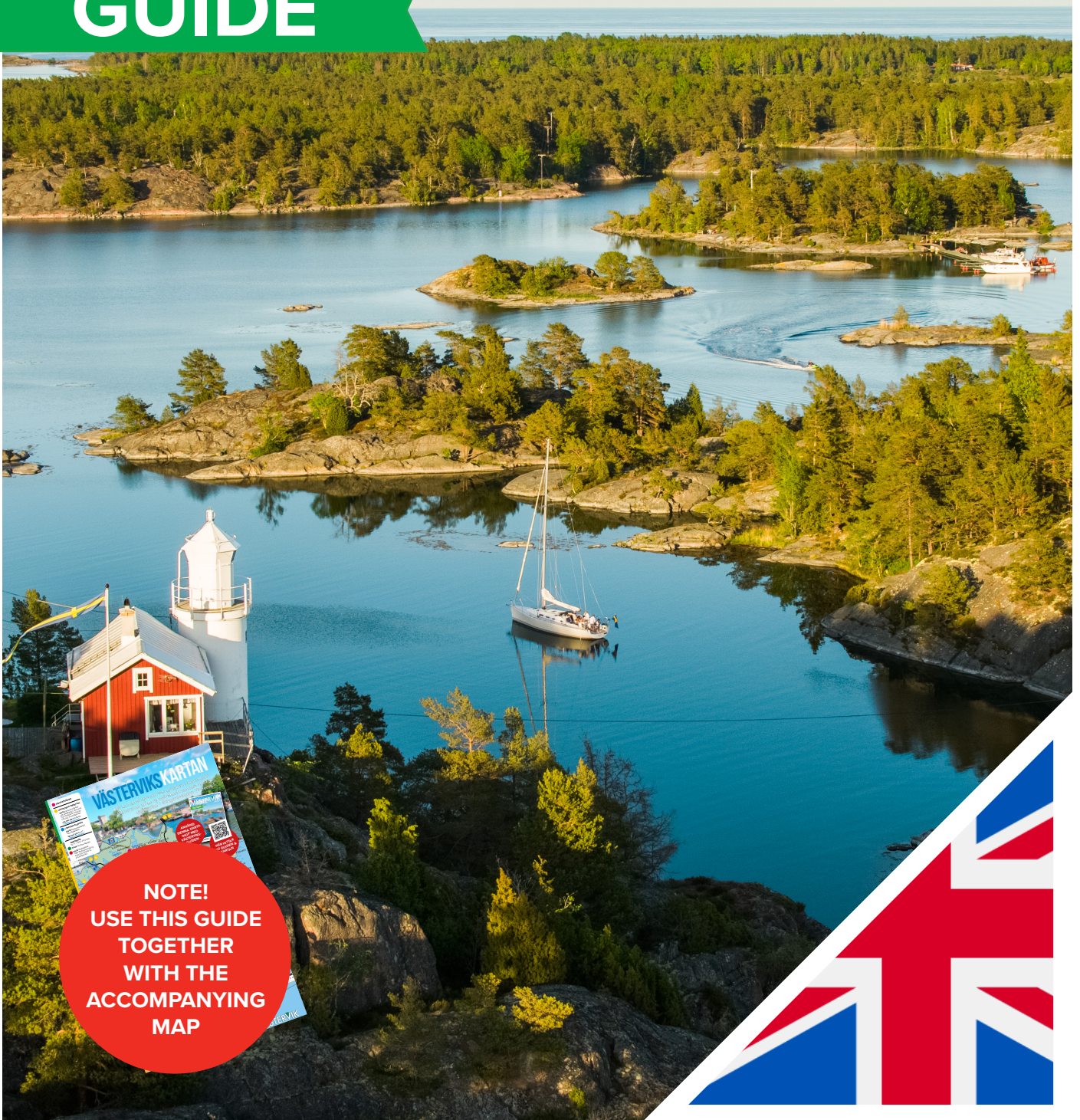


VÄSTERVIK

GUIDE



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Welcome to the archipelago and the summer city of Västervik

WHEN YOU'RE IN VÄSTERVIK, the sea is just around the corner. Enjoy the summery and salty smells and listen to the wooden boats chugging their way home to the fishing port. Enjoy bathing from the rocks, just 300 metres from the town centre. During the summer, exciting events are arranged, such as festivals, markets and concerts throughout the entire municipality.

Västervik is the largest urban area in the municipality. A small and charming city with cobbled streets, squares and alleys. In Västervik, you'll also find a variety of exciting shops. There is a large selection of exquisite restaurants and relaxing coffee bars.

We hope that you can make great use of the Västervik Guide and the Västervik map during your stay in Västervik municipality.

Here are some tips for special places to visit in the municipality. If you want additional tips, check out our digital summer guide vastervik.com.

