



**BOTTENVIKENS
SKÄRGÅRD**

the destinations of
**SWEDISH
LAPLAND**
YOUR ARCTIC DESTINATION



*Your guide
to 50 gems in
the Gulf of
Bothnia*

SKELLEFTEÅ • PITEÅ • LULEÅ • KALIX • HAPARANDA

Bottenvikens skärgård kommunsamverkan

(the Bay of Bothnia archipelago municipal association) is an association of the municipalities of Skellefteå, Piteå, Luleå and Haparanda, with a focus on development in the archipelago. Through the joint efforts of the municipalities, the intention is to make the archipelago more accessible for residents and visitors. For more information about Bottenvikens skärgård kommunsamverkan (the Bay of Bothnia archipelago municipal association), please visit:

www.bottenvikensskargard.se

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The Islands and Coastline of Swedish Lapland

The northern part of the Gulf of Bothnia is the world's northernmost brackish water archipelago. The stretch of coastline from Skellefteå in the south to Haparanda in the north offers many benefits for tourism, recreation and the outdoor life. The Gulf of Bothnia has a beautiful coastline with more than 4,000 islands and distinctive flora and fauna.

During the summer there are almost always more hours of sunshine here than anywhere else in Sweden. And with its warm colours, autumn has its own charms. During the winter the ice-covered bays make the archipelago easily accessible. Late winter and early spring present a fascinating spectacle as the ice releases its grip.

All year around there are opportunities to participate in exciting activities. Enjoy the light winter nights, the light of the Mid-night Sun, whitefish roe and salmon, frozen seas, bathing and saunas, arctic raspberries, sea buckthorn and the mysticism of the lab-yrinths. Around the Gulf of Bothnia, you'll be given a warm welcome and meet friendly people.

Welcome!

Photo: Per Pettersson



GULF OF BOTHNIA

0 10 20 30 40 50 km

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A silhouette of a person fishing with a rod and reel on a boat. The background shows a sunset over a body of water with a forested shoreline in the distance.

A unique archipelago

The Islands of Swedish Lapland are part of a coastal island group that stretches from the Västerbotten border in the south to the Finnish border in the northeast. With more than 4,000 islands and a wealth of unusual flora and bird species, the Islands of Swedish Lapland form one of Sweden's most beautiful archipelagos. The Islands of Swedish Lapland include the Skellefteå Archipelago to the south and Piteå, Luleå, Kalix and Haparanda Archipelagos to the north.

Photo: Per Pettersson

FLORA

The brackish water of the Bay of Bothnia, the climate, land rise (isostatic rebound) and geology create conditions for unique and richly varied vegetation. Some species only occur here. Endemic species include Bothnian wormwood and Beach euphrasy. Other seacoast plant species, such as Siberian primrose and Bothnian salt sedge, migrated from the coastal regions of the Arctic Ocean some 9,000 years ago. The islands emerged from the sea and eventually became forested. Oldgrowth forests can still be seen in the archipelago, and some of the islands have remained untouched by modern forestry.

FAUNA

The richly varied landscapes of the archipelago are home to many species of animals and birds. Near the shore, you'll see waders such as the greater ringed plover and the ruddy turnstone and, in the forests, woodland birds including ptarmigan and black grouse. Black guillemots and razorbills nest in the cliffs farther out towards the open sea. The world's smallest gull, the little gull, and the world's largest tern, the Caspian tern, are common. You might even see white-tailed eagles or osprey fishing. The Bay of Bothnia is home to two species of seals – the ringed seal and the grey seal. The grey seal, which is the largest, can be three metres long



and weigh 300 kg. Moose are common in the archipelago. Reindeer are seen mainly in the winter, though sometimes during the summer.

HISTORY

More than a thousand years ago people most certainly travelled among the islands hunting, fishing and gathering. Many ruins bear witness to this fact; dwelling sites, landing sites for boats, small fishing harbours, labyrinths, and stone mounds for drying fishing nets or supporting poles upon which fish were hung to dry. Of Sweden's 300 known labyrinths, about 100 are to be found in the islands and coastal region of Swedish Lapland. The labyrinths probably had many uses, and walking through them may have been a means of ensuring successful hunting and fishing.

THE SEA

The island groups along the coast of Swedish Lapland constitute the world's northernmost brackish water archipelago. The seawater here has a very low salinity; i.e., the water is brackish, neither fresh nor salty. Water in the Atlantic is ten times as salty. Large volumes of freshwater flow from the great northern rivers into the Bay of Bothnia, thus diluting the salty seawater. There appear to be no signs of eutrophication in the Bay of Bothnia and there are no dead seabeds. Only locally, near the sources of industrial effluents, are nutrient levels higher than normal.

GEOLOGY

The bedrock of the region comprises many types of rocks. The oldest deep rock species are gneisses and diorites, granitoids and granites, which formed over a period of between 1,800 and 2,000 million years. They have been exposed by erosion and are visible in many areas. Granite and pegmatite in the form of quartz and feldspar have been quarried in several places since the early 1900s. In some parts of the archipelago, greenstones, schists and limestone occur. These rock types contribute to a greater variety of flora. On the outskirts of the archipelago, the youngest rock types in the Bay of Bothnia occur, among them, kimberlite. South of Luleå, Kallax gabbro, Norrbotten's county mineral, occurs. This rock is crushed and spread on the streets in winter.

THE INLAND ICE AND THE ARCHIPELAGO

The retreat of the last Ice Age shaped the appearance of the archipelago and clearly left its mark. The soil that covers most of the islands consists primarily of glacial till deposited by the receding ice. Ridges were cut into smooth rock surfaces by boulders frozen into the moving ice. Isostatic rebound (land rise) in the Bay of Bothnia is about 9 mm per year. Since the coast of Swedish Lapland is so low, the effect is pronounced. The motion of the waves has impacted the islands and loose material has been piled up in extensive rubble fields.

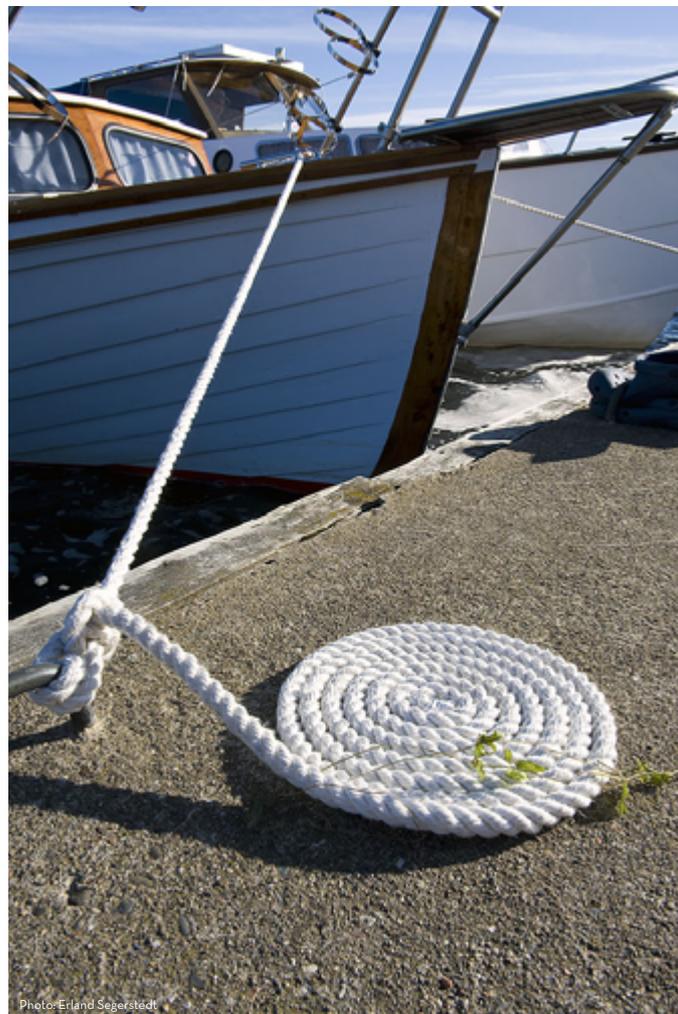


Photo: Erland Segerstedt



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Fuelling of boats/snowmobile



Fuelling with diesel only



Sewage disposal



Defibrillator



Improved accessibility

0 5 10 15 km



Photo: JWE Skellefteå kommun

Pite-Rönnskär

On the island of Pite-Rönnskär in the northernmost part of the Municipality of Skellefteå lies the lighthouse and pilot station Pite-Rönnskär – a name which indicates that its main purpose was to serve shipping en route for Piteå. The 39-metre Heidenstam lighthouse, named “the Queen of Beacons”, has stood here for a century. Visitors are welcome to climb up to the dizzying height at the top of the lighthouse. The Pite-Rönnskär rose from the sea perhaps only 1000 years ago. Queen Kristina awarded the fishing rights around Pite-Rönnskär to the fishermen of Piteå in the



Photo: Mats Johansson

17th century. This meant that some fishermen had to move their cabins to other islands. Electricity arrived on the island when a cable was completed in 1956. The island now has a weather station, and radio listeners can hear forecasts of marine weather in the vicinity of the islands several times daily. There is a myth about the island, a tall tale if you will. Deep in the spruce forest on the northeast side of the island there is a mystical boulder called the Clock Stone. Every time the chapel bell rings, this enormous mossy rock rotates a quarter-turn in a clockwise direction.



- 1 Guest jetty. The passenger boat calls here. Grill sites, wind shelter, sauna and outhouse toilet.
- 2 The old fishing village with its cabins, which are now used as private holiday cottages. Net-drying frames used by fishermen in by-gone days.
- 3 Café and hostel. During the summer season there is a café and hostel in the old pilot's cabin. A passenger boat runs from Kinnbäck on the mainland to Pite-Rönnskär. www.kinnbackskargard.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-543 30 11
- 4 Former lighthouse and pilot station for Piteå. The lighthouse, Sweden's highest of this type (Heidenstam), no longer shines for shipping. However, it does guide small boats

in August and September. The lighthouse was originally built on Sandhammaren in Skåne in 1896, but was dismantled and re-erected on Pite-Rönnskär in 1904. The lighthouse is the Second-tallest in Sweden, and measures 39 m. Sweden's tallest lighthouse is Långe Jan on Öland. The old pilots' cabin is now a museum.

- 5 On Kyrkudden point is a fishermen's chapel, built by three brothers in 1771. The painting in the chapel represents the Crucifixion and shows Mary, Martha and Magdalene. The chapel bell is from the 1840s.
- 6 Before the lighthouse was built, this beacon was used to guide ships in the dark.



Photo: JWE Skellefteå kommun

Furuögrund

Five kilometres from Byske lies the beautiful village of Furuögrund.

For centuries, shipping and fishing have dominated life here. The village had a golden age that is strongly associated with the years 1874 and 1925, the saw-mill era. Furuögrund has an excellent harbour which provides shelter from the winds.

On the shore just north of the harbour, a mareograph was built in a beautiful house in 1914. This mareograph, which measures the sea level, is unique in that it is manual.

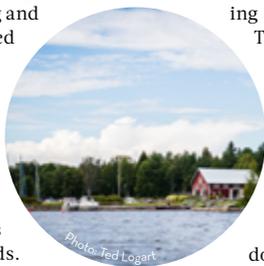


Photo: Ted Logart

Near Furuögrund lies the island of Romelsön, with a history stretching back to the Viking Age.

The island is mentioned in 1543, in King Gustav Vasa's Jordabok, a compilation in which it is called "Rumhols-öjjarne" and it is said that it was owned by the farmers of Ostvik. In 1652 Queen Kristina donated Romelsön to the town of Piteå. The area also includes the islands of Halsön and Hamnskär, two excellent destinations for an excursion.



- 1 The home port of Byske Boating Club, with 15 guest moorings, offers excellent shelter from most winds and takes deep-draught yachts. The harbour is about 5 km from Byske which, if you need to stock up, is easy to get to on a bike which you can borrow from the boating club. The old waterside warehouse has a kitchen, WCs, showers, sewage disposal facilities and a washing machine. There is a launching ramp for small boats.
www.byskebatklubb.se

- 2 Furuögrund's harbour café – open during the summer season. The café is located in the waterside

- 3 The home of the 1914 mareograph, which was built in the middle of the 19th century and used by the wood industry. In the warehouse there is an exhibition with photos from shipping and the sawmill era. The café is a popular place among visitors from near and far. You can take a seat in the warehouse or on the terrace with a view over the harbour and the sea. The café offers coffee and baked goods, as well as food with inspiration from the sea.
www.furuogrundshamncafe.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-337 06 15

- 3 Mareograph from 1914.



Photo: Skellefteå kommun

Hamnskär (Lotsskäret)

Hamnskär is a former pilot station. The island consists mainly of rocks and rubble fields. Hamnskär is located south of the approach to Furuögrund and Byske Boating Club has a facility here. Hamnskär is popular for excursions, among other things, thanks to its fantastic outcrops. The island is small and the old pilot buildings, previously used by the Armed Forces, are the only buildings on the island. During the summer season the taxi boat takes visitors to Hamnskär.



Photo: Skellefteå kommun



- 1 Guest jetties. The passenger boat may call here. Grill site. More information about the passenger boat:
www.skelleftea.se/batliv
- 2 Pilot station. One part of the building is used as a picnic cabin and is open to the public. In the other part there is a room for rent (two beds). There is no electricity on the island and guests bring their own freshwater. The room can be booked at Byske Havsbad.
www.byskehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90
- 3 The annexe. Rooms for rent (5 beds in total). There is no electricity on the island and guests bring their own freshwater. Booking at Byske Havsbad.
www.byskehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90
- 4 Sauna open to the public. Guests bring firewood.
- 5 Grill site and outhouse toilet.
- 6 Grill site
- 7 Outhouse toilet



Photo: JWE Skellefteå kommun

Halsön and Romelsön

South of Furuögrund, right next to each other, lie the islands of Halsön and Romelsön. Halsön has, as many of the islands in the area, a history closely associated with the sawmill era. In the late 19th century there was a sawmill on the island. In the harsh competition within the industry one of the local competitors cut off the fairway used by the Halsön sawmill to ship timber. Consequently, the timber had to be shipped around Romelsön instead, on a longer and much more exposed fairway. The bank between Halsön and Romelsön is today called Egennyttan



Photo: JWE Skellefteå kommun

meaning egoism/selfishness. The history of Romelsön stretches back to the Viking Age. The island is mentioned in 1543, in King Gustav Vasa's Jordabok, a compilation in which it is called "Rumholsöijarne" and it is said to be owned by the farmers of Ostvik. In 1652 the island was given to Piteå by Queen Kristina. The island is still owned by Piteå, even though it is in the municipality of Skellefteå. The island features a varied landscape with sandy beaches, rubble fields, flat rocks, flat-rock pine forest, coastal spruce forest and one or two fairly large lakes and tarns.



- 1 Guest harbour with 30 berths. The passenger boat may call here. More information about the passenger boat: www.skelleftea.se/batliv
- 2 Small boats can access the shore at Sandviken, which is a popular beach with an outhouse toilet and grill site.
- 3 Egennyttan

Byske Boating Club's clubhouse

- Kitchen with cooker, fridge-freezer and microwave oven
- Freshwater during the summer season
- Electricity
- Outhouse toilet
- Grill site
- Sauna
- Beach and outcrops with evening sun



Photo: Goran Wallin

Kåge harbour, Bastuholmen and Bergskäret

Kåge Boating Club, one of the largest boating clubs in Västerboten, has its home harbour at Näsudden on Kåge Bay, very close to the E4 highway and 10 kilometres north of Skellefteå. Lillhällan, with a fine harbour on the island of Bastuholmen, close to Kåge harbour, is easily reached. The facility is owned and maintained by Kåge Boating Club. Bergskäret



Photo: Tina Nilsson

is an island in the inlet to Kåge Bay. The nature on the island consists of outcrops and forest. At Bergskäret there are both grill sites and good spots for bathing. The island has an interesting history with traces of former military activity. Bergskäret is a popular place to visit in calm weather and the island is known for its beautiful, well-preserved lighthouse.



- 1** GUEST HARBOUR

The home harbour of Kåge Boating Club. The passenger boat calls here.

