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The

# Göta Canal

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# A part of Swedish history



## The Göta Canal's history in brief

**Built:** 1810–1832.

**Cost:** Nine million riksdaler, which corresponds to about SEK 12.3 billion at 1995 prices.

**Labour:** 58,000 conscripted soldiers participated, performing about seven million man-days. A man-day consisted of 12 hours. The gruelling digging was done primarily by hand.

**Course:** Mem at the Baltic to Sjötorp on Lake Vänern.

- 190 km long
- 58 locks
- 50 bridges
- Passes through five lakes
- Highest point 92 m above sea level

*The Göta Canal opened on 26 September 1832 in Mem, in the presence of King Karl XIV Johan and his family.*

The Göta Canal is one of Sweden's most popular tourist attractions. It's been over 200 years since the first sod cutting.

For centuries, thinkers had envisioned a water route straight across Sweden, utilising the great lakes of Vänern and Vättern. In those days, water united countries rather than separating them. But Swedish cruise lines were hampered because Denmark controlled the waters around the southern tip of the Swedish peninsula. The man who finally got the canal project under way was Count, Admiral and Cabinet Minister Baltzar von Platen (1766–1829). He oversaw the construction of the 190 km canal in 1810 to 1832. A total of 58,000 Swedish soldiers dug 87 km of it by hand.

It's no surprise that the Göta Canal was named Sweden's Greatest Wonder.

We're thrilled that the canal is as vital today as it ever was. Whether you take your own boat, a passenger vessel, bicycle or some other means, the Göta Canal offers adventures for all the senses.

This travel magazine gives you all the tips you need to plan your holiday. See our website, [www.gotakanal.se](http://www.gotakanal.se), for even more information.

## Suggestions for interesting historical stops along the Göta Canal:

- The Göta Canal exhibition in Motala
- The Canal Museum in Sjötorp
- The Forsvik Industrial Area and the paddle steamer Eric Nordevall II
- Karlsborg Fortress with its Adventure Tour
- Motala Industrial Museum, which tells the history of the old Motala industrial area



*Baltzar von Platen was the driving force behind the huge project, and was later given a state funeral. He rests in the monument-like grave on the canal shore in Motala.*





Maximum length of boat	30 m
Maximum beam	7 m
Maximum draught	2,82 m
Maximum height	22 m
Maximum speed in the canal	5 knots
Number of marinas	21



Entire Göta Canal starting at SEK 4,400

The 21 marinas along the canal are included in your fee

A trip on the Göta Canal is one of the most relaxing things you can do

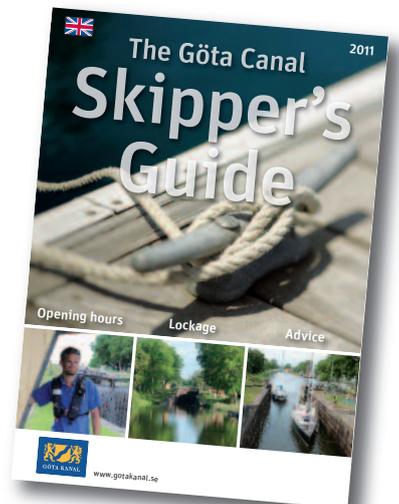
# Pleasure boats at five knots

The Göta Canal may be a shortcut from coast to coast, but to most it's an unforgettable journey through the idyllic Swedish summer.

Plying the Göta Canal in your own boat is one of the most relaxing activities there is. The amazing surroundings entrance you as you sit at the rudder, gliding along at a peaceful five knots. Now and then you arrive at one of the 58 locks. The landscape shifts between cities, cultural landscapes and even untouched forest.

**Take your time!**  
Take plenty of time to make the most of your trip and digest all the impressions you take in. A pleasant journey between Mem and Sjötorp shouldn't take less than six or seven days in the peak season. You might want to plan in an extra day or two so you can enjoy all there is to experience in the towns you pass along the canal. However you plan your journey, the Göta Canal offers the experiences of a lifetime.

