

Gotland & Fårö

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Langhammar Rauk, Fårö

Must see sites, restaurants and places to stay

Visby:

Almedalen - The city park

The Botanical Garden - founded by a mens club in the 19th century. Many rare plants and trees, a beautiful Japanese Pavillion and Rose Garden.

Gotland Museum (www.gotlandsmuseum.se) - excellent exhibitions with Rune and picture stones, The islands Natural and Cultural History

Visby Cathedral

The open Church Ruins of St. Nikolai, St. Katherines, Drottens, and St. Lars.

Walk along The City Wall (3,5 km) with the impressive towers.

Best restaurants: Bakfickan (www.bakfickanvisby.se), G:A Masters (www.gamlamasters.se), Bolaget (www.bolaget.fr), Vårdshuset Lindgården (www.lindgarden.com), Italienären (www.italienaren.se) and Surfers (www.surfersvisby.se).

Best hotels: Clarion Visby Hotel (www.nordicchoicehotels.se/hotell/sverige/visby/clarion-hotel-wisby), Kalk Hotel (www.kalkhotel.se), Hotell Breda Blick (www.bredablick.se), and Hotell Helgeand Wisby (www.hotelhelgeand.se)



A typical street in Visby

Southern Gotland:

Kattlund Museum - 13th century farmhouse with exhibitions, café and small shop.
(www.kattlunds.se)

Grötlingbo Church - It is called the Cathedral of the South and is one of the most impressive churches on the island with interior from the 12th century.

Uggarde Rojr - a burial mound from the bronze age (1000 BC)

Hoburgsgubben - the southernmost tip of the island. Here you also find a panorama restaurant
Majstregården (www.majstregarden.se)

Vamlingbo Prästegård - an old rectory and now the home of artist Lars Jonsson
(www.larsjonsson.se)

Mid Gotland:

Fridhem pension - the summerhouse of Princess Eugenie of Sweden. Now a pension with a stunning park, nice café and good rooms (www.fridhempensionat.se)

Gnisvärd Fiskeleje - an old, traditional fishing hamlet

Gannarve Skibssætning - a stone ship from (1100-500 BC) with a magnificent view of the coast and Karlsöerne - 2 islands off the coast of Gotland.

Lojsta Hede - a national park where the original horse breed, Russ, of Gotland run wild (www.lojstahedrussen.se)

Ethelhem Krukmakeri - a pottery with café and shop - you can also try to create your own pottery here (www.krukmakeri.com)

The town of Ljugarn - one of the first places on Gotland that attracted tourists. Here you find lovely pension/hotels and restaurants: Smakrike Krog & Logi (www.smakrike.se), Pighuset Tapas & Cava (www.pighuset.se)

Katthammarsvik Rökeri - one of the best fish restaurants on Gotland! Try the warm smoked shrimps. (www.katthammarsviksrokeri.se)

Krakas Krog in Kräklingbo (www.krakas.se) the only Michelin starred restaurant on Gotland. A small, cosy place with excellent food, good wine and 2 small rooms where you can stay overnight.

Roma Abbey Ruin (www.romakungsgarden.se) on central Gotland is a must see with the old abbey ruins (established in 1164), the glass work with shop, café and the former estate of the Governor of Gotland from the 18th century.

Northern Gotland:

The Artist Home Brucebo (www.brucebo.se) Once the summerhouse of artist couple Caroline Benedicks-Bruce and Canadian born, William Blair Bruce. Today a beautiful museum, completely intact and as the couple left it.

Krusmyntagården (www.krusmynta.se) a 10 minutes drive north of Visby. Here you find a beautiful garden, a café with sea view, a small pottery and spice shop plus a lovely restaurant. Great food!

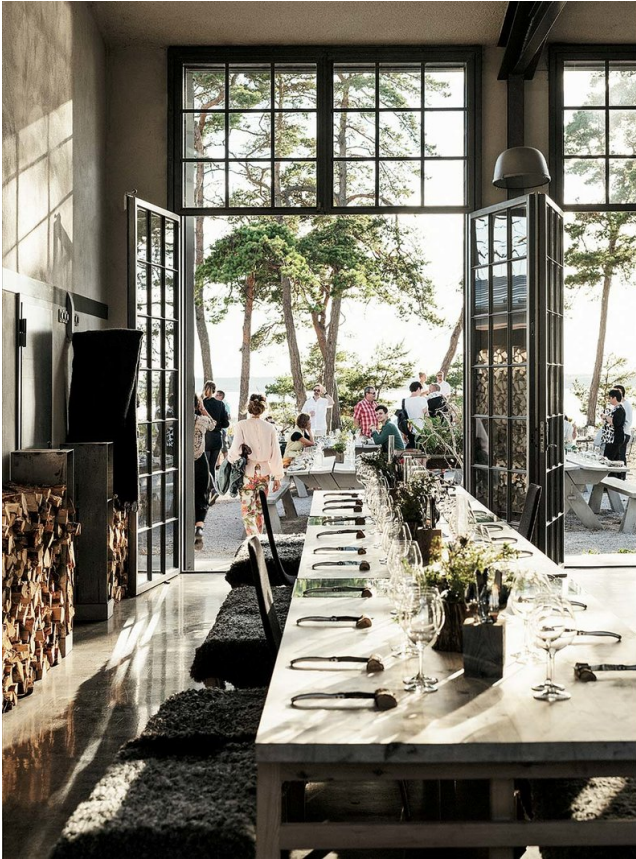
The Lummelunda Cave (www.lummelundagrottan.se) an exciting cave with stalagmites, stalagmites and interesting fossils. Visit the tourist cave and admire nature's own work of art. Next to the cave entrance there is a nice café, a small shop and the 18th century estate belong to the owner of the nearby mill.

