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*Your guide
to 40 gems in
the Gulf of
Bothnia*

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Böttenvikens skärgård kommunsamverkan

(the Bay of Bothnia archipelago municipal association) is an association of the municipalities of Skelleftea, Pitea, Luleå and Haparanda, with a focus on development in the archipelago. Through the joint efforts of the municipalities, the intention is to make the archipelago more accessible for residents and visitors. For more information about Böttenvikens skärgård kommunsamverkan (the Bay of Bothnia archipelago municipal association), please visit:
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The Islands and Coastline of Swedish Lapland

The northern part of the Gulf of Bothnia is the world's northernmost brackish water archipelago. The stretch of coastline from Skelleftea in the south to Haparanda in the north offers many benefits for tourism, recreation and the outdoor life. The Gulf of Bothnia has a beautiful coastline with more than 4,000 islands and distinctive flora and fauna.

During the summer there are almost always more hours of sunshine here than anywhere else in Sweden. And with its warm colours, autumn has its own charms. During the winter the ice-covered bays make the archipelago easily accessible. Late winter and early spring present a fascinating spectacle as the ice releases its grip.

All year around there are opportunities to participate in exciting activities. Enjoy the light winter nights, the light of the Midnight Sun, whitefish roe and salmon, frozen seas, bathing and saunas, arctic raspberries, sea buckthorn and the mysticism of the labyrinths. Around the Gulf of Bothnia, you'll be given a warm welcome and meet friendly people.

Welcome!

Photo: Per Pettersson



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A unique archipelago

The Islands of Swedish Lapland are part of a coastal island group that stretches from the Västerbotten border in the south to the Finnish border in the northeast. With more than 1,000 islands and a wealth of unusual flora and bird species, the Islands of Swedish Lapland form one of Sweden's most beautiful archipelagos. The Islands of Swedish Lapland include the Skelleftea Archipelago to the south and Pitea, Lulea, Kalix and Haparanda Archipelagos to the north.

Photo: Per Pettersson

FLORA

The brackish water of the Bay of Bothnia, the climate, land rise (isostatic rebound) and geology create conditions for unique and richly varied vegetation. Some species only occur here. Endemic species include Bothnian wormwood and Beach euphrasy. Other seacoast plant species, such as Siberian primrose and Bothnian salt sedge, migrated from the coastal regions of the Arctic Ocean some 9,000 years ago. The islands emerged from the sea and eventually became forested. Oldgrowth forests can still be seen in the archipelago, and some of the islands have remained untouched by modern forestry.

FAUNA

The richly varied landscapes of the archipelago are home to many species of animals and birds. Near

the shore, you'll see waders such as the greater ringed plover and the ruddy turnstone and, in the forests, woodland birds including ptarmigan and black grouse. Black guillemots and razorbills nest in the cliffs farther out towards the open sea. The world's smallest gull, the little gull, and the world's largest tern, the Caspian tern, are common. You might even see white-tailed eagles or osprey fishing.

The Bay of Bothnia is home to two species of seals – the ringed seal and the grey seal. The grey seal, which is the largest, can be three metres long and weigh 300 kg. Moose are common in the archipelago. Reindeer are seen mainly in the winter, though sometimes during the summer.

HISTORY

More than a thousand years ago people most certainly travelled among the islands hunting, fishing and gath-



Photo: Per Pettersson

ering. Many ruins bear witness to this fact; dwelling sites, landing sites for boats, small fishing harbours, labyrinths, and stone mounds for drying fishing nets or supporting poles upon which fish were hung to dry.

Of Sweden's 300 known labyrinths, about 100 are to be found in the islands and coastal region of Swedish Lapland. The labyrinths probably had many uses, and walking through them may have been a means of ensuring successful hunting and fishing.

THE SEA

The island groups along the coast of Swedish Lapland constitute the world's northernmost brackish water archipelago. The seawater here has a very low salinity; i.e., the water is brackish, neither fresh nor salty. Water in the Atlantic is ten times as salty. Large volumes of freshwater flow from the great northern rivers into the Bay of Bothnia, thus diluting the salty seawater. There appear to be no signs of eutrophication in the Bay of Bothnia and there are no dead seabeds. Only locally, near the sources of industrial effluents, are nutrient levels higher than normal.

GEOLOGY

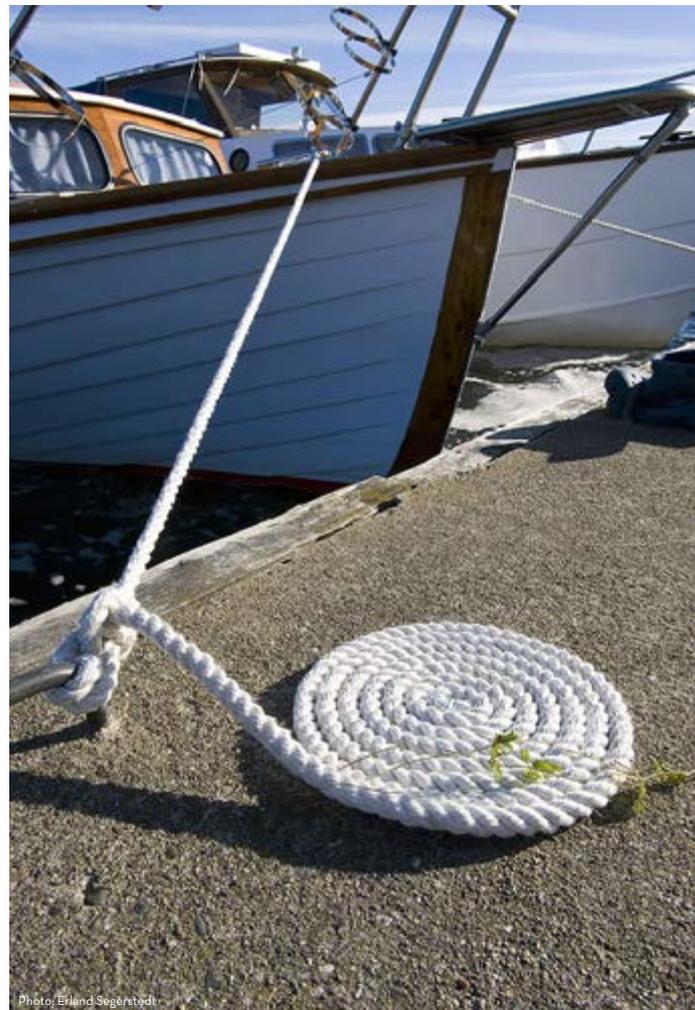
The bedrock of the region comprises many types of rocks. The oldest deep rock species are gneisses and diorites,

granitoids and granites, which formed over a period of between 1,800 and 2,000 million years. They have been exposed by erosion and are visible in many areas. Granite and pegmatite in the form of quartz and feldspar have been quarried in several places since the early 1900s. In some parts of the archipelago, greenstones, schists and limestone occur. These rock types contribute to a greater variety of flora. On the outskirts of the archipelago, the youngest rock types in the Bay of Bothnia occur, among them, kimberlite. South of Lulea, Kallax gabbro, Norrbotten's county mineral, occurs. This rock is crushed and spread on the streets in winter.



THE INLAND ICE AND THE ARCHI PELAGO

The retreat of the last Ice Age shaped the appearance of the archipelago and clearly left its mark. The soil that covers most of the islands consists primarily of glacial till deposited by the receding ice. Ridges were cut into smooth rock surfaces by boulders frozen into the moving ice. Isostatic rebound (land rise) in the Bay of Bothnia is about 9 mm per year. Since the coast of Swedish Lapland is so low, the effect is pronounced. During this process the motion of the waves has impacted the islands and loose material has been piled up in extensive rubble fields.





Skellefteå

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 Fuelling
of boats/
snowmobile
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 Fuelling with
diesel only
- 
 Sewage
disposal
- 
 Defibrillator
- 
 Improved
accessibility



Photo: JWE Skellefteå kommun

Pite-Rönnskär

On the island of Pite-Rönnskär in the northernmost part of the Municipality of Skellefteå lies the lighthouse and pilot station Pite-Rönnskär – a name which indicates that its main purpose was to serve shipping en route for Piteå. The 39-metre Heidenstam lighthouse, named “the Queen of Beacons”, has stood here for a century. Visitors are welcome to climb up to the dizzying height at the top of the lighthouse. The Pite-Rönnskär rose from the sea perhaps only 1000 years ago. Queen Kristina awarded the fishing rights around Pite-Rönnskär to the fishermen of Piteå in the

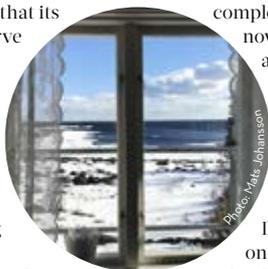


Photo: Mikis Johansson

17th century. This meant that some fishermen had to move their cabins to other islands. Electricity arrived on the island when a cable was completed in 1956. The island now has a weather station, and radio listeners can hear forecasts of marine weather in the vicinity of the islands several times daily. There is a myth about the island, a tall tale if you will. Deep in the spruce forest on the northeast side of the island there is a mystical boulder called the Clock Stone. Every time the chapel bell rings, this enormous mossy rock rotates a quarter-turn in a clockwise direction.

KINNBACKS-
FJÄRDEN

0 200 400 600 800 m

- 1 Guest jetty. The passenger boat calls here. Grill sites, wind shelter, sauna and outhouse toilet.
- 2 The old fishing village with its cabins, which are now used as private holiday cottages. Net-drying frames used by fishermen in bygone days.
- 3 Café and hostel. During the summer season there is a café and hostel in the old pilot's cabin. A passenger boat runs from Kinnbäck on the mainland to Pite-Rönnskär. www.kinnbackskargard.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-543 30 11
- 4 Former lighthouse and pilot station for Piteå. The lighthouse, Sweden's highest of this type (Heidenstam), no longer shines for shipping. However,

it does guide small boats in August and September. The lighthouse was originally built on Sandhammaren in Skåne in 1896, but was dismantled and re-erected on Pite-Rönnskär in 1904. The lighthouse is the second-tallest in Sweden, and measures 39 m. Sweden's tallest lighthouse is Långe Jan on Öland. The old pilots' cabin is now a museum.

- 5 On Kyrkudden point is a fishermen's chapel, built by three brothers in 1771. The painting in the chapel represents the Crucifixion and shows Mary, Martha and Magdalene. The chapel bell is from the 1840s.
- 6 Before the lighthouse was built, this beacon was used to guide ships in the dark.



Photo: JWE Skellefteå kommun

Furuögrund

Five kilometres from Byske lies the beautiful village of Furuögrund. For centuries, shipping and fishing have dominated life here.

The village had a golden age that is strongly associated with the years 1874 and 1925, the sawmill era.

Furuögrund has an excellent harbour which provides shelter from the winds. On the shore just north of the harbour, a mareograph was built in a beautiful house in 1914. This mareograph, which measures the sea



Photo: Teck Logart

level, is unique in that it is manual. Near Furuögrund lies the island of Romelsön, with a history stretching back to the Viking Age.

The island is mentioned in 1543, in King Gustav Vasa's Jordabok, a compilation in which it is called "Rumholsöijarne" and it is said that it was owned by the farmers of Ostvik. In 1652 Queen Kristina donated Romelsön to the town of Piteå. The area also includes the islands of Halsön and Hamnskär, two excellent destinations for an



1 The home port of Byske Boating Club, with 15 guest moorings, offers excellent shelter from most winds and takes deep-draught yachts. The harbour is about 5 km from Byske which, if you need to stock up, is easy to get to on a bike which you can borrow from the boating club. The old waterside warehouse has a kitchen, WCs, showers, sewage disposal facilities and a washing machine. There is a launching ramp for small boats. www.byskebatklubb.com

2 Furuögrund's harbour café - open during the summer season. The café is located in the waterside warehouse, which was built in the

middle of the 19th century and used by the wood industry. In the warehouse there is an exhibition with photos from shipping and the sawmill era. The café is a popular place among visitors from near and far. You can take a seat in the warehouse or on the terrace with a view over the harbour and the sea. The café offers coffee and baked goods, as well as food with inspiration from the sea.

www.furuogrundshamncafe.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-337 06 15

3 Mareograph from 1914.



Photo: Skellefteå kommun

Hamnskär (Lotsskäret)

Hamnskär is a former pilot station. The island consists mainly of rocks and rubble fields. Hamnskär is located south of the approach to Furuögrund and Byske Boating Club has a facility here.

Hamnskär is popular for excursions, among other things, thanks to its fantastic outcrops. The island is small and the old pilot buildings, previously used by the Armed Forces, are the only buildings on the island.

During the summer season the taxi boat takes visitors to Hamnskär.



Photo: Skellefteå kommun



- 1 Guest jetties. The passenger boat may call here. Grill site. More information about the passenger boat: www.skelleftea.se/batliv
- 2 Pilot station. One part of the building is used as a picnic cabin and is open to the public. In the other part there is a room for rent (two beds). There is no electricity on the island and guests bring their own freshwater. The room can be booked at Byske Havsbad. www.byskehavsbad.se Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90
- 3 The annexe. Rooms for rent (5 beds in total). There is no electricity on the island and guests bring their own freshwater. Booking at Byske Havsbad. www.byskehavsbad.se Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90
- 4 Sauna open to the public. Guests bring firewood.
- 5 Grill site and outhouse toilet.
- 6 Grill site
- 7 Outhouse toilet



Photo: Göran Wallin

Kåge harbour, Bastuholmen and Bergskäret

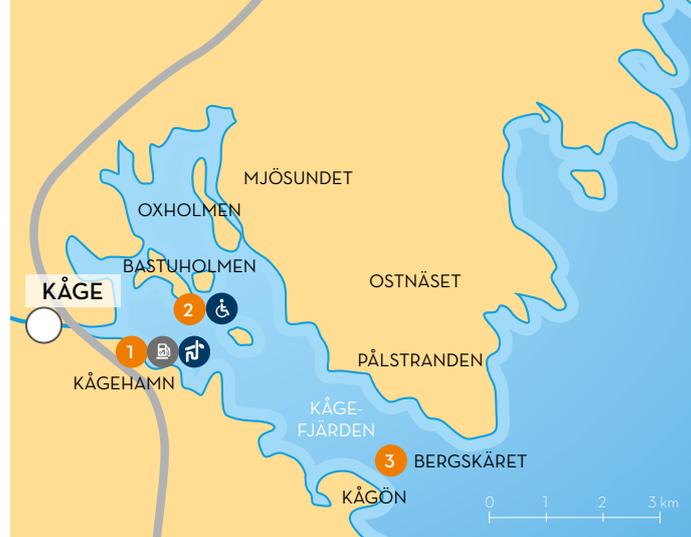
Kåge Boating Club, one of the largest boating clubs in Västerbotten, has its home harbour at Näsudden on Kåge Bay, very close to the E4 highway and 10 kilometres north of Skellefteå.