**The Göta Canal is open from 2 May–2 October 2011**  
See [www.gotakanal.se](http://www.gotakanal.se) for precise opening hours.



Visit [www.gotakanal.se](http://www.gotakanal.se) and order the Göta Canal Skippers' Guide, which describes lockage, marinas and prices in detail.



The flight of seven locks in Berg lifts the boats 18.8 metres



The locks are popular attractions

# Lockage

The locks of the Göta Canal are popular attractions. Lockage is a fascinating spectacle, and the cafés and restaurants along the canal are the perfect places to watch from.

The most famous lock area on the canal is in Berg, which has one flight of seven locks and another two double locks. Restaurants, cafés, an ice cream parlour, adventure golf and swimming are all close by. In Borensberg and Tåtorp you can see how locks were operated in the olden days, by hand. The Borenskult flight of five locks in Motala is the second-largest flight on the canal, lifting boats 15.3 metres from Lake Boren.

## Idyllic lock environments

In the Söderköping Canal harbour you can watch the locks in operation and then have a delectable ice-cream creation at Smultronstället.

Forsvik is the oldest lock on the canal, finished in 1813. Other interesting sights here are the replica paddle steamer Eric Nordevall II, just being completed, and the old industrial area. The Hajstorp double locks are a popular destination near Töreboda, within easy walking distance of the Riksberg flight of locks. The Norrkvarn locks are home to the Children's Mini Canal, right next to the real thing.

An idyllic canal town on the shores of Lake Vänern, Sjötorp has a canal museum.

## Lock opening hours 2011

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## Locks on the Göta Canal, 58 in total

Lake Vänern – Lake Vättern		Lake Vättern – Lake Roxen		Lake Roxen – Baltic Sea	
Lock	No.	Lock	No.	Lock	No.
Sjötorp 1	1	Motala	1	Norsholm	1
Sjötorp 2–3	2	Borenskult	5	Brådtom	1
Sjötorp 4–5	2	<b>Lake Boren</b>	–	Hulta	1
Sjötorp 6	1	Borensberg	1	<b>Lake Asplången</b>	–
Sjötorp 7–8	2	Heda	2	Klämman	1
Lower Norrkvarn	1	Brunnby	2	Upper Carlsborg	2
Upper Norrkvarn	1	Berg	2	Lower Carlsborg	2
Godhögen	2	Oscar	2	Upper Mariehov	1
Riksberg	3	Carl Johan	7	Lower Mariehov	1
Lower Hajstorp	2	<b>Lake Roxen</b>	–	Upper Duvkullen	1
Upper Hajstorp	2	<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	Lower Duvkullen	1
Tåtorp	1			Söderköping	1
<b>Lake Viken</b>	–			Tegelbruket	1
Forsvik	1			Mem	1
<b>Lake Vättern</b>	–			<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>				

# Passenger boats



*A canal cruise along the scenic Göta Canal is a memory for a lifetime*

2-day  
cruise, full  
board, from  
SEK 4,295

Climb aboard a canal boat and discover the peace and quiet of the canal.

Leave the fast pace of the world behind and experience the unforgettable Göta Canal at a leisurely five knots. The scenic canal landscape glides by like a relaxing picture show. Lockage is an amazing experience for passengers and observers on the shore.

## Day and evening trips

If you want a shorter cruise, you can

take day or evening trips from several places along the canal. Try a sumptuous shrimp cruise, or a swinging music cruise. You can also choose a two-day cruise with a night at a hotel or B&B.

## Several-day cruises

For a longer cruise, the classic turn-of-the-20th-century canal boats offer trips of two to six days between Gothenburg and Stockholm, or between Söderköping, Motala and Töreboda. Pamper yourself with good food, excellent service and supreme comfort.

Whatever your choice, every cruise treats you to the canal's fabulous scenery and a part of the Göta Canal's exciting history.

## Points of departure for passenger boats

- Sjötorp • Lyrestad • Töreboda
- Karlsborg • Motala • Borensberg
- Berg locks • Söderköping.

All passenger boat rides must be booked in advance from the specific shipping company.