Bro Church with the runic stone on the church facade and beautiful decorations inside the church from 12th century and onwards.

Tingstäde Fästning - an old military compound and fortress active from 1WW to the height of the Cold War. It is run by volunteers and you can visit in summer time (from July to August) The Blue Lagoon, an old limestone quarry. Today a popular place in the summer where people go swimming. But be aware of the cold water!

Fårösund Fästning (www.farosundsfastning.com) a beautiful, unique place. This design hotel is a former fortress on the Baltic Coast, just outside the town of Fårösund and 1.2 mi from the ferry terminal to Fårö island. It offers fine dining, free Wi-Fi and private parking. Some of the guest rooms are housed in 19th-century vaults, while others are found in the modern wing.

Fabrikken Furillen (www.furillen.com) a beautiful design experience in tune with nature. The Hotel & Restaurant are housed in a former building workshop that was once part of the limestone factory which is still left on the dramatic site. Beside the hotel rooms here, Fabrikken Furillen offers two "hermit cabins" for guests seeking complete relaxation in nature. The restaurant serves a tasting menu that changes daily, depending on what is to be found at the vegetable plot at a nearby family farm.



Fabrikken Furillen.

Prima Gård AB (www.primagard.se) Iconic farm and crafts shop. When most of Gotland has gone into early hibernation, Prima gård remains open and offers visitors the best of Gotland charm. A combination of interesting pottery, craft and food in an attractive bohemian setting - like in coffee table books about cool Gotland - welcomes visitors.

Bungemuseet (<https://www.bungemuseet.se/en/>) An open air museum with original, Gotlandic buildings and houses from 17th century and onwards. Opened in 1917 by a school teacher wanting to preserve the building heritage on the island of Gotland. Guided tours in English.

Bungenäs Matsal och Kalkladan (www.bungenas.se / <https://www.instagram.com/bungenasmatsalboende>) Here you feel as if you are at the end of the world. A serene, relaxed place to enjoy a good meal or even stay a few nights. Summer evenings they arrange outdoor barbecues.

Fårö:

The Bergman Center (www.bergmancenter.se) a cultural visiting center with focus on the life and artistic achievements of legendary Swedish director and writer Ingmar Bergman. They have several exhibitions that all take you on a journey through Ingmar Bergman's work and life on Fårö.

Fårö Church - the only church on the island of Fårö and where Bergman was buried to rest in 2007.

Kutens Bensin - a fun place with old cars, cafe and rock bands playing. The food is simple but tasteful. Kutens Bensin is a place for the genuine petrolhead with old cars, motorcycles and other

curios artefacts from the 1950's. A perfect place to grab a quick crepe if you like rusty things, but above all its an experience and a good memory to have when visiting Fårö. (www.kuten.se)

Sylvi's Döttrar Hembageri & Café - Very popular coffee place for good bread, salads, sandwiches and cakes. This is the place to go for lunch and/or coffee and dessert is Sylvi's! Everything served is made fresh on the premises and delicious. This is one of those places every person who spends time on Gotland knows. And it's almost impossible to meet someone who knows Sylvi's and doesn't consider it one of "the best". Physically, the place is nothing particularly appealing. So if you don't fancy sitting at one of the tables along the outside of the shop, get your order to takeaway and enjoy this tasty fare in the beach, or on a picnic in the woods! (<https://www.facebook.com/Sylvis-Döttrar-AB-276541242510294>)

Sudersand Beach - One of the nicest and most popular beaches on Fårö! 10 km's long and with the finest sand.

Langhammar Raukområde / Langhammars Sea Stack Field - There are several different beaches with rauks on Fårö, but the Langhammars nature reserve, is one of the most famous rauk beaches on the island and the most impressive one. Walking around in this environment is a once in a lifetime experience!

Lauters Bar Mat Café

Beautiful setting (ruins, small shop for local arts and cafe), very good lunch and local beer. On a warm day, you couldn't find a better location for a stop (<https://www.facebook.com/Lauters-café-mat-och-deli-363414141050078/>)

Further ressources / Websites / Travel Logs:

<https://gotland.com/en/>

<https://www.destinationgotland.se/en/#>

<https://visitsweden.com/where-to-go/southern-sweden/gotland/>

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/sweden/gotland>

<https://www.sophiesworld.net/hanseatic-visby-gotland-sweden/>

<https://www.historytoday.com/archive/viking-island>

<https://www.cntraveller.com/article/travel-guide-gotland>

<https://www.roughguides.com/sweden/southeast/gotland/>

Getting to Gotland:

Fly to Stockholm, and from there to Visby, Gotland. You can also take the ferry to Visby from Stockholm. It takes 3,5 hours and you will arrive in the town center.