





1. MARSTRAND

Up the coast from Gothenburg, where the archipelago peters out into the open sea, lies **Marstrand** – the island that every year attracts the world's best sailors and huge crowds to spectacular sailing competitions. The island has a lot to offer and is a great destination for day trips. Stroll along the quay, watch the boats, go for a swim in the ocean, shop, relax over a cup of coffee and feast on some truly memorable meals at any of the island's renowned restaurants.

Marstrand has a long and rich history. Dating from the 1600s, the mighty **Carlstens Fortress** keeps a watchful eye over the island and today you can crawl into its spooky dungeons and take in stunning panoramic views from its lookout point.

For anyone interested in nature, art, architecture and culture Marstrand is a unique destination. Stroll through cobbled



streets and winding lanes and then set out along the popular path around the island. Nearby island **Koön** offers three lovely hiking trails of varying degrees of difficulty. And of course there are plenty of great spots to go for a swim in the sea, with everything from family-friendly sandy beaches to secluded inlets where you can dive in from the rocks.





HOW TO GET THEREGothenburg central station → Marstrand (53 min.)

Västtåg to Ytterby station + Bus Marstrand Express to Marstrands färjeläge





2. HÖNÖ

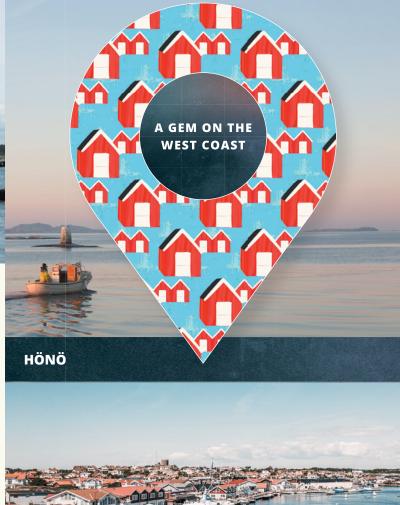
If you want to experience a genuine archipelago island, look no further than **Hönö**, the perfect place to visit. Here you'll find granite cliffs, fishing boats, fishing huts and everything else that characterises Sweden's idyllic west coast. Hönö is the biggest island in Gothenburg's archipelago, and the best way to experience its many sights is to do it by bike. If you haven't brought your own bike, there's a bike rental shop as soon as you get off the ferry.

The area near the harbour is called **Klåva** and it's the very heart of Hönö. You'll find shops, restaurants and



overnight accommodation here and there's a bustling atmosphere all year round. Klåva is also a great starting point if you want to swim, paddle, take a fishing trip or enjoy a boat ride to the island of Vinga.

If you want to experience the authentic nature of the archipelago, follow the "Skärgårdsleden" hiking route to Ersdalen nature reserve – a must-visit for ornithologists, climbers and families with young children.



HOW TO GET THERE Gothenburg central station → Hönö (60 min.)

Bus Röd Express to Lilla Varholmen + Ferry 297 to Hönö Pinans färjeläge





3. STYRSÖ & VRÅNGÖ

The Gothenburg archipelago is stunning, offering plenty of beautiful places to explore. Two particular gems worth some extra attention are the islands of **Styrsö and Vrångö**.

Styrsö is the perfect destination if you enjoy walking. As you make your way along the island you'll come across the cosy little village with its narrow lanes and impressive merchants' residences dating from the 19th century. If you want to enjoy a delicious meal or stay overnight, there's the highly regarded Pensionat Styrsö Skäret, which offers a welcoming and old-fashioned atmosphere.

Vrångö is the southernmost of the inhabited islands in Gothenburg's southern archipelago. It's known for its unique environment, rich animal life, beautiful nature and wonderful sandy beaches. From the **pilot's lookout** on the island's northern coast you get a magical view across the sea – on a



clear day you can see all the way to **Vinga Lighthouse**. If you want to stay overnight there's the waterfront Kajkantens boathouse apartments in Vrångö harbour. Here you can also swim in the sea from a floating sauna and rent sea kayaks for a trip alongside the granite cliffs and small rocky islands.



HOW TO GET THERE Brunnsparken → **Styrsö/Vrångö** (48 and 57 min. resp.)