Lillhällan, with a fine harbour on the island of Bastuholmen, close to Kåge harbour, is easily reached. The facility is owned and maintained by Kåge Boating Club. Bergskäret

is an island in the inlet to Kåge Bay. The nature on the island consists of outcrops and forest. At Bergskäret there are both grill sites and good spots for bathing. The island has an interesting history with traces of former military activity. Bergskäret is a popular place to visit in calm weather and the island is known for its beautiful, well-served lighthouse.



Photo: Tina Nilsson



- 1** GUEST HARBOUR
The home harbour of Kåge Boating Club. The passenger boat calls here.

 - Café/restaurant - open during the summer season
 - WC, shower, laundry, freshwater
 - Reception facility for sewage from recreational craft
 - Petrol and diesel
 - Waste disposal
 - Launching ramp, derrick
 - Assembly hall
 - 1 km to Kåge centre, grocery store, etc.
 - Buses to Skellefteå city centre

www.kagebatklubb.se
- 2** LILLHÄLLAN

 - Guest jetty with electricity.
 - Clubhouse of Kåge Boating Club.
 - Grill sites, outhouse toilets, sauna and shower
 - Freshwater
 - Walking trail to Storhällan

Kåge Boating Club and the Municipality of Skellefteå have been working to improve accessibility at Lillhällan. For more information on accessibility, please contact Skellefteå Tourist Centre.

www.visitskelleftea.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-45 25 10.
- 3** BERGSKÄRET

 - Two guest jetties (on the south and western side of the island).
 - Grill sites
 - Outhouse toilet



Photo: JWE Skellefteå kommun

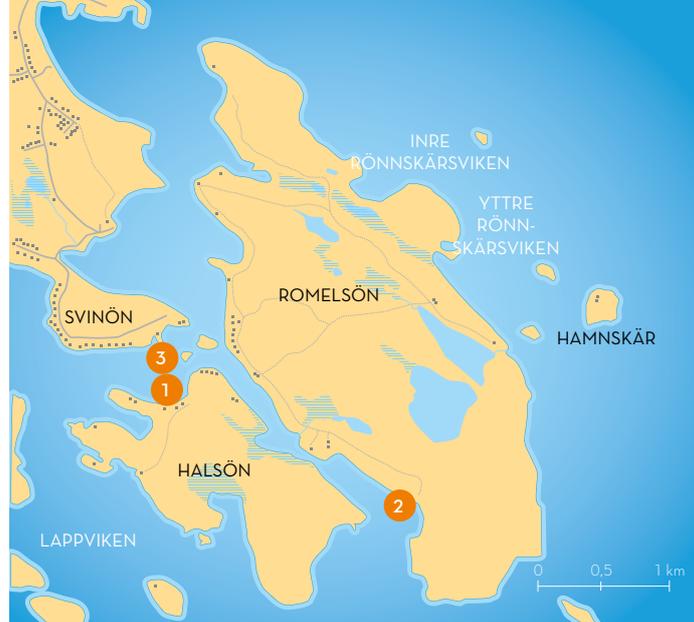
Halsön och Romelsön

South of Furuögrund, right next to each other, lie the islands of Halsön and Romelsön. Halsön has, as many of the islands in the area, a history closely associated with the sawmill era. In the late 19th century there was a sawmill on the island. In the harsh competition within the industry one of the local competitors cut off the fairway used by the Halsön sawmill to ship timber. Consequently, the timber had to be shipped around Romelsön instead, on a longer and much more exposed fairway. The bank between Halsön and Romelsön



Photo: JWE Skellefteå kommun

is today called Egennyttan meaning egoism selfishness. The history of Romelsön stretches back to the Viking Age. The island is mentioned in 1543, in King Gustav Vasa's Jordabok, a compilation in which it is called "Rumholsöjarne" and it is said to be owned by the farmers of Ostvik. In 1652 the island was given to Pitea by Queen Kristina. The island is still owned by Pitea, even though it is in the municipality of Skellefteå. The island features a varied landscape with sandy beaches, rubble fields, flat rocks, flat-rock pine forest, coastal spruce forest and one or two fairly large lakes and tarns.



- 1 Guest harbour with 30 berths. The passenger boat may call here. More information about the passenger boat: www.skelleftea.se/batliv
Byske Boating Club's clubhouse
- Kitchen with cooker, fridge-freezer and microwave oven
- Freshwater during the summer season
- Electricity
- Outhouse toilet
- Grill site
- Sauna
- Beach and outcrops with evening sun
- 2 Small boats can access the shore at Sandviken, which is a popular beach with an outhouse toilet and grill site.
- 3 Egennyttan



Photo: Ted Logart

Skellefte River

Relatively large boats can go as far as the Bergsby Dam on the Skellefte River. Smaller boats can go all the way to the city centre of Skellefteå. Clearance under the bridges is 3.5 metres.

Detailed information about the boating route can be found in the folder *By boat along the Skellefte River*, which is available at Skellefteå Tourist Centre and at www.skelleftea.se/batliv



Photo: Per Pettersson



- 1 At the brewery hill in the centre of Skellefteå, there is a public floating jetty where visitors can moor, go ashore and visit a restaurant or shop.
- 2 Stadsmarinan, in the centre of Skellefteå is run by Guldstaden Boating Club and has a launching ramp. Nearby are restaurants, cafes and shops.
www.guldstadensbatklubb.se
- 3 The lock at Bergsby Dam has a lock chamber measuring 12 x 4 m, draught 1 m, clearance 4 m and lifting height of 1.5 m. The entrance only permits craft up to 3.5 m wide.
- 4 Stackgrönnan Boat Museum, which houses a large collection of utility boats, along with Café Kajutan, is one of Skellefteå's most attractions. The café serves delicious, large prawn sandwiches and other baked goods. Guest jetty.
www.cafekajutan.se
www.skellefteamuseum.se
- 5 At Kanotudden, the home port of Skellefteå Canoe Club, visitors may moor at the jetty or at a vacant berth in the marina about 100 metres away. Refreshments and canoe rental at Café Sjöbönan during the summer season.
Tel. +46 (0)910-351 15
- 6 Kurjoviken is the home harbour of Ursviken Sailing Club. The harbour is well protected against wind and weather and is easy to approach. Spar buoys at the entrance and illuminated navigation boards make the approach easier. The approach depth is 2.7 metres at mean water level. Shops and buses to Skellefteå are close by. Here you will also find Kurjovikens Sjøkrog, a restaurant open during the summer season.
www.kurjovikenssjokrog.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-706 02 11



Photo: Ulrika Rönnlund

Gasören

The island of Gåsören, off Skelleftehamn, has guided mariners with its lighthouse since 1881. A new, automated concrete lighthouse was built in 1921 and the old lighthouse was taken out of service. The lighting equipment was disassembled and the building was taken over by the pilots who had been stationed here since



Photo: Ulrika Rönnlund

1904. In 1968 the pilot station closed down, but Gåsören has come to life again. The lighthouse keeper's cabin and pilot station is owned by Svenska Kryssarklubben, Skelleftea branch, and boating guests are allowed to use the buildings. In 2003 Gåsören Lighthouse was taken back into service.



- 1 Harbour with about 15 boat berths.
- 2 Boathouses
- 3 Outhouse toilet
- 4 The new lighthouse
- 5 Sauna
- 6 Outhouse toilet
- 7 The old lighthouse with lighthouse keeper's cabin.
- 8 The former pilot house can be rented for events and overnight stays. Transport can be arranged. Booking at Svenska Kryssarklubben, Skellefteå branch. www.sxk.se/bottenvikskretsen Tel. +46 (0)70-690 97 01



Photo: Per Pettersson

Burehällorna

Burehällorna is a nature conservation area that is easy to reach by boat.

Because of land rise, a narrow link to the mainland has appeared, which means that it is also possible to reach the area on foot. On the seaward side, there are smooth outcrops. The outermost rock is called Trappman's rock. A soldier named Trappman from Uttersjön ran aground on the rock one stormy autumn night in 1863. The boat sank and the man went



Photo: Per Pettersson

ashore. However, he froze to death and was found kneeling with his hands clasped in prayer. Many carvings on the rocks at Burehällorna bear witness to the fact that this has been a popular destination since the 1920s. The rocks are frequented by bathers and sunbathers, and there is also a small beach. Sarasand, southwest of Burehällorna, is a fine bathing cove and well worth a visit.



- 1 Grill site
- 2 Outhouse toilets
- 3 Floating jetty with berths for about 30 boats. The approach depth is 1.8 metres at mean water level.
- 4 Grill cabin and sauna.
- 5 Path becoming a road, a pleasant walk to Sarasand.
- 6 Sarasand bathing cove, a popular destination with fine beach, grill site and outhouse toilet.



Photo: Per Petterson

Skötgrönnan

Skötgrönnan is an unusual island about 2 km from the coast of Skallön, south of Bureå. On an area of less than one square kilometre, visitors can see interesting history, a recreational paradise, unique flora and an abundance of bird species. The island first became visible above the waterline in the 17th century. It soon became important for fishing along the coast. Ruins from that time include house foundations, labyrinths and a compass rose. Skötgrönnan is the southernmost of the sand islands along the coast of the Gulf of Bothnia. The only parts not



Photo: Geran Wallin

consisting of sand are a small area of rock on the northern part of the island and a reef of boulders and stones to the southeast. The island fauna includes low-growth pine forest alternating with open sandy moors with scattered juniper bushes. The sand is host to Sea Pea, Lyme Grass and different species of *Racomitrium* moss. Skötgrönnan nature reserve was formed in 1968 and the area is now also included in the Natura 2000 network to safeguard its special environment and plant species.

SKELLEFTE- BUKTEN



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| 1 | SXK Skellefteå branch buoy. | 4 | House ruins |
| 2 | Beach with a suitable landing area for small boats. | 5 | The small tarn of Gaddgrubban with white water lilies. |
| 3 | Labyrinth | 6 | Compass rose |



Photo: Ted Logart

Bjuröklubb

The name Bjuröklubb is heard above all in the marine weather forecast. However, the history of Bjuröklubb is a long one. As early as the Bronze Age, when the relative sea level was about 30 metres higher than today, there were temporary dwelling sites here. In the 13th century, Bjuröklubb was a harbour for shipping in the Gulf of Bothnia.

In 1518 the traveller Olaus Magnus was astonished at the natural features of Bjuröklubb. We can read about this in his "History of the Nordic Peoples". The lighthouse, which is still operational, was built in 1859. It is easy to get to the lighthouse, which is 50 m above sea level, by an accessible ramp. Up at the lighthouse, visitors have an excellent view of the Gulf of Bothnia.

Bjuröklubb nature reserve was designated in 1976 and there are many sights to be seen in the area. Few places along the coast of northern Sweden have so many historical sites related to fishing and seal hunting.

Dating shows that they are from around the 6th century up to 19th century. Many of them can be seen by following the archaeology trail, which passes over outcrops and rubble fields.

In addition to cultural and natural assets, Bjuröklubb has a marina, a café and a hostel.

The facility at Bjuröklubb has good accessibility. For more information on accessibility, please contact Skellefteå Tourist Centre.

www.visitskelleftea.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-45 25 10.

1 The former pilots' harbour now serves as guest harbour. Toilet, sauna and grill site.

2 Hostel in Bjuröklubb Lighthouse, accessible via a 250 metre ramp. Booking via Arena Bjuröklubb. Café Fyren is open in the summer. Visit the café or order a picnic basket for your nature walk. www.bjuroklubb.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-204 21 00

3 The harbour warehouse in the former oil port is now used for different events.

4 The chapel at Bjuröklubb, dating from 1864, was built to replace a chapel built as early as 1658. Bjuröklubb was still an island at the time, and fishing cabins and boathouses stood next to the inlet that separated the island from the mainland. The fishing village eventually grew into one of the largest in Västerbotten County.

5 Bathing cove with car park and outhouse toilet.

6 Starting point for walking trails towards Sillhällorna, Jungfrugraven and Grundskatan.

7 Sillhällorna is a one-kilometre bare rock directly facing the sea. The name is probably from the word 'sill' (Swedish for herring), since herrings were formerly dried here. In summer visitors are attracted by the warm outcrops and cool seawater. In winter the place is acknowledged as an excellent place for ice-fishing for whitefish.



8 Jungfrugraven (Virgin Grave) is an exciting relic of the past: a stone wall that perhaps once surrounded a chapel from Catholic days – the time before the 16th century. Alternatively, it may have been a temporary burial ground.

9 Grundskatan is a rock reef about 700 metres long and stretching straight out into the sea. People come here in May to watch seabirds. The place is best known for the large number of loons that pass.

10 The longest sea beach in Västerbotten, Storsanden, naturally attracts a lot of bathers. North of Storsanden there is a large area of spruce forest rich in hanging lichen.



Foto: Lars Eric Ståhl

RESTAURANT LANTERNAN, BYSKE

An airy restaurant with a fantastic panoramic view over the beach and the sea. The restaurant is open during the summer season. Guest moorings are available at the north pier.

www.byskehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90

BYSCAYA CAFÉ, BYSKE

Byscaya Café in the middle of the sandy beach at Byske Havsbad sea resort, tempts visitors with generous soft ice-creams, lunches and snacks.

www.byskehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90

FURUÖGRUNDS HARBOUR CAFÉ

Summer café known for delicious shrimp sandwiches. Furuögrund is the home harbour of Byske Boating Club and has

guest moorings with booms, buoys and berths alongside the quay.

www.furuogrundshamncafe.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-337 06 15,
Tel. +46 (0)70-337 06 21

KÅGE HARBOUR CAFÉ

Beautifully situated café inside the Kågefjärden cove. Enjoy a taste of Västerbotten County, with local and organic ingredients. Coffee, cookies, sandwiches, salads, hot meals and refreshing beverages. All with a sea view included. The café is run by Restaurang Nygatan 57.

www.nygatan57.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-134 44

CAFÉ SJÖBÖNAN, KANOTUDDEN, URSVIKEN

Summer café serving ice-cream, soft drinks and coffee with cakes. Excellent location by the Ursviksfjärden cove. Canoe and kayak rentals.

idrottonline.se/SkellefteaKK-Kanot/Cafe
Tel. +46 (0)910-351 15

KURJOVIKENS SJÖKROG

Kurjovikens seaside restaurant is situated close to the home harbour of local yacht club Ursvikens Segelsällskap.

