteristic archipelago feeling. The largest village is Berg on South Möja. Here you will find Möja Krog, hotel, bakery and café, a church, a local museum and a popular dance floor with a new boules area beside it. On 5th July, Möja holds a special market day and Skärgårdsbilder i Långvik is open throughout July. For information ring 070-678 55 34.

A little further down the road lies Löka, an idyllic village with a lovely guest harbour. Here, you will find a café open during summer, situated in the old village shop and also Villa Lökasundet for those who want more exclusive accommodation.

The next stop is Ramsmora, home for the archipelago’s only professional fishermen. If you want to taste their catch, you are welcome to the family inn. Wikströms Fisk lies just up the hill and stays open all year round. In Ramsmora there are also cottages to rent and you will also find the popular floating saunas known as bastuflottan.

From Långvik’s steamboat jetty, in the northernmost of Möja’s villages, there is a fantastic view over the outer archipelago. Here, you can stay at Möja Gästhem in Långvik’s old school, shop in the local stores and see another of the island’s well-frequented harbours.

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Grinda

Stockholm – Grinda, SEK 85 one way.

The beautiful landscape and proximity to the city has made Grinda into a bathing paradise for Stockholmers. There are plenty of child friendly beaches and flat rocks and since the island is owned by The Archipelago Foundation you can roam freely almost anywhere.

Most of Grinda’s activities are centered around the island’s southern jetty. Here, for example, you can find the guest harbour, the cosy inn known as Framfickan, and close by, the village shop and café with freshly baked buns, muffins and the popular Grindalimpan.

High up, with a fantastic view over the sea lies a beautiful Jugend villa, which was once the summer residence of the District Court Judge, Santesson. Today it houses Grinda Värdshus with its award-winning restaurant and comfortable guest rooms. If you want you can eat a delicious lunch here or perhaps wait until the evening and round off dinner with a night cap in the cosy bar.

If you want to stay the night there are several options. Apart from the hotel, there is also a hostel and rental cottages during the summer season. Advanced booking is recommended.

Grinda Wärdshus, see above. Grinda Hostel and cottages to rent by the southern jetty, camping by the northern jetty, 08-542 494 91.
Grinda Lanthandel, food store, 08-542 490 28. Sauna, boats and bikes to rent for cottage visitors, 08-542 494 91.
Summertime: Frequent departures from Stockholm, from 08:00 to lunch time. Travel time approx. 1.5 h. Info 08-679 58 30.
Gällnö

Stockholm – Gällnö, SEK 100 one way.

Gällnö looks like the archipelago did in the old days, with most of its original buildings still intact. In typical archipelago style, the red wooden houses are surrounded by lilacs and outdoor toilets. Down by the harbour is the settlement with boat-houses, just like in the old times. Due to a thriving agricultural industry you will find one of the best-preserved cultural landscapes here, with meadows, fields and rocks polished by ancient glaciers.

Gällnö has thirty local residents and in the little village you will find a craft shop and café, which is open during the summer, an exhibition showing the island’s cultural history and rowing boats to hire. In Torsviken and around Brännholmen there are several fine places for swimming. You can also row over to Karklö with Båtluffarleden’s rowing boat.

Handelsboden’s café, 08-571 663 10.
Hostels (STF) 08-571 661 17, cottages, camping, camping grounds. See p. 42.
Food store open summertime, 08-571 663 10. Resting point. Information 08-571 661 17, Mon–Fri 9.00–11.00 a.m., 6.00–7.00 p.m., weekend 10.00–11.00 a.m.
Boat from Stockholm and Sollenkroka (connecting SL bus fr Slussen). Dep. from Stockholm summertime Mon–Fri 08:00, 10:30, 11:00. (steamboat), Sat 08:00, 08:30, 14:00. Sun 08:45, 12:30 Travel time approx. 2 h (steamboat 3 h). Information 08-679 58 30.
**Vaxholm**

Stockholm – Vaxholm, SEK 70 one way.

Vaxholm is the capital of the archipelago. The town grew up around the mighty fort, Vasaborgen, on the island Vaxholmen. The Swedish monarchy owned the grounds and for a long time it was forbidden to build in any other material but wood. The idea was that everything should burn down quickly in the event of a siege. Luckily, that never happened. With the arrival of steamboats, Vaxholm instead became the Stockholmers’ own summer paradise and still remains one of our favourite destinations.

All summer long arts and crafts are for sale by the harbour. On June 4th Archipelago Day is celebrated and on June 20th the traditional Swedish Midsummer festivities take place. On August 16th the villagers arrange an archipelago market. Boats for the fort leave from Vaxholm and Stockholm. Here you can view the prison and exhibitions with uniforms and armoury. There’s even a summer bistro here.