Day  
cruises from  
SEK 300



# Passenger boat schedules, 2011

Note: Book in advance with the cruise line.  
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## M/S Bellevue Sjötorp • Töreboda • Lyrestad

14 May – 1 September  
Note: No routes on 22 June - 1 July

### Töreboda - Lyrestad - Sjötorp (16 locks)

Tuesday and Thursday	
Dep. Töreboda Visitors' marina	10.30
Arr. Lyrestad	13.15
Dep. Lyrestad	14.00
Arr. Sjötorp shipyard	15.30
Free bus connection Sjötorp – Töreboda	approx. 16.00

### Sjötorp - Lyrestad - Töreboda (16 locks)

Wednesday and Saturday	
Dep. Sjötorp shipyard	10.30
Arr. Lyrestad	12.00
Dep. Lyrestad	12.30
Arr. Töreboda Visitors' marina	15.30
Free bus connection Töreboda – Sjötorp	approx. 15.45

Price: Adult SEK 425, Children 7-14 years SEK 210, bicycle SEK 50.

Group price: Groups of at least 21 people. Adults SEK 300, Children –14 SEK 150  
Tour guides free. Group prices are not valid with the shrimp cruise.

### CHARTER TRAFFIC / EXTRA ROUTES

Food and drinks on board.  
Fully licensed.

### 1-2 DAY CRUISE WITH ACCOMMODATION

For information and reservation contact  
Sjötörps Upplevelsecenter, Phone +46  
(0)501-514 80, www.cykelsemester.se

GROUP TRAVEL including bus  
connection, boat trip, coffee and lunch  
from SEK 650 per person.

### SHRIMP CRUISES Price: SEK 450

Töreboda - Viken - Töreboda  
Dep. central stn. Wednesdays 19.00–23.15  
15 June, 20 July, 17 Aug.

Sjötorp Thursdays 19.00-23.00.  
2 June, 7 July, 14 July, 21 July, 28 July

Mariestad Fridays 19.00 - 23.00.  
10 June, 15 July, 5 Aug.

Kristinehamn  
Fridays 19.00 – 22.30

3 June, 17 June, 8 July, 22 July, 12 Aug.  
Dep. from the jetty at Café PärLAN. Free bus  
connections from Gullspång, Nybble, Bäck-  
hammar, Björneborg, Degerfors, Karlskoga.

Note: In bad weather, bus to Sjötorp.

### For reservations and information

Mariestads Skärgårdstrafik AB  
Phone +46 (0)501-514 70,  
+46 (0)706-11 14 70, www.gotakanal.net



## M/S Sandön Karlsborg • Töreboda

14 June – 20 August  
Note: No traffic 24–27 June

Karlsborg-Töreboda-Karlsborg	
Day trip	
Tuesday: Karlsborg-Töreboda	10.00-14.30
Wednesday: Töreboda-Karlsborg	10.00-14.30
Thursday: Karlsborg-Töreboda	10.00-14.30
Töreboda-Karlsborg	15.30-20.00
Friday: Evening trip with entertainment	
Karlsborg-Karlsborg	19.00-23.00
Saturday: Karlsborg-Töreboda	10.00-14.30
Töreboda-Karlsborg	15.30-20.00

Departure/Arrival:  
Karlsborg: Canal bridge  
Töreboda: Railway station  
Free bus connection back to the boat's  
point of departure. Passengers taking the  
afternoon tour board the bus in Karlsborg and  
take it to the boat in Töreboda.

Prices:  
Karlsborg-Töreboda or vice versa  
Adults: SEK 410. Children 6–12 SEK 210,  
Children 0–6: free.  
Lunch adult SEK 130, children's meal: SEK 60  
Misc: Bicycle SEK 45, bike trailer SEK 45

Evening trips with  
entertainment and buffet  
8 July, 22 July, 5 Aug och 19 Aug.

Karlsborg-Viken-Karlsborg.  
19.00-23.00. By reservation only. Departs  
from Canal bridge.  
Price: SEK 450

Group discounts, special order and charter  
traffic: Phone for information.