Coffee, light refreshments and food inspired by the archipelago are served.

www.kurjovikenssjokrog.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-77 77 50

CAFÉ BRYGGAN, LÖVÅNGER

Summer café serving coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, cakes, ice-cream and sweets. Try the climbing wall, rent a canoe, play basketball or Frisbee golf.

www.munkviken.se
Tel. +46(0)913-108 63

CAFÉ KAJUTAN

Café Kajutan, right next to the scenic Skellefte River, is renowned for large, tasty shrimp sandwiches. Coffee, ice-cream and refreshing beverages are also served. Playground and pedal boats. Adjacent there is a campsite with services that boaters are welcome to use.

www.cafekajutan.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-863 40

CAFÉ FYREN (THE LIGHTHOUSE CAFÉ) BJURÖKLUBB, LÖVÅNGER

Café by an old lighthouse. Enjoy a tasty meal in the lighthouse keeper's garden or rent a picnic basket and find a secluded spot by the beach.

www.bjuroklubb.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-204 21 00

BRYGGARGATAN- RESTAURANT AND BISTRO, SKELLEFTEÅ

Bryggargatan is in the very centre of Skellefteå, near the park and at the brewery hill. The menu features Nordic influences. In summer guests can enjoy a nice view over the river from the terrace.

www.bryggargatan.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-21 16 50

BRYGG CLUB & CAFÉ

Neighbouring Bryggargatan is Brygg Club and Café. The café serves homemade bread and sweets made with local and organic ingredients.

www.bryggcc.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-21 16 80

FLOTTEN CAFÉ AND LOUNGE

Flotten Café and Lounge is a raft in the Skellefte River, near the brewery hill in the centre of Skellefteå. The café is open during the summer season and serves coffee, sandwiches and ice-cream.

Tel. +46(0)70-643 71 08



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M/S STORMVIND

A café onboard the M/S Stormvind. During summer guests can enjoy coffee and good home-made bread on the upper deck.

www.nykurs.se
Tel. +46 (0)73-060 15 15



Photo: Ulrika Kommes

KINNBACKS SKÄRGÅRDSTURISM

Kinnbäck's skärgårdsturism offers regularly scheduled boat transport as well as charter and taxi boat tours.

www.kinnbackskargard.se

Tel. +46 (0)72-543 30 11

ÄLVSNABBEN

Älvsnabben is a raft for those who want a beautiful and pleasant tour on the Skellefte River between Stackgrönnen Boat Museum and Bergsby Dam. Snacks available on the tour.

Tel. +46 (0)70-575 28 88

LAPONIA REDERI

Cruises with food and refreshments served on board.

www.laponia.se

Tel. +46 (0)920-120 84



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BYSKE HAVSBAD, BYSKE

A five-star holiday resort on the mainland with a wide range of accommodation options. Everything from tent pitches and caravan sites to small cabins and luxury beachside houses. Guest moorings for small boats at the north pier.

www.byskehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90

BOVIKENS HAVSBAD, BOVIKEN

Offers tent pitches and caravan sites, beautifully situated close to a shallow-water beach on the mainland, 4 km north of Skellefteå city centre.

www.bovikenshavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)910-540 00 (summer)
Tel. +46 (0)70-371 22 55 (winter)

BJURÖKLUBB LIGHTHOUSE

Rent a room in Bjuröklubb's lighthouse, have a good night's sleep in magnificent surroundings and wake up to an unbeatable view. Bjuröklubb is located on the mainland 55 km south of Skellefteå.

www.bjuroklubb.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-204 21 00

PITE-RÖNNSKÄR HOSTEL

The former pilot house on the island of Pite-Rönnskär is now a hostel. The hostel has 14 beds, a common room, communal kitchen and a bathroom with shower. The pilot house is located right next to the lighthouse and here you also find a café.

www.kinnbackskargard.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-543 30 11

ACCOMMODATION AT HAMNSKÄR

The former pilot's cabin along with the annex have in total 7 beds for rent. There is no electricity on the island and guests bring their own freshwater. Beds can be booked at Byske Havsbad.
www.byskehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90

ACCOMMODATION AT GÅSÖREN

The former pilot house can be rented for events and overnight stays (7 beds). Transport can be arranged. Booking at Svenska Kryssarklubben, Skellefteå branch.
www.sxk.se/bottenvikskretsen
Tel. +46 (0)70-690 97 01



Photo: Goran Wallin



Photo: Jonas Westling

ANGLING

In early spring and late autumn the trout like to stay in the coastal shallows, where they can be caught. Grayling are found in this area at all times of year. Angling on the coast using hand held equipment is free. Close to the rivers, some limitations may apply.

GUIDED FISHING TOURS

Byske Fly Fishing Guides offer guided fishing tours in the Byske River, Sweden's largest forest river with salmon. Stocks of salmon and trout are still replenished via natural reproduction. The fishing tours are adapted to customers' requests. www.byskeskomakeri.se/bfg
Tel. +46 (0)70-693 84 41



Photo: Ted Logart

HIKING

There are three wonderful hiking trails along the coast: the Åbyälvsleden Trail, the Furuögrundsleden Trail and the Fäbodstigen Trail in Risböle.

www.skelleftea.se/vandring

Skellefteå Tourist Centre

Tel. +46 (0)910-45 25 10

CANOEING

A varied coastal stretch with everything from sheltered coves and beaches to windswept promontories and skerries, also offering excellent canoeing of varying levels of difficulty.

www.skelleftea.se/upplev/friluftsliv/naturkulturguiden

select "activities - canoeing".

PAINTBALL, COMBINED EVENTS

Flashpoint Events have paths for outdoor paintball in Åbyn, Byske. They also offer combined events with many different activities to choose from.

www.flashpointevents.se

Tel. +46 (0)70-297 84 22

ÅBYNLADAN

Activities for large and small groups in the surroundings of Byske. The list of activities is extensive and guests can combine different activities as they wish. Among the activities are handicraft activities, music quizzes and paintball.

www.abynladan.se

Tel. +46 (0)70-297 84 22

RIVER RAFTING, RIVER KAYAK

Byske Äventyr offers an adventurous and fun day at the base camp or in the rapids. In the Byske River guests get to try river rafting and river kayaking among other activities.

www.byskeaventyr.se

Tel. +46 (0)70-543 32 32



Photo: Ted Logart

ADVENTURE GOLF

At the beach of Byske Havsbad seaside resort there is an 18-hole adventure golf course. On the camping area guests can enjoy several other activities such as a BMX-bike track, an electric car track and volleyball.

www.byskehavsbad.se

Tel. +46 (0)912-612 90

RIVER CRUISING AND ACTIVITIES

The Ytterholmen islet is the easternmost of the five islands located between the Parkbridge and the Lejonströmsbridge in the Skellefte River. Ytterholmen offers activities such as river cruising, combined events, sauna and hot tub as well as meals.

Booking in advance is necessary.

www.ytterholmen.se

Tel. +46 (0)70-643 71 08



Photo: Ted Logart

LONG-DISTANCE SKATING

It is a sensation to travel on natural ice bright as a mirror on a beautiful winter's day. In the run-up to Christmas and New Year's you can start skating in the sheltered sea bays of Kågefjärden, Innerviksfjärden and Ytterviksfjärden. In January you normally find new ice outside the bays. In spring there is occasionally smooth ice. The warmth of the spring sun can melt a thin layer of snow and, after a cold night, large areas can be skateable.



Photo: Ted Logart

To prevent a pleasant skating tour from turning into an extremely hazardous fall into the water, skaters must always put safety first. The most important safety aspects can be summed up with the acronym K.E.C - Knowledge-Equipment-Company. The knowledge can be found at the outdoor association Friluftsförbundet Frostkåge, which organises safety courses and guided skating tours. For more information, please visit

www.iswebben.se

SNOWMOBILE

The ice on the frozen sea is ideal for fantastic snowmobile tours. Note that snowmobiling is not permitted on the islands of Swedish Lapland, other than via the shortest route to and from the cabin and on marked snowmobile trails.

ANGLING

In winter the Skellefteå coast offers good angling, mainly for whitefish and grayling. There are good conditions for ice-fishing with a view of the fish in places like Skelleftehamn, at Kågnäsudden Cove and Kapargrunden shallows south of Bjuröklubb.

WINTER SWIMMING

Skellefteå's fascination for winter swimming has resulted in international winter swim competitions. The participants often compete in water with a temperature of 0.1 degrees Celsius. The distances in the competitions are between 25 and 200 metres in the disciplines breast-stroke and freestyle. The competitions are arranged by the association "Dark and cold" and are held in January every year. The association also arranges classes in winter swimming.

www.darkandcold.com



Photo: Ted Logart



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Fuelling of boats/snowmobile



Fuelling with diesel only



Sewage disposal



Defibrillator



Improved accessibility



Photo: Tage Skoog

The coast line

The fact that Piteå is a coastal city is obvious in many ways. The city centre is surrounded by water and a canal leads from the north harbour to the south harbour. If you travel along the E4 highway, there are a lot of opportunities for nice ocean views. Several former islands are now connected to the mainland, due to the land rise.

If you visit the area with your own boat, there are many places with good service along the coastline. As well, there are several points of interest on the mainland right next to the sea. During the summer season, touring boats can take you to the islands.



Photo: Västra kajen

1 BORGARUDDEN
Guest jetty, minimarket with food and hygiene products, restaurant, sauna (for booking), playground. Camping site for caravans, cottages for rent. More information: www.borgaruddenscamping.se
Tel. +46 (0)72-558 41 38

**2 THE SOUTH HARBOUR/
VÄSTRA KAJEN**
Guest harbour, departure and arrival of Piteå's touring boats, café and ice-cream, playground. Campsite for caravans and rooms for rent. Walking distance to Piteå city centre with shops, restaurants, cafés and tourist centre. More information: www.vastrakajen.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-120 30

3 THE NORTH HARBOUR
Guest berths, WC, shower, laundry Café and kiosk, petrol and diesel. Walking distance to Piteå city centre with shops, restaurants, cafés and tourist centre. More information: www.piteamarinan.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-150 60

4 PITE HAVSBAD
One of Piteå's most famous places, renowned for its long beach. Guest jetty, hotel, campsite and cottages for rent. Restaurants, cafés and shop. Waterpark, playground, pool. Activities and shows More information: www.pitehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-327 00



5 JÄVRE
Guest jetty with good shelter from wind. Freshwater, grill site. Harbour café where smoked fish is sold during summer peak season. Just 100 metres from the harbour, you can find a gas station, grocery store, restaurant and tourist information. The Tourist Information Office is open during the summer season. More information: www.javrehamn.se



Photo: Stina Eriksson

Svinöra

One of the pearls in Piteå Archipelago is Stora Svinöra, home port of Piteå Boating Club. The boating club, established in 1922, has over 1,600 members, and is the biggest club in the federation of Gulf of Bothnia boating associations. The harbour at Svinöra provides shelter from all winds. There are 80 berths, electricity and freshwater at the jetties.

Dinghies of all types, canoes, etc. may be borrowed. Here, you also find a kiosk, sauna, grill sites, toilets, etc. The bay between Stora and Lilla Svinöra has a sandy bed and is ideal

for bathing. The accessibility in the harbour area is good.

If you do not own a boat, just call the cabin supervisor and you will be brought from Renöhamn for a small fee. Piteå Boating Club is active, and in the summer all the activities are relocated to Svinöra, where there are many visitors, both members and guests.

At weekends and holidays, there is a holiday host and, during summer, events including dances, cray fish parties and fermented her-ring evenings are arranged.



Photo: Göran Wallin



- 1** Piteå Boating Club's harbour. Marina c. 80 berths with electricity and freshwater. Touring boats may call at the harbour. Rentable clubhouse with wireless broadband. Dance floor, kiosk and rental of dinghies (Laser, Optimist) canoes, etc. Shower, sauna, toilets, grill facilities, bathing, tent pitches. If you do not own a boat, just call the cabin supervisor
Tel. +46 (0)70-301 55 15 (June – september) and you will be brought from Renöhamn for a small fee.

Piteå Boating Club has been working to improve accessibility at Svinöra. For more information on accessibility, please contact Piteå Boating Club
Tel. +46(0) 70-301 55 15
or Piteå Tourist Centre
www.visitpitea.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90.

- 2** The Sandbank



Photo: Alf Arne Harjo

Mosesholmen

Mosesholmen is an island with a deep-water shore in the south which lies in a sheltered bay, Vallsviken. Mosesholmen is a popular destination for boaters and the jetty in Vallsviken gives excellent shelter in rough weather against winds from every direction. There are grill sites and an outhouse toilet near the jetty. Hällskär is in fact a peninsula and it is accessible by private roads.

People come here to enjoy life on warm summer days. This penin-

sula is unusual in our archipelago, since it consists of a single rock. The cliffs and outcrops invite people to bathe and relax, although the high cliffs and deep water may cause concern for parents of small children.

The water surrounding Hällskär is deep (approx. 3 metres) and it is easy to moor large boats right up against the cliffs. On the north side of Hällskär there is a grill site and there is a former tar-making site on the island.



Photo: Tina Nilsson



- 1 Grill site and seating.
- 2 Guest jetty, grill site and outhouse toilet.
- 3 Former tar-making site.



Photo: Alf Arne Harjo

Baggen

Baggen is a big island with many contrasts. High, steep outcrops separated by sandy bays. Especially suitable for bathing, it is a natural waterpark.

The contrasts in nature are seldom as stunning as in the archipelago and Baggen is no exception. The island offers wonderful variety, painted with nature's own brush. Baggen is a very popular destination and one of Piteå's biggest islands. The island has many fine walking trails



Photo: Göran Wallin

and is an excellent place to explore on foot. If you like picking berries, then you are in the right place, and you can quickly fill your bucket.

Baggen is historically highly interesting. You can see clear traces of a mining venture that a priest undertook in the 18th century. The fact that a priest was behind the mining venture is perhaps not so surprising, since the church, Piteå Rural Parish owns the island.



- 1** Public jetty with guest moorings. The passenger boat calls here. Four cabins (with a common sauna) for rent. The cabins are owned by Öjebyn Hunting Associations and can be booked at www.visitpitea.se or at Piteå Tourist Centre
Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90.

Nearby, there are outhouse toilets, grill sites and wind shelters. Själahällan is a very nice area for bathing. Here, you find both high, steep outcrops and sandy beaches.

- 2** Outdoor chapel.



Photo: Tina Nilsson

Vargön

Vargön is the largest and highest (30 metres) of Piteå's islands. The island started to rise from the sea some 3,000 years ago.

Vargön is today an excellent place for bathing, excursions, mushroom and berry picking and hiking along trails and paths. To conserve nature for outdoor enthusiasts, a large part of the island has been designated a nature reserve. The reserve is managed by the Municipality of Piteå and there are facilities for activities; saunas, picnic cabin, outhouse toilets, grill sites with firewood and trails.

In the winter there is a snowmobile trail from the mainland to Vargön and across the island between Koskåret and Per-Stalviken.

There are also marked hiking trails between Koskåret, Per-Stalviken and Laxskåret. Vipera is common in the reserve. Koskär and Koskärshalsen are popular areas for bathing and hiking. Here, you find a public jetty and two well-equipped rental cabins. The shallow beach is perfect for bathing. In the picnic cabin, open to the public, are exhibits about nature and culture in Piteå archipelago. Nearby is an accessible outhouse toilet. Laxskåret is the site of an old fishing village with characteristic fishing huts, one of which is open to the public. On Per-Stalviken bay there is a jetty and sheltered bathing area and the small island Hällskåret is popular for excursions.