 - Café/restaurant - open during the summer season
 - WC, shower, laundry, freshwater
 - Reception facility for sewage from recreational craft
 - Petrol and diesel
 - Waste disposal
 - Launching ramp, derrick
 - Assembly hall
 - 1 km to Kåge centre, grocery store, etc.
 - Buses to Skellefteå city centre

www.kagebatklubb.se
- 2** LILLHÄLLAN

 - Guest jetty with electricity.
 - Clubhouse of Kåge Boating Club.
 - Grill sites, outhouse toilets, sauna and shower
 - Freshwater
 - Walking trail to Storhällan

Kåge Boating Club and the Municipality of Skellefteå have been working to improve accessibility at Lillhällan. For more information on accessibility, please contact Skellefteå Tourist Centre.

www.visitskelleftea.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-45 25 10.
- 3** BERGSKÄRET

 - Two guest jetties (on the south and western side of the island).
 - Grill sites
 - Outhouse toilet



Photo: Ted Logart

Skellefte river

Relatively large boats can go as far as the Bergsby Dam on the Skellefte River. Smaller boats can go all the way to the city centre of Skellefteå. Clearance under the bridges is 3.5 metres. Detailed information about the boating route can be found in the folder By boat along the Skellefte River, which is available at Skellefteå Tourist Centre and at

www.skelleftea.se/batliv



Photo: Per Pettersson



- 1 At the brewery hill in the city centre, there is a public floating jetty where visitors can moor, go ashore and visit a restaurant or shop.
- 2 The marina in the centre of Skellefteå. Nearby are restaurants, cafes and shops. Tours in the river with sea taxi Vidar starts here.
www.nordisk-sjotaxi.se
- 3 The lock at Bergsby Dam has a lock chamber measuring 12 x 4 m, draught 1 m, clearance 4 m and lifting height of 1.5 m. The entrance only permits craft up to 3.5 m wide.
- 4 Stackgrönnan Boat Museum, which houses a large collection of utility boats, along with Café Kajutan, is one of Skellefteå's attractions. The café serves delicious, large prawn sandwiches and other baked goods. Guest jetty.
www.cafekajutan.se
www.skellefteamuseum.se
- 5 At Kanotudden, the home port of Skellefteå Canoe Club, visitors may moor at the jetty or at a vacant berth in the marina about 100 metres away. Refreshments and canoe rental at Café Sjöbönan during the summer season.
Tel. +46 (0)910-351 15
- 6 Kurjoviken is the home harbour of Ursviken Sailing Club. The harbour is well protected against wind and weather and is easy to approach. Spar buoys at the entrance and illuminated navigation boards make the approach easier. The approach depth is 2.7 metres at mean water level. Shops and buses to Skellefteå are close by. Here you will also find Kurjovikens Sjökörog, a restaurant open during the summer season.
www.kurjovikenssjokrog.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-706 02 11



Photo: Erland Segerstedt

Gåsören

The island of Gåsören, off Skelleftehamn, has guided mariners with its lighthouse since 1881. A new, automated concrete lighthouse was built in 1921 and the old lighthouse was taken out of service. The lighting equipment was disassembled and the building was taken over by the pilots who had been stationed here since 1904. In 1968 the pilot station closed down, but Gåsören has come to life again. The lighthouse keeper's cabin and pilot station is owned by Svenska Kryssarklubben, Skellefteå branch, and boating guests are allowed to use the buildings. In 2003 Gåsören Lighthouse was taken back into service.



Photo: Ulrika Romlund



- 1 Harbour with about 15 boat berths.
- 2 Boathouses
- 3 Outhouse toilet
- 4 The new lighthouse
- 5 Sauna

- 6 The former pilot house can be rented for events and overnight stays. Transport can be arranged. Booking at Svenska Kryssarklubben, Skellefteå branch.
www.sxk.se/bottenvikskretsen
Tel. +46 (0)70-690 97 01
 - 7 The old lighthouse with lighthouse keeper's cabin.
-  Grill site



Photo: Per Pettersson

Burehällorna

Burehällorna is a nature conservation area that is easy to reach by boat.

Because of land rise, a narrow link to the mainland has appeared, which means that it is also possible to reach the area on foot. On the seaward side, there are smooth outcrops. The outermost rock is called Trappman's rock. A soldier named Trappman from Uttersjön ran aground on the rock one stormy autumn night in 1863. The boat sank

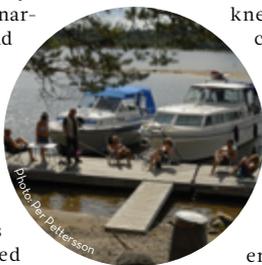


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and the man went ashore. However, he froze to death and was found kneeling with his hands clasped in prayer. Many carvings on the rocks at Burehällorna bear witness to the fact that this has been a popular destination since the 1920s. The rocks are frequented by bathers and sunbathers, and there is also a small beach. Sarasand, south-west of Burehällorna, is a fine bathing cove and well worth a visit.



- 1 Grill site
- 2 Outhouse toilets
- 3 Floating jetty with berths for about 30 boats. The approach depth is 1.8 metres at mean water level.
- 4 Grill cabin and sauna.
- 5 Path becoming a road, a pleasant walk to Sarasand.
- 6 Sarasand bathing cove, a popular destination with fine beach, grill site and outhouse toilet.



Photo: Per Pettersson

Skötgrönnan

Skötgrönnan is an unusual island about 2 km from the coast of Skallön, south of Bureå. On an area of less than one square kilometre, visitors can see interesting history, a recreational paradise, unique flora and an abundance of bird species. The island first became visible above the waterline in the 17th century. It soon became important for fishing along the coast. Ruins from that time include house foundations, labyrinths and a compass rose. Skötgrönnan is the southernmost of the sand islands along the coast of the Gulf of



Photo: Göran Wallin

Bothnia. The only parts not consisting of sand are a small area of rock on the northern part of the island and a reef of boulders and stones to the southeast. The island fauna includes low-growth pine forest alternating with open sandy moors with scattered juniper bushes. The sand is host to Sea Pea, Lyme Grass and different species of Ramitrium moss. Skötgrönnan nature reserve was formed in 1968 and the area is now also included in the Natura 2000 network to safeguard its special environment and plant species.

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- 1 SXX Skellefteå branch buoy.
- 2 Beach with a suitable landing area for small boats.
- 3 Labyrinth
- 4 House ruins
- 5 The small tern of Gaddgrubban with white water lilies.
- 6 Compass rose



Photo: Ted Logart

Bjuröklubb

The name Bjuröklubb is heard above all in the marine weather forecast. However, the history of Bjuröklubb is a long one. As early as the Bronze Age, when the relative sea level was about 30 metres higher than today, there were temporary dwelling sites here. In the 13th century, Bjuröklubb was a harbour for shipping in the Gulf of Bothnia. In 1518 the traveller Olaus Magnus was astonished at the natural features of Bjuröklubb. We can read about this in his “History of the Nordic Peoples”. The lighthouse, which is still operational, was built in 1859. It is easy to get to the lighthouse, which is 50 m above sea level, by an accessible ramp. Up at the lighthouse, visitors have an excellent view of the Gulf of Bothnia. Bjuröklubb nature reserve was designated in 1976 and there are many sights to be seen in

the area. Few places along the coast of northern Sweden have so many historical sites related to fishing and seal hunting. Dating shows that they are from around the 6th century up to 19th century. Many of them can be seen by following the archaeology trail, which passes over outcrops and rubble fields. In addition to cultural and natural assets, Bjuröklubb has a marina, a café and a hostel. The facility at Bjuröklubb has good accessibility. For more information on accessibility, please contact Skellefteå Tourist Centre.

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- 1 The former pilots' harbour now serves as guest harbour. Toilet, sauna and grill site.
- 2 Hostel in Bjuröklubb Lighthouse, accessible via a 250 metre ramp. Booking via Arena Bjuröklubb. Café Fyren is open in the summer. Visit the café or order a picnic basket for your nature walk. www.bjuroklubb.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-204 21 00
- 3 The harbour warehouse in the former oil port is now used for events.
- 4 The chapel, dating from 1864, was built to replace a chapel built as early as 1658. Bjuröklubb was still an island at the time, and fishing cabins and boathouses stood next to the inlet that separated the island from the mainland. The fishing industry eventually grew into one of the largest in Västerbotten County.
- 5 Bathing cove with car park and outhouse toilet.
- 6 Starting point for walking trails towards Sillhällorna, Jungfrugraven and Grundskatan.
- 7 Sillhällorna is a one-kilometre bare rock directly facing the sea. The name is probably from the word 'sill' (Swedish for herring), since herrings were formerly dried here. In summer visitors are attracted by the warm outcrops and cool seawater. In winter the place is acknowledged as an excellent place for ice-fishing for whitefish.



- 8 Jungfrugraven (Virgin Grave), an exciting relic of the past: a stone wall that perhaps surrounded a chapel from Catholic days (before the 16th century), or it may have been a temporary burial ground.
- 9 Grundskatan, a rock reef 700 metres long, stretching straight out into the sea. People come here in May to watch sea-birds. Best known for the large number of loons that pass.
- 10 The longest sea beach in Västerbotten, Storsanden, naturally attracts lots of bathers. To the north is a large area of spruce forest rich in hanging lichen.



Photo: Lars Eric Ståhl

RESTAURANT LANTERNAN, BYSKE

An airy restaurant with a fantastic panoramic view over the beach and the sea. Open during the summer season. Guest moorings are available at the north pier.
www.byskehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90

BYSCAYA CAFÉ, BYSKE

Byscaya Café in the middle of the sandy beach at Byske Havsbad sea resort, tempts visitors with generous soft ice-creams, lunches and snacks.
www.byskehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90

FURUÖGRUNDS HARBOUR CAFÉ

Summer café known for delicious shrimp sandwiches. Furuögrund is the home harbour of Byske Boating Club and has guest moorings with booms, buoys and berths alongside the quay.
www.furuogrundshamncafe.se
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KÅGE HARBOUR CAFÉ

Beautifully situated café inside the Kågefjärden cove. Enjoy a taste of Västerbotten County, with local and organic ingredients. Coffee, cookies, sandwiches, salads, hot meals and refreshing beverages. All with a sea view included. The café is run by Restaurang Nygatan 57.
www.nygatan57.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-134 44

CAFÉ SJÖBÖNAN, KANOTUDDEN, URSVIKEN

Summer café serving ice-cream, soft drinks and coffee with cakes. Excellent location by the Ursviksfjärden cove. Canoe and kayak rentals.
idrottonline.se/SkellefteaKK-Kanot/Cafe
Tel. +46 (0)910-351 15

KURJOVIKENS SJÖKROG

Kurjovikens seaside restaurant is situated close to the home harbour of local yacht club Ursvikens Segelsällskap. Coffee, light refreshments and food inspired by the archipelago are served.
www.kurjovikenssjokrog.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-77 77 50

CAFÉ BRYGGAN, LÖVÅNGER

Summer café serving coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, cakes, ice-cream and sweets. Try the climbing wall, rent a canoe, play basketball or Frisbee golf.
www.munkviken.se
Tel. +46(0)913-108 63

CAFÉ KAJUTAN

Café Kajutan, right next to the scenic Skellefte River, is renowned for large, tasty shrimp sandwiches. Coffee, ice-cream and refreshing beverages are also served. Playground and pedal boats. Adjacent there is a campsite with services that boaters are welcome to use.
www.cafekajutan.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-863 40

CAFÉ FYREN BJURÖKLUBB, LÖVÅNGER

Café by an old lighthouse. Enjoy a tasty meal in the lighthouse keeper's garden or rent a picnic basket and find a secluded spot by the beach.
www.bjuroklubb.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-204 21 00

BRYGGARGATAN RESTAURANT AND BISTRO, SKELLEFTEÅ

Bryggargatan is in the very centre of Skellefteå, near the park and at the brewery hill. The menu features Nordic influences. In summer guests can enjoy a nice view over the river from the terrace.
www.bryggargatan.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-21 16 50

FLOTTEN CAFÉ AND LOUNGE

Flotten Café and Lounge is a raft in the Skellefte River, near the brewery hill in the centre of Skellefteå. The café is open during the summer season and serves coffee, sandwiches and ice-cream.
Tel. +46(0)70-643 71 08

M/S STORMVIND

A café onboard the M/S Stormvind. During summer guests can enjoy coffee and good home-made bread on the upper deck.
www.nykurs.se
Tel. +46 (0)73-060 15 15



Photo: Ulrika Kommes



Photo: Ulrika Kommes

KINNBÄCKS SKÄRGÅRDSTURISM

Kinnbäck's skärgårdsturism offers regularly scheduled boat transport as well as charter and taxi boat tours.

www.kinnbackskargard.se

Tel. +46 (0)72-543 30 11

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Nordisk sjötaxi offers regularly scheduled boat transport as well as charter and taxi boat tours from Kurjoviken, Skelleftehamn and Skellefte river.

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ÄLVSNABBen

Älvsnabben is a raft for those who want a beautiful and pleasant tour on the Skellefte River between Stackgrönan Boat Museum and Bergsby Dam.

Snacks available on the tour.

Tel. +46 (0)70-575 28 88



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A five-star holiday resort on the mainland with a wide range of accommodation options. Everything from tent pitches and caravan sites to small cabins and luxury beachside houses. Guest moorings for small boats at the north pier.

www.byskehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90

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Offers tent pitches and caravan sites, beautifully situated close to a shallow-water beach on the mainland, 4 km north of Skellefteå city centre.

www.bovikenshavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-540 00 (summer)
Tel. +46 (0)70-371 22 55 (winter)

BJURÖKLUBB LIGHTHOUSE

Rent a room in Bjuröklubb's lighthouse, have a good night's sleep in magnificent surroundings and wake up to an unbeatable view. Bjuröklubb is located on the mainland 55 km south of Skellefteå.

www.bjuroklubb.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-204 21 00

PITE-RÖNNSKÄR HOSTEL

The former pilot house on the island of Pite-Rönnskär is now a hostel. The hostel has 14 beds, a common room, communal kitchen and a bathroom with shower. The pilot house is located right next to the lighthouse and here you also find a café.

www.kinnbackskargard.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-543 30 11

ACCOMMODATION AT HAMNSKÄR

The former pilot's cabin along with the annex have in total 7 beds for rent. There is no electricity on the island and guests bring their own freshwater. Beds can be booked at Byske Havsbad.

www.byskehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90

ACCOMMODATION AT GÅSÖREN

The former pilot house can be rented for events and overnight stays (7 beds). Transport can be arranged. Booking at Svenska Kryssarklubben, Skellefteå branch.

www.sxk.se/bottenvikskretsen
Tel. +46 (0)70-690 97 01



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Photo: Jonas Westling

ANGLING

In early spring and late autumn the trout like to stay in the coastal shallows, where they can be caught. Grayling are found in this area at all times of year. Angling on the coast using hand held equipment is free. Close to the rivers, some limitations may apply.

GUIDED FISHING TOURS

Byske Fly Fishing Guides offer guided fishing tours in the Byske River, Sweden's largest forest river with salmon. Stocks of salmon and trout are still

replenished via natural reproduction. The fishing tours are adapted to customers' requests.
www.byskeskomakeri.se/bfg
 Tel. +46 (0)70-693 84 41

HIKING

There are three wonderful hiking trails along the coast: the Åbyälvsleden Trail, the Furuögrundsleden Trail and the Fäbodstigen Trail in Risböle.
www.skelleftea.se/vandring
 Skellefteå Tourist Centre
 Tel. +46 (0)910-45 25 10

PAINTBALL, COMBINED EVENTS

Flashpoint Events have paths for outdoor paintball in Åbyn, Byske. They also offer combined events with many different activities to choose from.
www.flashpointevent.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-297 84 22

ÅBYNLADAN

Activities for large and small groups in the surroundings of Byske. The list of activities is extensive and guests can combine different activities as they wish. Among the activities are handicraft activities, music quizzes and paintball.
www.abynladan.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-297 84 22

RIVER RAFTING, RIVER KAYAK

Byske Äventyr offers an adventurous and fun day at the base camp or in the rapids. In the Byske River guests get to try river rafting and river kayaking among other activities.
www.byskeaventyr.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-543 32 32

ADVENTURE GOLF

At the beach of Byske Havsbad seaside resort there is an 18-hole adventure golf course. On the camping area guests can enjoy several other activities such as a BMX-bike track, an electric car track and volleyball.
www.byskehavsbad.se
 Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90



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LONG-DISTANCE SKATING

It is a sensation to travel on natural ice bright as a mirror on a beautiful winter's day. In the run-up to Christmas and New Year's you can start skating in the sheltered sea bays of Kågefjärden, Innerviksfjärden and Ytterviksfjärden. In January you normally find new ice outside the bays. In spring there is occasionally smooth ice. The warmth of the spring sun can melt a thin layer of snow and, after a cold night, large areas

can be skateable. To prevent a pleasant skating tour from turning into an extremely hazardous fall into the water, skaters must always put safety first. The most important safety aspects can be summed up with the acronym K.E.C - Knowledge-Equipment-Company. The knowledge can be found at the outdoor association Friluftsrämjandet Frostkåge, which organises safety courses and guided skating tours.

SNOWMOBILE

The ice on the frozen sea is ideal for fantastic snowmobile tours. Note that snowmobiling is not permitted on the islands of Swedish Lapland, other than via the shortest route to and from the cabin and on marked snowmobile trails.

ANGLING

In winter the Skellefteå coast offers good angling, mainly for whitefish and grayling. There are good conditions for ice-fishing with a view of the fish in places like Skelleftehamn, at Kågnäsudden Cove and Kapargrunden shallows south of Bjuröklubb.

WINTER SWIMMING

Skellefteå's fascination for winter swimming has resulted in international winter swim competitions. The participants often compete in water with a temperature of 0.1 degrees Celsius. The distances in the competitions are between 25 and 200 metres in the disciplines breaststroke and freestyle. The competitions are arranged by the association "Dark and cold" and are held in January every year. The association also arranges classes in winter swimming.
www.darkandcold.com



Photo: Ted Logart



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The coast line

The fact that Piteå is a coastal city is obvious in many ways. The city centre is surrounded by water and a canal leads from the north harbour to the south harbour. If you travel along the E4 highway, there are a lot of opportunities for nice ocean views. Several former islands are now connected to the mainland, due to the land rise. If you visit the area with your own boat, there are many places with good service along the coastline. As well, there are several points of interest on the mainland right next to the sea. During the summer season, touring boats can take you to the islands.