Complete restaurant kitchen with full  
alcohol serving rights. Disabled-friendly.



### Reservations and information

Rederi Sandön AB  
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www.mssandon.se



## M/S CERES Karlsborg • Töreboda • Sjötorp

15 June – 18 August. NB: Not on June 25th

### DAY AND EVENING TRIPS

Monday: Sjötorp-Töreboda	17.00-22.00
Tuesday: Töreboda-Karlsborg	10.00-15.00
Wednesday: Karlsborg-Töreboda	11.00-16.00
Thursday: Töreboda-Karlsborg	10.00-15.00
Saturday: Karlsborg-Töreboda	17.00-22.00
Sunday: Töreboda-Sjötorp	10.30-15.30

### Departure/Arrival:

Sjötorp – The Shipyard basin  
Töreboda: Railway Station  
Karlsborg: Canal bridge  
Free bus connection (approx 45 min.)  
back to boat's point of departure.

### Prices 2011

Just boat trip- day trip	
Adults	SEK 410
Children 6 - 12 years	SEK 195
Children 0 - 6 ( max 2 per adult) free	
Lunch	SEK 130
Childs dinner	SEK 55
Bicycle	SEK 50
Bike trailer	SEK 50

### Package prices: Day trip including lunch

Adults	SEK 520
Children 6 - 12 years	SEK 255
Children 0 - 6 years	SEK 55

For reservations and information, contact:  
Viken Rederi AB, Hagenvägen 4, 546 73 Forsvik  
Phone: +46 (0)70 520 20 32, info@vikenrederi.se  
www.vikenrederi.se

Evening Trip including 3- course meal  
Adults SEK 675  
Children 6 - 12 years SEK 255  
Children 0 - 6 years SEK 55

### Friday Cruises incl. buffet and entertainment

Karlsborg – Viken Karlsborg  
19:00 – 23:00  
Dates: 1, 15 and 29 July and 12 Aug.  
Price: SEK 450

### 2-Day Cruise

The entire Västergötland part of  
the Göta Canal on the M/S Ceres

Monday - Tuesday:  
Sjötorp-Töreboda-Karlsborg.

Saturday - Sunday:  
Karlsborg-Töreboda-Sjötorp.  
Package price from: SEK 1795

The price includes the boat trip 2 days,  
3- course dinner, accommodation on  
shore, breakfast, lunch and bus connec-  
tions.

Groups and Charter May – September.  
Contact Viken Rederi AB.  
M/S Ceres has a fully licensed restaurant.

For more detailed  
information and more  
package suggestions,  
see our website:  
www.vikenrederi.se



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all along the Göta Canal  
this summer. Summer rock  
concerts, community sing-  
alongs, exhibitions, muse-  
ums and much more.  
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## M/S Kung Sverker Motala - Borensberg - Motala

### Day cruise on the Göta Canal

Take a guided tour of the most scenic part of the Göta Canal on the M/S Kung Sverker. You'll pass historical landmarks such as the grave of Baltzar von Platen, Motala Ström, Charlottenborg manor and the Gamla Motala Verkstad factory area. After the amazing flight of five interconnected locks in Borenschult, at a height difference of over 15 metres, we take a ride on Lake Boren to Borensberg, where we'll stop a while before turning back.

### Motala-Borensberg-Motala Every day 14 May - 17 September

Dep. Motala harbour 10.30  
Arr. Borensberg 12.30  
Dep. Borensberg 13.10  
Arr. Motala harbour 15.30

**Price:**  
Round trip SEK 350/person  
One way SEK 300/person  
Lunch SEK 150

**Evening / Prawn cruise on Lake Vättern: Troubadour Evening**  
Wednesdays and Fridays, May-Sept.  
Dep. Motala 19.00  
Arr. Motala 23.00  
**Pris: SEK 350/person**

**Charter the whole ship**  
May-Sept, SEK 3,000/hour.  
Price including VAT. Minimum 3 hours.

Children 6-12 in the company of an adult travel for half price, under 6 free. At least 20 paying passengers required.