Photo: Ann-Marie



- 1 Public jetty with guest berths. The passenger boat calls here.
- 2 Two cabins that can be rented. Booking: www.guide-natura.com. More information via Piteå Tourist centre, tel. +46 (0)911-933 90. Picnic cabin, sauna, grill sites, outhouse toilets and bathing. The island's most popular excursion area, the Koskåret and Koskärshalsen nature reserve. The Municipality of Piteå has been working to improve the accessibility at Vargön. For more information on accessibility, please contact Piteå Tourist Centre Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90.
- 3 Walking trail from Koskåret to Höjers headland.
- 4 Walking trail from Koskåret to Per-Stålsviken bay and Laxskåret.
- 5 Per-Stålsviken bay features a modern-day fishing village with guest jetty, outhouse toilet and good bathing facilities. Nearby lies the island of Hällskåret.
- 6 An old fishermen's hut on Laxskåret is used as a picnic cabin and is open to the public.
- 7 Approximately 150 metres south-east of Laxskåret is an eight-sided labyrinth.



Photo: Göran Wallin

Mellerstön

A big island offering good conditions for walkers and picking berries and mushrooms. At Mellerstön you can find a cabin for rent, a sauna, grill sites and nice walking trails. In Stenbergsviken bay there is a natural harbour with good bathing nearby. Mellerstön is the only island in Piteå that was inhabited.

Lars Petter Stenberg and his wife, Eva Justina née Risberg, moved out here in 1865 to a cabin that was in such bad condition that the snow blew in through the walls. In 1867 the Lönnberg and Stenberg families were granted crofters' rights with 15 years' tax exemption. They immedi-

ately began to cultivate the land and construct buildings. They survived thanks to the abundance of small game. By 1880 the families each had a fisherman's cabin with a storehouse on Svarthällan, at Stor-Räbben. The Stenberg family had ten children, of whom four reached adulthood. The youngest child, Helmer, never went to school, but did attend confirmation classes, boarding in Piteå. Mother Eva taught the children the basics: reading, writing and arithmetic. In 1886 tragedy struck. The children fell ill, most probably with diphtheria, and four of them died within two weeks.



- 1 Natural harbour with guest jetty. The passenger boat calls here. Bathing.
- 2 Cabin that can be rented. Booking: www.guide-natura.com
More information via Piteå Tourist Centre, tel. +46 (0)911-933 90. Sauna, outhouse toilet and grill site.
- 3 For many years the cabin was home to a fisherman's family, who had their very own story of the special island life.



Photo: Tina Nilsson

Stor-Räbben

Together with Lill-Räbben, Bondökällarna, Olsvenskallen and parts of Mellerstön, the island of Stor-Räbben forms the Stor-Räbben nature reserve. As in several other nature reserve areas, there are facilities for outdoor leisure: outhouse toilets, grill sites, fire wood and marked walking trails.

Stor-Räbben is a beautiful island with open and barren nature which in many ways resembles that of a more mountainous region. Land rise, the waves of the ocean and the wind have formed and characterized the nature of the island. The dark bedrock that can be seen in many places consists of petrified lava. Many species of berries can be found here; for example lingonberry, blueberry, crowberry, bog whortleberry and cloudberry.



Photo: Göran Wallin

One can also see Heath Spotted Orchid, Greater Butterfly Orchid and the special plant Garden Speedwell. The rest of the island flora includes species found from the mountains to the coast. There are mementoes from the past. Remnants from seal hunting have been dated to around AD 400 - 500. The oldest of them are near the beacon located on the highest point on the island, 18 metres above sea level. The island also features several different labyrinths, some dating as far back as AD 500, some to AD 800 and one to the 16th century. When the Pitea area was colonized Stor-Räbben was not included in the coastal parish as was the custom; it became common land. The island eventually became a Crown property, for which Pitea was granted fishing rights.



- 1 Guest jetty. The passenger boat calls here. Old fishing village with cabins that now serve as recreational cottages. Outhouse toilet and information board. Defibrillator.
- 2 Cabin that can be rented. Booking: www.guide-natura.com More information via Piteå Tourist Centre, tel. +46 (0)911-933 90. Grill site.
- 3 Walking trail with information about the nature and culture of the island. On Stor-Räbben there is a lot to discover. A trail takes you around the island and passes ancient ruins and other points of interest. An informative trail guide is available at the information board near the guest jetty.
- 4 The Stor-Räbben beacon, built in the 1860s by Gustav von Heidenstam, and renovated in 2005. There are also traces of house foundations that seal hunters and fishermen left many years ago.
- 5 Two labyrinths, which may be from around AD 500, and a primitive house site.
- 6 Another two labyrinths lie here, dated to the late Vendel period, around AD 800.
- 7 A labyrinth and two dwelling sites lie here, dating from the 13th-16th century.
- 8 Nummerhällan, a vertical rock in which water levels were inscribed from 1750 to 1884.



Photo: Tina Nilsson

Stenskär

The island is in the shape of an ancient axe, where the angle between the head and the handle forms a natural lagoon called Stenskärsviken. The island is part of a nature reserve together with Stor-Sandskär, Leskären, Jävreholmen and Tallskär.

The long beach, the lagoon-like natural harbour, the ancient labyrinths and the charming fishermen's cabins explain why Stenskär can proudly declare itself a nature reserve. On the island there is also an abundance of bird species; for example, Black-eyed Gulls, Terns, Common Gull, Merganser, Ruddy Turnstone, House Martin and, unusually, the Pomarine Skua.

There are also rare plants such

as white Bellflower, Sea Pea and the Bothnian subspecies of Field Wormwood, *Artemisia campestris* ssp. *bottnica*. Several stone labyrinths and compass roses can be seen on the island, most probably from the early 19th century.

Remains from fishermen in the past, perhaps back in the 16th century, include dwelling sites and fence cairns, boat landings and clock setting. Stenskär in fact comprises two islands that have grown together because of land rise. The large sandy moor between the fishing village and the esker formation and sand dunes is an old sandbank that has surfaced as the land has risen. Stor-Sandknösarna is an example of an enormous sandbank which the waves created



Photo: Göran Wallin

1 Guest jetty. The shape of the island gives shelter from all winds except north-west. Here, you also find grill sites, sauna, woodshed, windbreak, outhouse toilet and an information board. The Municipality of Piteå has been working to improve accessibility at Stenskär. For more information on accessibility, please contact Piteå Tourist Centre
Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90.

2 Jetty where the passenger boat calls.

3 Trail to the fishing village.

4 Excellent bathing at Stenskärsviken bay.

5 The old fishing village was built in the latter half of the 19th century. We know from records that people have fished from Stenskär since the 16th century. There have probably been people on the island before that, as evidenced by a number of ancient ruins.

6 Here, next to the old lookout tower, there are two labyrinths, probably from the 19th century. One is the double angle type with 12 sides. The other has 8 sides. Close to the labyrinths there is a memorial stone to a seaman who died in 1862. 30 metres south of the memorial stone lies a stone compass rose.

About 140 metres south of the above labyrinths, another labyrinth, also of the double-angle type with 12 sides, was constructed in 1942.



7 Old harbour pier from the 1950s, well up on dry land.

8 A preserved boathouse with complete equipment left by the last full-time fisherman, Per Andersson.

9 Grill site and windbreak.

10 The south side of Stenskär consists of a magnificent beach, very popular among boaters and other visitors. This side of Stenskär offers one of the best bathing areas in Swedish Lapland.



Photo: Stina Eriksson

Fingermanholmen

Almost in the city centre of Piteå, in the inner bay, lies the island of Fingermanholmen, close to the mainland and easy to access by boat and kayak during summer. In the winter the island can be easily reached on skis, skates or kick sled on the ice.

Fingermanholmen is a ridge. The top of the ridge is as high as 30 metres and is therefore an important landmark for navigating in the inner bay. According to a recent inventory, there are areas with high nature values on the island.

Fingermanholmen once played an important role in log handling in the inner bay. In the early 1890s the sawmill “Fingermanholmens Angsåg”

was established on the northeast side of the island. The sawmill produced lumber that was used in the building of Piteå’s hospital and was also exported. The deep water surrounding the island was one of the contributing factors behind the location of the sawmill.

The sawmill was closed in 1912 and workers were transferred to the sawmills in Bergsviken, Storfors, Munksund and Skuthamn. Fingermanholmen has also been used for quarrying sand and gravel. The gravel pits, still open holes in the landscape, and the ridge create large differences in the island’s terrain. There are also traces of several charcoal stacks and tar-making sites.



Photo: Per Paterson



- 1** - Guest jetty
- Sauna and picnic cabin
- Grill site
- Accessible outhouse toilet
- 2** Bathing

- 3** Guest jetty, grill site
- 4** Lookout tower



Photo: Stina Eriksson

JÄVREBODARNA FISHING CAMP

Here you can stay in a tent, caravan/RV or rent a cabin in a scenic setting by the sea. The fishing camp offers fishing of hatchery-raised rainbow trout. There is also a museum, restaurant and café.

www.fiskecampen.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-360 30

BEAS RÖKERI & HAMNCAFÉ

This harbour café is located in Jävra harbour and, on occasion, also in the south harbour. Besides sandwiches, coffee and cookies you can also buy smoked and cured salmon. The café is open during summer peak season. More information: www.visitpitea.se

PITE HAVSBAD

At Pite Havsbad a number of restaurants and cafés serve everything from hamburgers, to sushi and large buffets. www.pitehavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-327 00

MD:S RESTAURANT

Stop in Jävra's cosy little guest harbour, walk under the E4 highway to MD:s Restaurang.. Visit Jävra's Tourist Station

on your way back and take a look at the 1960s exhibition. A historic walk along the Archaeological Path starts here. www.mdsrestaurang.se
Tel. +46(0)911-383 30

SHIP CAFÉ VÄSTRA KAJEN

Adjacent to the southern harbour is the cosy ship café and the very popular ice-cream boat. Open during summer peak season.

www.vastrakajen.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-120 30

LAPONIA REDERI

Aboard Laponia's vessels food inspired by the archipelago is served. Food is prepared onboard and the menu includes both snacks and à la carte. Laponia's shrimp buffet is extremely popular.

www.laponia.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-120 84

MARINAN NORRA HAMN (NORTHERN HARBOUR MARINA)

In Piteå's northern harbour there is a guest harbour with café and kiosk.

www.piteamarinan.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-150 60



Photo: Stina Eriksson



Photo: Västra kajen



Photo: Hansi Gelter

GUIDE NATURA

Charter boat tours, guided tours, taxi boat and seal safaris by boat. Transfer to the rental cabins in Piteå archipelago by boat or snowmobile.

www.guide-natura.com

Tel. +46 (0)70-672 21 09

L-LINE REDERI AB

Charter boat tours.

www.l-line.se

Tel. +46 (0)70-518 06 85

LAPONIA REDERI

Cruises with food and refreshments served on board.

www.laponia.se

Tel. +46 (0)920-120 84

MARINE GROUP

Icebreaker safaris

www.marinegroup.se

BOAT TRANSPORT TO STORA SVINÖRA

If you have no boat but want to get to Piteå Boating Club on Stora Svinöra, you can call the cabin supervisor and you will be picked up from Renöhamn for a small fee.

Tel. +46 (0)70-301 55 15

KINNBÄCKS SKÄRGÅRDSTURISM

Passenger boat between Kinnbäck in the Municipality of Skellefteå and Pite-Rönnskär. Taxi boat.

www.kinnbackskargard.se

Tel. +46 (0)72-543 30 11

MORE INFORMATION

on passenger boats and tours in Piteå Archipelago: Piteå Tourist Centre

www.visitpitea.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90



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Photo: Sanne Brännström



Photo: Tina Nilsson

VÄSTRA KAJEN CAMPING & GUEST HARBOUR

At the south harbour, within walking distance from the city centre of Piteå, there is a camping right next to the water. Here you will also find a customs' warehouse, where you can rent rooms during the summer. The campsite is open year-round, but on a smaller scale in winter.

www.vastrakajen.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-120 30

PITE HAVSBAD

Pite Havsbad is one of Europe's biggest amenities for accommodation, conferences and adventures. Pite Havsbad is beautifully situated about 10 km south of Piteå and the well-known kilometre-long beach has given Pite Havsbad its nickname "the Riviera of the North". Pite Havsbad offers a wide range of options. You'll find everything from luxury suites with Jacuzzi and sauna to simpler self-catering one-room cabins.

www.pitehavsbad.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-327 00

CABINS ON BAGGEN, MELLERSTÖN, VARGÖN AND STOR-RÄBBEN ISLANDS

Rent four-bed cabins on these islands in the beautiful Piteå Archipelago. The islands can be reached by passenger boats, transfer taxi boat or with your own boat. Cabins are equipped with gas stoves, beds with blankets and pillows, and an outhouse toilet. There are saucers, etc. in the cabins. Bring your own drinking water and sheets. On the islands there are pleasant walking trails, grill sites and beaches. Booking of the cabins:

www.guide-natura.com.

For more information contact Piteå Tourist Centre: www.visitpitea.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90

BORGARUDDENS HAVSBAD

Borgaruddens Havsbad (seaside resort) is a campsite for caravans, RVs and tents. Rental cabins, restaurant, a small store, playground and a guest jetty.

www.borgaruddenscamping.se

Tel. +46 (0)72-558 41 38

FÅRÖNS STUGBY

The holiday home for mineworkers from northern Sweden's orefields is now open to the public, and situated in Piteå Archipelago on the beautiful island of Fårön. The holiday home is located only five minutes from the city centre of Piteå. The island of Fårön is connected to the mainland by a bridge. This secluded setting in combination with close proximity to the city centre, the big lawns and the swimming pool, make the holiday home a popular destination for both adults and children. Rent cabins or stay in your caravan/RV.

www.faronstugby.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-120 28

JÄVREBODARNA FISHING CAMP

The fishing camp offers a relaxing outdoor stay that includes swimming and fishing in a calm setting suitable for children. There is a guest jetty, Caravan sites, tent pitches and rental cabins.

www.fiskecampen.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-360 30



Photo: Västra kajen



Photo: Hansi Gelter

ANGLING

Angling on the coast using handheld equipment is free. A fishing permit is required for fishing in the rivers.

www.pitealv.se. For more information on regulations and fishing permits, please contact Piteå Tourist Centre

www.visitpitea.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90

Jävrebodarnas fishing camp offers fishing of hatchery-raised rainbow trout.

Also a museum, restaurant and café.

www.fiskecampen.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-360 30

NATURE PATHS AND HIKING TRAILS

There are several nature paths and hiking trails in the coastal area and archipelago of Piteå, for example, on Stor-Räbben, Vargön and in Jävre. For more information, please contact Piteå Tourist Centre.

www.visitpitea.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90

CANOEOING

Guide Natura and The Municipality of Piteå have compiled a brochure presenting 18 kayak routes in Piteå Archipelago. The brochure can be picked up at Piteå Tourist Centre and contains suggestions for easy half-day routes to demanding tours that take several days. Examples of routes: Jävre Harbour to Stenskär Island, Pitsund to Jävre Harbour, rounding Bondön Island, Mellerstön Island to Räbben Island, circling Vargön Island, rounding Haraholmsfjärden Cove, Trundön Island to Storgundet.