- Hotel, bed & breakfast, private room, call the Tourist Office.
- Full service. Tourist Office 08-541 314 80, www.vaxholm.se
- Frequent boat trips from Stockholm all year round. Travel time approx. 1 h. Information 08-679 58 30.
Sandhamn

Stockholm – Sandhamn, SEK 140 one way, with steamboat SEK 120 one way.

Situated just on the edge of the open sea, Sandön became an important shipping centre. By the end of the 17th century the village Sandhamn had started to expand with an influx of customs officers and pilots. Before long an inn was opened to cater for the growing population. Sandhamns Värshus opened in 1672, and is today one of the archipelago’s most popular watering holes.

Seglarhotellet and its restaurant has proved a very popular summer destination for Stockholmers. It was built in 1897 as the KSSS’s (Royal Swedish Yacht Club) clubhouse and has helped make Sandön into a sailing centre.

The best way to see Sandön is to take a lovely long walk. A network of paths stretches across the entire island and they all lead to one of the long white sandy beaches that line the coast. Back in the village, why not enjoy a meal and a drink, or call in at Sandhamn’s bakery and try the famous seglarbullen (sailor buns)? Right beside lies the custom hall, designed by the royal architect, Carl Hårleman, as well as the pier house, which is now an interesting small museum.

The starting gun for the Around Gotland Race is fired on 29th June and the Sandhamn Regatta begins on the 30th July.

Sandhamns Värdshus, 08-571 530 51. Seglarhotellet with the Skärgårdsbistro and Alma Bar, 08-574 504 00. Dykarbaren, 08-571 535 54. Sands Restaurang in July (table reservations), 08-571 530 20. Café Strindbergsgården, 08-571 530 54.

Seglarhotellet, see above. Sands Hotell, 08-571 530 20. Bed & Breakfast, see Sandhamns Värdshus.


Boat from Stavsnäs all year round (SL bus fr Slussen). Summertime boat also from Stockholm; dep. Strandvägen daily at 09:30 a.m.; dep. Strömkajen with steamboat Sat–Sun 10:30 a.m. Travel time from Stockholm 2.5–3.5 h, approx. 1 h from Stavsnäs. Information 08-679 58 30.
Stockholm – Nämdö, SEK 100 one way.

Strindberg, Bellman and Taube have all praised the beautiful Nämdö archipelago, from Nämdö itself and all the way out to the outer archipelago.

Nämdö is a large island and we stop at several jetties. One of the first is Östanvik with Östanviks gård, a thriving archipelago farm from the 16th century. From here, a nature path and a cultural path lead to several of Nämdö’s sights. The next jetty is Solvik with its restaurant, store and guest harbour. At Sands jetty, nearby, you can join the Nämdö Day celebrations on July 26th. The old homestead museum in the old school sells arts and crafts and serves coffee.

Lunch trip to Nämdö Kök & Bar

Take the boat from Stockholm or Saltsjöbaden and buy a ticket, which includes lunch at Nämdö Kök & Bar at Solviks brygga. If you would rather have a picnic, we will provide you with lunch in a basket. The price, including lunch and return boat trip Stockholm/Saltsjöbaden – Nämdö is 220 SEK per person. The offer is valid daily throughout the summer and on weekends only during autumn and spring.


Cottages, room with breakfast and camping sites. Info., see below.

Foods, arts and crafts, cottage and bikes for rent. Info in Solvik, 08-571 56 0 17 and Östanviks gård, 08-571 564 18. www.namdo.nu

Summertime boats from Stockholm, dep. Mon–Sat 08:45, change in Saltsjöbaden. Travel time approx. 3 h. Boat all year round from Stavsnäs (connecting SL bus). Travel time 1 hour. Information 08-679 58 30.
Stockholm – Ornö, SEK 120 one way.

Ornö is one of the archipelago’s largest islands. We call at several jetties and suggest you get off at Ornö Kyrka. Here you will find the restaurant Ornö Krog & Veranda with a gallery and fine view over the bay, Kyrkviken. Further up the hill, you will find Ornö Museum with new exciting exhibitions every summer.

You can rent a canoe through the tourist office or rent a bicycle outside the museum and go on a discovery journey along the small roads of Ornö. To the south you will pass by the village store and the unique nature reserve surrounding Sundby Säteri. To the north lies Hässelmaråa farm with home grown vegetables and a cosy farm café. There are also interesting burial grounds to explore. Daily ferry from Hässelmaråa to Dalarö.

Lunch trip to Ornö

Welcome to lunch at Ornö Krog & Veranda. Buy tickets on board the boat. The price, which includes lunch and return boat trip Stockholm – Ornö Kyrka is 300 SEK/per person. The offer is valid every day during the summer.

