



Discover

VÄSTERÅS



visitvasteras.se

Phenomenal hotels

For a unique experience – stay three metres underwater or in a sinking house in Lake Mälaren.

With his vision and creative hotels, artist Mikael Genberg has really put Västerås on the map. Hotel Utter Inn attracts visitors from around the world who want to stay below the surface, as this is a submerged hotel in Västeråsfjärden, just off Västerås harbour. As well as Utter Inn, a stroll along Lake Mälaren will also give you a glimpse of Ooops Hotel, "the sinking house", which is anchored at Färjkajen. But his vision

extends far beyond Sweden's borders – right now, he is working on placing a red cottage on the Moon. The project, which combines art and space technology, is a continuation of his dream to transform everyday environments into something extraordinary, even beyond our planet.



Castles

There is something magical about castles and there are four to explore around Västerås. They are all very different, and each has a story to tell!

VÄSTERÅS CASTLE

Västerås Castle is situated in central Västerås. The castle received its current appearance in the mid-16th century when it was altered and rebuilt by King Gustav Vasa. Prince Erik XIV, the successor to the throne, was given his own rooms here but little did he know that the castle would become his prison.

TIDÖ CASTLE

One of the best-preserved castles from Sweden's Age of Greatness. Home to the MC Collection and the Bicycle Museum.

STRÖMSHOLMS PALACE

A royal palace in a stunning location on the Strömsholm canal known for its well-preserved royal interiors and a large art collection.

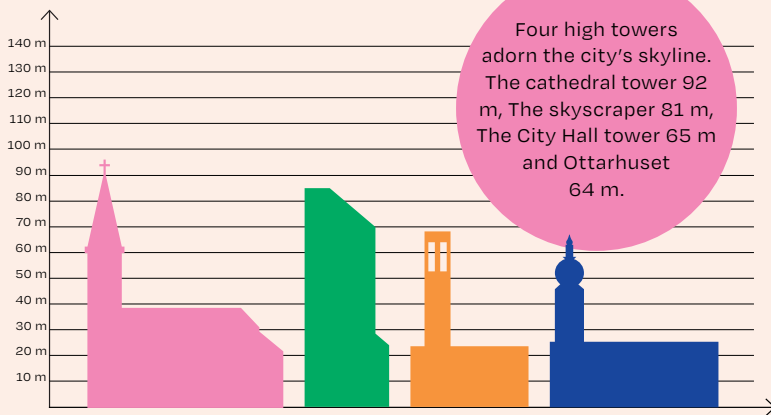
ENGÖ CASTLE

Engö Castle outside Västerås is well worth a visit. Besides being a beautiful building in picturesque surroundings, rumour has it that it is haunted!

Visit [visitvasteras.se](https://www.visitvasteras.se) for more tips and inspiration

Facts about Västerås

This is Västerås!



Four high towers adorn the city's skyline. The cathedral tower 92 m, The skyscraper 81 m, The City Hall tower 65 m and Ottarhuset 64 m.



NOBEL LAUREATE

The Swedish poet Tomas Tranströmer lived in Västerås for 35 years and was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature in 2011. Every second year the Tranströmer Prize is awarded by the City of Västerås.

TOP REASONS FOR VISITING:

Meetings, family and friends, events and shopping.

160 000
inhabitants

STATISTICS FROM 2024



At Västerås Aviation Museum, you can become a pilot for a day in one of the airport's four flight simulators.

6

restaurants
1 café and 1 hotel in Västerås are included in the national restaurant guide White Guide 2020.



Västerås Cathedral has stars in the Michelin Guide.



ERIKSLUND SHOPPING CENTER

80 shops in 80 000 square metres. Has been named shopping center of the Year on several occasions.

Anundshög from 500-700 AD is Sweden's largest burial mound – 9 metres high and 64 metres in diameter.



There are more than 380 km of walking and cycle paths here.