Welcome to an exciting summer, filled with experiences in the archipelago city of Västervik!

More information on vastervik.com

VÄSTERVIK
Skärgårdsstaden i Småland.



Your adventure starts here

If you are looking for an active holiday, Västervik is the right destination for you - all year round. The environments in and around Västervik – both on land and in the water – are high class and of great variety. Sport fishing attracts athletes from all over Europe, and the climbing offers one of the world's best bouldering areas. The kayaking is popular because of the short distance between the city and the outer archipelago. Hiking trails stretch from the inland to the coast, and out on the islands of the archipelago.

FIVE ADVENTURES ON LAND

Tjustleden

Västervik's flagship hiking trail is called Tjustleden, which stretches through the entire municipality of Västervik. It is 200 km divided into nine stages, with varied and beautiful natural experiences through forested and cultural countryside.

Mountain biking at Karstorp

The Karstorp recreation area on the southern outskirts of Västervik has, in recent years, been transformed into mountain bikers' favorite place. The terrain consists of forest, rocky outcrops and slopes and includes two classic loops and three XCO courses.

Climb on classic ground

Over the past decade, Västervik has established itself as one of Europe's best bouldering climbing areas, with classic routes such as the Hourglass at Sjörnblocket and Fruberget at Segersgårde. There is also sport climbing with ropes, offering different levels of difficulty and character.

Around Gränsö

One of the most popular hiking trails in Västervik municipality is Gränsöleden. It's easy to see why. Close to the city and adjacent to the sea, it is easy to divide into trails that suit both families with small children and experienced hikers. Start at Gränsö Castle and embark on the just over one km long hike.

Training + cycling = true

Start your cycling adventure with a cool train ride. From Västervik, the museum railway, Smalspåret, departs daily during the summer. You can bring your bicycle on board and then cycle the route Ankarstrum – Västervik. The course is about 60 km long and consists of mixed terrain, varying between small roads, gravel roads and forest paths.



FIVE ADVENTURES ON WATER

Kayaking

There are plenty of kayak rental companies in Västervik municipality, and whether you choose to start from Västervik's city center or any other location, you are never too far from the outer archipelago. Pack your tent and experience the adventure and freedom of staying overnight on any of the 5,000 islands awaiting you.

Fishing

With all of its islets and skerries, Västervik is one of Sweden's best fishing spots, and it attracts anglers from all over Europe. Here you will find not only world-class pike fishing, but also good sea trout and perch fishing. It's versatility is distinctive. In addition to archipelago fishing, you can also fish for game fish in our lakes. In addition to the archipelago fishing, you can also fish in several lakes around the municipality – but a fishing license is required.

Canoeing on inland lakes

Canoeing on our lakes is a wonderful family activity. One of the canoe trails stretches all the way from Hummelstad in the middle of the municipality to Skaftet in the southern archipelago and takes you through a chain of lakes, rivers and canals. The total distance is almost 40 km, and you can choose whether you want to paddle a short stage for a few hours, or tackle the entire distance with overnight stays along the way.

Wreck diving

The unique diving waters around Västervik are among Sweden's least exploited. Through the Dive Park Västervik project, diving in the Västervik archipelago is easily accessible and safe for everyone, offering excellent dive sites and buoys for precise docking and safe descents and ascents.

Swimrun

The combination of running and swimming is called swimrun, and several places in Västervik are perfect for both beginners and more experienced swimrunners. Start a course of laps and swim and run the same distance to keep track of your highs and lows. Please remember never to swim in the shipping channels.



Boats from Loftahammar to Rågå

Boats from Rågå to Hasselö

Ellen Key from Västervik, via Gränsö Castle and Västervik Resort to Hasselö

Kung Märta from Västervik, via Gränsö Castle, Västervik Resort and Horns udde to Idö

Mail and schoolboat from Gränsö canal to the central archipelago

FISHING

Västervik's archipelago is a legendary hot spot in fishing circles. Passionate anglers make a pilgrimage to enjoy the world class pike fishing. The availability of sea trout, salmon and perch will also have you in a spin. Excellent fishing waters await you inland too. Those who want to fish or hunt during their holidays have plenty of activities to choose from in Västervik.

Fishing permits are available for purchase here, as well as tips on where the best fishing waters are:

www.risebofritid.se

www.langsjon.se

www.sveaskog.se

vastervik.com/fiske



ARCHIPELAGO TRAFFIC

M/S Ellen Key and M/S Kung Märta provide regular services from **Västervik – Idö** and **Västervik – Hasselö**, and the boat trip takes about one hour. Both ferries depart 45 times per day during the peak season.

During the peak season (18/6-14/8) there are daily ferries from Loftahammar. Take the boat from Sandbyhovsbryggan in **Loftahammar out to Rågö**, before travelling on to Hasselö.