B&B, 08-501 564 66. Cottages to rent, call the Tourist agency, see below.
Food store in Vargvik 08-501 560 14. Bikes to rent by Hässelmaråa gård and Ornö Museum (pick up and drop off in different locations). Flea market at Hässelmaråa and Lervassa Gård. Tourist agency, 08-501 563 05, 0707-80 63 14. www.orno.se
In summer boat stockholm-Ornö Kyrkbrygga, daily dep. at 08:45. Travel time approx. 2.5 h. Boat all year round Dalarö-Hässelmaråa (connecting SL bus).

Stockholm – Fjärdlång, SEK 120 one way.

Fjärdlång has probably been inhabited since the 15th century. Pirate Blom, the Wallenberg family and the art collector and banker, Ernest Thiel, have all owned houses on the island. Once upon a time Fjärdlång belonged to Gustav Vasa, but today it is state owned and has been a nature reserve since 1985.

The best way to see the surroundings is to take a long walk. The area, which is a well-known beauty spot, is famous for its bathing rocks and has some of the archipelago’s loveliest natural harbours. It is an ideal holiday island for the whole family. You can swim almost anywhere from the rocks. If you want to stay the night, all you have to do is book a room in Ernest Thiel’s large summer house, which today is a popular hostel.

Hostel (book at Haninge kommun, 08–606 85 55), camping and cottages, see page 42–43.
Kiosk with some food and breakfast buffet. TC. Rowing boats and kayaks to rent. Info 08-501 560 92. www.haninge.se click to “Turism/ Skärgården”.
Boat from Stockholm, summertime departures daily at 08:45. Travel time approx. 3 h. Boat also from Dalarö (connecting SL bus).
Utö/Ålö

Stockholm – Utö, SEK 120 one way.

Utö Iron mine, founded in the 12th century, was the first of its kind in Sweden. After over seven hundred years of intensive operations, the mine ran dry and the old mining society was transformed into a fashionable bathing resort. Levin, the wholesaler, came up with the idea and in 1889 he bought the entire island to build a summer paradise complete with soirées and society balls. You might say that he finally hit the jackpot when the goddess-like Garbo, among others, graced the island with her presence.

Utö Värdshus boasts one of the archipelago’s award-winning restaurants. The story of life in the mine is told in the Mine Museum and among the worker’s houses along Lurgatan. Don’t miss the mill from 1791 either.

There are great beaches on Persholmen and at Rävstavik. Or rent a bicycle and ride to the fantastic Ålö Storsand. From Ålö, if you want, you can continue with the boat towards Rånö, Nåttarö and Nynäshamn.

Lunch at Utö or Ålö

Take a day trip to Utö/Ålö. A wonderful lunch awaits you, either at Värdshuset or at Dannekrogen in Utö, or in BåtsHaket at Ålö. Since both islands are connected, you can start the day on Utö and walk the nine kilometers to the jetty on Ålö. Or vice versa. Ask on board the boat whether there are bicycles available for rent.

The boats for Utö leave from Stockholm and Årsta Havsbad, whereas the tours to Ålö leave from Nynäshamn. The boat trip between Stockholm and Utö takes the longest time. There and back, a full day’s trip, costs SEK 280/person including lunch.

If you would like to combine a longer trip there with a quicker trip back (or vice versa), you leave from Stockholm and go home via Årsta Havsbad alternatively Nynäshamn. Lunch and the return boat trip is then SEK 240/person.

The quickest way to Utö and Ålö is via Årsta Havsbad and Nynäshamn respectively. If you choose these boat trips there and back the cost is SEK 200/person including lunch.

You can buy tickets and rent bicycles from us on board.


Årsta Havsbad and Utö Vandrarhem. 08–504 203 00. Cottages booked through the Tourist Office, see below. Camping, see page 43.

You can find most facilities here! Tourist info 08–501 574 10, www.utoturistbyra.se

Summertime boat from Stockholm daily at 08:45, Travel time approx. 3.5 h. All year round from Årsta Havsbad, (45 min, connecting SL bus).
In the old days, Rånö and Nåttarö were part of Stockholm’s important defence system. War torches were lit in difficult times to warn of approaching enemies. However, the islands were still hit badly, particularly by the Russians in 1719. A reminder of this are the Russian ovens at Skutviken and by Kapelludden.

Today, the islands are owned by The Archipelago Foundation, which means you can wander freely almost everywhere. Rånö is rich with pine forests and has beautiful beaches. At Harviken, for example, lovely white sand beaches and smooth rocks line the shallow inlet. Beside the jetty, where we stop, you will find a small archipelago shop and the Rånökällan inn.

Just north of Fånö is the attractive village of Rånö Ängsholme. From Rånö you can also take the Vaxholm boat on to Ålö, which in its turn is connected to Utö.

