



UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG

Summer Guide from Guest Services

Gothenburg and West Sweden summer 2010

A half-hour tram ride and a boat onwards will take you straight out to the southern archipelago

There are around thirty islands of various sizes, from larger islands with houses and places to fish, to small deserted islets and skerries. Several are nature reserves with their own unique flora and fauna, and all offer wonderful bathing, either from sandy beaches or smooth rock shores.

www.goteborg.com/en/Do/Kategorier/Excursions-Attractions/Coast-islands



Rent a bike and cycle on the island of Brännö

Brännö is a wonderful island to experience on a bike. To reach Brännö you first take the tram no 11 to Saltholmen and then the ferry towards Brännö Rödsten. It's easy to find your way on Brännö and there are many lovely places to relax, swim or have a picnic. A bicycle map, containing a guided tour, is available as well as extra information via telephone. More information at:

www.goteborg.com/en/Do/s/EventGuide/View/Cycling-Islands_Excursions/Branno_cykeluthyrning_5505

You can also stay over night on the island of Brännö, see webpage: www.brannovardshus.se

The northern archipelago

There are ten islands in the municipality of Öckerö and you reach these easily with bus 290 from the Nils Ericson Terminal at the Central Station and then a ferry from Burö (1½ hours). The nature and coast line are beautiful and there are about 12 000 people living in the municipality.

www1.vastsverige.com/templates/default_2447.aspx

Note – one ticket takes you all the way!

At the website of Västtrafik you can read more about how to get there and how much it costs, the tariff includes both bus and ferry. www.vasttrafik.se/en search on: “Where do you want to go?”

Celebrate Midsummer together with Swedes!

Traditional Midsummer celebration will take place on June 25th at several places. We mention two here, but there will be more information in Swedish at www.gp.se

Slottsskogen

Time: 12:00. Take tram 1, 2 or 6 to Linnéplatsen.

www.stadsevent.se/goteborg/evenemang/slottsskogen/780/midsommarfirande

Gunnebo Slott.

Time: 13:00. You reach Gunnebo by bus 753 (via Vasaplatsen and Chalmers towards Helenedal).

www.gunneboslott.se



Parks and Gardens in Gothenburg

The Garden Society of Gothenburg

Situated right in the centre of the city. www.tradgardsforeningen.se

Gothenburg Botanical Garden A beautiful park for a walk or a picnic. Visit the herb gardens, a bamboo grove, a Japanese valley, an arboretum with forest plants from all over the world, rock gardens and hothouses with orchids. www.gotbot.se

Gunnebo House and Gardens

One of Sweden's most beautiful neoclassical estates, situated between Stensjön and Rådasjön in Mölndal, just south of Gothenburg. There are three different types of gardens represented at Gunnebo: the formal garden, the landscape park and the kitchen garden. You reach Gunnebo by bus 753 (via Vasaplatsen and Chalmers towards Helenedal). www.gunneboslott.se

Slottsskogen

Slottsskogen is a park much visited by people from Gothenburg. Here you can walk through the Azalea valley, visit the Children's Zoo, exercise and do recreation. Take tram 1, 2 or 6 to Linnéplatsen.

Read more at:

www.goteborg.com/en/Do/Kategorier/Excursions-Attractions/Parks--Gardens



New Exhibition about the 18th Century at the Göteborg City Museum

The Göteborg City Museum displays cultural history from antiquity to the present. The Museum is located in the Swedish East India Company's vast office and warehouse building, built during the mid-18th century.

www.stadsmuseum.goteborg.se

Röda Sten

Röda Sten is a centre for contemporary art and culture in Gothenburg. During the summer there will be an exhibition by Juan-Pedro Fabra Guemberena, "The south will rise again".

www.rodasten.com/default.asp?menuaction=0&dot=0&sprak=english

Göteborg Museum of Art

The Göteborg Museum of Art houses collections from the 15th century to today. The museum has a Nordic emphasis but the collections also contain older Dutch and French art, including important works by Rembrandt, van Gogh, Monet and Picasso, to name a few. During this summer there are also temporary exhibitions. www.konstmuseum.goteborg.se

The Röhsska Museum of Design and Decorative Art

The Röhsska Museum of Design and Decorative Arts has over 50 000 objects in its collections. The majority of the collection consists of old Swedish and European handicraft products, but also includes classical Greek and Roman artefacts, and material from Japan and China is well represented. During this summer there are also temporary exhibitions. www.designmuseum.se/infoeng.htm

Gothenburg Culture Festival 10-15 August 2010

For six days in August, the streets and squares of Gothenburg are transformed for a vibrant celebration – the annual Culture Festival. The **Gothenburg Culture Festival** is for everyone and everything is free! Ballet and carnival, street theatre and symphony orchestra, culinary culture and jazz, hiphop and dance bands, fairy tale and circus, design and poetry, world-class artists and local bands. More than 900 items on the programme and traditions dating back to the early 1990s, the **Gothenburg Culture Festival** is one of Sweden's biggest city festivals. www.goteborg.com/kulturkalaset

The Wheel of Gothenburg

View Gothenburg from a totally new perspective. The Wheel of Gothenburg is located on Kanaltorget, next to the Opera and Älvrummet. Step onboard one of the glass-enclosed gondolas and let yourself be taken a 60-metre high round trip with spectacular views of the city. For opening hours and ticket see, www.goteborg.com/goteborgshjulet and choose language.



Nature Reserves

Now you can find a website that shows the nature reserves which have a stop within one and a half-mile radius. It makes it easier for you to use public transport to the nature reserves.

On the Västtrafik website www.vasttrafik.se (but only in Swedish) under “Aktuellt” you will find a map showing the nature reserves along the lines worked. Press the nature of the star map to read about the bus stop which is the closest. Then search in the travel planner on the appropriate bus. Read more at: www.vastkuststiftelsen.se and use Google translate to translate from Swedish, <http://translate.google.se>

Planning trips in Gothenburg and in West Sweden:

- Maps on Gothenburg and West Sweden at <http://kartor.eniro.se>
- Planning your trip is made easy by using the following site: www.vasttrafik.se/en
You should just enter your start point and destination and the time you intend to be in a place and the site comes with the suggestions about getting there.
- Read more at the travel planner at: www.vastsverige.com/en/West-Sweden/Articles/travel/Travel-facts--Travel-planner
- If you travel by bicycle, the following site gives you route suggestions: http://goteborg.trafiken.nu/TrafikenNu_Templates/Iframe.aspx?id=550
- More information on what to do at www.goteborg.com/en/Do
- Activities in West Sweden www.vastsverige.com/en/West-Sweden



Travel between cities in Sweden or abroad:

You can take bus, train, boat or plane to travel. You will find timetables and information at:

Buses: www.swebus.se

Trains www.sj.se

Boats: www.aferry.se

Aeroplanes: www.lfv.se or www.flygresor.se

We wish you a wonderful summer!

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