KAYAK GUIDE AND KAYAK RENTAL

Guide Natura www.guide-natura.com

Tel. +46 (0)70-672 21 09

Piteå kajak www.piteakajak.se

Tel. +46 (0)70-746 63 64

GUIDED NATURE EXPERIENCES

Guide Natura offers a variety of experiences all year round.

www.guide-natura.com

Tel. +46(0)70-672 21 09

HUNTING AND HUNTING EXPERIENCES

Fritid & Vildmarksliv I Norr arranges tailor-made hunting and outdoor activities and events. The company also has a shooting cinema which can be used for events.

www.fritidvildmarksliv.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-342 03

PITEÅ BOATING CLUB ACTIVITIES

Piteå Boating Club arranges many activities in the archipelago in the summer season. For up-to-date information, visit

www.piteabatklubb.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-24 41 13

PITE HAVSBAD

At Pite Havsbad you can enjoy activities and facilities such as bathing, golf, Jet Ski, a waterpark and large playing grounds.

www.pitehavsbad.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-327 00

ARCHIPELAGO EXCURSIONS

Regularly scheduled tour boats operate every summer in Piteå's beautiful archipelago. For a timetable and more information, please contact

Piteå Tourist Centre

www.visitpitea.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90

MORE INFORMATION

Many activity providers customise packages for both small and large groups. Contact Piteå Tourist Centre for more information.

www.visitpitea.se

Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90



Photo: Tina Nilsson



Photo: Hansi Gelter

FISHING

Ice fishing is a popular form of winter recreation.

SNOWMOBILE

The ice on the frozen sea is ideal for fantastic snowmobile tours. Note that snowmobiling is not permitted on the islands of Swedish Lapland, other than via the shortest route to and from the cabin and on marked snowmobile trails.

BOTHNIALOPPET

Each year in March, enthusiasts can take part in a cross country ski race on natural ice. For more information: www.bothnialoppet.se

ICEBREAKER SAFARI

Icebreaker safaris where the guests get the opportunity to take a walk on the frozen sea or take a dip in frigid waters (with survival suit). www.visitpitea.se
Tel. +46 (0)911-933 90

DOG SLED TOURS

Svedjekojan offers tailor-made dogsled tours. www.svedjekojan.se
Tel. +46 (0)70 699 76 35

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Guide Natura offers a variety of experiences all year round. www.guide-natura.com
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PITEÅ ICE ARENA

During late winter/early spring the Municipality of Piteå prepares an ice track on the frozen sea for activities such as walking, skating, skiing and kick-sledging. The ice track is close to the city centre. Along the track there are picnic areas and grill sites. During the weekends in the skating season there is also a café right next to the track, where you can borrow kick-sleds and rent skates.



Photo: Sanne Brännström



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Photo: Ulrika Kommes

Coastline

Luleå's coast stretches from Germandöudden in the south to Rörbäck in the north.

Luleå's land area is increasing at a rate of about 2.25 hectares per year due to isostatic rebound (land rise). This phenomenon explains why Luleå was moved in 1649, 10 km from Gammelstad, out to the coast. Gammelstad, meaning "old town", was thus the former location of Luleå.

The bedrock of Luleå is characterized by granites and gneisses. The inland ice left its mark on the landscape. Rocks, gravel and finer particles released by the melting glacier formed

boulder ridges, smooth outcrops, sand deltas and stony moraine. The indigenous deciduous trees of the area are birch, aspen, grey alder, bird cherry, mountain ash and willow.

Coniferous trees are species of pine and spruce. Luleå's fauna, which is characteristic of northern Sweden, includes moose, reindeer, fox, hare, mink, marten, muskrat and, occasionally, bear. However, the rich bird life is most renowned internationally. Both Gammelstads viken and Persöfjärden have been included on the Convention of Wetlands List.



Photo: Göran Wallin



- 1 Södra hamn, the south harbour
Accessible departure and arrival area for the passenger boats, parking. In Luleå's guest harbour, Ettans båthamn, you'll find everything you need for a few days in the archipelago. Here, you find restaurant, grocery store, fuel, WC, freshwater, laundry, and sewage disposal facilities. Approx. 25 berths. The passenger boat calls here.
www.granec.se/bathamn
Tel. +46 (0)920-22 80 25
- 2 Norra hamn, the north harbour.
Guest jetty, approx. 60 berths. Passenger boat, restaurant.
- 3 Rörbäck Camping & Seaside resort is beautifully situated right by the seashore. Guest harbour, WC, freshwater and sauna.
www.jamton.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-679 28 32
- 4 Just outside Råneå, there is a bathing area on the Kängsön peninsula. From Canoe Adventure North you can rent kayaks, canoes or aluminium boats.
www.canoeadventure.nu
Tel. +46 (0)70-542 51 10
- 5 Brändön Lodge is a superbly built and well-appointed conference centre next to the sea. Holiday cottages and rooms for rent. Guest harbour with 8 berths. Restaurant, sauna, WC, shower, freshwater and bathing.
www.brandonlodge.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-741 00
- 6 Lövsjär's fishing harbour has fuel pumps, a restaurant, a guest harbour (6 berths), freshwater, WC and sewage disposal facilities. Defibrillator.
www.lovskar.se



Photo: Per Petterson

Altappen/Likskär

Likskär is an island that consists of nothing but sand. The crystal-clear water and long, shallow-water beaches are reminiscent of more tropical parts of the world.

The seaward side of the island is shallow and perfect for bathing. The local yacht club, Luleå Segelsällskap, has a clubhouse here with restaurant, playground and guest harbour.

Altappen, an island connected to Likskär due to land rise, and situated about 1 km by boat from the



Photo: Per Petterson

fishing village of Lövsjär on the mainland, is an exciting island with remnants from the industrial era around the turn of the last century.

This was once the site of a large sawmill and the world's northernmost rolling mill. In July 1908 the community was devastated by fire and the island had to be evacuated at very short notice. The mills were never rebuilt and the only building left standing was Byggmästarvillan.



- 1 Guest jetty with approx. 55 berths. Clubhouse of Luleå Segelsällskap Restaurant and kiosk (limited opening hours).
www.luleasegelsallskap.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-632 52 (Clubhouse)
- 2 The beautiful beaches on the tip of Likskär are perfect for sunbathing and swimming.
- 3 Altappen's peninsula has many industrial ruins. Here, there are also grill sites and natural trails.



Photo: Per Petterson

Sandön/Klubbviken

Sandön, by far the largest island in Luleå Archipelago, has an area of no less than 25.7 km² and a large number of permanent residents.

Close to the city of Luleå, the island starts on the outer edge of Tjuvholmssundet and stretches all the way to Klubbviken Havsbad, where the inner archipelago ends.

As its name suggests, Sandön consists of sand, gravel

and other alluvial deposits from the Lule River. The island is relatively flat, with attractive pine heaths and long, shallow-water beaches. There are several rubble fields of varying sizes on the island.

The largest is near Lappmyrberget. This 1,400-metre long, 300-metre wide field, known as Stenäkern, "the stone meadow", is a nature reserve.



Photo: Per Petterson



- 1 Guest harbour with 50 berths. The passenger boat calls here. Klubbviken Havsbad offers some of Swedish Laplands' finest seaside bathing facilities, good service with rental cabins, restaurant, sauna, freshwater, and many activities. At Klubbviken, the City of Luleå has been working to improve accessibility. For more information on accessibility, please contact Luleå Tourist Centre: turistcenter@lulea.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00. Passenger boats visit the island several times daily throughout the summer season.
www.klubbviken.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-25 86 05
- 2 Shallow-water beaches and beautiful sand dunes are ideal for bathing and sunbathing. Find your very own sand dune! The Sandöklubben area is to be designated a nature reserve.
- 3 An enormous rubble field, Stenäkern, lies in the middle of the island.

HIKING TRAIL AT SANDÖN
There is a hiking trail on Sandön. For information about the trail, please contact
Luleå Tourist Centre or visit
www.lulea.se/skargard



Photo: Göran Wallin

Junkön

Junkön is also a large, permanently inhabited island. Several commercial fishermen are based here. During the summer they fish Baltic herring, whitefish and sea trout. In the autumn they net an endemic species of vendace for its roe löjrom, the “gold of the sea”.

Junkön is characterized by sand and forest. One half of the island is

more or less covered with trees, while the other is essentially one large sandy beach. Unfortunately, the sandy half is off-limits, since it is used by the airforce for target training. Junkön’s forests have pines that are more than 200 years old.

Attractions include a windmill of unknown age and an old archipelago homestead.



Photo: Göran Wallin



- 1 Guest harbour with approx. 30 berths. Near the old fishing village there are an archipelago museum, a museum displaying old boat engines, sauna, shower, freshwater and an accessible grill site. In summer you can reach Junkön’s harbour with the passenger boat.
- 2 Summer café. Home harbour for the island’s fishermen, who often sell their fish in the harbour.
- 3 Two rental cabins, that can be booked at www.lulea.se/skargard or at Luleå Tourist Centre (contact below). The cabins have electricity and freshwater. Cabin hosts during summer peak season. The City of Luleå has been working to improve accessibility at Junkön. For more information on accessibility, please contact Luleå Tourist Centre: turistcenter@lulea.se Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00
- 4 An old mill that was probably erected in the late 18th century. The people of Junkön and neighbouring island residents ground their rye and barley flour here.
- 5 The village centre is a charming and unique archipelago milieu. In the heart of the village you will also find Galleri Agda & Valborg, a gallery where many female artists from the Luleå area display their works. Open during summer peak season.
- 6 Örnudden’s fine sandy beach is ideal for bathing.

ICE ROADS FOR CARS TO JUNKÖN

In the winter you can drive to Junkön on an ice road.



Photo: Göran Wallin

Antnäs-Börstskär

Antnäs Börstskär is visible when you look out towards the outermost islands. Far off in the distance, if the weather is good, you can discern the silhouette of Rödkallen.

The southern part of the island is somewhat hilly and wooded. This part of the island resembles the outermost islands in the region, while the northern part is more like the inner islands. Norrskäret, on the



Photo: Göran Wallin

northern part of the island, is mostly forested by spruce and here you also find most of the islands' private cabins, while the western bay is the area that attracts most visitors. Antnäs Börstskär has a nice natural harbour that provides shelter from all winds except northwesterlies. Fine bathing and a good chance for visitors to see vipers.



- 1 Guest jetty with approx. 10 berths. Sauna, outhouse toilet, garbage disposal, picnic cabin and grill sites.
- 2 Look-out
- 3 Old feldspar quarry



Photo: Tina Nilsson

Rödskallen

Far out to sea, on the outer limits of the archipelago, lies Rödskallen, the last outpost facing Finland. In mediaeval times, Finnish fishermen visited the waters around Rödskallen.

The island is the site of an old pilot station and a fishing harbour. From 1814, pilots were stationed on Rödskallen, since shipping was so intensive and the approach to Luleå was very difficult to navigate. In 1872 a Heidenstam-type lighthouse was built. The 21.4 metre-tall lighthouse was designed by engineer Gustav von Heidenstam, father of the Nobel



Photo: Tina Nilsson

Prize-winning author Verner von Heidenstam. In 1972 the lighthouse was taken out of service after exactly 100 years of use and is today classed as an historical monument.

The Heidenstam lighthouse on Rödskallen is one of the few remaining of its type in Sweden.

Parts of Rödskallen are included in the Rödskallen - Sörespen nature reserve.

Though the island landscape is characteristically barren, there are numerous bird species; among them, the black guillemot, which nests on the stone pier by the old pilot station.



- 1 Private harbour with two guest berths.
- 2 The old pilot station, now closed.
- 3 The old pilothouse.
- 4 Built around 1800, Rödskallen's old chapel was not only a church but also a navigation mark and storage site for fishing nets and equipment. Its walls are also graced with graffiti from centuries past.
- 5 The Heidenstam lighthouse. Don't miss the labyrinth by the foot of the lighthouse or the old lighthouse keeper's residence.



Photo: Lars Mandahl

Kluntarna

The island of Kluntarna has been seasonally inhabited for many centuries and has always been used as a base for fishing and seal hunting. Many stone ruins, labyrinths and other evidence of human activity can be found on the island. “The Old Tarn” (Gammeltjärn) used to be a sheltered bay that formed an ideal natural harbour. In the late-19th century, access by boat became impossible due to land rise, and it was around this time that the fishing village was moved to its present location just near Storbjörnen. Excellent examples of plant life typical of the archipelago can be seen



Photo: Lena Hedberg

on this island. Many of the area’s different biotopes can be observed here, on this one spot; for example, coastal alder wood, old-growth coniferous forest and rare species such as beach euphrasy. Wading birds, such as the greater ringed plover, the turnstone and Temminck’s stint, are frequently seen on Kluntarna. A few hundred metres into the forest, you can observe grouse and other wood-land birds. Black guillemots and cormorants, too, are often seen. All of Kluntarna has been classified as a nature reserve since 1998, so visitors are asked to observe the utmost respect for nature.



- 1 Guest harbour with approx. 30 berths. The passenger boat calls here. Three rental cabins, book at www.lulea.se/skargard or at Luleå Tourist Centre, turistcenter@lulea.se Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00. Cabin hosts during summer peak season. Sauna. Small museum displaying the nature of the area. Outhouse toilet, grill sites, bathing.
 - 2 On the south side of Kråkskäret, the points of the compass were set out in stone, perhaps 300 or 400 years ago.
 - 3 Kråkskärsviken. Public sauna, a nice beach and a grill site.
 - 4 Many of the labyrinths on the island are now largely overgrown. You’ll find them at the edge of the rubble fields, just north of the high ground on the island. The five labyrinths vary in size and probably date from the 1300s or 1400s.
 - 5 Lookout tower.
 - 6 Foundations of several 19th century dwellings.
 - 7 Kluntgubben, a rock formation resembling a face, can only be seen from a certain angle.
 - 8 Gammeltjärn, formerly Kluntarna’s harbour.
 - 9 Remnants of stands for drying the fishing nets.
 - 10 Kluntarna’s fishing village.
 - 11 Black Guillemot nests here at Lillbjörnen.
- HIKING TRAIL ON KLUNTARNA
There is an excellent nature trail on Kluntarna. You can get information and a map from the cabin hosts on the island, at www.lulea.se/skargard or at Luleå Tourist Centre.



Photo: Lena Hedberg

Småskär

In 1652, Queen Kristina gave the island of Småskär to the people of Luleå. Småskär was an important base for local fisheries long into the 20th century. The island's name, meaning roughly "small rocky islets", stems from the fact that it was once many small islands that eventually merged due to land rise.

Småskär is one of Luleå Archipelago's most important islands from the point of view of recreation. Although there are nearly 120 private cottages, much of the island's pristine nature has been preserved and it continues to be a popular destination for boating



Photo: Lena Hedberg

tourists from near and far. Much of Småskär is covered in forest hosting Siberian spruce, and there are fascinating beach meadows. Part of a bird sanctuary in which hunting of seabirds and ducks is prohibited.