Photo: Västra Kajen

- 1 **BORGARUDDEN**
Guest jetty, minimarket with food and hygiene products, restaurant, sauna (for booking), playground. Camping site for caravans, cottages for rent. More information: www.borgaruddenscamping.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-558 41 38
- 2 **THE SOUTH HARBOUR/ VÄSTRA KAJEN**
Guest harbour, departure and arrival of Piteå's touring boats, café and ice-cream, playground. Campsite for caravans and rooms for rent. Walking distance to Piteå city centre with shops, restaurants, cafés and tourist centre. More information: www.vastrakajen.se Tel. +46 (0)911-120 30
- 3 **THE NORTH HARBOUR**
Guest berths, WC, shower, laundry. Café and kiosk, petrol and diesel. Walking distance to Piteå city centre with shops, restaurants, cafés and tourist centre. More information: www.piteamarinan.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-150 60
- 4 **PITE HAVSBAD**
One of Piteå's most famous places, renowned for its long beach. Guest jetty, hotel, campsite and cottages for rent. Restaurants, cafés and shop. Waterpark, playground, pool. Activities and shows. More information: www.pitehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-327 00



- 5 **JÄVRE**
Guest jetty with good shelter from wind. Freshwater, grill site. Harbour café where smoked fish is sold during summer peak season. Just 100 metres from the harbour, you can find a gas station, grocery store, restaurant and tourist information. The Tourist Information Office is open during the summer season. More information: www.javrehamn.se



Photo: Stina Eriksson

Svinöra

One of the pearls in Piteå Archipelago is Stora Svinöra, home port of Piteå Boating Club. The boating club, established in 1922, has over 1,600 members, and is the biggest club in the federation of Gulf of Bothnia boating associations. The harbour at Svinöra provides shelter from all winds. There are 80 berths, electricity and freshwater at the jetties.

Dinghies of all types, canoes, etc. may be borrowed. Here, you also find a kiosk, sauna, grill sites, toilets, etc. The bay between Stora and Lilla Svinöra has a sandy bed and is ideal

for bathing. The accessibility in the harbour area is good. If you do not own a boat, just call the cabin supervisor and you will be brought from Renöhamn for a small fee. Piteå Boating Club is active, and in the summer all the activities are relocated to Svinöra, where there are many visitors, both members and guests. At weekends and holidays, there is a holiday host and, during summer, events including dances, crayfish parties and fermented herring evenings are arranged.



Photo: Göran Wallin



- 1 Piteå Boating Club's harbour. Marina c. 80 berths with electricity and freshwater. Touring boats may call at the harbour. Rentable clubhouse with wireless broadband. Dance floor, kiosk and rental of dinghies (Laser, Optimist) canoes, etc. Shower, sauna, toilets, grill facilities, bathing, tent pitches. If you do not own a boat, just call the cabin supervisor
Tel. +46 (0)70-301 55 15 (June - september) and you will be brought from Renöhamn for a small fee. Piteå Boating Club has been working to improve acces-

sibility at Svinöra. For more information on accessibility, please contact Piteå Boating Club
Tel. +46(0) 70-301 55 15
or Piteå Tourist Centre
www.visitpitea.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90.

- 2 The Sandbank



Photo: Alf Arne Harjo

Mosesholmen

Mosesholmen is an island with a deep-water shore in the south which lies in a sheltered bay, Vallsviken. Mosesholmen is a popular destination for boaters and the jetty in Vallsviken gives excellent shelter in rough weather against winds from every direction. There are grill sites and an outhouse toilet near the jetty.

Hällskär is in fact a peninsula and it is accessible by private roads. People come here to enjoy life on

warm summer days. This peninsula is unusual in our archipelago, since it consists of a single rock. The cliffs and outcrops invite people to bathe and relax, although the high cliffs and deep water may cause concern for parents of small children. The water surrounding Hällskär is deep (approx. 3 metres) and it is easy to moor large boats right up against the cliffs. On the north side of Hällskär there is a grill site and there is a former tar-making site on the island.



Photo: Tina Nilsson



1 Grill site and seating.

2 Guest jetty, grill site and outhouse toilet.

3 Former tar-making site.



Photo: Alf Arne Harjo

Baggen

Baggen is a big island with many contrasts. High, steep outcrops separated by sandy bays. Especially suitable for bathing, it is a natural waterpark. The contrasts in nature are seldom as stunning as in the archipelago and Baggen is no exception. The island offers wonderful variety, painted with nature's own brush. Baggen is a very popular destination and one of Piteå's biggest islands. The island has many



Photo: Göran Wallin

fine walking trails and is an excellent place to explore on foot. If you like picking berries, then you are in the right place, and you can quickly fill your bucket. Baggen is historically highly interesting. You can see clear traces of a mining venture that a priest undertook in the 18th century. The fact that a priest was behind the mining venture is perhaps not so surprising, since the church, Piteå Rural Parish owns the island.



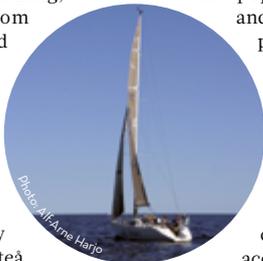
- 1 Public jetty with guest moorings. The passenger boat calls here. Four cabins (with a common sauna) for rent. The cabins are owned by Öjebyn Hunting Associations and can be booked at www.visitpitea.se or at Piteå Tourist Centre. **Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90.** Nearby, there are outhouse toilets, grill sites and wind shelters. Själahällan is a very nice area for bathing. Here, you find both high, steep outcrops and sandy beaches.
- 2 Outdoor chapel.



Photo: Tina Nilsson

Vargön

Vargön is the largest and highest (30 metres) of Piteå's islands. The island started to rise from the sea some 3,000 years ago. Vargön is today an excellent place for bathing, excursions, mushroom and berry picking and hiking along trails and paths. To conserve nature for outdoor enthusiasts, a large part of the island has been designated a nature reserve. The reserve is managed by the Municipality of Piteå and there are facilities for activities; saunas, picnic cabin, outhouse toilets, grill sites with firewood and trails. In the winter there is a snowmobile trail from the mainland to Vargön and across the island between Koskåret and Per-Stålviken.



There are also marked hiking trails between Koskåret, Per-Stålviken and Laxskåret. Vipera are common in the reserve. Koskär and Koskärshalsen are popular areas for bathing and hiking. Here, you find a public jetty and two well-equipped rental cabins. The shallow beach is perfect for bathing. In the picnic cabin, open to the public, are exhibits about nature and culture in Piteå archipelago. Nearby is an accessible outhouse toilet. Laxskåret is the site of an old fishing village with characteristic fishing huts, one of which is open to the public. On Per-Stålviken bay there is a jetty and sheltered bathing area and the small island Hällskåret is popular for excursions.



- 1 Public jetty with guest berths. The passenger boat calls here.
- 2 Two cabins that can be rented. Booking: www.guide-natura.com More information via Piteå Tourist centre, tel. +46 (0)917-933 90. Picnic cabin, sauna, grill sites, outhouse toilets and bathing. The island's most popular excursion area, the Koskåret and Koskärshalsen nature reserve. The Municipality of Piteå has been working to improve the accessibility at Vargön. For more information on accessibility, please contact Piteå Tourist Centre Tel. +46 (0)917-933 90.
- 3 Walking trail from Koskåret to Höjers headland.
- 4 Walking trail from Koskåret to Per-Stålviken bay and Laxskåret.
- 5 Per-Stålviken bay features a modern-day fishing village with guest jetty, outhouse toilet and good bathing facilities. Nearby lies the island of Hällskåret.
- 6 An old fishermen's hut on Laxskåret is used as a picnic cabin and is open to the public.
- 7 Approximately 150 metres south-east of Laxskåret is an eight-sided labyrinth.



Photo: Göran Wallin

Mellerstön

A big island offering good conditions for walkers and picking berries and mushrooms. At Mellerstön you can find a cabin for rent, a sauna, grill sites and nice walking trails. In Stenbergsviken bay there is a natural harbour with good bathing nearby. Mellerstön is the only island in Piteå that was inhabited. Lars Petter Stenberg and his wife, Eva Justina née Risberg, moved out here in 1865 to a cabin that was in such bad condition that the snow blew in through the walls. In 1867 the Lönnberg and Stenberg families were granted crofters' rights with 15 years' tax exemption. They immedi-

ately began to cultivate the land and construct buildings. They survived thanks to the abundance of small game. By 1880 the families each had a fisherman's cabin with a storehouse on Svarthällan, at Stor-Råbben. The Stenberg family had ten children, of whom four reached adulthood. The youngest child, Helmer, never went to school, but did attend confirmation classes, boarding in Piteå. Mother Eva taught the children the basics: reading, writing and arithmetic. In 1886 tragedy struck. The children fell ill, most probably with diphtheria, and four of them died within two weeks.



- 1 Natural harbour with guest jetty. The passenger boat calls here. Bathing.
- 2 Cabin that can be rented. Booking: www.guide-natura.com More information via Piteå Tourist Centre, tel. +46 (0)911-933 90. Sauna, outhouse toilet and grill site.
- 3 For many years the cabin was home to a fisherman's family, who had their very own story of the special island life.



Photo: Tina Nilsson

Stor-Räbben

Together with Lill-Räbben, Bondökallarna, Olsvenskallen and parts of Mellerstön, the island of Stor-Räbben forms the Stor-Räbben nature reserve. As in several other nature

reserve areas, there are facilities for outdoor leisure: outhouse toilets, grill sites, fire wood and marked walking trails. Stor-Räbben is a beautiful island with open and barren nature which in many ways resembles that of a more mountainous region. Land rise, the waves of the ocean and the wind have formed and characterized the nature

of the island. The dark bedrock that can be seen in many places consists of petrified lava. Many species of berries can be found here; for example lingonberry, blueberry, crowberry, bog whortleberry and cloudberry. One can also see Heath Spotted Or-

chid, Greater Butterfly Orchid and the special plant Garden Speedwell. The rest of the island flora includes species found from the mountains to the coast. There are mementoes from the past. Remnants from seal

hunting have been dated to around AD 400 - 500. The oldest of them are near the beacon located on the highest point on the island, 18 metres above sea level. The island also features several different labyrinths, some dating as far back as AD 500, some to AD 800 and one to the

16th century. When the Piteå area was colonized Stor-Räbben was not included in the coastal parish as was the custom; it became common land. The island eventually became a Crown property, for which Piteå was granted fishing rights.



Photo: Göran Wallin



- 1 Guest jetty. The passenger boat calls here. Old fishing village with cabins that now serve as recreational cottages. Outhouse toilet and information board. Defibrillator.
- 2 Cabin that can be rented. Booking: www.guide-natura.com More information via Piteå Tourist Centre, tel. +46 (0)911-933 90. Grill site.
- 3 Walking trail with information about the nature and culture of the island. On Stor-Räbben there is a lot to discover. A trail takes you around the island and passes ancient ruins and other points of interest. An informative trail guide is available at the information board near the guest jetty.
- 4 The Stor-Räbben beacon, built in the 1860s by Gustav von Heidenstam, and renovated in 2005. There are also traces of house foundations that seal hunters and fishermen left many years ago.
- 5 Two labyrinths, which may be from around AD 500, and a primitive house site.
- 6 Another two labyrinths lie here, dated to the late Vendel period, around AD 800.
- 7 A labyrinth and two dwelling sites lie here, dating from the 13th-16th century.
- 8 Nummerhällan, a vertical rock in which water levels were inscribed from 1750 to 1884.



Photo: Tina Nilsson

Stenskär

The island is in the shape of an ancient axe, where the angle between the head and the handle forms a natural lagoon called Stenskärsviken. The island is part of a nature reserve together with Stor-Sandskär, Leskären, Jävreholmen and Tallskär. The long beach, the lagoon-like natural harbour, the ancient labyrinths and the charming fishermen's cabins explain why Stenskär can proudly declare itself a nature reserve. On the island there is also an abundance of bird species; for example, Black-eyed Gulls, Terns, Common Gull, Merganser, Ruddy Turnstone, House Martin and, unusually, the Pomarine Skua. There are also rare plants such as white Bellflower, Sea Pea and the Bothni-



Photo: Göran Wallin

an subspecies of Field Wormwood, *Artemisia campestris* ssp. *bottnica*. Several stone labyrinths and compass roses can be seen on the island, most probably from the early 19th century. Remains from fishermen in the past, perhaps back in the 16th century, include dwelling sites and fence cairns, boat landings and clock setting. Stenskär in fact comprises two islands that have grown together because of land rise. The large sandy moor between the fishing village and the esker formation and sand dunes is an old sandbank that has surfaced as the land has risen. Stor-Sandknösarna is an example of an enormous sandbank which the waves created long ago.

- 1 Guest jetty. The shape of the island gives shelter from all winds except north-west. Here, you also find grill sites, sauna, woodshed, windbreak, outhouse toilet and an information board. The Municipality of Piteå has been working to improve accessibility at Stenskär. For more information on accessibility, please contact Piteå Tourist Centre **Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90**.
- 2 Trail to the fishing village.
- 3 Excellent bathing at Stenskärsviken bay.
- 4 The old fishing village was built in the latter half of the 19th century. We know from records that people have fished from Stenskär since the 16th century. There have probably been people on the island before that, as evidenced by a number of ancient ruins.
- 5 Here, next to the old lookout tower, there are two labyrinths, probably from the 19th century. One is the double angle type with 12 sides. The other has 8 sides. Close to the labyrinths there is a memorial stone to a seaman who died in 1862. 30 metres south of the memorial stone lies a stone compass rose.
- 6 About 140 metres south of the above labyrinths, another labyrinth, also of the double-angle type with 12 sides, was constructed in 1942.



- 7 Old harbour pier from the 1950s, well up on dry land.
- 8 A preserved boathouse with complete equipment left by the last full-time fisherman, Per Andersson.
- 9 Grill site and windbreak.
- 10 The south side of Stenskär consists of a magnificent beach, very popular among boaters and other visitors. This side of Stenskär offers one of the best bathing areas in Swedish Lapland.



Photo: Stina Eriksson

Fingermanholmen

Almost in the city centre of Piteå, in the inner bay, lies the island of Fingermanholmen, close to the mainland and easy to access by boat and kayak during summer. In the winter the island can be easily reached on skis, skates or kick-sled on the ice. Fingermanholmen is a ridge. The top of the ridge is as high as 30 metres and is therefore an important landmark for navigating in the inner bay. According to a recent inventory, there are areas with high nature values on the island. Fingermanholmen once played an important role in log handling in the inner bay. In the early 1890s the sawmill “Fingermanholmens Ångsåg”



Photo: Per Pekterson

was established on the northeast side of the island. The sawmill produced lumber that was used in the building of Piteå’s hospital and was also exported. The deep water surrounding the island was one of the contributing factors behind the location of the sawmill. The sawmill was closed in 1912 and workers were transferred to the sawmills in Bergsviken, Storfors, Munksund and Skuthamn. Fingermanholmen has also been used for quarrying sand and gravel. The gravel pits, still open holes in the landscape, and the ridge create large differences in the island’s terrain. There are also traces of several charcoal stacks and tar-making sites.



- 1 - Guest jetty
 - Sauna and picnic cabin
 - Grill site
 - Accessible outhouse toilet
- 2 Bathing

- 3 Guest jetty, grill site
- 4 Lookout tower



Photo: Stina Eriksson

JÄVREBODARNA FISHING CAMP

Here you can stay in a tent, caravan/RV or rent a cabin in a scenic setting by the sea. The fishing camp offers fishing of hatchery-raised rainbow trout. There is also a museum, restaurant and café.

www.fishecampen.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-360 30

BEAS RÖKERI & HAMNCAFÉ

This harbour café is located in Jävre harbour and, on occasion, also in the south harbour. Besides sandwiches, coffee and cookies you can also buy smoked and cured salmon. The café is open during summer peak season. More information: www.visitpitea.se

PITE HAVSBAD

At Pite Havsbad a number of restaurants and cafés serve everything from hamburgers, to sushi and large buffets.

www.pitehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-327 00

MD:S RESTAURANT

Stop in Jävre's cosy little guest harbour, walk under the E4 highway to MD:s Restaurang. Visit Jävre's Tourist Station on your way back and take a look at the

1960s exhibition. A historic walk along the Archaeological Path starts here.

www.mdsrestaurang.se
Tel. +46(0)911-383 30

SHIP CAFÉ VÄSTRA KAJEN

Adjacent to the southern harbour is the cosy ship café and the very popular ice-cream boat. Open during summer peak season.

www.vastrakajen.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-120 30

LAPONIA REDERI

Aboard Laponia's vessels food inspired by the archipelago is served. Food is prepared onboard and the menu includes both snacks and à la carte. Laponia's shrimp buffet is extremely popular.

www.laponia.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-120 84

MARINAN NORRA HAMN (NORTHERN HARBOUR MARINA)

In Piteå's northern harbour there is a guest harbour with café and kiosk.

www.piteamarinan.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-150 60



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Photo: Västra kajen



Photo: Hansi Gelter

GUIDE NATURA

Charter boat tours, guided tours, taxi boat and seal safaris by boat. Transfer to the rental cabins in Piteå archipelago by boat or snowmobile.

www.guide-natura.com
Tel. +46 (0)70-672 21 09

L-LINE REDERI AB

Charter boat tours.

www.l-line.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-518 06 85

LAPONIA REDERI

Cruises with food and refreshments served on board.

www.laponia.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-120 84

MARINE GROUP

Icebreaker safaris
www.marinegroup.se

BOAT TRANSPORT TO STORA SVINÖRA

If you have no boat but want to get to Piteå Boating Club on Stora Svinöra, you can call the cabin supervisor and you will be picked up from Renöhamn for a small fee.