ROCKLUNDA measures 100 000 m², making it Sweden's biggest interlinked sports complex with more visitors than Globen. There are arenas here for riding, football, bandy, ice hockey, handball, floor ball, running, skiing, trade fairs, exhibitions, concerts and conferences.

6th
place

The five most popular tourist attractions in Västerås are:

Västerås Cathedral

Kokpunkten
action waterpark

Skultuna
Brassworks

Vallby Open
Air Museum

Karlsgatan 2

650 000

overnight visits are made annually at hotels, youth hostels, campsites and cabins in Västerås. SCB 2023.

10 KILOMETRE SKI TRACK

The 10-km ski track which is prepared on Lake Mälaren when the ice is thick enough is one of many cross-country ski tracks in Västerås.



The world's first H&M store was opened in Västerås by Erling Persson in 1947, then under the name "Hennes". Now the world's largest clothing chain.

Västerås is Sweden's seventh largest municipality and 5th largest urban area.

#1

Västerås is home to the largest boat harbour in Scandinavia.

Visit [visitvasteras.se](https://www.visitvasteras.se) for more tips and inspiration



Vikings in Västerås

The Viking age

Frösåkers Bryggja is a genuine attraction for the entire family that takes you back in time.

This little piece of paradise is set in the middle of Frösåker's beautiful countryside and gives you the opportunity to try out some historic activities like sailing and rowing longboats, play tournament games and learn more about the Viking Age. Frösåkers bryggja is home to Sweden's largest floating boat museum with over 20 Viking ships, 2 cogs and a number of traditional boats. An educational Viking adventure for people of all ages is waiting for you at Frösåkers bryggja!



WEEKLY GUIDED TOURS of Anundshög during the summer months.

ANUNDSHÖG – A FORGOTTEN TIME!

Anundshög is a real treasure for everyone, regardless of how interested in history you are. Anundshög is Sweden's largest burial mound and is said to be the resting place of King Bröt-Anund although the grave has never been excavated. Alongside the burial mound there are five stone ships from the first millennium AD as well as other graves and a stately rune stone. Anundshög and the surrounding area of Badelunda are full of prehistoric finds and are believed to have been an important centre of power.



Sweden's first action waterpark

Västerås' 100-year-old steam power station, on the shores of Lake Mälaren, is now home to the state-of-the-art eight-storey action waterpark Kokpunkten.

Unlike traditional waterparks, Kokpunkten offers a more action-packed experience for the entire

family. It uses digital projection techniques to provide the visitor with a thrilling visual and physical experience.

An experience for the entire family in Västerås – the city where everything is possible!



One of Sweden's most visited museums

If you like red wooden houses and rural idylls then you really must visit Vallby Open Air Museum, which is home to about 40 historical buildings and a living exhibition in the form of animals and plants from



the county of Västmanland. The area also has a restaurant and café. During the summer the museum comes alive to give you an idea of what life would have been like in a bygone age. So don't be surprised if you come across maids, farmhands and schoolmistresses as you walk around.

Secrets and history

Västerås Cathedral is the third largest cathedral in Sweden.

The cathedral is situated in the centre of Västerås and is well worth a visit. Västerås Cathedral is renowned for its 6 well-preserved altar screens from the 15th and 16th centuries, Sweden's richest collection of epitaphs from its period as a great power and King Erik XIV's marble sarcophagus. Behind the cathedral you'll find Västerås' oldest district "Kyrkbacken" with its charming narrow streets and old houses.



Mälaren promenade

A popular 4 km pedestrian and cycle path runs along the waterfront from Lögstrand to Öster Mälarstrand. Follow the clear signs to get from the station to the Steam Hotel, Po-esiparken playground, Kokpunkten action waterpark or the skatepark. For a longer walk, you can carry on through Framnäs and the footbridge at Tegeludden, all the way out to Björnö.



Explore Västerås

The best way of getting to know a city is on foot. We have marked out some treasures in and around the city centre. Walk around and look at the things that you find most appealing.