Restaurant, 08-501 576 31.
Cottages and camping, see page 42–43, for information, see below.
Summer store 08-501 571 22, outdoor toilet, pumps for drinking water. Information 08-501 570 85. www.rono.se
Commuter train to Nynäshamn. Onwards by boat. Daily departures summertime at 09:10, 11:20. Travel time approx. 50 min.
Nåttarö

Nynäshamn – Nåttarö, SEK 70 one way.

On Nåttarö you will find a cave with an extraordinary history. It is rumoured to have been the hiding place of the Queen widow Maria Eleonora, as she fled the country and was beside herself with sorrow grieving her husband King Gustav II Adolf. According to the story, she buried the Kings’ heart outside the cave, a heart she had carried in a golden locket.

Just next to the famous cave in eastern Nåttarö is Stora Sand. This is the largest sandy beach on the island and one of the best places for swimming. The outlying islands are bird reserves and a popular breeding ground for sea birds.

There is a large group of holiday cottages, which can be hired weekly, but if space is available you can also rent one for a night or two.

Nåttarö Krog, summer restaurant near the steamboat jetty serving light meals, beer and wine, 08-520 400 96.

Cottages and camping, call for info, see below.


Landsort

Ankarudden – Landsort, SEK 70 one way.

Landsort is an genuine old pilot and lighthouse settlement on the island of Öja. As the southernmost outpost of the archipelago, the island gained great importance during the reign of King Gustav Vasa. The lighthouse was built in the 1670’s. Today it is Sweden’s best-kept lighthouse, as well as the brightest one in the archipelago.

Öja is long and narrow - 4 kilometres end-to-end and 600 metres broad at its widest point. Take a brisk walk between the southern and the northern part of the island, and explore the history of the island. Just north of the village is the Pest Cemetery and the labyrinth, which the fishermen believed brought good luck and protection while out at sea. The fishermen at Öja took help from all powers available, even the supernatural. In the cavity Helvitteskällan, for example, the inhabitants used to make sacrifices to pacify the devil.

-The fishing huts by Ankarudden, café and restaurants in the harbour, from where the Landsortsboat leaves, 08-520 313 80. Sjöbloms, restaurant in the old Pilot’s Boat house Lotskontoret 08-520 341 11. GBS Pub & Store, small food store with small restaurant, 08-520 340 14.
-Commuter train to Nynäshamn, bus to Ankarudden at Torö, then onwards by boat. Summertime dep Mon–Fri 09:45, Sat–Sun 10:45. Travel time 30 mins. Information 08-679 58 30.
Bathing from rocks and sandy beaches

Bare rocks with wild waves, soft sandy beaches and pristin lakes. You can find it all in the Stockholm archipelago. Not all the islands are good for bathing. Sometimes the coastline is privately owned and sometimes the real pearls are hard to find. That's why we have listed some of the best beaches below. Perfect for a sunny day by the sea. And guess what? The sun shines more out here than in the city!

Utö On the outer edge of Persholmen, right by Gruvbryggan, you will find fine smooth rocks. On the other side of the island, by Rävstavik, there are also rocks to swim from, but they are a bit steeper. For the children, there is a fine sandy beach just north of Gruvbryggan. However, Ålö Storsand is probably the prettiest of them all. It is a bit of a way to go, but you can rent a bike by Gruvbryggan. See page 30.

Nåttarö Stora Sand on the coast of Nåttarö is one of the archipelago’s largest and finest sandy beaches. At the northern tip is Östermarsfladen, a popular place for families with children as there is both sand and rocks. See page 33.

Sandhamn Here you will find sandy beaches both here and there. The most popular is Trouville and the northern parts of the island. See page 26.

Svartlöga An island far out in the archipelago with both sandy beaches and rocks right by the steamboat jetty. See page 16.

Finnhamn There are rocks to swim from all over the island, as well as protected bays and open spaces from where you can see for miles. You can rent a boat and row out to one of the surrounding islets. See page 18.

Landsort Wild, rocks to swim from with a view over the open seas. A bit daring for the youngest perhaps, but very, very beautiful. See page 34.

Fjärdlång An island surrounded by rocks. You can go swimming almost everywhere here. See page 29.

Grinda Grinda is also a friendly place for children. It's green and lush with both rocks and sandy beaches. See page 23.

Själbottna A protected, beautiful island just south of Yxlan with sheltered bays and smooth rocks.

Tyresö Trinntorpsbadet by Tyresö brygga is a great place for children with a sandy beach, café and restaurant nearby. Just an hour’s boat ride from Stockholm.
Restaurants and Cafés

There are plenty of cafés and restaurants in the archipelago, especially in summer. Here are some of them, listed from north to south:

S/S Norrskär, S/S Storskär, S/S Saltsjön and S/S Blidö sund. Steamboats with lunch and dinner cruises, see page 9. The other Waxholm boats have cafeterias on board.