The trips can be booked online at boka.vastervik.com before departure, or purchased at the terminal.

Idö

For those who want a real archipelago experience, the best thing to do is to head for the little island of Idö in the outer archipelago. During the summer, several boats travel here each day from Horns Udde and from Västervik. Idö Skärgårdskrog is located in the island's harbour area, situated on a hill overlooking the sea.

THE PILOT LOOKOUT TOWER

From the small harbour it is only a few minutes' walk up to the island's white landmark - the old pilot lookout tower. Curious visitors who can

manage the narrow steps up to the top of the tower will be rewarded with a fabulous view of land and sea. On one side you have the mainland and on the other, the high seas. The old pilot lookout tower has been left untouched since it was closed in 1986, but you will still be able to gain an inkling of what it was like for the islanders in former times (a harsh way of life at times). From the top of the tower you will be able to catch a glimpse of a collection of red houses, and those who continue their archipelago expedition along a meandering forest path will eventually reach the village with

its boathouses and ruminating cows. The real Saltkråkan.

BATHING AREAS

If you feel like a dip in one of Idö's many bays there is a good chance you will find a smooth rock where you will be completely alone. For those who don't want to or can't bathe from the rocks, there is also a shallow sandy beach. But bathing is far from the only water activity on offer to those who visit this little archipelago island. Eagle and seal safaris are other popular options.

Hasselö

During the summer you get there from Västervik on board the M/S Ellen Key. A brisk one hour boat ride, against a backdrop of blue waves, green islets, white sails and countless numbers of blue and yellow flags.

At the end of the journey you will see a wooded idyll with a sandy beach and red cottages. In the small harbour, a tractor awaits you to take you on a memorable sightseeing tour around the island. (Please note that this must be booked in advance - one day before.) If you prefer to rent your own bike, make your way to Handelsboa to pick up your "wheels".

HANDELSBOA

Bicycle-friendly dirt tracks span the length and breadth of the entire island. The Handelsboa harbour area serves as a lively central point for the whole island. A popular country store will supply you with everything you need for a successful stay in the archipelago. The store also rents out bikes, kayaks, canoes, pedal boats and golf clubs for games of minigolf. Just next door is a cafeteria where you can enjoy all of the day's meals if you want to. For those who prefer warmer water than the sea, there is also a hot tub you can rent.

YOUTH HOSTEL

The Falunred youth hostel, with its white trim around the windows, is the island's former primary school, and you can see pictures and class photos on the walls and an old climbing frame in the playground. There are thirty beds in the five bright and modern rooms of the main building and in a small, homely cottage. The hostel has a large garden, perfect for light summer nights where you can enjoy a barbecue, gameplay and relaxation. Opposite the youth hostel is the unmanned flea market which is open 24/07.

PLACES TO EAT ON HASSELÖ

Restaurant Sjökantén

In the archipelago environment, lunch buffets and evening meals are served with fish from the farm's own fishermen and other locally grown products from both the archipelago and mainland. Please note that reservations are always required. Book your table by calling: (+46) 070-2349688.

Hagaslätt Home Bakery & Café

The café serves nourishing sandwiches, freshly baked buns, coffee, large waffles and whatever inspires us on the day.

Kaffeboa

This Café is open during the summer on Hasselö, located right by the visitor marina. The café offers both lunch and coffee.



BOAT TAXI

If you don't have your own boat, it is, in addition to the regular ferries, always possible to get around the archipelago with the help of a water taxi or by renting a motorboat or kayak. There are a number of companies that will rent you a boat/kayak.

Molanders Båttransporter

Tel. (+46) 070-671 39 14. Max 12 pers.

Smågö Service AB

Tel. (+46) 073-055 11 40. Max 29 + 12 pers.

Solidö Skärgårdstaxi

Tel. (+46) 0490-910 19. Max 20 pers.

Idö Skärgårdstaxi

Tel. (+46) 070-444 57 08. Max 12 pers.

Marqua Sjötransporter

Tel. (+46) 070-444 60 00. Max 12 pers.

TRAVEL BY MAIL BOAT

The boat that delivers the mail to the islanders in the central archipelago, to islands such as Norra Malmö, Smågö, Björkö and Hasselö, departs from Gränsö canal. The boat departs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Reservations must be booked with Solidö archipelago taxi at least one day in advance. You can book your trip by calling (+46) 0490-91019.

THE ARCHIPELAGO WITHOUT A BOAT

You don't need a boat to enjoy the archipelago.

There are bridges to the archipelago islands such as **Stora Askö** and **Östra Skälö**. And the coastal communities of **Loftahammar** and **Blankaholm** provide a wonderful archipelago feeling without you having to leave the mainland. At **Händelöp**, just outside Västervik, you can experience a real island community without your own boat. The small and very vibrant fishing village was connected by bridge to the mainland in the 1960's, and since then, the resident population has increased while the houses and stores have been kept intact. The village of Händelöp arranges an inviting archipelago market on the Saturday of week 28.