1



Svartån

The riverside park is one of the most important in västerås, dating back to the stone age.

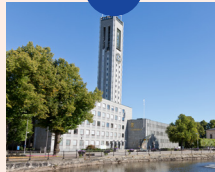
2



Hotel Hackspett

Hotell hackspett is the work of artist Mikael Genberg.

3



Västerås City Hall

Sweden's largest tower of bells with 47 different ones.

4



Västerås castle

The Castle dates back to the 13th century. It was here that Gustav Vasa's son Erik XIV was imprisoned.

5



Hotel Utter Inn

An underwater hotel in Lake Mälaren created by the artist Mikael Genberg.

6



Elba ferry

The M/F Elba hop-on-hop-off ferry is classic and significant part of the Västerås experience.

7



Djäkneberget

Djäkneberget is a green oasis with 500 engraved stones.

8



Kyrkbacken

One of Västerås' most charming districts, with well-preserved exterior walls from the 18th century.

9



Botanical garden

The Botanical Gardens is Sweden's oldest horti-cultural school dating back to the 18th century.

10



Västerås cathedral

Awarded stars by Michelin Guide. The oldest parts are dating back to the 13th century.

11



Björnö

The island of Björnö on the edge of Västerås is a hidden gem offering all sorts of outdoor activities.

12



Rocklunda

Measures 100 000 m², making it Sweden's biggest interlinked sports complex.

13



Karlsgatan 2

One building, two museums. Västmanland County Museum and Västerås Art Museum.

14



Vallby Open Air Museum

One of Sweden's largest open air museum with houses from the county of Västmanland.

