

# A Two-Day History and Archaeology Excursion to Gotland

Gotland, Sweden's largest island, is a treasure trove of historical and archaeological significance. From Viking heritage to medieval ruins, this two-day excursion offers an immersive experience into the island's rich past.



## Day 1: Exploring Visby – The Medieval Marvel

The first day begins with lunch at Fornsalen, Gotlands Museum, where participants can enjoy a meal while surrounded by historical artifacts. After lunch, a guided tour of the museum provides insight into the island's Viking heritage, medieval relics, and famous picture stones.

In the afternoon, there is a break for fika, the traditional Swedish coffee break, allowing participants to relax and discuss the historical insights gained from the museum tour.

Following fika, a guided tour through Visby takes visitors along its cobbled streets, medieval houses, and remnants of the Hanseatic League's trading era. The tour highlights the Visby Ring Wall, a 3.5-kilometer-long stone fortification built in the 13th century.

As the evening approaches, drinks are served at the historic Helge And ruin, an atmospheric medieval church ruin that provides a perfect backdrop for socializing and reflecting on the day's discoveries.

The day concludes with dinner at a local restaurant of your choice, to complete an enriching historical experience.



## Day 2: Guided Bus Tour to Historical Sites

Day two consists of a guided bus tour exploring Gotland's historical sites. The first stop is Norrby Museigård, a heritage museum showcasing rural life and traditional Gotlandic architecture. Next, we visit Mästerby, a site known for its medieval battlefield history and significance in the 1361 Battle of Gotland.

Continuing the tour, we arrive at Gnisvårds Skeppssättning, an ancient stone ship setting from the Bronze Age, offering fascinating insights into early maritime traditions and burial practices.

The excursion concludes with a lunch at Lilla Bjers Gårdskrog, a renowned organic farm and restaurant serving fresh, locally sourced dishes in a rustic setting. This final stop allows us to enjoy Gotland's culinary heritage while reflecting on the island's rich history.

This two-day excursion to Gotland offers a deep dive into the island's history, combining archaeological wonders with medieval splendor. It is an unforgettable journey through time, perfect for history enthusiasts and cultural explorers alike.

### Program:

#### Day 1:

- 11:30 - Lunch at Fornsalen
- 12:15 - Guided tour at the museum
- 13:30 - Fika (coffee break)
- 14:00 - Guided tour in Visby
- 16:30-18:30 - Free time at the hotel
- 18:30 - Pre-dinner drinks at Helge And church ruin
- 19:30 - Dinner at a restaurant in Visby

#### Day 2:

- 08:30 - 12:30 - Bus tour to sights such as Norrby Museigård, Mästerby, Gnisvård ship setting, Höglint nature reserve
- 12:30 - Lunch at Lilla Bjers Gårdskrog

**Accommodation:**

Best Western Strand Hotel Wisby is a charming and centrally located hotel in Visby, Gotland. Housed in historic buildings, it offers a blend of modern comfort and medieval charm. Guests can enjoy well-appointed rooms, a relaxing spa, and a delightful breakfast buffet. The hotel is just a short walk from Visby's famous medieval wall, cobbled streets, and key attractions. With its cozy atmosphere and excellent service, it's an ideal choice for visitors looking to experience the rich history and culture of Gotland.

**Price:**

**6500:- pp (minimum participants 20p, maximum 50p)**

The price includes all activities and meals listed in the program: lunch at Fornsalen, guided tours at the museum and in Visby, fika, pre-dinner drinks at Helge And church ruin, and dinner at a restaurant in Visby (not drinks). It also covers a guided bus tour to historical sites, including Norrby Museigård, Mästerby, Gnisvärd ship setting, and Höglint nature reserve, as well as lunch at Lilla Bjers Gårdskrog. 1 night accommodation at Best Western Strand Hotel Wisby is also included.

**Booking:**

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**Cancellation policy:**

Cancellations must be made in writing to [info@gogotland.se](mailto:info@gogotland.se). If only part of a booking is canceled, the compensation will apply to the canceled portion.

- For cancellations made from the time of booking up to **90 days before arrival**, 25% of the original total price for services, products, and facilities will be charged.
- For cancellations made **60 – 89 days before arrival**, 50% of the original total price for services, products, and facilities will be charged.
- For cancellations made **30 – 59 days before arrival**, 75% of the original total price for services, products, and facilities will be charged.
- For cancellations made **0 – 29 days before arrival**, 100% of the original total price for services, products, and facilities will be charged.



## How to Travel from Stockholm to Gotland

Gotland, Sweden's largest island, is a popular destination known for its medieval town of Visby, stunning coastline, and rich history. Traveling from Stockholm to Gotland is straightforward, with both ferry and flight options available.

### 1. By Ferry

The most common and scenic way to reach Gotland is by ferry.

- **Operator:** Destination Gotland
- **Route:** Stockholm (Nynäshamn) – Visby
- **Duration:** ~3 hours
- **Frequency:** Several departures daily, year-round
- **Booking:** [www.destinationgotland.se](http://www.destinationgotland.se)

#### Getting to Nynäshamn:

- **By train:** Take the commuter train from Stockholm Central Station to Nynäshamn (about 1 hour).
- **By bus:** Destination Gotland buses from Stockholm to Nynäshamn (about 1 hour).

### 2. By Plane

For a quicker journey, flights are available from Stockholm to Gotland.

- **Airlines:** SAS
- **Route:** Stockholm Arlanda  
**Duration:** ~40 minutes
- **Frequency:** Multiple flights daily, especially in summer
- **Booking:** SAS website [www.sas.se](http://www.sas.se) or travel booking platforms

Flying is the best option if you're short on time, while the ferry offers a more relaxed and scenic experience. Either way, reaching Gotland from Stockholm is convenient and enjoyable.