Bus Ö-snabben 114 or tram 11 to Saltholmen + Ferry 281 to Styrsö/Vrångö or ferry 282 to Styrsö





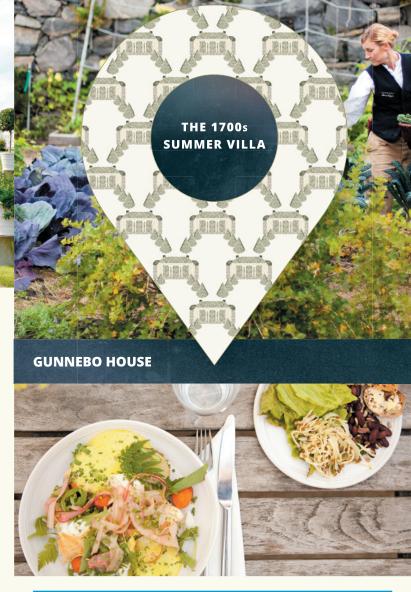
4. GUNNEBO HOUSE AND GARDENS

Nestled among hills and lush forests between the lakes Stensjön and Rådasjön you'll find **Gunnebo House and Gardens** – one of Sweden's most famous 18th century landmarks. You can take a guided tour of the house, enjoy a walk in the beautiful natural surroundings, greet the working horses and cows on the farm, visit the gift shop and stroll around the beautiful **English Park**.

Enjoy a Swedish "fika" – something sweet to nibble on along with a cup of tea or coffee – or a meal at **Gunnebo Kaffehus**



och Krog, which has its own bakery. Everything that's served here is organically produced. Much of the food comes from their own gardens and the menu varies with the season. The stunning vistas in and around the house have made Gunnebo a sought-after venue for a wide variety of events, such as concerts, lectures, courses, markets and summer theatre



HOW TO GET THERE

Gothenburg central station → **Gunnebo House** (26 min.)

Västtåg to Mölndals station + Bus 753 to Kristinedal *alternatively:*

Tram 2 or 4 to Korsvägen + Bus 753 to Kristinedal *The information is subject to change.*





grill and everything on the menu is both organic and locally sourced.

One of the area's main attractions is Nääs Castle -Scandinavia's best preserved 19th-century milieu, with a unique mix of nature, culture and craft history. You can take

a guided tour of the castle, learn about building conservation, stay overnight, dine and visit a variety of exhibitions.



The nearby **Nääs Fabriker** is a vibrant destination featuring select shops, a hotel, restaurant, café and deli - all in a historic mill town environment set on the picturesque shore of Lake Sävelången.

On the beautiful peninsula between the lakes Mjörn and Sävelången lies Öijared - Sweden's biggest golf centre, featuring four courses and a top-of-the-range golf studio along with an exclusive hotel, restaurant and spa.

HOW TO GET THERE Gothenburg central station → Floda/Nääs (26 and 42 min. resp.)

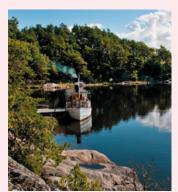
Västtåg to Floda station + Bus 533 to Lilla Nääs The information is subject to change.





If you enjoy a traditional Swedish "fika" there's one place that does it best: Alingsås – The capital of fika. The quaint, winding cobbled streets of this lovely little town are bordered by beautifully decorated wooden houses displaying a wealth of fantastic carpentry skills. Alingsås features a wide range of patisseries and bakeries offering an impressive variety of fresh delicacies. Everything from the classic Swedish cinnamon bun to artistic confectionery with an exciting modern twist. If you want to find out more about Sweden's "fika" culture, join a guided tour that includes tasting a variety of sweet treats and coffee. Explore the town centre and you'll come across many quaint alleyways and courtyards housing unique shops and boutiques.

And while you're in Alingsås, take the opportunity to visit



a range of sights in the area. In the beautiful **Nolhaga castle park** you'll find a children's farm called Barnens Lantgård, as well as Nolhaga Parkbad and a lush nature reserve, among other things. Also make sure to pay a visit to **Gräfsnäs castle ruins** and the surrounding park, located on a hilltop beside Lake Anten.



Balders Hage

HOW TO GET THERE Gothenburg central station → **Alingsås** (27 min.)

Västtåg to Alingsås



EXPLORE BEYOND THE CITY

There's a whole lot to discover in Gothenburg. And there's even more to explore outside the city. All you have to do is ride just a few stops beyond the city limits to enjoy some really memorable experiences: the idyllic archipelago, an authentic west coast atmosphere, unique 18th century history, Sweden's sailing capital, a mecca of the coffee world and a modern interpretation of a classic mill town setting.

If you feel you'd like to see more of Gothenburg, we've chosen six destinations that are especially worth a visit. You can easily and quickly reach all of them with public transport.

We'll see you there - next to Gothenburg.



NEXT TO GOTHENBURG

Selected spots worth a visit