Tel. +46 (0)70-301 55 15

KINNBÄCKS SKÄRGÅRDSTURISM

Passenger boat between Kinnbäck in the Municipality of Skellefteå and Pite-Rönnskär. Taxi boat.

www.kinnbackskargard.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-543 30 11

MORE INFORMATION

on passenger boats and tours in Piteå Archipelago: Piteå Tourist Centre

www.visitpitea.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90



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Photo: Tina Nilsson

VÄSTRA KAJEN CAMPING & GUEST HARBOUR

At the south harbour, within walking distance from the city centre of Piteå, there is a camping right next to the water. Here you will also find a customs' warehouse, where you can rent rooms during the summer. The campsite is open year-round, but on a smaller scale in winter.

www.vastrakajen.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-120 30

PITE HAVSBAD

Pite Havsbad is one of Europe's biggest amenities for accommodation, conferences and adventures. Pite Havsbad is beautifully situated about 10 km south of Piteå and the well-known kilometre-long beach has given Pite Havsbad its nickname "the Riviera of the North". Pite Havsbad offers a wide range of options. You'll find everything from luxury suites with Jacuzzi and sauna to simpler self-catering one-room cabins.

www.pitehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-327 00

CABINS ON BAGGEN, MELLERSTÖN, VARGÖN AND STOR-RÄBBEN ISLANDS

Rent four-bed cabins on these islands in the beautiful Piteå Archipelago. The islands can be reached by passenger boats, transfer taxi boat or with your own boat. Cabins are equipped with gas stoves, beds with blankets and pillows, and an outhouse toilet. There are saucepans, etc. in the cabins. Bring your own drinking water and sheets. On the islands there are pleasant walking trails, grill sites and beaches. Booking of the cabins: www.guide-natura.com.

For more information contact Piteå Tourist Centre: www.visitpitea.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90

BORGARUDDENS HAVSBAD

Borgaruddens Havsbad (seaside resort) is a campsite for caravans, RVs and tents. Rental cabins, restaurant, a small store, playground and a guest jetty.

www.borgaruddenscamping.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-558 41 38

FÅRÖNS STUGBY

The holiday home for mineworkers from northern Sweden's orefields is now open to the public, and situated in Piteå Archipelago on the beautiful island of Fårön. The holiday home is located only five minutes from the city centre of Piteå. The island of Fårön is connected to the mainland by a bridge. This secluded setting in combination with close proximity to the city centre, the big lawns and the swimming pool, make the holiday home a popular destination for both adults and children. Rent cabins or stay in your caravan/RV.

www.faronstugby.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-120 28

JÄVREBODARNA FISHING CAMP

The fishing camp offers a relaxing outdoor stay that includes swimming and fishing in a calm setting suitable for children. There is a guest jetty, Caravan sites, tent pitches and rental cabins.

www.fiskecampen.se



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Photo: Hansi Gelter

ANGLING

Angling on the coast using handheld equipment is free. A fishing permit is required for fishing in the rivers, www.pitealv.se. For more information on regulations and fishing permits, please contact Piteå Tourist Centre www.visitpitea.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90

Jävrebodarnas fishing camp offers fishing of hatchery-raised rainbow trout. Also a museum, restaurant and café.

www.fiskecampen.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-360 30

NATURE PATHS AND HIKING TRAILS

There are several nature paths and hiking trails in the coastal area and archipelago of Piteå, for example, on Stor-Råbben, Vargön and in Jävre. For more information, please contact Piteå Tourist Centre.

www.visitpitea.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90

CANOEOING

Guide Natura and The Municipality of Piteå have compiled a brochure presenting 18 kayak routes in Piteå Archipelago. The brochure can be picked up at Piteå Tourist Centre and contains suggestions for easy half-day routes to demanding tours that take several days. Examples of routes: Jävre Harbour to Stenskär Island, Pitsund to Jävre Harbour, rounding Bondön Island, Mellerstön Island to Råbben Island, circling Vargön Island, rounding Haraholmsfjärden Cove, Trundön Island to Storgrundet.

KAYAK GUIDE AND KAYAK RENTAL

Guide Natura
www.guide-natura.com
Tel. +46 (0)70-672 21 09

Piteå kajak
www.piteakajak.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-746 63 64

GUIDED NATURE EXPERIENCES
Guide Natura offers a variety of experiences all year round.

www.guide-natura.com
Tel. +46(0)70-672 21 09

HUNTING AND HUNTING EXPERIENCES

Fritid & Vildmarksliv I Norr arranges tailor-made hunting and outdoor activities and events. The company also has a shooting cinema which can be used for events.

www.fritidvildmarksliv.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-342 03

PITEÅ BOATING CLUB ACTIVITIES

Piteå Boating Club arranges many activities in the archipelago in the summer season. For up-to-date information, visit www.piteabatklubb.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-24 41 13

PITE HAVSBAD
At Pite Havsbad you can enjoy activities and facilities such as bathing, golf, Jet Ski, a waterpark and large playing grounds.

www.pitehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-327 00

ARCHIPELAGO EXCURSIONS
Regularly scheduled tour boats operate every summer in Piteå's beautiful archipelago. For a timetable and more information, please contact Piteå Tourist Centre
www.visitpitea.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90

MORE INFORMATION

Many activity providers customise packages for both small and large groups. Contact Piteå Tourist Centre for more information.
www.visitpitea.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90



Photo: Tina



Photo: Hansi Gelter

FISHING

Ice fishing is a popular form of winter recreation.

SNOWMOBILE

The ice on the frozen sea is ideal for fantastic snowmobile tours. Note that snowmobiling is not permitted on the islands of Swedish Lapland, other than via the shortest route to and from the cabin and on marked snowmobile trails.

BOTHNIALOPPET

Each year in March, enthusiasts can take part in a cross country ski race on natural ice. For more information: www.bothnialoppet.se

ICEBREAKER SAFARI

Icebreaker safaris where the guests get the opportunity to take a walk on the frozen sea or take a dip in frigid waters (with survival suit).

www.visitpitea.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90

DOG SLED TOURS

Svedjekojan offers tailor-made dogsled tours.

www.svedjekojan.se
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PITEÅ ICE ARENA

During late winter/early spring the Municipality of Piteå prepares an ice track on the frozen sea for activities such as walking, skating, skiing and kick-sledding. The ice track is close to the city centre. Along the track there are picnic areas and grill sites. During the weekends in the skating season there is also a café right next to the track, where you can borrow kick-sleds and rent skates.



Photo: Sanne Brännström



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Improved accessibility



Photo: Ulrika Kommes

Coastline

Luleå's coast stretches from Germandöudden in the south to Rörbäck in the north. Luleå's land area is increasing at a rate of about 225 hectares per year due to isostatic rebound (land rise). This phenomenon explains why Luleå was moved in 1649, 10 km from Gammelstad, out to the coast. Gammelstad, meaning "old town", was thus the former location of Luleå. The bedrock of Luleå is characterized by granites and gneisses. The inland ice left its mark on the landscape. Rocks, gravel and finer particles released by the melting glacier formed



Photo: Göran Wallin

boulder ridges, smooth outcrops, sand deltas and stony moraine. The indigenous deciduous trees of the area are birch, aspen, grey alder, cherry, mountain ash and sallow. Coniferous trees are species of pine and spruce. Luleå's fauna, which is characteristic of northern Sweden, includes moose, reindeer, fox, hare, mink, marten, muskrat and, occasionally, bear. However, the rich bird life is most renowned internationally. Both Gammelstadsviken and Persöfjärden have been included on the Convention of Wetlands List.



- 1 Södra hamn, the south harbor. The passenger boat calls at Södra hamnplan. Accessible departure and arrival area for the passenger boats, parking. In Luleå's guest harbour, Ettans båthamn, you'll find restaurant, grocery store, fuel, WC, freshwater, laundry, parking and sewage disposal facilities. Approx. 25 berths. www.granec.se/bathamn Tel. +46 (0)920-22 80 25
- 2 Norra hamn, the north harbour. Guest jetty, approx. 60 berths. Passenger boat, restaurant.
- 3 Rörbäck Camping & Seaside resort is beautifully situated right by the seashore. Guest harbour, WC, freshwater and sauna. www.facebook.com/rorbackshavsbadcamping Tel. +46 (0)70-740 68 08
- 4 Just outside Råneå, there is a bathing area on the Kängsön peninsula. From Canoe Adventure North you can rent kayaks, canoes or aluminium boats. www.canoeadventure.nu Tel. +46 (0)70-542 51 10
- 5 Brändön Lodge is a superbly built and well-appointed conference centre next to the sea. Holiday cottages and rooms for rent. Guest harbour with 8 berths. Restaurant, sauna, WC, shower, freshwater and bathing. www.brandonlodge.se Tel. +46 (0)920-741 00
- 6 Lövsjär's fishing harbour has fuel pumps, a restaurant, a guest harbour (6 berths), freshwater, WC and sewage disposal facilities. Defibrillator. www.lovskar.se



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Altappen/Likskär

Likskär is an island that consists of nothing but sand. The crystal-clear water and long, shallow-water beaches are reminiscent of more tropical parts of the world. The seaward side of the island is shallow and perfect for bathing. The local yacht club, Luleå Segelsällskap, has a clubhouse here with restaurant, playground and guest harbour. Altappen, an island connected to Likskär due to land rise, and situated about 1 km by boat from the fishing



Photo: Per Petttersson

village of Lövsjär on the mainland. An exciting island with remnants from the industrial era around the turn of the last century. This was once the site of a large sawmill and the world's northernmost rolling mill. In July 1908 the community was devastated by fire and the island had to be evacuated at very short notice. The mills were never rebuilt and the only building left standing was Byggmästarvillan.



- 1 Guest jetty with approx. 55 berths. Clubhouse of Luleå Segelsällskap. Restaurant and kiosk (limited opening hours). www.luleasegelsallskap.se Tel. +46 (0)920-632 52 (Clubhouse)
- 2 The beautiful beaches on the tip of Likskär are perfect for sunbathing and swimming.
- 3 Altappen's peninsula has many industrial ruins. Here, there are also grill sites and natural trails.



Photo: Per Pettersson

Sandön/Klubbviken

Sandön, by far the largest island in Luleå Archipelago, has an area of no less than 25.7 km² and a large number of permanent residents. Close to the city of Luleå, the island starts on the outer edge of Tjuvholmsundet and stretches all the way to Klubbviken Havsbud, where the inner archipelago ends. As its name suggests, Sandön consists of sand, gravel and



Photo: Per Pettersson

other alluvial deposits from the Lule River. The island is relatively flat, with attractive pine heaths and long, shallow-water beaches. There are several rubble fields of varying sizes on the island. The largest is near Lappmyrberget. This 1,400-metre-long, 300-metre-wide field, known as Stenåkern, “the stone meadow”, is a nature reserve.



- 1 Guest harbour with 50 berths. The passenger boat calls here. Klubbviken's Havsbud offers some of Swedish Laplands' finest seaside bathing facilities, good service with rental cabins, restaurant, sauna, freshwater and many activities. At Klubbviken, the City of Luleå has been working to improve accessibility. For more information on accessibility, please contact Luleå Tourist Centre: turistcenter@lulea.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00. Passenger boats visit the island several times daily throughout the summer season.
www.klubbviken.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-25 86 05
- 2 Shallow-water beaches and beautiful sand dunes are ideal for bathing and sunbathing. Find your very own sand dune! The Sandöklubben area is to be designated a nature reserve.
- 3 An enormous rubble field, Stenåkern, lies in the middle of the island.

HIKING TRAIL AT SANDÖN
There is a hiking trail on Sandön. For information about the trail, please contact **Luleå Tourist Centre** or visit www.lulea.se/skargard



Photo: Göran Wallin

Junkön

Junkön is also a large, permanently inhabited island. Several commercial fishermen are based here. During the summer they fish Baltic herring, whitefish and sea trout. In the autumn they net an endemic species of vendace for its roe löjrom, the “gold of the sea”. Junkön is characterized by sand and forest.

One half of the island is more or

less covered with trees, while the other is essentially one large beach. Unfortunately, the sandy half is off-limits, since it is used by the airforce for target training. Junkön’s forests have pines that are more than 200 years old. Attractions include a windmill of unknown age and an old archipelago homestead.



Photo: Göran Wallin



- 1 Guest harbour with approx. 30 berths. Archipelago museum, a museum displaying old boat engines, sauna, shower, fresh-water and an accessible grill site. In summer you can reach Junkön’s harbour with the passenger boat.
- 2 Summer café. Home harbour for the island’s fishermen, who often sell their fish in the harbour.
- 3 Two rental cabins that can be booked at www.lulea.se/skargard or at Luleå Tourist Centre (contact below). The cabins have electricity and freshwater. Cabin hosts during summer peak season. The City of Luleå has been working to improve accessibility at Junkön. For more information on accessibility, please contact Luleå Tourist Centre: turistcenter@lulea.se Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00
- 4 An old mill that was probably erected in the late 18th century. The people of Junkön and neighbouring island residents ground their rye and barley flour here.
- 5 The village centre is a charming and unique archipelago milieu. In the heart of the village you will also find Galleri Agda & Valborg, a gallery where many female artists from the Luleå area display their works. Open during summer peak season.
- 6 Örnudden’s fine sandy beach is ideal for bathing.

ICE ROADS FOR CARS TO JUNKÖN

In the winter you can drive to Junkön on an ice road.



Photo: Goran Wallin

Antnäs-Börstskär

Antnäs Börstskär is visible when you look out towards the outermost islands. Far off in the distance, if the weather is good, you can discern the silhouette of Rödkallen. The southern part of the island is somewhat hilly and wooded. This part of the island resembles the outermost islands in the region, while the northern part is more like the inner islands. Norrskäret, on the



Photo: Goran Wallin

northern part of the island, is mostly forested by spruce and here you also find most of the islands' private cabins, while the western bay is the area that attracts most visitors. Antnäs Börstskär has a nice natural harbour that provides shelter from all winds except north-westerlies. Fine bathing and a good chance for visitors to see vipers.



- 1 Guest jetty with approx. 10 berths. Sauna, outhouse toilet, garbage disposal, picnic cabin and grill sites.
- 2 Look-out
- 3 Old feldspar quarry



Photo: Tina Nilsson

Rödskallen

Far out to sea, on the outer limits of the archipelago, lies Rödskallen, the last outpost facing Finland. In mediaeval times, Finnish fishermen visited the waters around Rödskallen. The island is the site of an old pilot station and a fishing harbour. From 1814, pilots were stationed on Rödskallen, since shipping was so intensive and the approach to Luleå was very difficult to navigate.

In 1872 a Heidenstam-type lighthouse was built. The 21.4-metre-tall lighthouse was designed by engineer Gustav von Heidenstam, father of the Nobel Prize-winning

author Verner von Heidenstam. In 1972 the lighthouse was taken out of service after exactly 100 years of use and is today classed as an historical monument. The

Heidenstam lighthouse on Rödskallen is one of the few remaining of its type in Sweden.

Parts of Rödskallen are included in the Rödskallen - Sörespen nature reserve. Though the island landscape is characteristically barren, there are numerous bird species; among them, the black guillemot, which nests on the stone pier by the old pilot station.

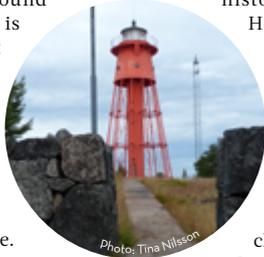


Photo: Tina Nilsson



- 1 Private harbour with two guest berths.
- 2 The old pilot station, now closed.
- 3 The old pilohouse.
- 4 Built around 1800, Rödskallen's old chapel was not only a church but also a navigation mark and storage site for fishing nets and equipment. Its walls are also graced with graffiti from centuries past.
- 5 The Heidenstam lighthouse. Don't miss the labyrinth by the foot of the lighthouse or the old lighthouse keeper's residence.



Photo: Lars Mandahl

Kluntarna

The island of Kluntarna has been seasonally inhabited for many centuries and has always been used as a base for fishing and seal hunting. Many stone ruins, labyrinths and other evidence of human activity can be found on the island. “The Old Tarn” (Gammeltjärn) used to be a sheltered bay that formed an ideal natural harbour. In the late 19th century, access by boat became impossible due to land rise, and it was around this time that the fishing village was moved to its present location just near Storbjörnen. Excellent examples of plant life typical of the archipelago can be seen



Photo: Lena Hedberg

on this island. Many of the area’s different biotopes can be observed here, on this one spot; for example, coastal alder wood, old-growth coniferous forest and rare species such as beach euphrasy. Wading birds, such as the greater ringed plover, the turnstone and Temminck’s stint, are frequently seen on Kluntarna. A few hundred metres into the forest, you can observe grouse and other wood-land birds. Black guillemots and cormorants, too, are often seen. All of Kluntarna has been classified as a nature reserve since 1998, so visitors are asked to observe the utmost respect for nature.