Småskär and Finnskär have many fine bird biotopes; tarns, shallow bays and old-growth forest. About 40 species of birds nest here.

The best area in the archipelago to see seals is off the east coast of Småskär. Around Manshällan and Bjässhällan, seals, particularly grey seals, are often spotted.



1 Bullerhamnsviken with guest harbour (approx. 17 berths). The passenger boat calls here. Two rental cabins can be booked at www.lulea.se/skargard or at Luleå Tourist Centre turistcenter@lulea.se Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00. Cabin hosts during the summer season. Sauna with a relaxation room. Grill sites, outhouse toilet, bathing, trail.

2 The fishing harbour in Kyrkviken was probably used as early as the 1500s. Its charming fishing huts were built in the 1700s.

3 Built in the 1720s with donations from Luleå residents, the chapel on Småskär is the oldest in the archipelago. The original pulpit is still used, and services are held here two Sundays in July each summer. The passenger boat stops at Småskär on those days.

HIKING TRAIL ON SMÅSKÄR
There is a nature trail on Småskär. You can get information and a map from the cabin hosts on the island, at www.lulea.se/skargard or at Luleå Tourist Centre.

 Bathing area



Photo: Lars Mandahl

Brändöskär

Brändöskär, a rather special and very beautiful island, is situated in the outer archipelago. Perhaps because it is so exposed to the wind and weather, it has more of a genuine archipelago character than most other islands.

Brändöskär is so named because, long ago, it served as a fishing base for the people of Norr-brändön, on mainland Brändön. Brändöskär/Uddskär was once the site of the largest fishing harbour in the Luleå archipelago, with 30 boat crews in 1820. Formerly, anyone was free to use the fishing huts,

provided they left a supply of dry firewood, matches and preferably a candle. At some point in the last century, people started locking the huts and keeping note of who owned what.

Brändöskär consists mainly of outcrops, moraine shaped by the waves, stone and sand. Exposure to wind and weather influences the flora and fauna. The landscape is similar to that of the high fell country, with rock outcrops and mosses, heaths with low vegetation and trees bent by the wind.



Photo: Göran Wallin



- 1 Guest harbour with approx. 15 berths. Outhouse toilet and grill site. Brändöskär's fishing harbour, considered by many to be the most beautiful in the Luleå archipelago, lies in a sheltered inlet with a public dock. The remaining log fishing huts are characteristic of a bygone era.
- 2 The passenger boat calls here.
- 3 Five rental cabins. The cabins can be booked at www.lulea.se/skargard or at Luleå Tourist Centre turistcenter@lulea.se. Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00. Cabin host during the summer season.
- 4 Even today, a painter from Luleå, Ola Taube, works on the island. In his studio, artists display their work on occasion.
- 5 Artist Erik Marklund lived and worked on Brändöskär. In 1957 he was responsible for raising a statue of Christ on Hällgrundet.
- 6 Public sauna and outhouse toilet.
- 7 The island's beautiful old chapel was built in 1774 by Brändön farmers. The altarpiece depicts a large fishing catch and, on one of the walls, the dramatic story of the drowning of two fishermen is inscribed.
- 8 Labyrinth on Uddskär, approximately 150 metres into the forest.



Photo: Per Pettersson

Hindersön

Hindersön is one of the largest islands in the Luleå Archipelago and is the only seaboard island with agriculture north of Gräsö in central Swedish Roslagen. People whose subsistence was fishing, farming and seal hunting inhabited the island as early as the 1500s. Hindersön has always been the most populated island in the archipelago and still has a permanent population.

Iron ore, discovered on the island in 1842, was mined during several periods. The mine and powder magazine, on Oxgrundet in Norrisundet, are all that remain from this era. Lime was also quarried, at

first only for domestic use, but later on an industrial scale when a lime-kiln was built. The kiln, which has been restored, stands just northeast of Hannosviken. Hindersön's flora covers a broad spectrum of plants from wild strawberries and arctic raspberries to the rare and beautiful Siberian primrose and ghost orchid. Much of Hindersön is covered by spruce forest, but there are also pine forests and open sandy areas. Game animals and birds common to the archipelago are found here and there are plenty of hares, woodland birds and seabirds. Osprey nest on the island.



Photo: Per Pettersson



- 1 Guest harbour. The passenger boat calls here. Sauna. At Hindersön, the City of Luleå has been working to improve accessibility. For more information on accessibility, please contact Luleå Tourist Centre: turistcenter@lulea.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00
- 2 Guest harbour, Ostisundet. WC
- 3 Guest harbour, Norrisund.
- 4 Jopikgården, a beautifully renovated Norrbotten farmhouse, offers accommodation, restaurant, conference facilities and more. Jopikgården offers hotel rooms as well as hostel rooms.
www.jopik.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-600 12
- 5 The old powder magazine, built in the late 19th century, is the only remaining building from a time when iron ore was mined on Hindersön.
- 6 Old mine and limekiln. Grill site, picnic cabin, guest harbour, outdoor toilet.
- 7 When you visit Hindersön, take the time to walk through the island's charming hamlet with its old archipelago homesteads.

HIKING TRAILS AT HINDERSÖN
There is a hiking trail at Hindersön. You can get information and a map from Jopikgården, at www.lulea.se/skargard or at Luleå Tourist Centre.

ICE ROADS FOR CARS
In the winter you can drive to Hindersön on ice road.



Photo: Daniel Sundström

BENGANS BASTUFLOTTE

This wood-fired sauna raft is anchored near the island of Stensborg. Groups are welcome to enjoy sauna bathing and a good meal.

www.riverrafter.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-347 07 72

LULEÅ PAINTBALL SAUNA RAFT

Sauna raft with dressing room, sound system, sun deck, hotwater heater, seats and charcoal grill. Dinners can be arranged.

www.luleapaintball.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-108 75 70,
+46 (0)70-628 81 38

BRÄNDÖN LODGE

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JOPIKGÅRDEN AT HINDERSÖN

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www.jopik.se
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JUNKÖNS' ARCHIPELAGO MUSEUM

The museum shows old implements, artefacts and antiquities from the archipelago and has a summer café. Open during summer peak season.

www.lulea.se/skargard

KLUBBVIKEN HAVSBAD

One of Swedish Lapland's most beautiful seaside resort areas. Sandy beaches, restaurant, activities, cabins and sauna.

www.klubbviken.se
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LAPONIA REDERI

Aboard Laponia's vessels food inspired by the archipelago is served. Food is prepared onboard and the menu includes both snacks and à la carte. Laponia's shrimp buffet is extremely popular.

www.laponia.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-120 84

HAMNKÖKET

Hamnköket (harbour kitchen) in Lövsjär's fishing port is a small family restaurant where all food is prepared on-site à la carte. The restaurant is keen to use local ingredients and organic products.

www.hamnkoket.se



Photo: Per Pettersson



Photo: Per Pettersson



Photo: Peter Rosén

Even if you don't have a boat of your own, reaching the archipelago is easy. The City of Luleå offers passenger boat service during the summer season. Chartered tours can be arranged by the companies listed below.

For further information about passenger boats, please visit www.lulea.se/skargard or contact Luleå Tourist Centre turistcenter@lulea.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00

CONDOR SHIPPING AB
www.condorshipping.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-25 85 06

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LAPONIA REDERI AB
www.laponia.se
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Tel. +46 (0)920-25 86 06

RÖRBÄCKS HAVSBAD

Rörbäck camping & seaside resort is beautifully situated right by the seashore. Long sandy beaches, guest harbour, sauna and nice surroundings for hiking.

www.jamton.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-679 28 32

RENTAL CABINS AT KLUNTARNA

The City of Luleå offers three rental cabins on the island of Kluntarna. The cabins have gas stoves and are heated by wood stoves. There is no electricity in the cabins. Guests bring their own freshwater. There are also two saunas and a natural history museum close by.

RENTAL CABINS AT BRÄNDÖSKÄR

The City of Luleå has five rental cabins and a sauna on the beautiful island of Brändöskär. The cabins have gas stoves and are heated by wood stoves. There is no electricity in the cabins. Guests bring their own freshwater.

RENTAL CABINS AT JUNKÖN

The City of Luleå offers two rental cabins (four beds each) on the island of Junkön. The cabins are accessible and have electricity and freshwater. Sauna and shower. For more information on accessibility, please contact Luleå Tourist Centre.

RENTAL CABINS AT SMÅSKÄR

The City of Luleå offers two rental cabins (four beds each) on the island of Småskär. The cabins have gas stoves and are heated by wood stoves. There is no electricity in the cabins. Guests bring their own freshwater.

The cabins can be booked at Luleå Tourist Centre:
turistcenter@lulea.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-45 70 00
or at www.lulea.se/skargard



Photo: Göran Wallin



Photo: Per Pettersson

ANGLING

Fishing permits are required for fishing in the waters between the city centre (also the south and the north harbour) and Tjuvholmssundet. Fishing permits can be bought at Luleå Tourist Centre at Kulturens Hus, Team Sportia or Vildmarks-shopen. Other than that, no fishing permit is needed for fishing in the sea.

GUIDED FISHING

can be arranged by:

Nordguide

www.nordguide.se

Tel. +46 (0)70-666 53 04

CreActive Adventure

www.creative-adventure.se

Tel. +46 (0)70-207 37 51

Brändön Lodge

www.brandonlodge.se

Tel. +46 (0)920-741 00

NATURE AND HIKING TRAILS

There are several hiking trails in Luleå's archipelago, for example, on Kluntarna, Småskär, Sandön, Brändöskär and Hindersön. Maps and guides for all trails are available at Luleå Tourist Centre and at www.lulea.se/skargard

YOUR OWN BOAT

Guest harbours: the following locations offer visiting boats sheltered and comfortable harbours:

Kängsön, Rörbäck, Jonkgrundet, Degerö-Börstskär, Hindersön Gruvan, Hindersön Norrisund, Hindersön Ostisund, Hindersön Björkögårdsviken, Brändöskär, Lövskär, Likskär, Stensborg, Klubbviken Havsbad, Kallaxön Gruvan, Luleå - Ettan harbour, Kluntarna, Småskär, Antnäs-Börstskär and Junkön.

At Luleå Tourist Centre a season ticket for the municipal harbours can be bought.

SPECIAL MARINE CHARTS OF THE LULEÅ ARCHIPELAGO

To facilitate leisure-boating navigation, the City of Luleå Dept. of Recreation has issued two special marine charts of the Luleå Archipelago. Charts are in a scale of 1:25,000 and cover the most-frequented destinations in the archipelago. Municipal shipping channels, buoyage and all facilities such as saunas, docks, etc., are clearly marked.

Chart 1 covers sections of the middle archipelago, Hindersön, Småskär, Kluntarna and other islands.

Chart 2 covers sections of the middle and southern archipelago. Klubbviken, Likskär, Rödkallen and Antnäs-Börstskär are some of the islands on this chart. The charts are available wherever marine charts are sold and at Luleå Tourist Centre.

KITING

A kite is a sort of parachute with which you can ski, snowboard or surf, on land, ice or open water. Kite Sweden offer kiting classes.

www.kitesweden.se

Tel. +46 (0)920-22 82 50

SAUNA RAFT

Sauna rafts can be rented at:

Bengans Bastuflotte

www.riverrafter.se

Tel. +46 (0)70-347 07 72

Luleå Paintball

www.luleapaintball.se

Tel. +46 (0)70-108 75 70,

+46 (0)70-628 81 38

ARCHIPELAGO ACTIVITIES AT JOPIKGÅRDEN

Jopikgården at Hinderön arranges a variety of activities.

www.jopik.se

Tel. +46 (0)920-600 12



Photo: Per Pettersson



Photo: Gunvor Ekström

KAYAKING

Luleå's archipelago is ideal for kayaking, whether you're a beginner or an experienced paddler. And there are many excellent spots to go ashore. Here, we present just a few of them, but there are plenty of others. Read more at www.lulea.se/skargard where you also find "The kayak guide", a brochure with descriptions of kayak routes. The kayak guide is also available at Luleå Tourist Centre.

KAYAKING ACTIVITIES

Friluftsförbundet Luleå
www.friluftsförbundet.se/lulea

KAYAK RENTAL

Luleå Kajakkklubb
www.idrottonline.se/LuleaKK-Kanot
 Tel. +46 (0)920-22 24 32

Brändön Lodge
www.brandonlodge.se
 Tel. +46 (0)920-741 00

Klubbviken Havsbad
www.klubbviken.se
 Tel. +46 (0)920-25 86 05

Canoe Adventure North
www.canoeadventure.nu
 Tel. +46(0)70-542 51 10

CreActive Adventure
www.creative-adventure.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-207 37 51

Äventyrsbutiken Hägglunds
www.aventyrabutiken.se
 Tel. +46 (0)920-156 40

Ouroboros
www.ouraboroslulea.com
 Tel. +46 (0)70-525 17 03

RECOMMENDED SITES FOR GOING ASHORE:

- see map on next page

1. Algrundet Råne
2. Bockön, 2 ställen
3. Borgen
4. Brändavan (Kalix skärgård)
5. Bergön syd (Kalix skärgård)
6. Näverön (Kalix skärgård)
7. Sigfridsön/Ytterstholmen
8. Nagelskäret
9. Svartön
10. Stångholmen
11. Fjuksön, 3 ställen
12. Rövarn
13. Degerö Börstskär(västudden)
14. Lill-Furuön
15. Två småöar väst om Båtön
16. Stora Båtklippan
17. Norra Sandskäret
18. Södra Skogsskäret
19. Lappön
20. Lågören
21. Strömmingsören
22. Stora och Lilla Hindersöharun
23. Storsand, Långön
24. Smålsön
25. Norra Mjoön
26. Klyvan
27. Björkskäret
28. Norrespen
29. Sörespen
30. Sandöklubben, Sandgrönorna
31. Lill Mannöhällan (se sjökort)
32. Junkön
33. Kluntarna
34. Brändöskär
35. Småskär



Photo: Gunvor Ekström

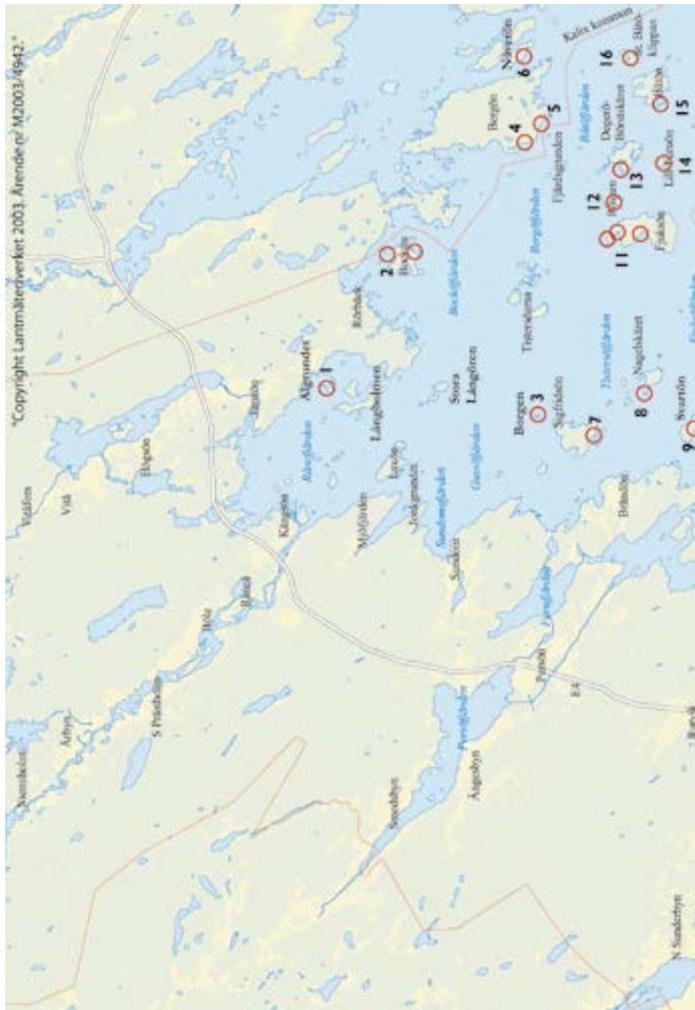




Photo: Per Pettersson

Many people might think the archipelago is just a destination for summer, but there's also plenty to see and do in the winter.