**Reservations and information**  
Motala Kanaltrafik AB  
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Fax +46 (0)141-546 93  
info@kungsverker.se  
www.kungsverker.se



## THE GOOD LIFE ON GÖTA CANAL!

Enjoy a trip on the Göta Canal with fantastic menus featuring local producers, wine tastings with janake wine group and SPA-health cruises with massage on board. Some cruises will also have music themes playing Swedish troubadours or summers rock. For more information, visit [www.gotacanal.se](http://www.gotacanal.se).



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## M/S WASA LEJON Berg • Borensberg

14 May - 20 Sept 2011

**Berg - Borensberg - Berg**  
Every day  
Dep. Berg 10.00  
Arr. Borensberg 13.30  
Dep. Borensberg 14.00  
Arr. Berg 17.30

**Price:**  
Round trip SEK 495/person  
One way SEK 395/person

### PRAWN CRUISES WITH MUSIC ON LAKE ROXEN

May-September  
Wednesday-Saturday  
Dep. Harbour basin in Berg 19.00  
Arr. Harbour basin in Berg 23.00  
**Price: SEK 295/person.**

**CHARTER TRAFFIC** May-September  
Fully licensed restaurant.

Children 6-12 in the company of an adult: 50% discount. Children under 6 free.  
Groups of at least 20 get a 10% discount. Travel arrangers: Contact the cruise line for more information. Note: At least 30 paying passengers required.



## M/S SYMFONI Söderköping • Arkösund

1 July - 31 Aug 2011

**Söderköping - Arkösund - Söderköping**  
With a 40-minute stop at the Capella Ecumenica.  
A different stop is done on Sat and Sun.  
Dep. Söderköping harbour 10.00  
Arr. Arkösund 13.30  
Dep. Arkösund 14.00  
Arr. Söderköping harbour 17.30

**Price:**  
Round trip SEK 495/person  
One way SEK 395/person

**Evening cruises from Söderköping.**

**Other cruises**  
Söderköping - Häradsjär round trip  
Söderköping - Fångö round trip  
Söderköping - Nyköping round trip

Fully licensed restaurant.  
**CHARTER TRAFFIC**



## M/S VIMMAN Söderköping • Norsholm

14 May - 20 Sept 2011

**Söderköping - Norsholm - Söderköping**  
Dep. Söderköping harbour 10.00  
Arr. Norsholm 13.45  
Dep. Norsholm 14.00  
Arr. Söderköping harbour 17.45

**Price:**  
Round trip SEK 495/person  
One way SEK 395/person

**Söderköping - Harstena - Söderköping**  
Phone for information!

**Söderköping - Arkösund**  
May - June.

Cafeteria on board.  
**CHARTER TRAFFIC** May-September.



## M/S SAGA LEJON Stockholm • Nyköping • Norrköping • Västervik

**The Göta Canal and the Swedish Hurtigruten**  
Combination trips for a little something special. Sweden's largest archipelago boat, the M/S Saga Lejon, plies the waters from Stockholm - Nyköping - Norrköping - Västervik, and now you can combine a Göta Canal cruise with a wonderful archipelago cruise. The opportunities are limitless. The cruise line arranges trips with a huge number of travel arrangers throughout the country - perfect whether you're travelling alone or in a group. For prices and departures, phone the cruise line's booking office.



**For reservations and information, contact:**  
Royal Stockholm CruiseLine/Wahlén Rederierna  
Phone +46 (0)11-12 78 01. Fax +46 (0)11-10 55 83  
[www.royalcruiseline.se](http://www.royalcruiseline.se)  
bokningen@royalcruiseline.se



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## M/F Lindön Söderköping • Stegeborg • Harstena

All of our routes on the Göta Canal with the M/F Lindön can be combined with arrangements at Söderköpings Brunn.

### Lunch trips

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday 14 June–14 August (except Midsummer weekend 24 – 26 June).

A three hour ride on the Göta Canal. Two lockages and a ride out on Slätbaken Bay. On-board guide and an excellent seafood buffet, dessert and coffee. Departure from Söderköping at 11.00, return at 14.00.