- 1 Guest harbour with approx. 30 berths. The passenger boat calls here. Three rental cabins, book at www.lulea.se/skargard or at Luleå Tourist Centre, Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00. Cabin hosts during summer peak season. Sauna. Small museum displaying the nature of the area. Outhouse toilet, grill sites, bathing.
- 2 On the south side of Kråkskäret, the points of the compass were set out in stone, perhaps 300 or 400 years ago.
- 3 Kråkskärsviken. Sauna, a nice beach and a grill site.
- 4 Many of the labyrinths on the island are now largely overgrown. You’ll find them at the edge of the rubble fields, just north of the high ground on the island. The five labyrinths vary in size and probably date from the 1300s or 1400s.
- 5 Lookout tower.
- 6 Foundations of several 19th century dwellings.
- 7 Kluntgubben, a rock formation resembling a face, can only be seen from a certain angle.
- 8 Gammeltjärn, formerly Kluntarna’s harbour.
- 9 Remnants of stands for drying the fishing nets.
- 10 Kluntarna’s fishing village.
- 11 Black Guillemot nests here at Lillbjörnen.

HIKING TRAIL ON KLUNTARNA

There is an excellent nature trail on Kluntarna. You can get information and a map from the cabin hosts on the island, at www.lulea.se/skargard or at Luleå Tourist Centre.



Photo: Lena Hedberg

Småskär

In 1652, Queen Kristina gave the island of Småskär to the people of Luleå. Småskär was an important base for local fisheries long into the 20th century. The island's name, meaning roughly "small rocky islets", stems from the fact that it was once many small islands that eventually merged due to land rise. Småskär is one of Luleå Archipelago's most important islands from the point of view of recreation. Although there are nearly 120 private cottages, much of the island's pristine nature has been preserved and it continues to be a popular destination for boating



Photo: Lena Hedberg

tourists from near and far. Much of Småskär is covered in forest hosting Siberian spruce, and there are fascinating beach meadows. Part of a bird sanctuary in which hunting of seabirds and ducks is prohibited. Småskär and Finnskär have many fine bird biotopes; terns, shallow bays and old-growth forest. About 40 species of birds nest here. The best area in the archipelago to see seals is off the east coast of Småskär. Around Månshällan and Bjässhällan, seals, particularly grey seals, are often spotted.



- 1 Bullerhamnsviken with guest harbour (approx. 17 berths). The passenger boat calls here. Two rental cabins can be booked at www.lulea.se/skargard or at Luleå Tourist Centre **Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00**. Cabin hosts during the summer season. Sauna with a relaxation room. Grill sites, outhouse toilet, bathing, trail.
- 2 The fishing harbour in Kyrkviken was probably used as early as the 1500s. Its charming fishing huts were built in the 1700s.
- 3 Built in the 1720s with donations from Luleå residents, the chapel on Småskär is the oldest in the archipelago. The original pulpit is still used, and services are held here two Sundays in July each summer. The passenger boat stops at Småskär on those days.

HIKING TRAIL ON SMÅSKÄR

There is a nature trail on Småskär. You can get information and a map from the cabin hosts on the island, at www.lulea.se/skargard or at Luleå Tourist Centre.



Bathing area



Photo: Lars Mandahl

Brändöskär

Brändöskär, a rather special and very beautiful island, is situated in the outer archipelago. Perhaps because it is so exposed to the wind and weather, it has more of a genuine archipelago character than most other islands. Brändöskär is so named because, long ago, it served as a fishing base for the people of Norr-brändön, on mainland Brändön. Brändöskär/Uddskär was once the site of the largest fishing harbour in the Luleå archipelago, with 30 boat crews in 1820. Formerly, anyone was free to use the fishing



Photo: Göran Wallin

huts, provided they left a supply of dry firewood, matches and preferably a candle. At some point in the last century, people started locking the huts and keeping note of who owned what. Brändöskär consists mainly of outcrops, moraine shaped by the waves, stone and sand. Exposure to wind and weather influences the flora and fauna. The landscape is similar to that of the high fell country, with rock outcrops and mosses, heaths with low vegetation and trees bent by the wind.



- 1 Guest harbour with approx. 15 berths. Outhouse toilet and grill site. Brändöskär's fishing harbour, considered by many to be the most beautiful in the Luleå archipelago, lies in a sheltered inlet with a public dock. The remaining log fishing huts are characteristic of a bygone era.
- 2 The passenger boat calls here.
- 3 Five rental cabins. The cabins can be booked at www.lulea.se/skargard or at Luleå Tourist Centre
Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00.
- 4 Sauna and outhouse toilet.
- 5 Artist Erik Marklund lived and worked on Brändöskär. In 1957 he was responsible for raising a statue of Christ on Hällgrundet.
- 6 Even today, a painter from Luleå, Ola Taube, works on the island. In his studio, artists display their work on occasion.
- 7 The island's beautiful old chapel was built in 1774 by Brändön farmers. The altarpiece depicts a large fishing catch and, on one of the walls, the dramatic story of the drowning of two fishermen is inscribed.
- 8 Labyrinth on Uddskär, approximately 150 metres into the forest.



Photo: Per Pettersson

Hindersön

Hindersön is one of the largest islands in the Luleå Archipelago and is the only seaboard island with agriculture north of Gräsö in central Swedish Rogslagen. People whose subsistence was fishing, farming and seal hunting inhabited the island as early as the 1500s. Hindersön has always been the most populated island in the archipelago and still has a permanent population. Iron ore, discovered on the island in 1842, was mined during several periods. The mine and powder magazine, on Oxgrundet in Norrisundet, are all that remain from this era. Lime was also quarried, at first



only for domestic use, but later on an industrial scale when a limekiln was built. The kiln, which has been restored, stands just northeast of Hannosviken. Hindersön's flora covers a broad spectrum of plants from wild strawberries and arctic raspberries to the rare and beautiful Siberian primrose and ghost orchid. Much of Hindersön is covered by spruce forest, but there are also pine forests and open sandy areas. Game animals and birds common to the archipelago are found here and there are plenty of hares, woodland birds and seabirds. Osprey nest on the island.



- 1 Guest harbour. The passenger boat calls here. Sauna. At Hindersön, the City of Luleå has been working to improve accessibility. For more information on accessibility, please contact Luleå Tourist Centre: turistcenter@lulea.se Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00
- 2 Guest harbour, Ostisundet. WC
- 3 Guest harbour, Norrisund.
- 4 Old mine and limekiln. Grill site, picnic cabin, guest harbour, outdoor toilet.
- 5 The old powder magazine, built in the late 19th century, is the only remaining building from a time when iron ore was mined on Hindersön.

- 6 Jopikgården, a beautifully renovated Norrbotten farmhouse, offers accommodation, restaurant, conference facilities and more. Jopikgården offers hotel rooms as well as hostel rooms. www.jopik.se

When you visit Hindersön, take the time to walk through the island's charming hamlet with its old archipelago homesteads.

HIKING AT HINDERSÖN
Hindersön is suitable for hikes on existing trails and gravel roads. You can get information at Jopikgården, or at Luleå Tourist Centre.

ICE ROADS FOR CARS
In the winter you can drive to Hindersön on ice road.



Photo: Daniel Sundström

BENGANS BASTUFLOTTE

This wood-fired sauna raft is anchored near the island of Stensborg. Groups are welcome to enjoy sauna bathing and a good meal.

www.riverrafter.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-347 07 72

LULEÅ PAINTBALL SAUNA RAFT

Sauna raft with dressing room, sound system, sun deck, hotwater heater, seats and charcoal grill. Dinners can be arranged.

www.luleapaintball.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-148 07 51,
+46 (0)70-628 81 38

BRÄNDÖN LODGE

A superbly built conference centre with cottages, guest rooms, restaurant, sauna, recreation activities, kayaks, etc. all beautifully situated by the sea.

www.brandonlodge.se
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JOPIKGÅRDEN AT HINDERSÖN

Jopikgården is a beautifully renovated archipelago farmstead. Now with a conference centre, guesthouse, hotel, restaurant and café.

www.jopik.se

JUNKÖNS' ARCHIPELAGO MUSEUM

The museum shows old implements, artefacts and antiquities from the archipelago and has a summer café. Open during summer peak season.

www.lulea.se/skargard

KLUBBVIKEN HAVSBAD

One of Swedish Lapland's most beautiful seaside resort areas. Sandy beaches, restaurant, activities, cabins and sauna.

www.klubbviken.se
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LAPONIA REDERI

Aboard Laponia's vessels, food inspired by the archipelago is served. Food is prepared onboard and the menu includes both snacks and à la carte. Laponia's shrimp buffet is extremely popular.

www.laponia.se
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HAMNKÖKET

Hamnköket (harbour kitchen) in Lövsjär's fishing port is a small family restaurant where all food is prepared on-site à la carte. The restaurant is keen to use local ingredients and organic products.

www.facebook.com/Hamnkoket



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Photo: Peter Rosén

Even if you don't have a boat of your own, reaching the archipelago is easy. The City of Luleå offers passenger boat service during the summer season. Chartered tours can be arranged by the companies listed below. For further information about passenger boats, please visit www.lulea.se/skargard or contact Luleå Tourist Centre turistcenter@lulea.se
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CONDOR SHIPPING AB
www.condorshipping.se
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LAPONIA REDERI AB
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L-LINE REDERI AB
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info@l-line.se

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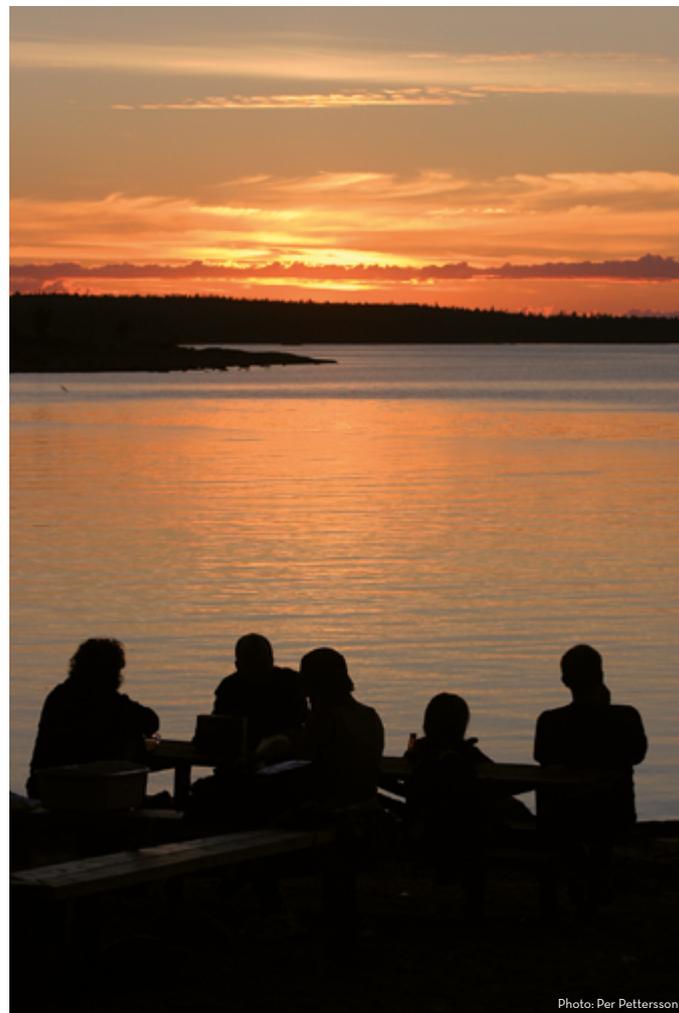


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KLUBBVIKEN HAVSBAD

One of Swedish Lapland's most beautiful seaside resort areas. Sandy beaches, restaurant, activities, cottages, sauna.
www.klubbviken.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-25 86 06

RÖRBÄCKS HAVSBAD

Rörbäck camping & seaside resort is beautifully situated right by the seashore. Long sandy beaches, guest harbour, sauna and nice surroundings for hiking.
www.facebook.com/rorbackshavsbad-camping
Tel. +46 (0)70-74068 08

RENTAL CABINS AT KLUNTARNA

The City of Luleå offers three rental cabins on the island of Kluntarna. The cabins have gas stoves and are heated by wood stoves. There is no electricity in the cabins. Guests bring their own freshwater. There are also two saunas and a natural history museum close by.

RENTAL CABINS AT BRÄNDÖSKÅR

The City of Luleå has five rental cabins and a sauna on the beautiful island of Brändöskår. The cabins have gas stoves and are heated by wood stoves. There is no electricity in the cabins. Guests bring their own freshwater.

RENTAL CABINS AT JUNKÖN

The City of Luleå offers two rental cabins on the island of Junkön. The cabins are accessible and have electricity and freshwater. Sauna and shower.

RENTAL CABINS AT SMÅSKÅR

The City of Luleå offers two rental cabins on the island of Småskår. The cabins have gas stoves and are heated by wood stoves. There is no electricity in the cabins. Guests bring their own freshwater.

The cabins can be booked at
www.lulea.se/skargard
or at Luleå Tourist Centre.
Tel +46 (0)920-45 70 00



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ANGLING

Fishing permits are required for fishing in the waters between the city centre (also the south and the north harbour) and Tjuvholmssundet. Fishing permits can be bought at Luleå Tourist Centre at Kulturens Hus or Vildmarks-shopen. Other than that, no fishing permit is needed for fishing in the sea.

GUIDED FISHING

can be arranged by:
Nordguide
www.nordguide.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-666 53 04

CreActive Adventure
www.creative-adventure.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-207 37 51

Brändön Lodge
www.brandonlodge.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-741 00

NATURE AND HIKING TRAILS

There are several hiking trails in Luleå's archipelago, for example, on Kluntarna, Småskär, Sandön, Brändöskär and Hindersön. Maps and guides for hiking are available at Luleå Tourist Centre and at www.lulea.se/skargard

YOUR OWN BOAT

Guest harbours: the following locations offer visiting boats sheltered and comfortable harbours:
Kängsön, Rörbäck, Jongrundet, Degerö-Börstskär, Hindersön Gruvan, Hindersön Norrisund, Hindersön Ostisund, Hindersön Björkögårdsviken, Brändöskär, Lövsjär, Likskär, Stensborg, Klubbviken Havsbud, Kallaxön Gruvan, LULEÅ: Ettan harbour, Kluntarna, Småskär, Antnäs-Börstskär and Junkön.
At Luleå Tourist Centre a season ticket for the municipal harbours can be bought.

SPECIAL MARINE CHARTS OF THE LULEÅ ARCHIPELAGO

To facilitate leisure-boating navigation, the City of Luleå Dept. of Recreation has issued two special marine charts of the Luleå Archipelago. Charts are in a scale of 1:25,000 and cover the most-frequented destinations in the archipelago. Municipal shipping channels, buoyage and all facilities such as saunas, docks, etc. are clearly marked.

CHART 1 covers sections of the middle archipelago, Hindersön, Småskär, Kluntarna and other islands.

CHART 2 covers sections of the middle and southern archipelago, Klubbviken, Likskär, Rödkallen and Antnäs-Börstskär are some of the islands on this chart. The charts are available wherever marine charts are sold and at Luleå Tourist Centre.

KITING

A kite is a sort of parachute with which you can ski, snowboard or surf, on land, ice or open water. Kite Sweden offer kiting classes.
www.kitesweden.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-699 33 94

SAUNA RAFT

Sauna rafts can be rented at:

Bengans Bastuflotte
www.riverrafter.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-347 07 72

Luleå Paintball
www.luleapaintball.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-148 07 51,
+46 (0)70-628 81 38



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KAYAKING

Luleå's archipelago is ideal for kayaking, whether you're a beginner or an experienced paddler. And there are many excellent spots to go ashore. Here, we present just a few of them, but there are plenty of others. Read more at www.lulea.se/skargard where you also find "The kayak guide", a brochure with descriptions of kayak routes. The kayak guide is also available at Luleå Tourist Centre.

KAYAKING ACTIVITIES AND RENTAL

Friluftsförbundet Luleå
www.friluftsförbundet.se/lulea

Luleå Kajakkklubb
www.idrottonline.se/LuleaKK-Kanot
Tel. +46 (0)920-22 24 32

Brändön Lodge
www.brandonlodge.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-741 00

Explore Luleå
www.explorelulea.com
Tel. +46 (0)73-767 90 45

Klubbviken Havsbad
www.klubbviken.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-25 86 05

Canoe Adventure North
www.canoeadventure.nu
Tel. +46(0)70-542 51 10

CreActive Adventure
www.creative-adventure.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-207 37 51

Äventyrsbutiken Häggglunds
www.aventyrbutiken.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-156 40

Lapland Archipelago Adventures
www.laplandarchipelago.com
Tel. +46 (0)70-525 17 03

RECOMMENDED SITES FOR GOING ASHORE:

See map on next page.