BY CAR OR SNOWMOBILE

The winter archipelago is easily reached by car or snowmobile. About 30 km of ice roads, completely safe for cars and even trucks, are ploughed each winter. The ice roads open when the ice is thick enough.

The City of Luleå maintains three ice roads in the archipelago. One runs from Tjuvholmssundet via Sandön to Junkön. The other two both begin at Hindersö-stallarna and diverge towards Hindersön and Stor-Brändön, respectively (see map on page 72).

SNOWMOBILING

The archipelago is ideal for snowmobiling. Ride out with family or friends and experience the winter archipelago; stop for a picnic lunch or drop in at one of the archipelago restaurants. Normally, snowmobile trails between Stor-Brändön and Kluntarna, between Långön and

Småskär and between Skagsudden and Jopikgården on Hindersön are prepared (see map on page 72). Snowmobiling is prohibited on the islands, except for on Småskär and Hindersön, where snowmobiling is restricted to marked trails. See maps on pages 89 and 93. Archipelago residents create their own winter trails, often marked with spruce bows.

GUIDED SNOWMOBILE TOURS

CreActive Adventure
www.creative-adventure.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-207 37 51

Brändön lodge
www.brandonlodge.se
 Tel. +46 (0)920-741 00

Nordguide
www.nordguide.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-666 53 04

Luleå Guided Tours
www.laplandtours.se
 Tel. +46 (0)70-296 66 25

Explore Luleå
www.explorelulea.com
 Tel. +46 (0)73-767 90 45

ON SKIS OR SKATES

The wide, white expanses beckon. The best skiing is usually from February to April; but even after the ice breaks up, you can still ski in the archipelago on the broad rim of shoreline ice surrounding each island. During the early winter, up until New Year's, you'll find excellent ice for skating along the coast. Luleå Long-distance Skating Club arranges tours for groups of beginners and advanced skaters.

ICE TRACK IN THE CITY CENTRE

Every year an ice track is prepared on the sea ice around the city centre of Luleå. In recent winters the ice track has been much-appreciated attraction for walking, skiing, skating, kick-sledding or even bicycling. If the weather and ice conditions allow, the ice track opens in December. The routing of the ice track is from the north harbour outside Gultzaudden, under the Bergnäset Bridge and to the

island of Gråsjälören. There are also side-tracks to Mjölkudden, Bergnäset and the south harbour. The ice track is more than 10 km in total. Along the ice track there are wind shelters and picnic areas with seats and grill sites.

FISHING

Ice-fishing is a popular form of winter recreation. From downtown Luleå, you only need to walk a couple of hundred metres out onto the ice of Stadsfjärden, where you can hook perch, whitefish and salmon trout. Fishing permits can be bought at Luleå Tourist Centre, Team Sportia and Vildmarks-shopen.

KITING

A kite is a sort of parachute with which you can ski, snowboard or surf, on land, ice or open water. With wide-open spaces, the Luleå Archipelago offers perfect conditions for ski kiting or snowboard kiting in winter. Kite Sweden in Luleå specializes in kiting courses and products.
www.kitesweden.se
 Tel. +46 (0)920-22 82 50



Photo: Per Pettersson



Foto: Per Pettersson

DOGSLEDDING

Tours are arranged by:
Bothnia Sleddog Adventure
Tel. +46 (0)70-552 06 07

Svedjekojan
www.svedjekojan.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-699 76 35

Luleå Adventure
www.luleaadventure.com
Tel. +46 (0)70-205 74 62

PACK-ICE EXPERIENCES

In late winter, in the outer archipelago, the forces of wind and weather begin to press massive blocks of ice together in towering formations. Approaching the pack ice is an exciting experience that gives you a sense of the incredible power of nature. Once the ice has broken up far out in the archipelago, canoeing and kayaking are great ways to see the pack ice at close range. Paddling through the frigid blue water amid huge icebergs, you would almost think you were in the Arctic. Depending on the bearing strength

of the ice, you can still travel by car or snowmobile, or even by boat, out to sites where canoes and kayaks are available.

Pack-ice and paddling adventures can be arranged by:

CreActive Adventure
www.creative-adventure.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-207 37 51

Brändön Lodge
www.brandonlodge.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-741 00

Nordguide
www.nordguide.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-666 53 04

SNOWSHOE HIKING

Snowshoe hiking over the frozen sea ice is an exciting and slightly different experience. Snowshoe hiking tours are arranged by:

CreActive Adventure
www.creative-adventure.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-207 37 51

Brändön Lodge
www.brandonlodge.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-741 00

Nordguide
www.nordguide.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-666 53 04

Ourosboros
www.ourosboroslulea.com
Tel. +46 (0)70-525 17 03

Explore Luleå
www.explorelulea.com
Tel. +46 (0)73-767 90 45

SKATING

Friluftsförbundet arranges organized and safe skating tours led by experienced leaders. The tours are organised as soon as the ice is safe and until the snow is too deep. Friluftsförbundet also has rental skates.

www.friluftsframjandet.se/lulea

ACTIVITIES AT JOPIKGÅRDEN

Jopikgården at Hindersön arranges a variety of activities. For more information:
www.jopik.se

Tel. +46 (0)920-600 12



LULEÅ ARCHIPELAGO IN FIGURES

The average distance across the archipelago, from the mainland to the outermost islands is 3.54 km and the distance from the centre of Luleå to the outermost islands is approximately 25 km.

- No. of islands larger than 20 m²: 1312
- Average water depth, m: 9,0 m
- Maximum water depth, m: 100 m
- Land area increase/year: 2,25 km²
- No. of navigable channels: 4
- No. of fixed sea markers: 50
- No. of floating sea markers/buoys: 61
- Total length of docks/jetties, m: 700 m
- No. of rental cottages: 12
- No. of shelters/day cabins: 7
- No. of saunas: 6
- No. of outhouse toilets: 30
- No. of open grill sites: 26
- Volume of firewood/year, m³: 150
- Volume of waste/year, m³: 210

BOOK ABOUT THE LULEÅ ARCHIPELAGO

(Available in Swedish only)

There are 1,312 islands and thousands of islets in the archipelago. Several of them are described in this richly detailed guide, which is packed with photos, maps, sailing charts and a wealth of factual material on virtually every aspect of history, nature, culture and recreation in this fascinating part of Sweden.

Available at Luleå Tourist Centre.

Read more about the Luleå archipelago:

www.lulea.se/skargard
www.bottenviken.se



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Fuelling of boats/
snowmobile



Fuelling with
diesel only



Sewage
disposal



Defibrillator



Improved
accessibility



Photo: Stefan Haapaniemi

Seskarö

Seskarö is the largest island in the Haparanda archipelago and the only one with a year-round population and a mainland connection via a road bridge. It is the site of Seskarö Havsbad och Camping, which offers bathing, modern cabins and a scenic campground on the Tromsövikens bay with its shallow-water beach. The island also has a large number of small bays with excellent beaches. One popular sea inlet, also accommodating boats with a large draught, is Sorttisviken, where there are also grill sites and



nice beaches. The island has a long and time-honoured sawmill history. Many of the more ancient buildings are preserved, giving a picturesque setting. It has all the services and amenities a large village can offer: from shops, a church and small stores to cafés, a school and excursion destinations. Seskarö also has five wind generators, which form a characteristic silhouette seen from the sea. On the north side of the island, there is an old loading jetty which today serves as a marina.



- 1 Bridge connection with the mainland.
- 2 Sorttisviken. Natural harbour, grill sites, bathing.
- 3 Guest harbour (quay)
- 4 Seskarö Livs (Allevägen 1)
- 5 Seskarö small service & filling station (Industrivägen 5). Grill site, café, fuel, food, pharmacy and off-license.
- 6 Folkets Hus community centre, Fridhemsvägen 16. Summer café, library, exhibitions, etc. organised by Seskarö Village Association.
- 7 Sammakkoviken is a beautiful small natural harbour, protected from

the wind. Here, you approach directly towards the sandy beach.

- 8 Seskarö Wårdshus, Industrivägen 1. À la carte, buffet, catering, etc. www.seskarowardshus.se Tel. +46 (0)920-202 44
- 9 Seskarö Church is on the church hill Kyrkbacken and was built in 1929.
- 10 Seskarö Havsbad (seaside resort). Rental cabins, caravan sites and tent pitches. Kiosk, restaurant, self-catering kitchen, WC and shower. Beach, grill sites, mini-golf, bike and kayak rental, etc. www.seskarohavsbad.se Tel. +46 (0)922-201 50, +46 (0)70-208 48 77



Photo: Anita Lundström

Hanhinkari

The island Hanhinkari is the most built-up of all the islands in the Haparanda archipelago and offers a wealth of leisure activities for both cottage owners and the many visitors.

Hanhinkari has a large hall owned by Haparanda Boating Club with seating for 60 people. The hall is open to all visitors in summertime. The same applies to the sauna which is popular among visitors to the island. There are two grill sites close to the hall. There is a float-



Photo: Anita Lundström

ing jetty below the boating club's hall and a little further away is the main jetty, where boaters can moor overnight. There is a freshwater well

on the island. There are also two stone labyrinths.

The Municipality of Haparanda has been working to improve accessibility on Hanhinkari. For more information on accessibility, please contact Haparanda-Tornio Tourist Office.

Dogs are welcome to visit the island, but they must be kept on a leash.



- 1 Guest harbour, floating jetty.
- 2 Haparanda Boating Club's hall, open to visitors in summertime. Grill sites.
- 3 Haparanda Boating Club's sauna, open to the public in summertime.
- 4 Guest harbour, main jetty. Outhouse toilets, grill sites. The Municipality of Haparanda has been working to improve accessibility in the area around the main jetty. For more information on accessibility, please contact Haparanda-Tornio Tourist Office: www.haparandatornio.com Tel. +46 (0)922-262 00
- 5 Labyrinths
- 6 Freshwater well



Photo: Per Pettersson

Torne-Furö

Torne-Furö is a nature reserve and a very popular island among boaters. Since it is close to both Haparanda and Finnish Tornio, it is much frequented by bathers during the warm, sunny summer months. There are grill sites and outhouse toilets. There are plenty of blueberries, raspberries, lingonberries and mushrooms. The northeast



Photo: Haparanda kommun

beach of the island is easily accessible by boat because of the water depth.

There is a fishing village in the north-western part of the island. Reindeer and moose are frequently seen on Torne-Furö all year round. Dogs are welcome to visit the island, but they must be kept on a leash.



- 1 Jetty for loading and unloading.
- 2 Grill sites
- 3 Outhouse toilet
- 4 Fishing village



Photo: Göran Wallin

Kataja

“Kataja” is Finnish for the juniper, and this island is right on the border between Sweden and Finland.

On the Swedish, western part of the island, there are three private cabins.

The border crosses the southeast part of Kataja and is marked by landmarks and a boundary. This is the easternmost place in Sweden.

When the border was drawn, after the Finnish War in 1809, it separated Kataja and the smaller island Inakari. Due to land rise the two islands have emerged, which is why the island is divided between



Photo: Göran Wallin

the countries. The border has also been revised. The beach here consists mainly of blocky beach and beach meadows, with a few elements of sand. The eastern isthmus is

dominated by deciduous forest with mainly rowan, alder and willow, while the central and western parts are dominated by coniferous forest.

Kataja is located in the northern part of the Bothnian Bay, where land rise and the impact of the sea create dynamic conditions for the characteristic flora and fauna.



- 1 Sweden's easternmost place. Border between Sweden and Finland.



Photo: Ida Svanberg

Skomakaren/Suutari

Skomakaren is also called Suutari by Finnish-speaking locals, both names meaning “shoemaker”. The island is about 10 kilometres south of Haparanda-hamn (Haparanda harbour) and has a lot of ancient ruins. If you take a walk on the island you will find traces of net-drying frames used by fishermen, house foundations, a labyrinth,



Photo: Per Pettersson

compass roses and even a tar-making site.

The island is popular because of its long sandy beaches, sunbathing and swimming. Boaters enjoy visiting Norrviken, which gives protection from most winds. The island is also a great place for berry-picking and mushroom-picking.



- 1 Norrviken beach
- 2 Beach
- 3 Fishing village



Photo: Staffan Svanberg

Hepokari

The island of Hepokari, in the outermost archipelago, has among the richest collections of ancient ruins in an archipelago setting.

Among other things, one can see the remnants of an entire village complex, together with boat ramps, a labyrinth and fence cairns. The island flora is also interesting.

The harbour gives protection from most winds. There is also a grill site beside the bay.



Photo: Göran Wallin



- 1 Boat landing
- 2 Grill site
- 3 Ancient ruins, dwelling sites.
- 4 Labyrinth, dwelling sites and fence cairns.



Photo: Göran Wallin

Seskar-Furö

Seskar-Furö is part of Haparanda Skärgård National Park. The island has fascinating forest milieus dominated by pine. The natural forest has remained largely untouched by humans.

At the western beach of the northern headland are large sand dunes. Both sides of the headland have excellent



Photo: Göran Wallin

beaches for bathing; however, they are shallow and difficult to approach.

East of the fishing huts there are some ancient ruins, including a labyrinth. From here, a path leads to the bay on the south side of the island.

Seskar-Furö is popular among boaters.



- 1 Beach. Outhouse toilet, information board, grill site.



Photo: Per Pettersson

Haparanda Sandskär

Farthest out in the Bothnian Bay lies Sandskär, perhaps the best known of all the islands and the largest in Haparanda Skärgård National Park. Sandskär features various types of nature: from long sandy beaches to virgin aspen forest, and there are many rare plants. Because of its location, many bird species are attracted to the island during spring and autumn migration. Moose are common on the island.