ARHOLMA
Arholma Dansbana & Krog, a dance pavilion with a view over the archipelago. 0176-560 87. Arholma Nord Café, 070-654 20 81.

NORRTÄLJE S/S Norrtelje, steamboat permanently anchored in Norrtälje harbour, 0176-191 40.

LIDÖ Krog in the old manor with a view over the steamboat jetty, 0176-404 98.

FEJANS Restaurant with tables outside by the water. 0176-430 42.

FURUSUNDS Värdshus. Older inn by Furusundslede, 0176-803 44.

BLIDÖ
Blidö Wärdshus, near Stämmarsunds jetty. Traditional archipelago menu, 0176-8259.

Båtkrogen Vildand, floating restaurant by Almviks jetty, 0176-810 60.

RÖDLÖGA Rödlögabodens café, 0176-870 60.

SIARÖFORTET Café next to the hostel, 08-24 30 90.

FINNHAMNS Café Krog, a view of the sea, cosy bar, weekends Easter-Sep, daily June-Aug, 08-542 464 04.

LJUSTERÖ
Linanäs Skeppskrog, good food and music, view of the sea, 08-542 419 04.

Rastalina Sjökrog, by the water at Linanäs, 08-542 480 08.

Pensionat Rastaborg beautiful punch veranda and seaview, 08-542 402 26.

NÄSSLINGEN Restaurang Nässlingen tables outside on their own island by Ljusterö, 08-542 472 10.

GRINDA
Grinda Wärdshus, restaurant and pub in old Jugend villa, 08-542 494 91.

Framfickan, jetty restaurant, 08-542 494 91.

Store & Café, 08-542 494 91.

SVARTSÖ
Svartsö Krog, by Ahlsviks jetty. Archipelago menu, 08-542 472 55.

Svartsö Manor Inn at Skälvik, 08-542 470 17.

Svartsö Café & Bodar, tables outside by Ahlsviks jetty, 08-542 471 10.

SVARTSÖ
Svartsö Krog, by Ahlsviks jetty. Archipelago menu, 08-542 472 55.

Svartsö Manor Inn at Skälvik, 08-542 470 17.

Svartsö Café & Bodar, tables outside by Ahlsviks jetty, 08-542 471 10.

NORRA Stavsudda Krog. Small harbour restaurant on the quayside, 08-571 654 54.

MÖJA
Wikströms Fisk in Ramsmora, 08-571 641 70.

Möja Café and Bakery, near Bergs jetty, tel. 08-571 616 00.

Möja Krog by Bergs jetty, 08-571 641 85.

Pizza bus with fishing hut in Berg, 0702-11 31 17.
VAXHOLM

Vaxholms Hotell. Historic restaurant with a view over the harbour, 08-541 301 50.
Vaxholm Hamnkrogen, 08-541 320 39.
Melanders Fisk, 08-541 334 66.
Magasinet, 08-541 325 00.
Café Silltruten, 08-541 300 73.
Gröna Längan, 08-541 325 36.
Hembygdsgårdens Café, 08-541 319 80.
Café Lena Linderholm, 08-541 321 73.
Strömmingslådan, 08-541 302 47.
Kastellets summer bistro, 070-61 0 50 23.

FJÄDERHOLMARNAS Restaurant on an island with long traditions, 08-718 33 55.

INGMARSÖ Stekhus & Brygga by Ingmarsö steamboat jetty, 08-542 468 00.

VÄRMDÖ

Bullandökrogen, 08-571 458 54.
Skärmarö Sjökrog, 08-571 461 77.

DJURÖ Djuröbadens Pensionat with popular bedouin tent on the jetty, 08-571 518 00.

SANDHAMN

Sandhamns Värdshus, 08-571 530 51.
Seglarhotellet med Skärgårdsbistron and Alma Bar, 08-574 504 00.
Dykarbaren, 08-571 535 54.
SMÅDALARÖ Gård. Hotel and restaurant in an old manor house overlooking the water, 08-501 551 00.

ORNÖ
Ornö Krog & Veranda with a gallery, May–Sep weekends, daily in summer, 08-501 560 00.
Hässelmara Gårdscafé, sells home grown produce too, 08-501 54 74.

UTÖ
Utö Värddshus. Classic restaurant and bar. View over Mysingen, 08-504 203 00.
Dannekrogen, Grubvryggan, food served and bakery, 08-501 570 79.
Seglarbaren Grubvryggan, 08-504 203 00.
Skärgårdsgummans Café, 08-501 576 68.
Pizzastugan, 08-501 573 50.

UTÖ/ÅLÖ BåtsHaket in Ålö, fish dishes using fresh produce from their own fish farm, 08-501 574 63.