Price: Boat trip incl. lunch: **SEK 475**

Children up to age 14: **SEK 225**

Can be combined with (room) accommodation and breakfast, SEK 1,150/person. Single-room surcharge SEK 150.

### Destination Stegeborg and Capella Ecumenica

Wednesday 15 June – 3 August.

Dep. Söderköping 9.30. After two lockages, coffee and a sandwich, we arrive at the Stegeborg castle ruins at 11.15, where you can explore on your own. At noon we depart for Västra Gärsholmen and the famous archipelago church, Capella Ecumenica. A two-course lunch is served on the way. Once there, we are guided around the church and learn about its amazing history. On the return trip, we serve coffee with fresh-baked (pastries) bread. Arr. Söderköping at 16.30. Price: Boat trip including meals and guided tour: **SEK 750**. Combined with accommodation and breakfast, **SEK 1,425**. Single-room surcharge **SEK 150**.

### Destination Harstena

Saturday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 July, 6 August. Dep. Söderköping 8.30. After the lockage to Mem, we serve coffee and sandwiches. We pass Stegeborg and its castle

ruins, arriving at Harstena at about 12.30. After an hour and a half on this amazing island, we start our trip back, serving a delicious seafood lunch with dessert and coffee. Arr. Söderköping at 18.00.

Price: Boat trip including meals and guided tour: **SEK 850**.

This trip is also a part of our Archipelago Weekend arrangement, price SEK 2,350:-/person. Single-room surcharge SEK 150. Contact us for information.

**Exclusive charter to Lindön and St Ragnhild** May–September. The M/F Lindön is very popular among our conference clients and companies nationwide. Rent your own vessel and let us help you choose a destination. Why not celebrate your wedding, birthday or anniversary on the Göta Canal and the St Anna archipelago? We also have a smaller boat, the M/Y St Ragnhild, perfect for smaller groups that want a little extra luxury. Phone for a quotation.

**Both vessels are fully licensed**  
Nice environment, good food and great service – just like at Söderköpings Brunn!

Read more about the hotel, dining room, entertainment and spa section on our website.

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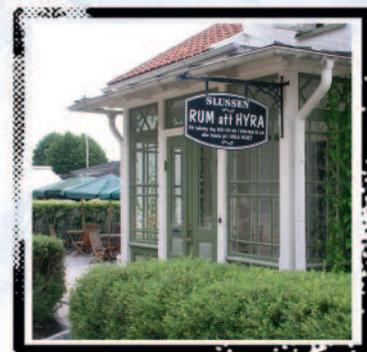
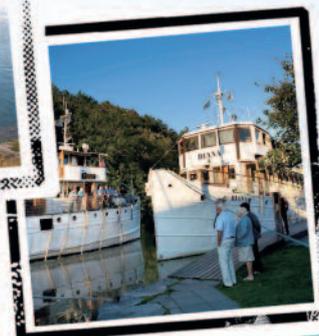
## New and returning visitors

If you haven't visited us in Söderköping yet, you'll probably be surprised. Our town may be small, but our programme is packed. There is canal dancing, outdoor theatre, events in the town centre and medieval feasts. It's not surprising that so many visitors choose to return!

Söderköping was popular already back in the 13th century when the Hanseatic vessels queued up to come in and unload. To this day, there are signs of times gone by: cobbled lanes that wind their way through the town, wooden houses and churches...



Out at sea, St Anna Archipelago is a great place for swimming, kayak trips, impressive nature experiences, and the chance to see sea eagles and grey seals.



At the hotels, guesthouses and youth hostels, you'll feel at home as soon as you're inside the door, so why leave if you like it so much? Stay another day.

Today the cargo ships have been replaced by pleasure boats from near and far. Watching the crowds by the canal harbour and the boats passing through the locks in Göta Canal with an ice cream in the hand is pure bliss.