RENT YOUR OWN BOAT

When you are in the city center, you have the option of accessing the archipelago by renting your own boat. The company Våg offers boats that are booked through their website, takeawave.se.



Loftahammar

Sun-drenched rocks from which to bathe, tarmacked jetties, screeching seagulls and ice cream. Loftahammar is a true summer holiday destination, an idyllic coastal town in the northern part of the municipality, which attracts holidaymakers from far and wide. This is where sailors, campers, motorcycle enthusiasts and summer cottage owners come to relax and unwind. In the winter, Loftahammar is a sleepy little island village. But when the sun comes out in the spring, there is an increase in the activity level in the town. Boats are launched into the lake and the people of Östergötland arrive and open their summer cottages. The dedicated seasonal campers take up their pitches on the camp sites and the sunbathers find their way out onto the rocks and beaches once again.

At the centre of Loftahammar, business activity increases and, at its centre, stands the little Ica supermarket.

Stures bakery (café and restaurant) on the main street is where the third generation of Anderssons provides Loftahammar with coffee, cakes, refreshments and food – another pleasant place you can't miss in Loftahammar.

For those who prefer an active holiday, a visit to **Sweeds** is a must. Here you can rent bikes and boats and arrange guided canoeing trips, walks and fishing tours. The best way to end a day in Loftahammar is with a walk through the visitor marina, strolling among the large and small boats, and then supper at **Sjökrogen**.



Rågö

The nature reserve Rågö is a popular gem with its fabulous archipelago nature, its own boat workshop, cackling island [birds] and mooing cows. You can really slow down and enjoy your holiday – stroll along untouched hiking trails, enjoy the sea views and swim from both beaches and cliffs.

Rågö restaurant, with the wonderful Anita Hultberg managing the kitchen, serves archipelago-inspired hot and cold dishes, as well as coffee with homemade cakes. The restaurant also offers, among other things, archipelago dishes based on locally-fished specialties. There is the option to stay overnight in three nice rental houses, with a total of 24 beds. Rågö has also become a favorite destination for weddings and other major celebrations. The large barn can accommodate 50 people seated at tables. You can get there on the M/S Bella, which runs daily from Loftahammar in the summer. You can also take the boat from Västervik and change boats on Hasselö. Rågö has a visitor marina with almost 35 berths, in Alviken, south of the village.



More information on vastervik.com/skargard



vastervik.com/skargardstrafiken

Timetables

The archipelago ferries take you from Västervik and Loftahammar to Hasselö, Idö and Rågö. Buy tickets and book activities on the booking page online: boka.vastervik.com.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
skeppa.se

vastervik.com/skargardstrafiken
(+46) 0490-875 20

PLEASE NOTE!

To depart from Gränsö Castle, Västervik Resort or Horns udde, you must hoist the semaphore no later than ten minutes before the boat's arrival.

Adjustments may be made to the timetable. The correct information is always available online: boka.vastervik.com.



VÄSTERVIK–HASSELÖ		Lilla Strömmen ^A (via Gränsö kanal, without alighting or boarding) och M/S Ellen Key ^B											
Date	13, 20, 27 may & 3–4 june	10 june–22 june		23 june				24 june–30 june					
		Daily		Midsummer Eve				Daily					
Västervik	10.00 ^B 15.00 ^B	10.00 ^B	15.00 ^B	10.00 ^B	12.00 ^B	15.00 ^B	17.00 ^B	10.00 ^B	11.00 ^A	15.00 ^B			
* Gränsö slott	10.10 15.10	10.10	15.10	10.10	12.10	15.10	17.10	10.10	11.10	15.10			
* Västervik Resort	10.20 15.20	10.20	15.20	10.20	12.20	15.20	17.20	10.20	–	15.20			
Hasselö	11.00 16.00	11.00	16.00	11.00	13.00	16.00	18.00	11.00	12.10	16.00			

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* Västervik Resort	11.40 16.40	11.40	16.40	11.40	13.40	16.40	18.40	11.40	–	16.40			
* Gränsö slott	11.50 16.50	11.50	16.50	11.50	13.50	16.50	18.50	11.50	13.10	16.50			
Västervik	12.00 17.00	12.00	17.00	12.00	14.00	17.00	19.00	12.00	13.20	17.00			