MÖRKÖ Skansholmens Sjökrog, authorized to produce their own snaps, 08-551 550 66.

OAXENS Skärgårds-krog, excellent cuisine in the old villa on Oaxen outside Mörkö, 08-551 531 05.

TORÖ Sjöbodarna at Ankarudden. Café daytime, restaurant at night, 08-520 313 80.

LANDSORT
Sjöbloms krog in the former pilot's boat house, 08-520 341 11.
GBS Pub and Butik, small grocery store serving food too, 08-520 340 14.
Hotels and inns

There are more than 500 hotel rooms in the Stockholm archipelago. Below is a selection of hotels and inns, listed from north to south:

**GRISSEHÄMN**
Hotell Havsbaden, 51 rooms, 0175-309 30.
Solgårdens Pensionat, 4 rooms and camping cottages with 16 beds, 0175-300 19.

**ÄLMSTA**
Turistgården Haga, 23 rooms, some with shower/WC, also a hostel, 0176-500 78.

**NORRTÄLJE**
Pensionat Granparken, 14 rooms, 0176-103 54.
Hotell Roslagen, Stockholmsvägen 53, 0176-171 80.

**LIDÖN**
Lidö Krog & Konferens, 15 rooms in the old manor house, 0176-404 99.

**FURUSUNDS**
Värdsus, 23 rooms with shower, telephone and TV, 0176-803 44.

**TJOCKÖ**
Skärgårdshuset, Tjockö Inn, 0176-432 90.

**LJUSTÉRÖ**
Rastaborg, hotel med 30 rooms, 08-542 402 26.

**SVARTSÖ**
Herrgårds pensionat, 5 double rooms, one room to sleep 4, 08-542 47 0 17.

**GRINDA**
Wärdshus, 32 rooms with shower and WC, 08-542 494 91.

**WAXHOLM**
Waxholms Hotell, 08-541 301 50.
Kastellets Bed & Breakfast, double-and 3-bed rooms, all year round, 08-541 751 10.

**GUSTAVSBERGS HAMN**
Hotell Blå Blom, 22 rooms out of which 9 are double rooms, 08-574 112 60.

**HASSELUDDEN**
Skepparholmen, 75 rooms, 08-747 65 00.

**DJURÖ**
Djuröbadens Pensionat, Gamla Prästgården, 31 rooms, 08-571 518 00.

**SALTSJÖBÄDEN**
Grand Hôtel, 08-506 170 00.

**SANDHAMN**
Sandhamns Hotell & Konferens with gym, pool etc, open all year round, 08-574 504 00.
Sands Hotell, 15 rooms, all year round, 08-571 530 20.

**INGARÖ**
Säby Säteri, 39 rooms, 08-570 281 15.

**DALARÖ**
Strand Hotell, classic archipelago hotel by the water, 08-501 511 18.
Smådalarö Gård, 56 rooms, tennis courts, boats to rent, 08-501 551 00.

**Hotel Bellevue**, 31 rooms, several with shower and WC, 08-501 504 10.
**Rosenön**, 125 beds, tennis courts, pool, etc, 08-501 537 00.
**UTÖ Värdsus**, annex and 30 four bed cottages with shower and WC, 08-504 203 00.

**NYNÄS**
Skärgårds hotell, 84 rooms, 08-111 20.
Utsikten, 204 rooms, 08-546 29 10.
Nynäs Havsbad with Strandhotell and Badhotellet, 08-520 604 00.

Hostels

There are plenty of hostels in the archipelago, but they tend to be popular so make reservations well in advance:

**BJÖRKÖ-ARHOLMA**
Skeppsmyra Lyckhem, all year round, 0176-940 27.

**ARHOLMA**
Bull-Augusts gård, all year round, 0176-560 18.
Arholma Nord, archipelago accommodation with the sea as your closest neighbour, tel. 0176-560 40.

Cottages

Would you like to rent a cottage for the holidays or over a weekend? Read more about that under descriptions of each island.

Din Skärgård lets cottages at Nåttarö.
For more information call 08-74 50 01, www.dinskargard.se

Destination Stockholm's Skärgård have cottages to rent in the archipelago, call 08-542 422 04 or visit www.dess.se

The local tourist offices also offer private cottages to rent. For telephone numbers, please refer to page 45.

Bed & Breakfast

Rent a room in the archipelago with breakfast included. More than 90 landlords and landladies let rooms on islands like Landsort, Örnö, Nämdö, Runmarö, Möja and Blidö. For reservations and payment, talk to each landlord/lady. Standard of rooms and prices vary. Collect the Bed & Breakfast brochure at our terminals, at tourist agencies in the archipelago or at Sverigehuset by Kungsträdgården. There you will find all the information you need.
Camping

Camping in the archipelago is not classified in the way it is inland, so you may not have access to the same creature comforts, but you will experience an amazing feeling of being close to nature.