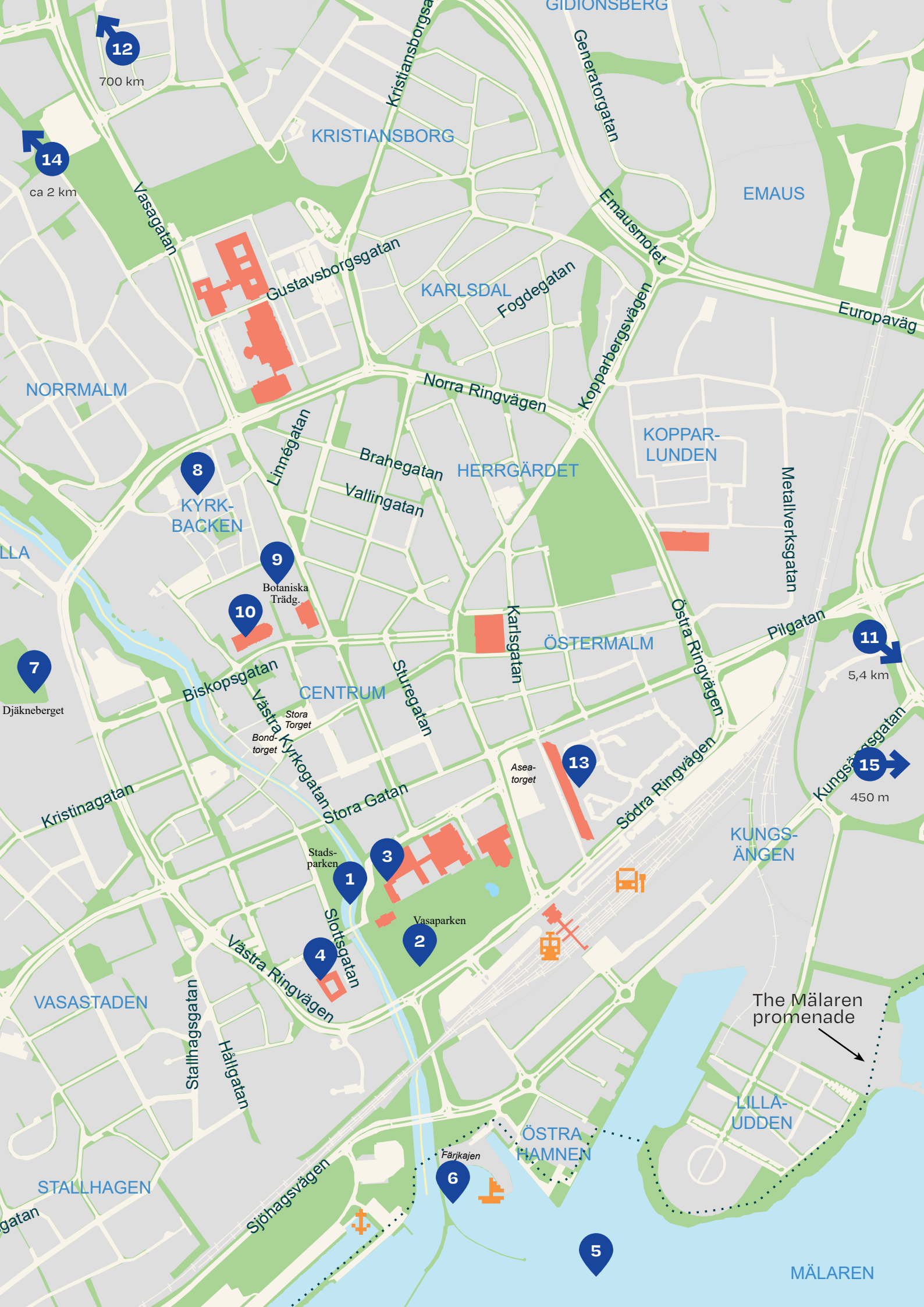
15



Ångkraftverket

The steam power plant is over 100 years old. Today you can find Kokpunkten Action waterpark and The Steam Hotel.

Visit [visitvasteras.se](https://www.visitvasteras.se) for more tips and inspiration



12

700 km

14

ca 2 km

KRISTIANSBORG

EMAUS

NORRMALM

KARLSDAL

KOPPAR-LUNDEN

KYRK-BACKEN

HERRGÄRDET

ÖSTERMALM

CENTRUM

KUNGS-ÄNGEN

VASASTADEN

ÖSTRA HAMNEN

STALLHAGEN

MÄLAREN

8

9

10

7

11

5,4 km

15

450 m

13

1

3

4

2

6

5

Botaniska Trädg.

Stora Torget
Bond-torget

Stads-parken

Vasaparken

Färjakajen

The Mälaren promenade

LAKE MÄLAREN

Västerås is a fantastic winter city where you can ice skate, cross-country ski and walk across the frozen Lake Mälaren. All the necessary equipment can be rented. In the summer Västerås gives you the opportunity to enjoy the Swedish nature that attracts visitors from all over the world – you can swim, take a walk or just enjoy the tranquillity.

The M/F Elba hop-on-hop-off ferry is classic and an significant part of the Västerås experience. Västerås guest harbour has also become a hub of activity in the city, with RIB boat trips and Västerås Cable Park, which offers fun for both riders and spectators.



PHOTO: Avig Kazanjian, Pia Nordlander, Henrik Mill, Fridele, Linda Eklund, Matilda Hildingsson, Leon Gimaldi, Peter Vahfridsson, Lasse Fredriksson, Nina Larsson, Jan Gustafsson, Per Groth, Kristoffer Hasseberg, Magnus Aronson, Linda Hepfinger, Mosphoto, samt pressbilder från aktörer.

INSTAGRAM HOTSPOTS

From Djäkneberget park you can capture the distinctive skyline of the city centre, including many famous landmarks, like the cathedral, the City Hall Tower and the high-rise Skrapan building. Scenic Apotekarbron bridge is the local site for the international "love locks" phenomenon. The perfect romantic backdrop! Visiting the sports and arena complex? And keep an eye out for the gigantic Västerås sign that appears in various locations around the city. In the summer, it's often in the main square.



Follow us and experience more!

facebook.com/visitvasteras

instagram.com/visitvasteras

visit@vasteras.se

visitvasteras.se