VÄSTERVIK–HASSELÖ		Lilla Strömmen ^A (via Gränsö kanal, without alighting or boarding) och M/S Ellen Key ^B											
Date	1 july–13 august		Wen–Sat		14–20 august				21–27 august		2–3, 9, 16 & 23 september		
	Daily				Daily				Daily				
Västervik	10.00 ^B	11.00 ^A	12.00 ^B	15.00 ^B	17.00 ^B	19.45 ^A	10.00 ^B	11.00 ^A	15.00 ^B	10.00 ^B	15.00 ^B	10.00 ^B	15.00 ^B
* Gränsö slott	10.10	11.10	12.10	15.10	17.10	19.55	10.10	11.10	15.10	10.10	15.10	10.10	15.10
* Västervik Resort	10.20	–	12.20	15.20	17.20	–	10.20	–	15.20	10.20	15.20	10.20	15.20
Hasselö	11.00	12.10	13.00	16.00	18.00	20.55	11.00	12.10	16.00	11.00	16.00	11.00	16.00

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	Daily				Daily				Daily				
Hasselö	11.00 ^B	12.10 ^A	13.00 ^B	16.00 ^B	18.00 ^B	21.00 ^A	11.00 ^B	12.10 ^A	16.00 ^B	11.00 ^B	16.00 ^B	11.00 ^B	16.00 ^B
* Västervik Resort	11.40	–	13.40	16.40	18.40	–	11.40	–	16.40	11.40	16.40	11.40	16.40
* Gränsö slott	11.50	13.10	13.50	16.50	18.50	21.55	11.50	13.10	16.50	11.50	16.50	11.50	16.50
Västervik	12.00	13.20	14.00	17.00	19.00	22.05	12.00	13.20	17.00	12.00	17.00	12.00	17.00

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BOOKING? DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US AT THE TOURIST CENTRE!

Västervik Tourist Centre

Address: Stora Torget 4, 593 33 Västervik
Phone number: (+46) 0490-875 20
Email address: turist@vastervik.com
Website: vastervik.com
Open all year round

Loftahammar Tourist Centre

Address: Bjursundsvägen 62, 594 70 Loftahammar
Phone number: (+46) 0493-610 01
Email address: info@sweeds.com
Website: vastervik.com/loftahammar
Open during the summer

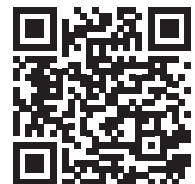


PLAN YOUR BOAT TRIP

To the island
Stop: _____
Departure: _____
Arrival: _____

From the island
Stop: _____
Departure: _____
Arrival: _____

Link to the booking page



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VÄSTERVIK-IDÖ

M/S Kung Märta 

Date	Weekends 27 may–18 june			23 june–13 august						Weekends 19 aug–3 september			
	Sat & Sun		Sat	Mon	Tue–Sun			Tue–Sat	Sat–Sun		Sat		
Västervik	10.50	14.50	18.00	9.50	16.10	9.50	11.50	14.20	16.10	20.00	10.50	14.50	18.00
* Gränsö slott	11.00	15.00	18.10	10.00	16.20	10.00	12.00	14.30	16.20	20.10	11.00	15.00	18.10
* Västervik Resort	11.10	15.10	18.20	10.10	16.30	10.10	12.10	14.40	16.30	20.25	11.10	15.10	18.20
* Horns udde	11.35	15.35	18.45	10.35	16.55	10.35	12.35	15.05	16.55	–	11.35	15.35	18.45
Idö	11.45	15.45	18.55	10.45	17.05	10.45	12.45	15.15	17.05	21.00	11.45	15.45	18.55

IDÖ-VÄSTERVIK

M/S Kung Märta 

Date	Weekends 27 may–18 june			23 june–13 august						Weekends 19 aug–3 september			
	Sat & Sun		Sat	Mon	Tue–Sun			Tue–Sat	Sat–Sun		Sat		
Idö	11.45	15.45	19.00	10.45	17.05	10.45	12.45	15.15	17.05	21.00	11.45	15.45	19.00
* Horns udde	11.55	15.55	19.10	10.55	17.15	10.55	12.55	15.25	17.15	21.10	11.55	15.55	19.10
* Västervik Resort	12.20	16.20	19.35	11.20	17.40	11.20	13.20	15.50	17.40	21.35	12.20	16.20	19.35
* Gränsö slott	12.30	16.30	19.45	11.30	17.50	11.30	13.30	16.00	17.50	21.45	12.30	16.30	19.45
Västervik	12.40	16.40	19.55	11.40	18.00	11.40	13.40	16.10	18.00	21.55	12.40	16.40	19.55

LOFTAHAMMAR-RÅGÖ-HASSELÖ

M/S Bella 

	17–30 june						1 july–13 august						14–20 august						
	All days						All days						Fri–Sat	All days					
Loftahammar	10.25	11.35	12.25	–	15.25	16.35	10.25	11.35	12.25	–	15.25	16.35 ^c	–	10.25	11.35	12.25	–	15.25	16.35
Källvik	–	11.45	–	–	–	–	–	11.45	–	–	–	–	–	–	11.45	–	–	–	–
Till Rågö	10.45	11.55	12.45	–	15.45	16.55	10.45	11.55	12.45	–	15.45	16.55	–	10.45	11.55	12.45	–	15.45	16.55
Från Rågö	10.45	–	–	–	15.45	–	10.45	–	12.45	–	15.45	17.45	–	10.45	–	–	–	15.45	–
Hasselö	11.00	–	–	–	16.00	–	11.00	–	13.00	–	16.00	18.00	–	11.00 ^c	–	–	–	16.00	–