THE ARCHIPELAGO FOUNDATION

The Archipelago Foundation has several camping locations. For more information please call the supervisor on each island.

FINNHAMN. Store, café/restaurant, rowing boats to rent, sauna, outdoor toilet. 08-542 462 12.

GRINDA. Café/restaurant, sauna, store, outdoor toilet. 08-542 494 91.

GÅLÖ. Peninsula south of Dalarö. Outdoor toilet, store, kiosk, rowing boats to rent. 08-500 331 56.

RÅNÖ. Restaurant, store, outdoor toilet. 08-501 570 85.

NÅTTARÖ. Restaurant, store, outdoor toilet. 08-520 400 30.

NATURE RESERVES

Large areas of The Archipelago Foundation's land are designated nature reserves so certain restrictions are in place. You may camp here for two nights, after which you have to talk to the supervisor. At Utö and Björnö you can camp on sign-posted locations. You may not build a fire, but you may use a camping grill and camping kitchen. Dogs must be kept on a leash.

ARHOLMA. Café/restaurant, store, post office, outdoor toilet. Tel 0708-27 53 61.

IDÖ, south of Arholma. Outdoor toilet, rest hut, store at Arholma. Water only on request. Bring water! Tel 070-754 05 55.

SJÄLBOTTNA, south-east part of island. Outdoor toilet, stores on Ljusterö and Blidö. 08-542 43 00.

GÄLLNÖ. Brännholmen with sandy beach on northern island. Outdoor toilet, store, post office, rest hut and drinking water in village. 08-571 662 69.

GRANHOLMEN by Möja. Munkehamn 15 mins walk from jetty (not suitable for bikes). Outdoor toilet, drinking water. 08-571 640 30.


BOSKAPSÖN by Söderängsviken. Taxi boat from Stavsnäs, 08-571 501 00. Outdoor toilet, water available from supervisor. 08-571 564 08.

JUNGFRUSKÄR Best on Grönskär, west of Jungfruskär. Taxi boat from Stavsnäs, 08-571 501 00. Outdoor toilet, no drinking water. Nearest store on Nämö. 08-571 580 10, 571 580 14.

FJÄRLÅNG, southern part. Outdoor toilet, kiosk with food. Rowing boats to rent. Tel summer 08-501 560 92. Other times: 08-606 85 55.

UTÖ near Gruvbryggan. Sandy beach. Service building for doing dishes, washing, WC etc. Bikes to rent, food stores, post office, sick bay and restaurants. 08-501 574 50.
Things to do in the archipelago

There are so many lovely areas to visit and plenty of fun things to do in the archipelago. Here are some ideas for interesting activities and places well worth visiting.

**KONST OCH HANTVERK I SKÄRGÅRDEN**

**Arholma** arts and crafts in Arholma båk, summer hours 1-5 p.m. Group bookings 0176-562 20.

**Vaxholm** Here you will find lots of galleries and local handicrafts are for sale all summer in the harbour.

**Möja** The Archipelago Gallery in Möja school in Berg, open in July. 070-678 55 34, 070-590 79 17.

**Möja Slöjd** Slöjd, in Trålboden in Berg, open every day during the summer.

**Svartsö** Exhibitions in Bygdegården in Ahlsvik, all summer. Tourist info, 08-542 473 2.

**Nämdö** Local museum in Sand, archipelago handicrafts for sale and coffee shop.

**Ornö** Museum in Kyrkviken with new, excellent exhibitions during summer, tel. 08-501 580 00. Don’t miss the restaurant Ornö Krog & Veranda with a gallery. Tel. 08-501 560 00.

**Landsort** Sculpture exhibitions by Landsort’s lighthouse. Visit www.landsort.com/kultur/Kulturbryggan.

**AND THE FISH ARE BITING!**
You can fish wherever you like in the archipelago using hand tackle. Try catching salmon trout, pike-perch, whitefish, perch, pike and herring. If you really want to be sure of a catch, use a fishing guide. Several of them offer half- or full-day tours, including boat, equipment and life vest/overalls. Information: www.fiske.nu.