1. Algrundet Råne
2. Bockön, 2 ställen
3. Borgen
4. Brändavan (Kalix archipelago)
5. Bergön syd (Kalix archipelago)
6. Näverön (Kalix archipelago)
7. Sigfridsön/Ytterstholmen
8. Nagelskäret
9. Svartön
10. Stångholmen
11. Fjuksön, 3 ställen
12. Rövarn
13. Degerö Börstskär (west cape)
14. Lill-Furuön
15. Two small islands west of Bätön
16. Stora Bätöklippan

17. Norra Sandskäret
18. Södra Skogsskäret
19. Lappön
20. Lågåren
21. Strömmingsören
22. Stora och Lilla Hindersöharun
23. Storsand, Långön
24. Smålsön
25. Norra Mjoön
26. Klyvan
27. Björkskäret
28. Norrespen
29. Sörespen
30. Sandöklubben, Sandgrönorna
31. Lill Mannöhällan (see map)
32. Junkön
33. Kluntarna
34. Brändöskär
35. Småskär

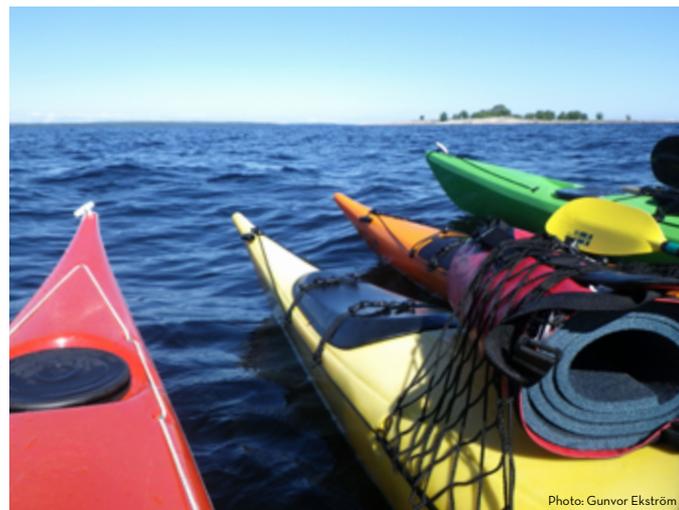


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Photo: Per Petterson

Many people might think the archipelago is just a destination for summer, but there's also plenty to see and do in the winter.

BY CAR OR SNOWMOBILE

The winter archipelago is easily reached by car or snowmobile. About 30 km of ice roads, completely safe for cars and even trucks, are ploughed each winter. The ice roads open when the ice is thick enough. The City of Luleå maintains three ice roads in the archipelago. One runs from Tjuvholmssundet via Sandön to Junkön. The other two both begin at Hindersö-stallarna and diverge towards Hindersön and Stor-Brändön, respectively (see map on page 72).

SNOWMOBILING

The archipelago is ideal for snowmobiling. Ride out with family or friends and experience the winter archipelago; stop for a picnic lunch or drop in at one of the archipelago restaurants. Normally, snowmobile trails between Stor-Brändön and Kluntarna, between

Långön and Småskär and between Skagsudden and Jopikgården on Hindersön are prepared (see map on page 72). Snowmobiling is prohibited on the islands, except for on Småskär and Hindersön, where snowmobiling is restricted to marked trails. See maps on pages 89 and 93. Archipelago residents create their own winter trails, often marked with spruce bows.

GUIDED SNOWMOBILE TOURS:

CreActive Adventure
www.creative-adventure.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-207 37 51

Brändön lodge
www.brandonlodge.se
 Tel. +46 (0)920-741 00

Nordguide
www.nordguide.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-666 53 04

Luleå Guided Tours
www.laplandtours.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-296 66 25

Explore Luleå
www.explorelulea.com
 Tel. +46 (0)73-767 90 45

ON SKIS OR SKATES

The wide, white expanses beckon. The best skiing is usually from February to April; but even after the ice breaks up, you can still ski in the archipelago on the broad rim of shoreline ice surrounding each island. During the early winter, up until New Year's, you'll find excellent ice for skating along the coast. Luleå Long-distance Skating Club arranges tours for groups of beginners and advanced skaters.

ICE TRACK IN THE CITY CENTRE

Every year an ice track is prepared on the sea ice around the city centre of Luleå. In recent winters the ice track has been much-appreciated attraction for walking, skiing, skating, kick-sledding or even bicycling. If the weather and ice conditions allow, the ice track opens in December. The routing of the ice track is from the north harbour outside Gultzaudden, under the Bergnäset Bridge and to the island of Gråsjälören.

There are also side-tracks to Mjöllkudden, Bergnäset and the south harbour. The ice track is more than 10 km in total. Along the ice track there are wind shelters and picnic areas with seats and grill sites.

FISHING

Ice-fishing is a popular form of winter recreation. From downtown Luleå, you only need to walk a couple of hundred metres out onto the ice of Stadsfjärden, where you can hook perch, whitefish and salmon trout. Fishing permits can be bought at Luleå Tourist Centre and Vildmarksshopen.

KITING

A kite is a sort of parachute with which you can ski, snowboard or surf, on land, ice or open water. With wide-open spaces, the Luleå Archipelago offers perfect conditions for ski kiting or snowboard kiting in winter. Kite Sweden in Luleå specializes in kiting products.

www.kitesweden.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-699 33 94



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DOGSLEDDING

Tours are arranged by:

Bothnia Sleddog Adventure
www.facebook.com/bothniasleddog
 Tel. +46 (0)70-552 06 07

Yellow Snow Husky Tours
www.yellowsnowhuskytours.com
 Tel. +46 (0)76-806 79 75

Luleå Adventure
www.luleaadventure.com
 Tel. +46 (0)70-205 74 62

PACK-ICE EXPERIENCES

In late winter, in the outer archipelago, the forces of wind and weather begin to press massive blocks of ice together in towering formations. Approaching the pack ice is an exciting experience that gives you a sense of the incredible power of nature. Once the ice has broken up

far out in the archipelago, canoeing and kayaking are great ways to see the pack ice at close range. Paddling through the frigid blue water amid huge icebergs, you would almost think you were in the Arctic. Depending on the bearing strength of the ice, you can still travel by car or snowmobile, or even by boat, out to sites where canoes and kayaks are available. Pack-ice and paddling adventures can be arranged by:

CreActive Adventure
www.creative-adventure.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-207 37 51

Brändön Lodge
www.brandonlodge.se
 Tel. +46 (0)920-741 00

Nordguide
www.nordguide.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-666 53 04

SNOWSHOE HIKING

Snowshoe hiking over the frozen sea ice is an exciting and slightly different experience. Snowshoe hiking tours are arranged by:

CreActive Adventure
www.creative-adventure.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-207 37 51

Brändön Lodge
www.brandonlodge.se
 Tel. +46 (0)920-741 00

Luleå Travel
www.luleatravel.com
 Tel. +46 (0)70-666 68 05

Lapland Archipelago Adventures
www.laplandarchipelago.com
 Tel. +46 (0)70-525 17 03

Explore Luleå
www.explorelulea.com
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SKATING TOURS AND RENTAL

Friluftsfrämjandet arranges organized and safe skating tours led by experienced leaders. Also rental skates.
www.friluftsframjandet.se/lulea



LULEÅ ARCHIPELAGO IN FIGURES

The average distance across the archipelago, from the mainland to the outermost islands is 3.54 km and the distance from the centre of Luleå to the outermost islands is approximately 25 km.

- No. of islands larger than 20 m²: 1,312
- Average water depth, m: 9,0 m
- Maximum water depth, m: 100 m
- Land area increase/year: 2,25 km²
- No. of navigable channels: 4
- No. of fixed sea markers: 50
- No. of floating sea markers/buoys: 61
- Total length of docks/jetties, m: 700 m
- No. of rental cottages: 12
- No. of shelters/day cabins: 7
- No. of saunas: 6
- No. of outhouse toilets: 30
- No. of open grill sites: 26
- Volume of firewood/year, m³: 150
- Volume of waste/year, m³: 210

THE BOOK ABOUT THE LULEÅ ARCHIPELAGO

(Available in Swedish only)

There are 1,312 islands and thousands of islets in the archipelago. Several of them are described in this richly detailed guide, which is packed with photos, maps, sailing charts and a wealth of factual material on virtually every aspect of history, nature, culture and recreation in this fascinating part of Sweden. Available at Luleå Tourist Centre. Read more about the Luleå archipelago:

www.lulea.se/skargard
www.bottenviken.se



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Fuelling station for boats/snowmobiles



Sewage disposal



Improved accessibility



Photo: Kalix kommun

Nordanskär

The island of Nordanskär lies at the mouth of the Kalix River. In 1886, J. August Bergman established the northernmost bathing and health resort on Nordanskär. Construction work began that year, with road works, stonemasons, builders, bricklayers, blacksmiths, tin-smiths and decorators. The island had a church, 12 free-standing houses for visitors, a farm-hand's house, a bath-house with hot and cold water, a telephone, hotel, banquet rooms, recreation room, tennis court as well as rowboats and sailboats. In addition to all this, guests were offered mud baths, tub baths, massage and electrotherapy. Bathing guests, some coming all the



Photo: Kalix kommun

way from Stockholm, arrived on the daily steamboats from Haparanda or Luleå. People came to Nordanskär to relax or to cure various ailments, the island was visited by Selma Lagerlöf amongst many others. Common illnesses of the era included anaemia, general weakness, arthritis, nervous diseases as well as bowel and gut conditions. Children suffering from rickets and scrofula, a type of tuberculosis, were also treated at Nordanskär. However, other tuberculosis sufferers were not admitted. In 1918, the entire facility was auctioned off. Several of the houses ended up in Luleå. The church was moved to Björkfors. Today, only the building foundations remain.



- 1 Military bunker
- 2 Labyrinth
- 3 Ship setting
- 4 Hiking path with visible remnants from the resort era
- 5 Guest jetty, outhouse toilet
- 6 Grill sites



Photo: Alf Arne Harjo

Stora Trutskär

On Stora Trutskär, in the midst of the Kalix archipelago, lies the clubhouse of the Kalix Sailing and Motorboat Association, Sjöborgen. Here, boating enthusiasts from all over the Gulf of Bothnia meet to relax, share experiences and good company. In addition to the clubhouse and the host's cottage, there is also an excellent sauna, a grill cottage and grill sites, an outhouse toilet and a playhouse for children. Stora Trutskär has love-



Photo: Alf Arne Harjo

ly sandy beaches and great bathing opportunities. Canoes and Optimist dinghies are available to borrow.

For those who wish to stay overnight, there is a four-bed cottage available for both shorter and longer stays. Camp Frevisören is within canoeing distance and there you will find a kiosk and a restaurant as well as a long sandy beach, a playground, drinking water, toilets, showers and a swimming pool.



- 1 The Kalix Sailing and Motorboat Association clubhouse. Here you will find jetties with guest berths, a rental cottage, a sauna, a playhouse, canoes and dinghies for hire. There are also lovely sandy beaches and mighty sand dunes.



Photo: Per Petterson

Likskär

The Likskär nature reserve encompasses 25 islands and islets. Getskär, Renskär and Likskär are the largest islands. The bedrock and boulder beaches consist of Degerberg granite, a form of granite with large feldspar patches.

The islands of the Likskär nature reserve are very different from each other. They are all called islets, because of their diminutive size when they first surfaced many centuries ago. As a consequence of their different stages of land uplift, they have a flora covering everything from tall-trunked spruce forest to beach forest with grey alder, willows, sea buckthorn and bog

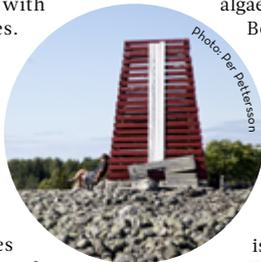


Photo: Per Petterson

myrtle. Along the beaches you can find everything from barren gravel banks to flourishing beach meadows with typical Bothnian plants such as garden angelica, *Fucus radicans* and garden algae.

Bothnian eyebright. The island of Likskär is arid, partially forested and has the character of a boulder ridge with plenty of ground vegetation, home to a rich flora and fauna, as well as a rich bird life. The island has an old fishing village and the buildings

there host a colony of breeding house martins. The heath grounds are a good environment for willow grouse, wheatears, Temminck's stints and ruddy turnstones.



- 1 Gästhamn, torrtoalett, grillplats
- 2 Båk/styrmärke
- 3 Högsta punkten på Likskär
- 4 Labyrint



Photo: Alf Arne Harjo

Getskär/Renskär

Land uplift has merged the islands of Getskär and Renskär in the Likskär nature reserve. Renskär quickly became an important gathering point for fishermen and seal hunters. The island has traces of simple dwellings which may have been built by hunters when the islands were still small islets. Foundations of later fishermen's cabins and remains of net drying racks can still be found. On Getskär/Renskär, there are labyrinths built of boulders. The labyrinths were most likely used to please the gods and accrue fishing luck. The patterns of labyrinths in the Bothnian archipelago are similar to patterns found on



Photo: Alf Arne Harjo

old coins and clay tablets in southern Europe. On Renskär you will also find the remains of an archipelago chapel, built in the 18th century but left to fall into disrepair. The Getskärsviken bay offers guest jetties, a council-run rental cottage with four beds, a sauna, an outhouse toilet and grill sites. Several animals are found on the island – often elk and always foxes, squirrels, stoats and hares. The pine grosbeak is a bird characteristic of the island, as are black grouse, white grouse and capercaillies. Sometimes, the spectacular swallowtail butterfly, whose larvae feed on the leaves of garden angelica, can be seen on the islands.



- 1 Stone pier and pier with guest berths. Rental cottage, sauna, outhouse toilets, grill sites, sandy beach.
- 2 Remains of an old archipelago chapel from the 18th century.
- 3 Labyrinth
- 4 Here, on the southeastern part of Renskåret lies a small, authentic, late 18th century fishing village.
- 5 Lookout tower



Photo: Alf Arne Harjo

Rånön

Like many other of the islands in the Bothnian archipelago, Rånön has a long history of hunting, fishing and farming. As early as the 17th century, the island was home to a fishing village and in the 18th century the island had residents. In the 19th century, much of Rånön's forest was cut down to use for fuel in the Töre and Strömsund iron mills. Rånön, the largest island of the Kalix archipelago, was also a site of wood tar production and remains of the tar piles can be seen to this day. In 1867, Rånön established its first school, which had 18 students at its peak. The year that telephony came to Rånön, 1929, also saw the construction of the island's chapel. In the mid-20th century,



Photo: Alf Arne Harjo

many of the island's former operations were closed down. The school closed in 1939 and the last resident left in the late 1960's. Today, the island is a paradise for holiday guests and outdoor living. Close to the farms on the north side of the island, remains of the past can still be seen, hay barns and old grazing and haymaking grounds. This is also the site of the renovated chapel where summer church services are held, the old school building, as well as the harbour with guest berths. The island has many pleasant little walking trails. On the eastern side lies Bodövik, with an ample depth and to the west lies Stabbsandsberget and Stabbsanden, an excellent bay for bathing, with long beaches.



- 1 Guest harbour, grill site, outhouse toilet.
- 2 Chapel where outdoor services are occasionally held during summer.
- 3 Bodöberget.
- 4 Rörmyrberget, with ravines and a small cave. A nice view of Storön, Ryssbält, Pålängeberget and Karlsborg.
- 5 Långviken. The site of an old tar pile.
- 6 Stabbsanden is a small bay with a lovely, long beach. Stabbsandsberget offers a good view of Stora Huvön. Just outside lies a small islet with a couple of cottages and when water levels are low you can walk over to the islet on a sand dune that connects it to Rånön.
- 7 Compass rose at Dödmanvikberget.



Photo: Per Petterson

Stora Huvön

Stora Huvön has been voted one of Sweden's most beautiful islands, for amongst other things, its spectacular natural harbour, a lovely sea bath as well as bare rocks and steep cliffs facing the sea.

The natural harbour lies in a sheltered, deep bay on the northeastern side of the island and has a depth that also makes it accessible to sailboats. Adjacent to the harbour lies a small, pleasant sandy beach with dunes that lead up to a shingle field, stretching across the entire island. If you follow the path across the shingle field you will find ancient remains in the form of a small stone labyrinth. On the northern side of the island



Photo: Per Petterson

you will also find an extensive, pleasant and bathing-friendly sandy beach and excellent sites to pitch a tent. The western beach displays an impressive environment with vertical cliffs and an amazing view of the archipelagos of both Kalix and Luleå. A deep, wide ravine cuts through the bedrock, 25 to 30 metres deep. There are also smaller ravines nearby, so it's important to be careful when walking in the area. In the southern part of the western beach lies a small sandy beach with very fine-grained sand. A clearing between the rocks in the water means that this place is accessible by boat.



- 1 Tall, steep cliffs with a lovely view.
- 2 Sandy beach
- 3 Here, a wide and very deep ravine cuts straight through the bedrock. At its deepest, it descends 25-30 metres. There are several smaller ravines close by, so it is important to be careful when walking in the area.
- 4 Roughly in the middle of the shingle field that stretches across the island from the northwest to the southeast lies a small labyrinth that can be somewhat hard to find.
- 5 Large sandy beach, great for bathing. Excellent tent pitching sites.
- 6 Beach with fine-grained sand.



Photo: Göran Wallin

Näverön

Näverön, which is also a nature reserve, is beautifully located between Rånön and Bergön in the southern Kalix archipelago. The tip of Näverön first surfaced 5,000 years ago. Land uplift at a rate of approximately 9 mm per year has raised the island's highest point, Näveröberget, 40 metres above sea level. The mountain has ravines, steep sides and a lovely view from the top. The island's natural environment is rich in va-



Photo: Göran Wallin

riety with rocky pine forest, spruce forest and small sections of marshy forest. The western side of the island has a pleasant rest stop with a guest jetty, grill site, outhouse toilet and a beach rich in variety. There you will find everything from smooth rocks to a small bay with fine-grained sand, partly covered in reeds. The sandy beach is beautiful, with sand dunes and sparse pine forest reaching up to the Näveröberget mountain.