Sandskär also has an exciting history, with events documented from the 16th century, when herring fishing brought the coastal population here. Today the island is

much frequented by boating tourists, as well as cottage owners. Berry and mushroom picking are popular activities on the island in summer and autumn. There are also many remnants from times past; for example, the wreck of a sunken ship and a small graveyard.

In summer visitors can reach Sandskär with their own boat or aboard a passenger boat. In winter the island can be visited on skis or by snowmobile.

Dogs are welcome to visit the island, but they must be kept on a leash. Bosmina offers visitors guided tours of Sandskär and arranges catered conferences.



Photo: Per Pettersson



- 1 Passenger boat jetty. Grill sites, outhouse toilet. One of Swedish Lapland's finest beaches for bathing.
- 2 Pristine thick-growth virgin aspen forest.
- 3 Sheltered harbour with guest jetty, picnic cabin, rental cabins and conference hall "Rådstugan". Booking: Bosmina or at Haparanda-Tornio Tourist Office.
www.bosmina.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-552 76 36
Tel. +46 (0)922-262 00 (tourist office). Sauna, freshwater well, and outhouse toilet. Defibrillator. Passenger boat.
- 4 The chapel dates back to late 18th century, and the building was

moved here from Tornio, where it was once used to store grain. Near the chapel, a small burial site has a stone commemorating the seaman Olof Viktor Andersson from Öland, who died when the brigantine Elvine sank off Sandskär in autumn 1886. In the chapel baptisms and weddings are arranged on occasion.

- 5 Haparanda Sandskär is Sweden's northernmost and easternmost bird observatory. Ornithologists have a bird-banding station here. The observatory is staffed from mid-July to mid-October and welcomes visitors.
- 6 Fishing village on the island of Kajava.



Photo: Stefan Svanberg

SESKARÖ WÄRDSHUS

Seskarö Wårdshus seats up to 100 guests in a relaxing and pleasant setting. Selected local delicacies are carefully prepared using quality ingredients from all over Norrbotten County. Seskarö Wårdshus is recommended by White Guide, Sweden's best restaurants. www.seskarowardshus.se
Tel. +46 (0)922-202 44

SESKARÖ HAVSBAD

The restaurant at Seskarö Havsbad serves hamburgers with all the trimmings, as well as an evening menu based on local ingredients. www.seskarohavsbad.se
Tel. +46 (0)922-201 50

BOSMINA

In connection with its charter trips and conferences in an archipelago setting, Bosmina serves great food on the beach or aboard the boat. www.bosmina.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-552 76 36

STRANDCAFÉ

In the city centre of Haparanda, on the shore of the Torne River lies Strandcafé (the beach café). Ice cream, sweets, bread and light meals are served. Nice river view. www.kukkolaforsen.se
Tel. +46 (0)922-310 00

LAPONIA REDERI

Aboard Laponia's vessels food inspired by the archipelago is served. Food is prepared onboard and the menu includes both snacks and à la carte. Laponia's shrimp buffet is extremely popular. www.laponia.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-120 84

TORANDA

On the Finnish side of Torne River you will find Toranda, an event centre with guest harbour and restaurant open during the summer season. Cycling distance to Tornio and Haparanda city centres. www.torandasworld.com
Tel. +358 50 374 2550



Photo: Ulrika Kommes

BOSMINA

Even those without a boat can get to Haparanda archipelago. The company Bosmina offers charter trips and conferences in an archipelago setting, and runs a scheduled boat service to the island of Haparanda Sandskär. www.bosmina.se
Tel. +46 (0)70-552 76 36
HaparandaTornio
Tourist Information Office
Tel. +46 (0)922-262 00

LAPONIA REDERI

Cruises with food and refreshments served on board. www.laponia.se
Tel. +46 (0)920-120 84



Photo: Per Pettersson

BUS TO SESKARÖ

There is a bus connection between Seskarö and the city centre of Haparanda. For more information, please visit www.ltnbd.se or contact HaparandaTornio Tourist Information Office
Tel. +46 (0)922-262 00

BUS TO

HAPARANDAHAMN

(Haparanda harbour). There is a bus connection between Haparandahamn and the city centre of Haparanda. The passenger boat to Haparanda Sandskär departs from Haparandahamn. For more information, please visit www.ltnbd.se or contact HaparandaTornio Tourist Information Office
Tel. +46 (0)922-262 00



Photo: HaparandaTornio turistbyrå

SESKARÖ HAVSBAD

(seasideresort) Beautifully situated about 25 km south of Haparanda on the island of Seskarö. Rental cabins as well as caravan and tent pitches. Service building with kiosk, restaurant, kitchen, WC, shower, sauna and hot tub. Beach, grill sites, mini-golf, bike and kayak rental.

www.seskarohavsbad.se

Tel. +46 (0)922-201 50

HAPARANDA CAMPING

Next to the Torne River in the city centre of Haparanda lies Haparanda camping. Caravan and tent pitches. Playground, bathing, beach activities and café.

Walking distance to restaurants, cafes, shopping and entertainment.

www.haparandacamping.se

Tel. +46 (0)922-130 01

HAPARANDAHAMN

(Haparanda harbour) Located 18 kilometres from the city centre, Bothnia

Boating Club runs a campsite for boaters and other visitors. Service building with a fully-equipped kitchen, sauna, laundry, internet access, freshwater and sewage disposal facilities. Grill cabin, grill site, WC and shower. Museum of the village of Nikkala and its fishermen.

www.bkbothnia.se

CABINS, HAPARANDA SANDSKÄR

Rental cabins that can be booked at

www.bosmina.se

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TORANDA

Well-equipped guest harbour on the Finnish side of the Torne River. High-class accommodation in hotel rooms or suites. Events, activities. Biking distance to Tornio and Haparanda city centres.

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FISHING

The Torne River is the longest freely flowing river in Europe. The river hosts salmon, grayling, northern pike, whitefish, perch and trout. A fishing permit is required in order to fish in the river. Fishing permits can be bought at HaparandaTornio Tourist Information Office. For more information about regulations and fishing permits, please visit www.tornealvsloxkort.se

CANOEING

There are many excellent bays to explore if you visit Haparanda Archipelago by kayak or canoe. Rental kayaks are available at Seskarö Havsbud. www.seskarohavsbud.se
Tel. +46 (0)922-201 50

BIRD-WATCHING

The archipelago is a perfect place for bird-watching. Some of the birds that are commonly found along the coastline include the red-breasted merganser, which often fishes very close to the shore; the common sandpiper, which flies tootling over the surface of the water, and the white wagtail, which runs onto the shore and captures bugs. The variety of species found in the archipelago is great and here you can meet wood grouse, black grouse and ptarmigan as well as ruddy turnstone, black guillemot and lesser black-backed gull and, of course, also sea eagle.

HIKING

Many of the islands in Haparanda's archipelago are very good for hiking. On Haparanda Sandskär there are even trails with plankways in many parts of the island. Bring a flora book to discover plants on your own. Some of the islands are home to endemic species such as Bothnian wormwood, beach euphrasy and Siberian primrose.

PASSENGER BOAT

Haparanda archipelago has passenger boat services. The companies Bosmina and Laponia Rederi offer tours to Hapa-

randa Sandskär and other islands.
www.bosmina.se
www.laponia.se

ON YOUR OWN BOAT

Visiting Haparanda archipelago aboard your own boat is a wonderful experience. There are many excellent moorings and small inviting marinas.

BOATING CLUBS

BK Bothnia
www.bkbothnia.se
Haparanda Boating Club
www.haparandabatkлубb.se



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MARINAS/GUEST HARBOURS

Strandkajen (f.d. Cementkajen)

This jetty is near the centre of Haparanda, just a short walk from all the services a town can offer. Mooring at the jetty is free and the water depth is 2-2.5 metres. Several of the Bosmina archipelago tours depart from here. The channel from the sea to the jetty is a buoy fairway, somewhat shallow in the outer reaches and narrow in places; about 1.5-2 metres in an area below the railway bridge but will take vessels with a draught of about 1 metre. Add the draught that the propeller needs. From Strandkajen you can also reach jetties near the centre of Finnish Tornio. For more information: Municipality of Haparanda:
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Haparandahamn (Haparanda harbour)

Haparandahamn is a fishing and small-boat harbour at the northern end of Skomakarfjärden Bay, and among boaters is reckoned to be the northernmost and easternmost marina in the Bothnian Bay. It attracts many boats from overseas because of its location. Haparandahamn features Kustkulturrum - an exhibition of old-time fishing gear. The water depth in Haparandahamn is 3 metres, and the harbour has most of what you need for a stay in the archipelago; guest moorings, sauna, shower, freshwater, a recycling station, W/C, boat ramps and cranes, diesel, bikes to borrow and a distance of 4 km to the nearest grocery store. There is also a defibrillator in the harbour. For more information: BK Bothnia
www.bkbothnia.se

Seskarö

Seskarö Marina is on the north of the island. A few kilometres away, there is a campsite, restaurant, bathing and a grocery store. For more information: Municipality of Haparanda:
Tel. +46 (0)922-260 00

Hanhinkari

Haparanda Boating Club's facility with clubhouse, sauna and outhouse toilets. On the island there is also a freshwater well. Anchoring at the boat club pier or at the large pier on the island, where you also find grill sites and outhouse toilets. For more information: Municipality of Haparanda:
Tel. +46 (0)922-260 00

Toranda

Well-equipped guest harbour on the Finnish side of the Torne River. Toranda has a restaurant (open during the summer season), freshwater, electricity, petrol and diesel, shower, sauna and conference facilities. Often, events are arranged. Biking distance to Tornio and Haparanda centres.
www.torandasworld.com
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SNOWMOBILE

The open white expanses in the archipelago are ideal for snowmobile tours. Visit one of the exciting islands or explore the mighty ice walls that form in late winter. *Note that snowmobiling is not permitted on the islands of Swedish Lapland, other than via the shortest route to and from the cabin and on marked snowmobile trails.*

Bosmina offers guided snowmobile tours.
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ON SKIS OR SKATES

In the autumn, before the snow has arrived, the ice can be suitable for long-distance skating and, in winter, the archipelago is a good place for skiing excursions. In early spring the Municipality of Haparanda prepares ski trails from Riekkola to Hanhinkari and Salmis.

FISHING

Ice-fishing is a popular pastime in winter. No fishing permit is required for ice-fishing. Visitors to Haparanda's archipelago can also try their hand at setting a fishing net beneath the ice, together with the experts.

Booking: www.bosmina.se
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DOGSLEDDING

The archipelago is well suited for dog-sledding. There are vast areas to glide over, fast and silent.

PACK ICE EXPERIENCES

The mighty pack ice that rises in the outermost sea rim in late winter is a stunning experience. Take a snowmobile or a pair of skis and make your way out there to witness this awesome sight, or contact Bosmina for a guided tour.

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Sea channels and snowmobile trails



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SEA CHANNELS

The old archipelago channel runs from Bjuröklubb in the south to Haparanda in the north, and then on to Finland. This channel was previously used by small trading vessels. Nowadays, the channel is used exclusively by leisure craft. As the vessels became larger, merchant shipping began using fairways running directly from the open sea in to the major ports.

Nautical charts must be used for navigation.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

There are snowmobile trails in several of the municipalities along the coastline of Swedish Lapland. For more information on snowmobile trails, please contact the local tourist centres.

GPS-based suggestions for snowmobile routes can be downloaded to your GPS.

Note that travelling on sea ice is undertaken at your own risk. A map and nautical charts must be used for navigation. Remember: where it is shallow, the ice is often thin, so it is necessary to have nautical charts that clearly show these areas.

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Tourist Centres

SKELLEFTEÅ TOURIST CENTER

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info@visitskelleftea.se
www.visitskelleftea.se

JÄVRE TOURIST INFORMATION

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Järvvägen 186, 944 94 Jävrebyn.
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javre.turistbyra@pitea.se
www.visitpitea.se

PITEÅ TOURIST CENTER

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www.visitpitea.se

LULEÅ TOURIST CENTER

Kulturens Hus, Luleå
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E-post turistcenter@lulea.se
www.lulea.se/skargard

VISITOR CENTRE, GAMMELSTAD CHURCH TOWN

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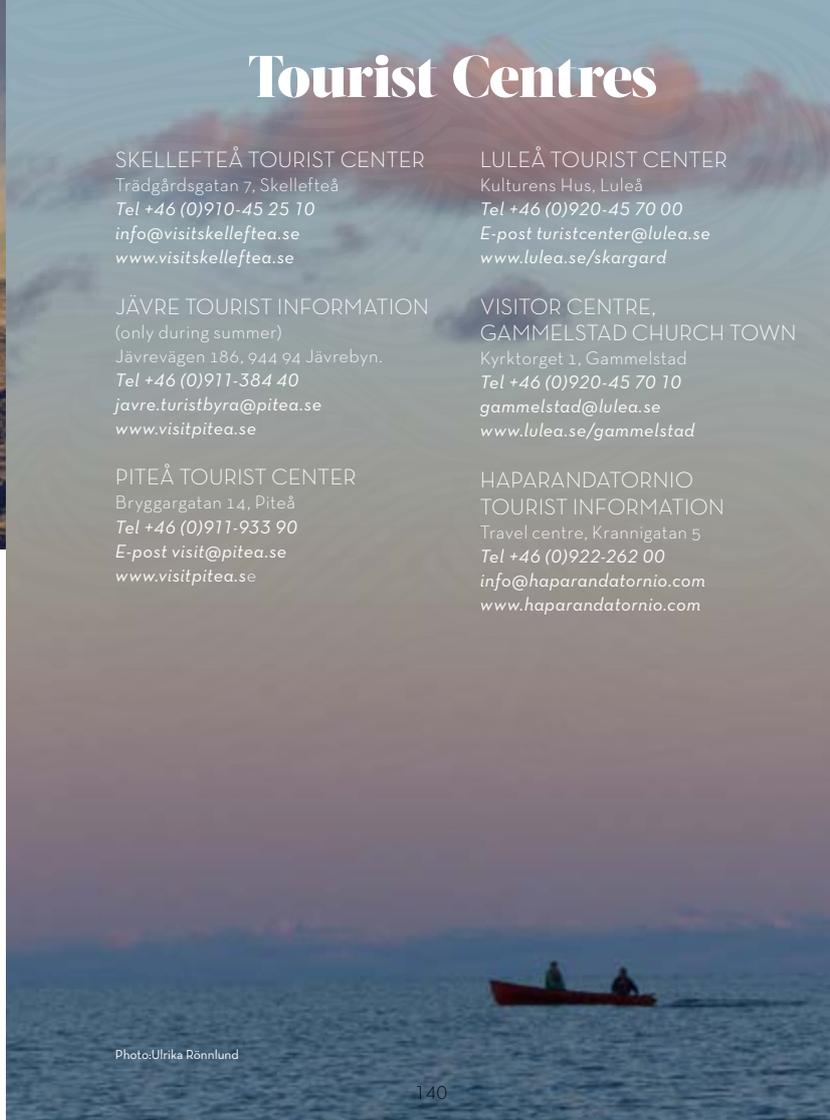


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