**DEEP SEA DIVING**
The Stockholm archipelago has been an important shipping channel for hundreds of years. That’s why there are many fascinating shipwrecks to explore and a number of operators offering diving courses:

- www.nocdyk.com
- www.dragbolaget.nu
- www.nyndyk.se

**ARCHIPELAGO FLIGHTS**
Fly in a seaplane over the small islands and rocks. Touch down on the water and go ashore for lunch wherever you feel like it.

www.viamaresjoflyg.se

**ICE SKATING**
Many people think that the archipelago is at its most beautiful during the winter. Not least, all the skaters who fill our boats on clear, cold winter days. If you would like company, both Friluftsfrämjandet and Friskis & Svettis organize long distance skating tours. Read more on:

- www.frilufts.se
- www.sthlm.friskissvettis.se

**CANOEING AND KAYAKING**
Discover the archipelago from a canoe or a kayak. For beginners, the relatively protected waters of the inner and middle archipelago are best, while the more experienced may prefer to venture into the barren outer archipelago. If you don’t want to go out alone, there are guided tours available, which also include meals. For more information go to:

- www.dalarokajak.se
- www.blidokajak.se
- www.kanotguiden.com/sthlm
- www.kanotcenter.com
- www.aventyrsresor.se/kajakerbjudande/kajakfront.htm
More information

VISIT THE ARCHIPELAGO — IN THE MIDDLE OF STRANDVÄGEN
Just in time for the summer 2008 season, the archipelago’s own tourist office (Visit Skärgården) will open in the middle of Strandvägen, Stockholm. The old, listed building that used to be a Shell petrol station is now filled with the promise of sea air and adventure. Come here if you want to know more about Stockholm’s archipelago, the islands, activities and special offers.

www.visitskargarden.se

OPEN ARCHIPELAGO
Behind Visit Skärgården is the Öppen Skärgård (Open Archipelago) office where businesses serving the archipelago, such as restaurants, hostels and transport companies, market the archipelago all year round. One of their channels is their excellent website (Swedish only):

www.oppenskargard.se

FOOD AND HANDICRAFTS WITH SKÄRGÅRDSSMAK
Skärgårdssmak is the result of cooperation between skilled restaurants owners in the Stockholm, Åbo and Åland archipelagos, who want to nurture and develop the special cooking traditions of the archipelago. The food served here tastes a little bit special. It uses fish from the Baltic, vegetables from local farms and game from the forests. The shorter the transport distance, the better the taste. That’s why fishermen as well as agricultural and livestock farmers are involved in this project.

www.skargardssmak.com

FOOD STORES IN THE ARCHIPELAGO
In stores marked with “Skärgårdssmak”, you will be able to find vegetables, fish, meat and arts and crafts produced by the locals. By shopping here, you contribute to the local fishing and farming industry, as well as make it possible for the locals to keep their stores open – all year round.

www.skargardshandlarna.com

TOURIST OFFICES
Turistbyrån i Sverigehuset,
Kungsträdgården, 08-508 28 508.
Grisslehamn, Ångbåtsbryggan, 0175-331 02.
Närtälje, Danskesgränd 4-6, 0176-719 90.
Åkersberga, centrum, 08-540 815 10.
Vaxholm, Rådhuset, 08-541 314 80.

Nacka, Forum Nacka, 08-718 80 60.
Värmdö, Odelbergsvägen 5B, Gustavsberg, 08-570 346 09.
Dalarö, Tullhuset, jun–aug, 08-501 508 00.
Ornö, Kyrkviken, 08-501 563 05.
Södertälje, Saltsjögatan 2, 08-550 227 00.
Utö, Gruvbryggan, 08-501 574 10.
Nynäshamn, Fiskehamnen, 08-520 737 00.
Welcome aboard!

**TICKETS AND INFORMATION** Tickets are for sale on board. A one-way ticket costs between 40 and 120 SEK, depending on the length of journey. All travel passes (see page 11) are sold at our terminals. You can also find maps, brochures, book cottages, hotel rooms and buy excursion kits at Sverigehuset in Kungsträdgården.

**WAXHOLMSBOLAGET'S HUB IN STOCKHOLM**

Strömkajen in Stockholm, in front of Grand Hôtel, is the hub of Waxholmsbolaget. Here you will find one of our three terminals and this is where most of our boats depart from. We also have terminals in Vaxholm and Stavsnäs and a number of jetties, which are important junctions for our passengers (see page 46).

**TIMES AND TIMETABLES** Waxholmsbolaget has three timetables: for the northern, middle and southern archipelago. Until June 14th 2008 the spring timetable applies. The summer timetable applies from 15th June until 17th August. After that the late summer timetable is valid, as there are still opportunities to make day trips.

**DISABLED?** The modern boats are easily accessible with toilets for the disabled, lots of space. Information is available in our brochure Archipelago for everyone.

**DON'T FORGET THE SEMAPHORE** The round foldable sign on the jetty, known as a semaphore, should be placed in its vertical position whilst you are waiting for the boat. This signals the captain that someone wants to be picked up. If it is dark you will need a torch to signal with.

**INFORMATION** Mon–Fri 08:00–16:45, Sat–Sun 08:00 – 15:00. Tel 08–679 58 30. www.waxholmsbolaget.se, www.minisemester.nu

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