- 1 Näveröberget with a lovely view of the Gulf of Bothnia.
- 2 Rest stop with a guest jetty, outhouse toilet and a nice sandy beach.



Photo: Per Petterson

Bergön

Bergön consists largely of rugged terrain with old pine forest, forestry has dominated the island for a long time. Bergön was also the site of a shipyard in the 18th century, as logs from the slow-growing pine forest provided excellent wood for shipbuilding. Wreckage found near Bergön is believed to be that of a larger sailing ship, which sank only 13 hours after departing the shipyard. The island had residents from the mid-17th century until the mid 20th century.

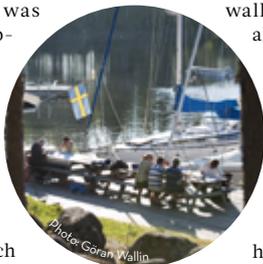


Photo: Göran Wallin

Today, the island provides an important environment for boating and outdoor living. Many of the old walking paths remain and along them lie remains of building foundations, a number of tar piles and coal pits, as well as an old fishing village. Bergön has three harbours to the northeast: Gårdsviken, Harabolviken and Kohamn. Kohamn (Cow Harbour) is so named because farmers used to let their cows graze there in summer.



- 1 Site of an old farmstead.
- 2 Gårdsviken, where the Töre Boating Association has its facility, capable of receiving small and large boats alike. Here you will find a guest jetty, grill sites and an outhouse toilet. The main cottage is open to the public in summer and a guest cottage is available to book. The hexagon sauna is known as one of the finest in the entire archipelago.
- 3 Harabolviken, with a guest jetty, a grill site and an outhouse toilet. Suitable for smaller boats.
- 4 Kohamn, with a guest jetty, grill sites and an outhouse toilet. Mooring for larger boats available.
- 5 Holsterviken, bathing beach.
- 6 Storviken, bathing beach.
- 7 Vantage point.
- 8 Pleasant bay for bathing.
- 9 Memorial to the 18th century shipyard.



Photo: Alf Arne Harjo

Malören

Malören is a beautiful island on the outer edge of the Kalix archipelago, about 30 km out to sea from central Kalix. Malören means 'round rock' and is believed to refer to the rounded rock of which the island consists. The horseshoe-shaped island is about three kilometres long. The island experienced its golden age in the latter half of the 18th century when the herring fishing was particularly bountiful. Fishermen came from Torneå and Karlö in Finland and in summer the island was home to as many as 200 people. When Sweden lost Finland to Russia in 1809, Malören remained on the Swedish side. In the early 19th



Photo: Lotta Larsson

century, shipping increased in the region. Ships kept growing in size and often sailed more on the open sea than in the archipelagos. This meant that pilots were required to guide them from Malören to various ports. When telephony came to the island in 1932, the Malören and Erikören pilot stations were merged and since then, no pilot has lived on the island. Because Malören is the outermost point of the Swedish Lapland archipelago, it is also an important rest stop, primarily to various kinds of marine birds. Today, the island hosts a number of breeding species such as arctic terns, arctic skuas, great and lesser black-backed gulls.

- 1 Ruins of the pilot's harbour, suitable for mooring in calm weather.
- 2 The Malören lighthouse and lighthouse keeper's/pilot's cottage, built in 1851. Malören Lodge offers overnight accommodation in the pilot's cabin. www.maloren.se. The lighthouse has been unmanned since 1910, when a new beacon system was installed. It is 17.5 metres tall. Next to the lighthouse you will find one of the archipelago's many labyrinths.
- 3 The chapel - one of the most remarkable and beautiful in the Bothnian archipelago. It is referred to as the "cathedral of the archipelago", as it is the only archipelago chapel with a cathedral spire on the roof. The building is an octagon with a wood shingle roof, a type of church popular in the Bothnian area in the 18th century. Before the island had a lighthouse, the church served as a landmark for seafarers. The chapel is a log building and was opened in 1770. A service is held here on the first Sunday in July every summer.
- 4 Fishing camp dating back to early medieval times. In the 16th and 17th centuries, there were no quays on the island, boats were instead pulled up on the shore. This meant that there were sometimes problems in strong southerly winds and in order to solve this and provide pilot assistance to ships, a railway was

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built across the island, from south to north. The pilot boat could then be pulled along the railway to the northern side if winds from the south were strong. The railway is no longer there, but there are concrete paths between the harbours and the lighthouse to provide better accessibility.

- 5 Seaman's grave from 1845, a memorial to a captain who died when a wherry capsized in a heavy storm. Several labyrinths are located nearby.
- 6 Remnants of a sea mark raised in 1725, a simple pole beacon, rebuilt into a beacon ten years later - a lighthouse-like sea mark approximately 10 metres tall, with no lighting, often made of wood.
- 7 Here lie parts of the 1935 wreck-age of the wherry Jenoline from Åland.



Photo: Alf Arne Harjo

Halsön

The island is located in the outer part of the Kalix archipelago, with only a few small islets between it and the open sea. Buildings on Halsön are few and far between and the island mostly contains mixed coniferous and leafy forest, bouldery beach meadows and rocky beaches. Inside the Kátaviken bay, along the narrow tongue of land leading to the southern tip of Halsön, Kallskär, lies one of the finest bathing beaches in the Gulf of Bothnia, with light, fine-grained and silky smooth sand. On the other



Photo: Tina Nilsson

side of the tongue, the western side of the island, there is another beautiful sandy beach to discover.

The location, in the outer Gulf of Bothnia, helps the wind and waves form the mighty sand dunes at the Kallskär bathing beach. This sandy beach is one of the true gems of the Kalix archipelago and an absolute must-see for bathing enthusiasts travelling by boat. Adjacent to the Kallskär bathing beach you will find grill sites and firewood storage, as well as seating, an outhouse toilet and waste disposal.



- 1 Kallskär bathing beach.
Grill site, firewood storage,
seating, outhouse toilets.



Photo: Kalix Ijrom

KALIX CAMPING

Located close to the Kalix River, a stone's throw from the town centre. Light meals available.

www.kalixcamping.com
Tel +46(0)923-159 00

NL RESTAURANT

Restaurant open all year round, offering quality food and drink on the Frevisören beach in Båtskärsnäs. Guest harbour, sea baths, cottages, campsite and activities. Snowmobile café in winter.

www.nlsrestaurant.com
Tel +46(0)923-67 03 50

LAPONIA REDERI

Aboard the vessels of Laponia Rederi you can enjoy food inspired by the archipelago. The food is made on board and there is everything from lighter meals to à la carte dining.

www.laponia.se
Tel +46(0)920-120 84

HAMNKROA AT TÖRE CAMPING

at the northernmost point of the Gulf of Bothnia has a restaurant and offers campervan parking and tent pitches as well as cottages.

www.torecamping.se
Tel +46(0)70-653 17 97,
+46(0)70-653 17 99

CAFÉ FLOTTAREN AT VASSHOLMEN

Vassholmen is an island in the Kalix River and used to be site for timber separation during the log driving era. Today, it is a popular destination with many activities and cultural events during summer. A pontoon bridge connects the island to the mainland in summer. Café Flottaren serves Swedish fika (pastries) and lunch and is open every day throughout the summer. Don't miss the exhibition about the log driving era.

www.kalixfolketshus.com
Tel +46(0)923-77 351



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NORRKUST MARINA BÅTSERVICE

Boat service and a guest harbour with fuelling facilities and an amenities building. www.norrkustmarina.se
Tel +46(0)923-67 02 72

LAPONIA REDERI

Cruises with onboard dining. www.laponia.se
Tel +46(0)920-120 84

BÅTTAXI

Boat taxi in the Kalix archipelago. www.upplevbaskeriskargard.se
Tel +46(0)70-220 58 23

MALÖREN LODGE

Boat transport to Malören. www.maloren.se
Tel +46(0)73-444 56 84

CHARTERED BOAT TOURS

to Malören amongst other places u.blomback@telia.com
Tel +46(0)70-54 77 940

For boat services organised by the council, visit the Kalix Council website www.kalix.se/uppleva



Photo: Heart of Lapland

NORDIC LAPLAND CAMP & RESORT

Hotel standard accommodation, cottages for hire and a campsite at Frevisören in Båtskärsnäs. Guest harbour, restaurant, activities, swimming pool and sea bath. www.nordiclaplandresort.com
Tel. +46(0)923-67 03 50

LAND & STRAND

Accommodation in modern, award-winning, environmentally certified 5-bed cottages, in the village of Pålång, on the coast outside Kalix. www.landochstrand.se
Tel. +46(0)923-240 03

KALIX CAMPING

With a unique location next to the untouched Kalix River, just a stone's throw from the town centre, offering a wide range of restaurants, shops and activities. On the campsite area you will find Strandängsbadet, a heated outdoor bath with two large swimming pools for all ages, volleyball courts, a mini golf course, petanque courts, a guest harbour and pleasant running trails. www.kalixcamping.com
Tel. +46(0)923-159 00

RENTAL COTTAGE AT GETSKÄR/RENSKÄR

Located inside the Likskär nature reserve in the Kalix archipelago. Adjacent to the Getskärsviken guest harbour you will find a lovely four-bed cottage, owned and rented out by Kalix Council. The cottage has a propane stove, propane refrigerator and a wood-burning stove. Outhouse toilets as well as a wood-fired sauna are located nearby. www.kalix.se
Tel. +46(0)923-650 00

MALÖREN LODGE

The distinctive Malören island is a nature reserve in the outermost part of the Bothnian archipelago. Here, you can stay overnight in Lotsstugan (the Pilot's Cottage), offering six double bedrooms and a suite. Malören Lodge also offers boat transfer to the island. www.maloren.se
Tel. +46(0)73-444 56 84

THE STORÖN CAMPERVAN PARKING

Located about 20 km south of Kalix by the beautiful, child-friendly Storön bathing beach. There is campervan parking with electricity for vehicles, a playground with climbing frames and swings, you will have access to showers, toilets and a dishwashing room. **Tel. +46(0)923-292 33,**
+46(0)72-200 89 17

TÖRE CAMPING

The campsite Töre Camping is found in a scenic location on a cape by the northernmost point of the Gulf of Bothnia. At the campsite you will find campervan parking, cottages and tent pitches, a restaurant, sauna and more. www.torecamping.se
Tel. +46(0)70-653 17 97,
+46(0)70-653 17 99



Photo: Ove Forsberg



Photo: Ove Forsberg

LEISURE FISHING

At www.svenskafiskeregler.se you can find out which rules apply to the waters where you would like to go fishing.

GUIDED FISHING TOURS

Upplev Baskeri Skärgård.
www.upplevbaskeriskargard.se
Tel +46(0)70-220 58 23

LAND OCH STRAND

www.landochstrand.se
Tel +46(0)923-240 03,
+46(0)70-636 21 07

VENDACE ROE SAFARI

Be a Bothnian fisher for a day and follow the Kalix vendace roe from the deep blue sea to a gourmet meal. Travel packages include accommodation with a vendace roe breakfast, full board, and a sauna right under the roof ridge of the 'village pub'. Guide included.

www.landochstrand.se
Tel +46(0)923-240 03,
+46(0)70-636 21 07

CANOE SAFARI

From Storträsket to the sea, a powerful natural experience canoeing through interconnected lakes and canals. With enough time to stop for a snack and a swim, you can reach the sea in a few hours.

www.landochstrand.se
Tel +46(0)923-240 03,
+46(0)70-636 21 07

GUIDED KAYAK TOURS

Nordic Life Experience offers guided kayak tours, along the Kalix river and out towards the sea, amongst other locations.

www.nordiclifexp.se
Tel +46(0)70-209 03 90

KAYAK RENTAL

Nordic Life Experience
www.nordiclifexp.se
Tel +46(0)70-209 03 90

FATBIKE RENTAL

Nordic Life Experience
www.nordiclifexp.se
Tel +46(0)70-209 03 90

GUEST HARBOURS IN THE KALIX ARCHIPELAGO

The following locations offer shelter for visiting boats: The Kalix Guest Harbour in central Kalix, Frevisören, Karlsborg, Törehamn, Marahamn, Fotholmen, Kalix Getskärr, Rånön, Bergön, Stora Trutskär, Sikkäs and Sören.

JETSKI, MOTORBOAT AND PEDAL BOAT RENTAL

Nordic Life Experience
www.nordiclifexp.se
Tel 0923-67 03 50

BOAT TRIPS

The company Upplev Baskeri Skärgård offers day trips by boat to Kallskär, Sonaholmarna, Bodskär, Svarthällan and Klingerer amongst other places. Food and other activities can be arranged.

www.upplevbaskeriskargard.se
Tel +46(0)70-220 58 23

TAILORED GROUP ACTIVITIES

The company Upplev Baskeri Skärgård offers tailored group activities, including cooking, team building and survival activities.

www.upplevbaskeriskargard.se
Tel +46(0)70-220 58 23



Photo: Per Pettersson



Photo: Göran Wallin

ICE BREAKER CRUISE

Experience the Gulf of Bothnia aboard the icebreaker Polar Explorer - Europe's largest experience-focused icebreaker. Here you will experience an unforgettable encounter with breathtakingly beautiful scenery and the dramatic sound as the icebreaker makes its way through the thick ice that covers the Gulf of Bothnia. Those who want to may try bathing in the broken ice in a survival suit, or going for a walk on the solid ice. During the three hour cruise you will also be given a guided tour on board, all the way from the engine room to the bridge.

www.nordiclaplandresort.com
Tel +46(0)923-67 03 50

DOGSLEDDING

www.nordiclaplandresort.com
Tel +46(0)923-67 03 50

SNOWMOBILING

Runt hela Kalix kommun finns skoter-leder som tar dig ut på havet. Lederna är markerade med röda kryss och skoterledskartor finns att köpa på bensinstationer. Observera att det inte är tillåtet att köra skoter på öarna.

SNOWMOBILE SAFARI

On the ice of the Kalix archipelago.
www.nordiclaplandresort.com
Tel +46(0)923-67 03 50
www.landochstrand.se
Tel +46(0)923-240 03,
+46(0)70-636 21 07

SNOWSHOE WALK

Snowshoe walk in the Kalix coast-land. Experience the natural winter landscape. Hot beverages and fika (light snacks) included.
www.nordiclifexp.se
Tel +46(0)70-209 03 90

HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE ALONG THE BOTHNIAN COAST

Go for a ride in a horse-drawn carriage along the coast of the Gulf of Bothnia. Enjoy food and drink prepared over an open fire.

www.landochstrand.se
Tel +46(0)923-240 03, +46(0)70-636 21 07

FATBIKE ON THE SEA ICE

A fatbike cycling tour on the sea ice, out to the Likskär nature reserve. Overnight stay in a cottage in the archipelago. Meals and access to sauna included.

www.nordiclifexp.se
Tel +46(0)70-209 03 90

FATBIKE RENTAL

www.nordiclifexp.se
Tel +46(0)70-209 03 90

FISHING

In winter, ice fishing is highly popular in Kalix. Bring an ice drill and drill a hole in the sea ice to fish - even in

winter. Or head out and watch professional fishermen netting under the ice. To read more about which rules apply, please visit
www.svenskafiskeregler.se

WINTER FISHING EQUIPMENT RENTAL

www.nordiclifexp.se
Tel +46(0)70-209 03 90

NET FISHING UNDER THE ICE

An old, local tradition. Come on a snowmobile trip out into the frozen archipelago and try netting under the ice.
www.landochstrand.se
Tel +46(0)923-240 03, +46(0)70-636 21 07

GUIDED SEA FISHING TRIP

A guided sea fishing trip on the ice of the frozen archipelago.
www.nordiclifexp.se
Tel +46(0)70-209 03 90



Photo: Ove Forsberg



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Fuelling of boats/
snowmobile



Fuelling with
diesel only



Sewage
disposal



Defibrillator



Improved
accessibility



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Seskarö

Seskarö is the largest island in the Haparanda archipelago and the only one with a year-round population and a mainland connection via a road bridge. It is the site of Seskarö Havsbad och Camping, which offers bathing, modern cabins and a scenic campground on the Tromsövikens bay with its shallow-water beach. The island also has a large number of small bays with excellent beaches. One popular sea inlet, also accommodating boats with a large draught, is Sorttisviken, where there are also grill sites and



Photo: Per Pettersson

niche beaches. The island has a long and time-honoured sawmill history. Many of the more ancient buildings are preserved, giving a picturesque setting. It has all the services and amenities a large village can offer: from shops, a church and small stores to cafés, a school and excursion destinations. Seskarö also has five wind generators, which form a characteristic silhouette seen from the sea. On the north side of the island, there is an old loading jetty which today serves as a marina.