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[www.soderkopings.se/turism](http://www.soderkopings.se/turism)



## Adventures, experiences and packages in Karlsborg and along the Göta Canal



### Meet the Adventure at the Karlsborg fortress

**3D** The most thrilling adventure ever!

*The hunt for Sweden's Gold reserves*

**Première, summer 2011**

At Karlsborg Fortress, over four hundred people have been involved in the production of the century's most thrilling adventure. Sweden's first 3D film production starts the dizzying adventure in which you, via computer challenges and wild chases along and through subterranean passages and vaults, must work out how to find Sweden's missing gold reserves, hidden in Karlsborg Fortress. Every year, there is a chance to win a genuine gold bar worth SEK 150,000!

Available from: Keep an eye on: [www.karlsborgsturism.se](http://www.karlsborgsturism.se)

### Exciting relaxation

#### 2 days, Karlsborg – the Göta Canal



A great combination of relaxation in a boat on the Göta Canal, charming accommodation at the fine old Kanalthotellet, history, excitement and adventure at the Karlsborg Fortress.

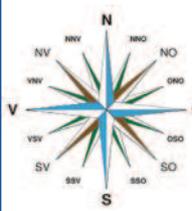
**Includes:**

- One night in a shared double room at Kanalthotellet w. breakfast.
- 5-hour canal journey on the M/S Sandön Karlsborg-Töreboda. Bus transfer back.
- Admittance to the Adventure tour and the fortress museum at the Karlsborg Fortress.

Available: 13/6-20/8. Price/adult: SEK 1 060 Children's discounts.

### Treasure hunt in Baltzar von Platen's footsteps

#### Geocaching in Karlsborg and along the Göta Canal



Challenge your family or friends to an exciting treasure hunt along the Göta Canal, in Forsvik and the Karlsborg Fortress. A 30 km treasure hunt around Lake Bottensjön, which you cover by bicycle or car using GPS and a good dose of cleverness to solve the riddle. All treasure hunters receive a T-shirt and a snack at Soldathemmet. Correct solutions are entered in a draw for great prizes. Buy a scorecard at the Karlsborg Tourist Office, N58°32'28.74" E14°30'21.53"

Available: 1/5-11/9

Price, adults: SEK 150 Scorecard valid for up to 2 people.

up to age 15: SEK 50 Scorecard valid for up to 2 children.

Family: SEK 200 Scorecard valid for 2 adults and up to 3 children.

### Come aboard the paddle steamer Eric Nordevall II

#### Guided tours on the steamer in Forsvik



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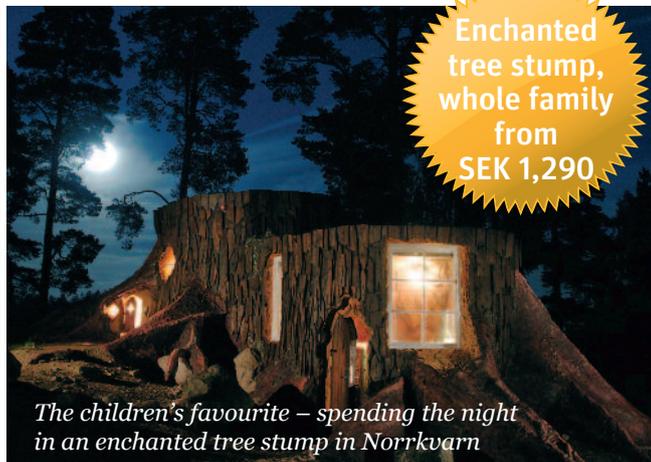
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*Göta Hotell in Borensberg*



*Kapten Bille's hostel in Norsholm is open all year round*



*Idas Skepparhus offers 4-star accommodation alongside the canal in Karlsborg*

Accommodation along the Göta Canal is a part of the experience. Choose from historic hotels, unique B&B rooms, scenic campsites, cosy hostels and private cottages. Here are some tips for canal-side accommodation.