HASSELÖ-RÅGÖ-LOFTAHAMMAR

M/S Bella 

	17–30 june						1 july–13 august						14–20 august						
	All days						All days						Fri–Sat	All days					
Hasselö	11.00	–	–	–	16.00	–	11.00	–	13.00	–	16.00	18.00	–	11.00	–	–	–	16.00	–
Rågö	11.15	11.55	–	14.55	16.15	17.45	11.15	11.55	13.15	14.55	16.15	18.15	20.00	11.15	11.55	–	14.55	16.15	17.45
Källvik	–	12.05	–	15.05	–	–	–	12.05	–	15.05	–	–	20.10	–	12.05	–	15.05	–	–
Loftahammar	11.35	12.15	–	15.15	16.35	18.05	11.35	12.15	–	15.15	16.35	18.35	20.20	11.35	12.15	–	15.15	16.35	18.05



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^c This tour arrives in Rågö at 4:55 p.m, berths on Rågö for 50 minutes and continues to Hasselö at 5:45 p.m.

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Gamleby

Experience true village love with a visit to the rural paradise of Gamleby. As the municipality's second largest urban area, the place has several interesting attractions and nice shops worth experiencing.

Behold the unbeatable view of Gamlebyviken from the top of Garpedansberget, or experience one of Sweden's most beautiful squares. Scoop a bargain in one of the many local second-hand shops, or visit the popular Unos park where, every summer, various cultural events such as concerts, outdoor cinema and barbecue evenings are organized.

There are several accommodation options, including the popular campsite KustCamp. In addition to plenty of cabins and campsites, they also have the popular bathing area, Hammarsbadet with its u-jetty, sandy beach and a ten-meter diving tower. Gamleby has both a hotel and bed & breakfast, as well as a well-stocked Ica store, with its admired charcuterie department, where residents can buy everything they need for your stay. For those who wish to wet their whistle, there is also a liquor store.

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MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS

The Skeppet playground

In true Viking spirit, the playground in Gamleby is ready to welcome both big and small children. Imagination and joy of movement are encouraged on the swings, climbing frame, carousels and sand pit. When hunger strikes, there is also a covered barbecue area where the whole family can feed themselves.

The Troll Trail on Garpedansberget

Bring the whole family on a hike up to the top of Garpedansberget through the unique sculpture park that has become a popular tourist destination both in, and to some extent, outside Sweden. Discover the amazing sculptures, which hide in the landscape and represent figures from local legends.

Traditional markets

Every Friday and Saturday, throughout the summer, there is a traditional market in Gamleby center, offering products from local food producers and craftsmen. A perfect detour, even for those who may not have planned to stop in Gamleby.

Summer event highlights

Västervik loves events, and visitors can experience everything from sporting events to music and festivals. Here are some of the highlights from the 2023 summer calendar. You can find the full range at vastervik.com/evenemang.

LBSB – LIVESCEN ANKARSRUM, 3 JUNE

The four masked men kick off the summer with a concert in Ankarsrum.

VÄSTERVIK OUTDOOR FESTIVAL, 3–4 JUNE

For the weekends, Västervik's range of outdoor and adventure activities will be displayed at Västervik Resort, including fairs, try-out activities, lectures and much more. Saturday sees the Västervik Mile, which starts and finishes at Fiskaretorget. Take up the challenge!

HOJROCK, 15–17 JUNE

The motorcycle meeting, HojRock, has become an annual tradition for bikers from all over Europe. Every year, thousands of motorcycle fans gather to socialize, shop at the fair, check out the races and rock out at the evening concerts in Västervik Resort's event area.

SWEDISH FLOORBALL OPEN, 5–8 JULY

The Swedish Floorball Open, or SFO, attracts the Swedish floorball elite and youth teams of all ages and from all parts of Sweden to Västervik. The audience is invited to a fast-paced, wonderful floorball party, with world-class floorball in a unique arena with Skeppsbrofjärden as the backdrop behind the floorball courts.

DRAKBÅTSFESTIVALEN, 8 JULY

Last year's Drakbåtsfestival was the first in 15 years and was a great success. Drakbåtsfestivalen will therefore return to Västervik in 2023. This will be a great festival when the teams compete in the race along Skeppsbrokajen.