- 1 Bridge connection with the mainland.
- 2 Sorttisviken. Natural harbour, grill sites, bathing.
- 3 Guest harbour (quay)
- 4 Seskarö Livs (Allevägen 1)
- 5 Seskarö small service & filling station (Industrivägen 5). Grill site, café, fuel, food, pharmacy and off-license.
- 6 Folkets Hus community centre, Fridhemsvägen 16. Summer café, library, exhibitions, etc. organised by Seskarö Village Association.
- 7 Samskockviken is a beautiful small natural harbour, protected from the wind. Approach directly towards the sandy beach.
- 8 Seskarö Wårdshus, Industriv. 1. À la carte, buffet, catering, etc. www.seskarowardshus.se Tel. +46 (0)920-202 44
- 9 Seskarö Church was built in 1929.
- 10 Seskarö Havsbad (seaside resort). Rental cabins, caravan sites and tent pitches. Kiosk, restaurant, self-catering kitchen, WC and shower. Beach, grill sites, mini-golf, bike and kayak rental, etc. www.seskarohavsbad.se Tel. +46 (0)922-201 50, +46 (0)70-208 48 77



Photo: Anita Lundström

Hanhinkari

The island Hanhinkari is the most built-up of all the islands in the Haparanda archipelago and offers a wealth of leisure activities for both cottage owners and the many visitors. Hanhinkari has a large hall owned by Haparanda Boating Club with seating for 60 people. The hall is open to all visitors in summertime. The same applies to the sauna which is popular among visitors to the island. There are two grill sites close to the hall. There is a floating jetty



Photo: Anita Lundström

below the boating club's hall and a little further away is the main jetty, where boaters can moor overnight. There is a freshwater well on the island. There are also two stone labyrinths. The Municipality of Haparanda has been working to improve accessibility on Hanhinkari. For more information on accessibility, please contact HaparandaTornio Tourist Office. Dogs are welcome to visit the island, but they must be kept on a leash.



- 1 Guest harbour, floating jetty.
- 2 Haparanda Boating Club's hall, open to visitors in summertime. Grill sites.
- 3 Haparanda Boating Club's sauna, open to the public in summertime.
- 4 Guest harbour, main jetty. Outhouse toilets, grill sites. The Municipality of Haparanda has been working to improve accessibility in the area around the main jetty. For more information on accessibility, please contact Haparanda-Tornio Tourist Office:
www.haparandatornio.com
Tel. +46 (0)922-262 00
- 5 Labyrinths
- 6 Freshwater well



Photo: Per Pettersson

Torne-Furö

Torne-Furö is a nature reserve and a very popular island among boaters. Since it is close to both Haparanda and Finnish Tornio, it is much frequented by bathers during the warm, sunny summer months. There are grill sites and outhouse toilets. There are plenty of blueberries, raspberries, lingonberries and mushrooms.



Photo: Haparanda kommun

The northeast beach of the island is easily accessible by boat because of the water depth. There is a fishing-village in the north-western part of the island. Reindeer and moose are frequently seen on Torne-Furö all year round. Dogs are welcome to visit the island, but they must be kept on a leash.



1 Two jetties: one for loading and unloading and a guest jetty.

2 Grill sites

3 Outhouse toilet

4 Fishing village



Photo: Göran Wallin

Kataja

“Kataja” is Finnish for the juniper, and this island is right on the border between Sweden and Finland.

On the Swedish, western part of the island, there are three private cabins. The border crosses the southeast part of Kataja and is marked by landmarks and a boundary. This is the easternmost place in Sweden. When the border was drawn, after the Finnish War in 1809, it separated Kataja and the smaller island Inakari. Due to land rise the two islands have emerged, which is why the island is divided between the countries. The



Photo: Göran Wallin

border has also been revised. The beach here consists mainly of blocky beach and beach meadows, with a few elements of sand.

The eastern isthmus is dominated by deciduous forest with mainly rowan, alder and willow, while the central and western parts are dominated by coniferous forest. Kataja is located in the northern part of the Bothnian Bay, where land rise and the impact of the sea create dynamic conditions for the characteristic flora and fauna.



- 1 Sweden's easternmost place. Border between Sweden and Finland.



Photo: Gunvor Ekström

Skomakaren/Suutari

Skomakaren is also called Suutari by Finnish-speaking locals, both names meaning “shoemaker”. The island is about 10 kilometres south of Haparandahamn (Haparanda harbour) and has a lot of ancient ruins. If you take a walk on the island you will find traces of net-drying frames used by fishermen, house foundations, a labyrinth, compass roses



Photo: Per Pettersson

and even a tar-making site. The island is popular because of its long sandy beaches, sun-bathing and swimming. Boaters enjoy visiting Norrviken, which gives protection from most winds. The island is also a great place for berry-picking and mushroom-picking.



- 1 Norrviken beach
- 2 Beach
- 3 Fishing village



Photo: Staffan Svanberg

Hepokari

The island of Hepokari, in the outermost archipelago, has among the richest collections of ancient ruins in an archipelago setting. Among other things, one can see the remnants of an entire village complex, together with boat ramps, a labyrinth and fence cairns. The island flora is also interesting. The harbour gives protection from most winds. There is also a grill site beside the bay.



Photo: Göran Wallin



- 1 Boat landing
- 2 Grill site
- 3 Ancient ruins, dwelling sites.
- 4 Labyrinth, dwelling sites and fence cairns.



Photo: Göran Wallin

Seskar-Furö

Seskar-Furö is part of Haparanda Skärgård National Park. The island has fascinating forest milieus dominated by pine. The natural forest has remained largely untouched by humans. At the western beach of the northern headland are large sand dunes. Both sides of the headland have excellent beaches for bathing; however, they are shallow and difficult to approach. East of the fishing huts there are some ancient ruins, including a labyrinth. From here, a path leads to the bay on the south side of the island. Seskar-Furö is popular among boaters.



Photo: Göran Wallin



- 1 Beach. Outhouse toilet, information board, grill site.



Photo: Per Pettersson

Haparanda Sandskär

Farthest out in the Bothnian Bay lies Sandskär, perhaps the best known of all the islands and the largest in Haparanda Skärgård National Park.

Sandskär features various types of nature: from long sandy beaches to virgin aspen forest, and there are many rare plants. Because of its location, many bird species are attracted to the island during spring and autumn migration. Moose are common on the island.

Sandskär also has an exciting history, with events documented from the 16th century, when herring fishing brought the coastal population here. Today the island is much frequented

by boating tourists, as well as cottage owners. Berry and mushroom picking are popular activities on the island in summer and autumn. There are also many remnants from times past; for example, the wreck of a sunken ship and a small graveyard. In summer visitors can reach Sandskär with their own boat or aboard a passenger boat. In winter the island can be visited on skis or by snowmobile.

Dogs are welcome to visit the island, but they must be kept on a leash. Innala Arkipelag offers visitors guided tours of Sandskär and arranges catered conferences.



Photo: Per Pettersson



- 1 Passenger boat jetty. Grill sites, outhouse toilet. One of Swedish Lapland's finest beaches for bathing.
- 2 Pristine thick-growth virgin aspen forest.
- 3 Sheltered harbour with guest jetty, picnic cabin, rental cabins and conference hall "Rådstugan". Booking: HaparandaTornio Tourist Office.
Tel. +46 (0)922-262 00
Sauna, freshwater well, and outhouse toilet. Defibrillator. Passenger boat.
- 4 The chapel dates back to late 18th century, and the building was moved here from Tornio, where it was once used to store grain. Near

the chapel, a small burial site has a stone commemorating the seaman Olof Viktor Andersson from Öland, who died when the brigantine *Elvine* sank off Sandskär in autumn 1886. In the chapel baptisms and weddings are arranged on occasion.

- 5 Haparanda Sandskär is Sweden's northernmost and easternmost bird observatory. Ornithologists have a bird-banding station here. The observatory is staffed from mid-July to mid-October and welcomes visitors.
- 6 Fishing village on the island of Kajava.



Photo: Staffan Svanberg

SESKARÖ WÅRDShUS

Seskarö Wårdshus seats up to 100 guests in a relaxing and pleasant setting. Selected local delicacies are carefully prepared using quality ingredients from all over Norrbotten County. Seskarö Wårdshus is recommended by White Guide, Sweden's best restaurants.

www.seskarowardshus.se
Tel. +46 (0)922-202 44

SESKARÖ HAVSBAD

The restaurant at Seskarö Havsbad serves hamburgers with all the trimmings, as well as an evening menu based on local ingredients.

www.seskarohavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)922-201 50

INNALA ARKIPELAG

In connection with its charter trips and conferences in an archipelago setting, Bosmina serves great food on the beach or aboard the boat.

www.innala.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-226 28 62

STRANDCAFÉ

In the city centre of Haparanda, on the shore of the Torne River lies Strandcaféet (the beach café). Ice cream, sweets, bread and light meals are served. Nice river view.

www.kukkolaforsen.se
Tel. +46 (0)922-310 00

LAPONIA REDERI

Aboard Laponia's vessels food inspired by the archipelago is served. Food is prepared onboard and the menu includes both snacks and à la carte. Laponia's shrimp buffet is extremely popular.

www.laponia.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-120 84

TORANDA

On the Finnish side of Torne River you will find Toranda, an event centre with guest harbour and restaurant open during the summer season. Cycling distance to Tornio and Haparanda city centres.

www.torandasworld.com
Tel. +358 50 374 2550



Photo: Per Pettersson

INNALA ARKIPELAG

Even those without a boat can get to Haparanda archipelago. The company Bosmina offers charter trips and conferences in an archipelago setting, and runs a scheduled boat service to the island of Haparanda Sandskärr.

www.bosmina.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-552 76 36
HaparandaTornio
Tourist Information Office
Tel. +46 (0)922-262 00

LAPONIA REDERI

Cruises with food and refreshments served on board.

www.laponia.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-120 84

BUS TO SESKARÖ

There is a bus connection between Seskarö and the city centre of Haparanda. For more information, please visit www.ltnbd.se or contact HaparandaTornio Tourist Information Office

Tel. +46 (0)922-262 00

BUS TO HAPARANDAHAMN

(Haparanda harbour). There is a bus connection between Haparandahamn and the city centre of Haparanda. The passenger boat to Haparanda Sandskärr departs from Haparandahamn.

For more information, please visit www.ltnbd.se or contact HaparandaTornio Tourist Information Office
Tel. +46 (0)922-262 00



Photo: HaparandaTornio turistbyrå

SESKARÖ HAVSBAD

(seasideresort) Beautifully situated about 25 km south of Haparanda on the island of Seskarö. Rental cabins as well as caravan and tent pitches. Service building with kiosk, restaurant, kitchen, WC, shower, sauna and hot tub. Beach, grill sites, mini-golf, bike and kayak rental. www.seskarohavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)922-201 50

HAPARANDA CAMPING

Next to the Torne River in the city centre of Haparanda lies Haparanda camping. Caravan and tent pitches. Playground, bathing, beach activities and café. Walking distance to restaurants, cafes, shopping and entertainment. www.haparandacamping.se
Tel. +46 (0)922-130 01

HAPARANDAHAMN

(Haparanda harbour) Located 18 kilometres from the city centre, Bothnia

Boating Club runs a campsite for boaters and other visitors. Service building with a fully-equipped kitchen, sauna, laundry, internet access, freshwater and sewage disposal facilities. Grill cabin, grill site, WC and shower. Museum of the village of Nikkala and its fishermen. www.bkbothnia.se

CABINS, HAPARANDA SANDSKÄR

Rental cabins that can be booked at www.bosmina.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-552 76 36
or at HaparandaTornio Tourist Information Office Tel. +46 (0)922-262 00

TORANDA

Well-equipped guest harbour on the Finnish side of the Torne River. High-class accommodation in hotel rooms or suites. Events, activities. Biking distance to Tornio and Haparanda city centres. www.torandasworld.com
Tel. +358 50 374 255



Photo: Staffan Svanberg



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FISHING

The Torne River is the longest freely flowing river in Europe. The river hosts salmon, grayling, northern pike, whitefish, perch and trout. A fishing permit is required in order to fish in the river. Fishing permits can be bought at Haparanda/Tornio Tourist Information Office. For more information about regulations and fishing permits, please visit www.tornealvslaxkort.se

CANOEING

There are many excellent bays to explore if you visit Haparanda Archipelago by kayak or canoe. Rental kayaks are available at Seskarö Havsbad. www.seskarohavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)922-201 50

BIRD-WATCHING

The archipelago is a perfect place for bird-watching. Some of the birds that are commonly found along the coastline include the red-breasted merganser, which often fishes very close to the shore; the common sandpiper, which flies tootling over the surface of the water, and the white wagtail, which runs onto the shore and captures bugs. The variety of species found in the archipelago is great and here you can meet wood grouse, black grouse and ptarmigan as well as ruddy turnstone, black guillemot and lesser black-backed gull and, of course, also sea eagle.

HIKING

Many of the islands in Haparanda's archipelago are very good for hiking. On Haparanda Sandskär there are even trails with plankways in many parts of the island. Bring a flora book to discover plants on your own. Some of the islands are home to endemic species such as Bothnian wormwood, beach euphrasy and Siberian primrose.

PASSENGER BOAT

Haparanda archipelago has passenger boat services. The companies Bosmina and Laponia Rederi offer tours to

Haparanda Sandskär and other islands.
www.bosmina.se
www.laponia.se

ON YOUR OWN BOAT

Visiting Haparanda archipelago aboard your own boat is a wonderful experience. There are many excellent moorings and small inviting marinas.

BOATING CLUBS

BK Bothnia
www.bkbothnia.se
Haparanda Boating Club
www.haparandabatkлубb.se



Photo: Lena Hedberg



Photo: Staffan Svanberg

MARINAS/GUEST HARBOURS

Strandkajen (f.d. Cementkajen)

This jetty is near the centre of Haparanda, just a short walk from all the services a town can offer. Mooring at the jetty is free and the water depth is 2-2.5 metres. The channel from the sea to the jetty is a buoy fairway, somewhat shallow in the outer reaches and narrow in places; about 1.5-2 metres in an area below the railway bridge but will take vessels with a draught of about 1 metre. Add the draught that the propeller needs. From Strandkajen you can also reach jetties near the centre of Finnish Tornio. For more information: Municipality of Haparanda: **Tel. +46 (0)922-260 00**

Haparandahamn (Haparanda harbour)

Haparandahamn is a fishing and small-boat harbour at the northern end of Skomakarfjärden Bay, and among boaters is reckoned to be the northernmost and easternmost marina in the Bothnian Bay. It attracts many boats from overseas because of its location. The Innala Archipelago tour boat departs from here. Haparandahamn features Kustkulturrum - an exhibition of old-time fishing gear. The water depth in Haparandahamn is 3 metres, and the harbour has most of what you need for a stay in the archipelago; guest moorings, sauna, shower, freshwater, a recycling station, WC, boat ramps and cranes, diesel, bikes to borrow and a distance of 4 km to the nearest grocery store. There is also a defibrillator in the harbour. For more information: BK Bothnia **www.bkbothnia.se**

Seskarö

Seskarö Marina is on the north of the island. A few kilometres away, there is a campsite, restaurant, bathing and a grocery store. For more information: Municipality of Haparanda: **Tel. +46 (0)922-260 00**

Hanhinkari

Haparanda Boating Club's facility with clubhouse, sauna and outhouse toilets. On the island there is also a freshwater well. Anchoring at the boat club pier or at the large pier on the island, where you also find grill sites and outhouse

toilets. For more information: Municipality of Haparanda: **Tel. +46 (0)922-260 00**

Toranda

Well-equipped guest harbour on the Finnish side of the Torne River. Toranda has a restaurant (open during the summer season), freshwater, electricity, petrol and diesel, shower, sauna and conference facilities. Often, events are arranged. Biking distance to Tornio and Haparanda centres. **www.torandasworld.com**
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SNOWMOBILE

The open white expanses in the archipelago are ideal for snowmobile tours. Visit one of the exciting islands or explore the ice walls that form in late winter.

Note that snowmobiling is not permitted on the islands of Swedish Lapland, other than via the shortest route to and from the cabin and on marked snowmobile trails.

SNOW TRAIN

The Innala Archipelago 'snow train' offers tours and activities:

- Icefishing

- Meet a fisher man

Experience how professional fisherman uses their equipment during wintertime.

- Archipelago adventure

Guided tour with the snow train to the islands of Haparanda archipelago.

- Evening tour out on the sea ice

Experience the sea ice during the late evening, and hopefully witness the Northern lights.

Bookings:

www.innala.se

ON SKIS OR SKATES

In the autumn, before the snow has arrived, the ice can be suitable for long-distance skating and, in winter, the archipelago is a good place for skiing excursions. In early spring the Municipality of Haparanda prepares ski trails from Riekkola to Hanhinkari and Salmis.

DOGSLEDDING

The archipelago is well suited for dogsledding. There are vast areas to glide over, fast and silent.



Photo: Ida Svanberg

Sea channels and snowmobile trails



Photo: Staffan Svanberg

SEA CHANNELS

The old archipelago channel runs from Bjuröklubb in the south to Haparanda in the north, and then on to Finland. This channel was previously used by small trading vessels. Nowadays, the channel is used exclusively by leisure craft. As the vessels became larger, merchant shipping began using fairways running directly from the open sea in to the major ports. Nautical charts must be used for navigation.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

There are snowmobile trails in several of the municipalities along the coastline of

Swedish Lapland. For more information on snowmobile trails, please contact the local tourist centres. GPS-based suggestions for snowmobile routes can be downloaded to your GPS. Note that travelling on sea ice is undertaken at your own risk. A map and nautical charts must be used for navigation.

Remember: where it is shallow, the ice is often thin, so it is necessary to have nautical charts that clearly show these areas.

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