In the idyllic small town of Söderköping, dating back to the Middle Ages, lie the classic Söderköpings Brunn spa, and Skeppsdockan Hostel and

Camping. In Norsholm is the pleasant Kapten Bille's hostel. Not far from that is the Brådtom Sluss hostel, which has a cosy rural feel. The Göta Hotell in Borensberg and the Kanallhotellet in Karlsborg are two classic canal hotels. The newly built Hotell Nostalgi is located in Motala Harbour. In Forsvik you can stay at Sköna Rum or the Forsviks vandrarhem hostel. Tåtorps Café & Logi is beautifully located along the Göta Canal and Lake Viken. The hostel has an ecological focus. The beautifully situated Wassbacken

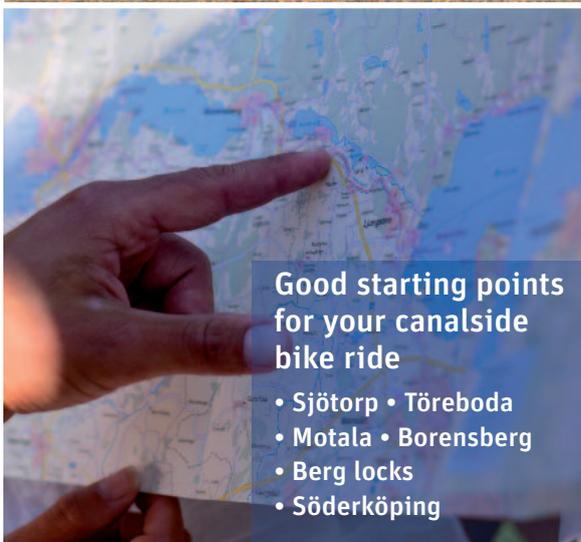
Camping, near Töreboda, has a campsite, cottages and a hostel. The Café Jonsboda offers small-scale accommodation in rooms, cottages and campsites. The Norrqvarn Hotell & Konferens, with its Enchanted Tree Stumps, is located alongside the canal near Lyrestad. Sjötorp on Lake Vänern has many excellent places to stay, such as Sjötorps vandrarhem och rum, Sjötorps pensionat and Kaffestugans camping cottages.

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- Berg locks
- Söderköping



*Glasbrukets Hostel, in Borensberg, offers several bicycle packages*

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The map in this brochure indicates all the bicycle routes.

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## **Bicycle package with accommodation**

Plan your own trip or book one of our highly appreciated bicycle packages. They make it easy to hit all the sights, and a bag lunch, dinner and accommodation are included. The hotels and hostels along the canal

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## **Combine bicycle and boat**

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All the locks are hand operated by lock keepers, just like in the old days when the canal was built in the 1860s–70s. This makes for a peaceful tempo in the canal. You travel through five lakes and 15 locks, passing castles, manors and small communities. The Kinda Canal is worth its own trip – whether in your own boat, on land or as a guest on one of the passenger boats.

### Free lockage into Linköping and one free day in the visitors' marina

With the Göta Canal's "Service Card" you lock into Linköping free through the northernmost lock of the Kinda Canal at Nykvarn. Note: Maximum height: 3.09 m. Spend the night in the visitors' marina in central Linköping (with easy access to shopping, cultural sights, entertainment and lots of restaurants) or in the quieter visitors' marina at the Tannefors locks. The free marina day does not apply to the boat clubs' harbour facilities, which you pass as you sail into Linköping centre.

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- the Göta Canal, Mem–Roxen, 15 locks
- the Kinda Canal, 15 locks
- trailer transport from Horn–Gamleby (the east coast)

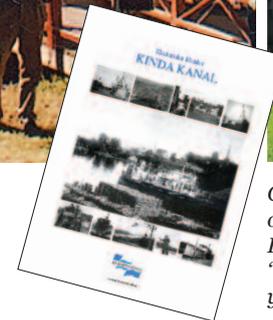


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#### Info:

Max length of boats: 24.5 m  
Max width 4.5 m  
Max depth 1.5 m  
Max height 3.09 m

#### Open in 2011

14-15, 21-22, 28-29 May and 2-6 June  
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#### 7 June – 23 June

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\* Pre-order on weekdays (closed Mondays)

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#### Prices

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