HAMNPLAN LIVE, 8 JULY

With Skeppsbrofjärden as a backdrop, Hamnplan is transformed from a floorball party and Drakbåtsfestivalen to a joint grand finale when Hamnplan Live takes over. No lesser lights than Hoffmaestro, Bolaget and 2 Blyga Läppar will be on stage.

VÄSTERVIK CITY RUN, 10 JULY

Västervik's big running party has runners traversing the city on a beautiful six kilometer long course, starting and finishing at Fiskaretorget.

VISFESTIVALEN, 13–15 JULY

Visfestivalen in Västervik has been held since 1966. Some of Sweden's best music artists will play in the beautiful and atmospheric castle ruins, a must for anyone who likes music. This year will see Anna Ternheim, Jill Johnson and the festival's all-star band Fest Totale on stage.

HASSELÖRODDEN, 19 JULY

The archipelago festival that takes you back to the old Västervik. Take a seat at Fiskaretorget and follow the boats as they make their way from Hasselö to Västervik, where the rowers WILL arrive in their oak boats around lunchtime.

DIGGILOO, 21 JULY

Get ready for a riproaring anniversary party in 2023 where everything is pumped to the max and there will be plenty of surprises on stage. Diggiloo will take over Västervik with a burst of hits, humor and a rare infectious joy of gaming, spread over three entertaining hours.

LOFTAHAMMAR ENDURANCE DAY, 22 JULY

The toughest challenge of the summer is the swimrun race, the Loftahammar Endurance Day, or LED as it is also called. Swim and run from Loftahammar all the way to Hasselö and back.

CHRIS KLÄFFORD & HIGHWAY HONEYS, 28 JULY

Båtsman Music presents Chris Kläfford & Highway Honeys. The fantastically picturesque cultural heritage area Båtsmansstugorna will arrange a concert evening filled with beautiful voices, sounds and awesome songs. On this evening, Highway Honeys and Chris Kläfford will provide the music.

LÖGA BEACH PARTY, 29 JULY

The biggest beach party of the summer is at Lögarbergen, just outside Västervik city center. Listen to concerts and dance the night away while the sun sets in Gamlebyviken. This year's lineup consists of Poaching, Medina and Markoolio.

VÄSTERVIK TRIATHLON, 12 AUGUST

A triathlon competition in central Västervik to which everyone, regardless of training level, is welcome. The competition is decided on two distances – 1500 meters swimming, 40 kilometers running and 10 kilometers running (Olympic). There is also a shorter variant.

SPORTS CAR DAY, 2-3 SEPTEMBER

The ultimate day for all motorsport fans. Arranged at Skeppsbrokajen with a packed schedule containing city races, exhibitions, entertainment and much more fun for all motor lovers.

MILITARY HISTORY MEETING, 2 SEPTEMBER

A meeting showcasing military historical vehicles, artillery, uniforms and other equipment, from several eras and countries.



Discover the range of activities

With a wide range of activities and attractions, Västervik can offer lots of exciting things to do – all year round. Take the train and trek through the landscape of Småland, invite your friends to a go-kart tournament or why not discover a genuine old bourgeois home? Find more information about your next adventure, or revel in all sorts of attractions, at vastervik.com.



ÖVERUM IRONWORKS MUSEUM

Cannons, horseshoes, nails and axes ... The traditional industrial town of Överum has a 360-year history of iron making. Today there is a small ironworks museum in the old hammer forge.



ALMVIK'S BRICK-WORK MUSEUM

A well preserved industrial heritage that will give your imagination a spin, a testimony to hundreds of years of strenuous hard work. After the visit, you can relax and ponder what you have just witnessed at Almvik's café.



THE NARROW-GAUGE RAILWAY

Since the 1950's, the orange railcars have rumbled their way through the forests of Småland, between Hultsfred and Västervik. Between the mid-June and the beginning of September you can step onboard and experience a train journey from yesteryear. Departures times can be found at smalsparet.se.



TINDERED COUNTRY KITCHEN

Tindered Country Kitchen along the E22 motorway north of Västervik has been named Road House of the Year on several occasions. The ingredients come from the owner's own farm and others in the area, and many of the dishes and pastries are made from the family's recipe book passed down through the generations. A wonderful setting next to Lake Ommen.



LUNDS BY

Visit Lunds By near Gladhammar and refuel your summer senses with Swedish country life and unbridled carpentry joy. This village dates back to the 1700's, and parts of the Children of Noisy Village were filmed here. There are three excellent hiking trails that start from the village.



VÄSTERVIK RESORT

The resort's adventure pool has pools for all members of the family, including water slides, a wave pool and hot springs.



GOLF & PADEL

One of Västervik's three golf courses is in Loftahammar. The popular 9-hole course offers a driving range and a practice area. The club also has a padel tennis court.



