

VISBY, SWEDEN

A truly 'fairy tale' town where the legends of Vikings and Pippi Longstocking intersect. Known for its medieval fortifications, the town also boasts several historic churches, and plenty of cobblestone streets to explore. Fans of Pippi Longstocking can visit her house just out of town in Kneippbyn

KEY INFO

Currency: Krona (1 USD = 10.55 SEK) **Languages:** Swedish (89% can speak English)
Population: 24,950 (10.49 million Sweden) **Drive on the:** Right
Emergency #: 112 **Pharmacy:** Apoteket Strandskatan, Visby Hospital 🌐
Drinking water: Tap water is drinkable **Protection:** Standard health precautions
Time Zone: GMT+1 (Winter), GMT+2 (Summer) **Wi-Fi:** Port, Libraries, Cafés
ID Requirements: Photo ID/Passport (non-EU) **Post Office:** Postnord Postombud, OKQ8 🌐

PORT LOCATION

The Port of Visby is 1.3km from the medieval old town (15-min walk, 5-min drive). [Find your berth here.](#)

Getting Around: There is a marked walking route from the port to Visby Cathedral (1.3km | 15-min). Rental bikes are available from the cruise port and in the old town (🚲). A tourist train departs from Visby Harbour throughout the day (110 SEK | 🚲). Buses are operated by [Gotlandbuss](#), connecting various parts of the island. Buy tickets in the **Gotlands Kollektivtrafik** app ([Apple](#) | [Android](#)).

Taxis: Available outside port. 62.50 SEK base fee, +24 SEK/km. Taxis accept cash or card payment 🚗

Tourist Bus: There is a [Hop-On-Hop-Off Sightseeing Bus](#) (11 stops | €34 | Stops at cruise port | [map](#))

Tourist Information: In Terminal ([click here for a tourist map of Visby](#))

Port Facilities: Tourist Information, Toilets, Taxis, HOHO Bus

Port Address: Visby Cruise Terminal, Färjeleden, 621 58 Visby, Sweden 🌐

VISBY HIGHLIGHTS

Visby Town Wall: A well-preserved medieval wall that encircles the old town of Visby.
24 Hours | Free | 4.5km from port (8-min drive) | 🌐 | 🚲

Gotland Museum: Local history museum, showcasing the rich history of the island, from Viking jewellery to medieval picture stones. 10a-6p | 180 SEK | 1.6km from port (22-min walk) | 🌐 | 🚲

Botaniska Trädgården: A peaceful botanic garden, close to the old town walls, with exotic trees and vibrant flora. 24 Hours | Free | 2.2km from port (30-min walk) | 🌐

Lummelunda Cave: A fascinating cave system with guided tours that reveal the geological history of the region. 11a-3p | €17 | 15km from port (20-min drive) | 🌐 | 🚲


Visby Cathedral: The oldest cathedral in Visby, with art and architecture dating back to the 14th Century. 9a-5p | Free | 2km from port (30-min walk) | 🌐 | 🚲


St Nicolai Ruin: Once an important centre for the Dominican Order, these ruins used to represent great power. 24 Hours | Free | 2.5km from port (35-min walk) | 🌐 | 🚲



For more: <https://www.cruisebaltic.com/destinations/sweden/visby-gotland>, <https://gotland.com/besoka-uppleva/>

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REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Ekstakusten Nature Reserve: Coastal area with smooth pebbles, trees shaped by the wind, and historical sites like Kronvald's fishing hamlet and artillery bunkers. 45km from port (45-min drive) | 

Högklint Nature Reserve: Magnificent views over Visby and the sea, with a hike through Södra Hällarna nature reserve featuring steep cliffs. 7km from port (9-min drive) | 

Kneippbyn Amusement Park: A family-friendly park with rides and attractions, including the original Villa Villekulla from the Pippi Longstocking movies. 5km from port (5-min drive) |  | 

SOMETHING TO EAT OR DRINK

Saffranspannkaka (Gotlandic Saffron Pancake): This classic dish is made with pudding rice, cream, milk, sugar, eggs, almonds, and saffron, served with whipped cream and dewberry jam. [Read more](#)

Skagenröra: Seafood mix, often enjoyed in a crepe. This Shrimp Salad is easy to replicate at home and is most notably the topping for Toast Skagen – the popular Swedish appetiser. [Recipe here](#)

Burgundy Truffle: If you like your mushrooms, the Gotland's aromatic Burgundy Truffle is for you.

Gotland Lamb: Thanks to the herb-covered open meadows that Gotland's lambs skip around in, their meat is particularly delicious. Often cooked outdoors in summer on an open grill.

LOCAL SOUVENIRS

Gotland is famous for its **curly lambskin fur**; these pelts make excellent throws or decorative pieces. For something that connects to the indigenous Sami traditions in the region, look for **handicrafts made from natural materials like birch wood, reindeer leather, and horn**. Swedes love their **Fika** (coffee break), so there are plenty of tea and coffee-related souvenir options too.

PIPPI LONGSTOCKING

Fans of the Pippi Longstocking movies will recognise Visby's narrow streets from the films. The original **Villa Villekulla** can be found just outside Visby in **Kneippbyn**.

Pippi Longstocking is a fictional character created by Swedish author Astrid Lindgren – she famously lives in a yellow-and-pink house with her pet horse and monkey.

LOCAL LINGO

Hello	Hej	Please	Snälla
Goodbye	Adjö	Thank you	Tack
Toilet/Restroom	Toalett	Cruise Ship Port	Kryssningsterminal