ODDIS PLAYLAND

Play in the playland, challenge your friends to LaserGame, eat good food, snacks, coffee or play fun games. There are many fun activities for the whole family, and the café serves coffee, drinks, sandwiches, salad and sweets.



VIRUM MOOSE PARK

A Wild Safari in Virum Moose Park will give you the opportunity to pet and feed the four-legged giants while you sit well protected in a carriage with a roof and open sides. Get your camera ready for some close encounters with the King of the forest. Round off your adventure in Småland with a cup of coffee and moose shopping at Älglogen.



NATURUM VÄSTERVIK

A large exhibition about the sea and archipelago life. Go on a guided nature walk, learn more about bees and pollination, discover the exhibits and take a peek into the aquariums. Kulbacken also has Uno's tower, which offers magnificent views.



GRÄNSÖ CASTLE'S CANDLE-MAKER

Lovingly handmade creations made of stearin are manufactured and sold in a historical building in the cultural area of Kulbacken. Even the King of Sweden has purchased candles from Gränsö Castle's candle-maker.



TALES AND LEGENDS

The top of Garpedansberget features a sculpture park with an interesting collection of gnomes, goblins and elves. On KustCamp Gamleby, you can book a hike on the fairy-tale trail with troll mother Grimhild.

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ASTRID LINDGREN'S WORLD

In Vimmerby's fairytale theme park, you can meet Astrid Lindgren's characters in their authentic environments and see how the familiar stories come to life. The nearby cultural area, Astrid Lindgren's Näs, also awaits you. You can visit the extensive exhibitions, take a peek at the author's childhood home, experience the lush theme gardens and enjoy the flavours that Småland has to offer.



ALVIKENS DISC GOLF COURSE

This is an 18 hole course that was completed in 2019. The course has already hosted the Swedish Championships three times (2019-2021).



LOFTA CAFFÈ

Coffee and culture can be enjoyed in the excellent Lofta Caffè operated by Frank and Cécile in Lofta's old elementary school. Freshly ground espresso, tasty pastries, friendly conversations and an art exhibition provide for a more relaxing day. Around the corner, there are petroglyphs on display, and if you would really like to do more, you should make your way over to Loftaleden along a 20 km long walk in green surroundings.



SMULTRONBODA SHEEP FARM

The Smultronboda sheep farm practises sheep husbandry. There is also a smoke house, farm shop with local food and crafts. The farm also offers holiday lets and short term accommodation. Enjoy coffee in the garden, pet the lambs in the pasture and buy some award winning cured meats and provisions.



JAILBREAK

The company, Jailbreak Västervik, has opened an Escape Room at Welux's premises in Västervik. Escape Room is a game idea where a group is locked in a room. To get out, you have to solve quests, codes, puzzles and other challenges within 60 minutes.



BÅTMANSSTUGORNA

Båtmansgränd is lined by small boatswains' log cabins, once used as homes for the boatswains who worked for Tjust Båtmanskompani. Today, it houses a café, hostel and a herb garden.



LOFTA

The cosy Lofta Caffè offers ever-changing art exhibitions in combination with Italian coffee culture. Just around the corner there are petroglyphs you can take a look at. If you get a taste for nature you should walk along the Loftaleden – a 20 km long hiking trail in scenic surroundings.



WIMMERSTRÖMSKA

Visit an authentic manor house and see how the fascinating Stina Wimmerström lived. Västervik's Art Group is housed in the main building, don't miss their exhibits.



EDSBRUK ART & CAFÉ

Enjoy a crispy waffle next to a gushing waterfall and take the opportunity to explore our various art exhibitions in a lovely mill environment from the 1600s.



GRÄNSÖ CASTLE

Gränsö castle, the region's only four-star superior facility, has expanded its spa facilities. A brand new spa and relaxation area with four new indoor water attractions and a new large infinity pool right on the seafront have been added to provide guests with more experiences and greater relaxation. A new beautiful outdoor area has also been added as well as new fittings. Gränsö castle is located in the middle of the nature reserve, just a few minutes drive from the centre of Västervik. The facilities are open to the public and there are places to bathe at Ekholmen which is situated close by, along with parks and beautiful areas for walking and picnicking. The café is open daily during the summer.



ASPAGÅRDEN

In one of the oldest buildings in Västervik, A ceramicist and a textile artist work here. Take a look and discover the magic of craftsmanship.



SEGERSGÄRDE NATURE RESERVE

The nature reserve Segersgårde is a classic area to visit. Elder-flowers and early purple orchids and more grow on the flowery slopes. If you walk the path up to the top of Örnberget or Fruberget you will be rewarded by a heavenly view of the archipelago. With a little luck, you may see white-tailed eagles soaring on high. Along the trail there is a fantastic cave that will impress both children and adults. Fruberget is also a renowned climbing area, so you may meet a few climbers with crash pads on their backs making their way up to the mountain's many boulders.

