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Sweden's seventh largest city is also one of the country's oldest. Welcome to Västerås! You'll find activities and events for the entire family to enjoy here as well as a rich cultural life, a vibrant night life, a boiling sea life and an exciting history. You can spend the night under water or among the treetops, visit a Guide Michelin award winning cathedral and Sweden's largest burial mound Anundshög – there really is something for everyone in Västerås!

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# THE CITY



Visit Västerås

If you're looking for an experience that is out of the ordinary then Sweden's sixth largest city is the place to come. In Västerås you can spend the night under water or among the treetops, alternate good shopping with fun events and explore Lake Mälaren - there is something for everyone in Västerås.

Visit Västerås Cathedral, which has been awarded 3 stars by the Guide Michelin. King Erik XIV is buried here, who, according to hearsay, was poisoned by his brothers putting arsenic in his pea soup, Don't miss Anundshög, Sweden's largest burial ground with its rune stones and stone ships. Take a trip back in time and visit Vallby Open Air Museum, with buildings and an animal and plant life from the early 1900s.

Västerås is truly an entrepreneurial city and the birthplace of ASEA (now ABB), the clothing giant H & M and the leading retail company ICA. The city was also Nobel Prize Winner Tomas Tranströmer's home town for 30 years and several of his haiku poems have been sandblasted onto paving stones and placed in and around the city centre.

Västerås Cityfestival is a hugely popular event. For a few days every summer, the city is filled with far more people and life than usual, all getting ready to meet Sweden's biggest performers.

The city offers a vast array of cultural life, entertainment and activities and has something for everyone, whether you are looking to do some great shopping, visit interesting museums, have fun with your kids or go out on the town. The sky is truly the limit here in Västerås!

# LAKE LIFE



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With its situation on the shore of Lake Mälaren, Västerås has so much to offer water lovers. The Västerås archipelago has an abundance of natural harbours to moor up at and islands to discover. During the summer months, the ferry companies offer regular daily services to the islands and day trips that include the locks on the Hjälmare Canal and the Viking town of Birka. Östra Holmen is popular among sun worshippers while visitors to Elba can enjoy a bite to eat and a fantastic view of the city. And don't forget all the wonderful mainland beaches either!

# Elba ferry



Hop on board this classic ferryboat at the harbour, Öster Mälarstrand or Västerås Mälarcamping. A round trip takes about an hour and also passes

the islands of Östra Holmen and Elba. It's up to you whether you want to stay on board or hop off and enjoy some swimming and sunbathing at Östra Holmen or some shopping in the town centre and hop back on again later in the day.

Photo: Clifford Shirley Address: The harbour Opening hours: May until August Phone: +46 21 13 51 71 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/rederi-malarstaden

# Rent a RIB



This is an experience that is guaranteed to put a smile on your face. Let Rent-a-RIB take you across Lake Mälaren at a speed of 50 knots before

gliding in through a narrow sound and making a stop for a barbecue, swimming and sunbathing.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: The guest harbour Opening hours: May until July Phone: +46 70 699 32 40 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/rent-a-rib

# Aggarön



Aggarön is one of the largest islands in the Ridö-Sundbyholm archipelago and offers some beautiful countryside and an

exciting history. The island has a rich animal life

and is home to fallow deer and roe deer as well as the odd moose. These days, the island is one of the treasures of the Västerås archipelago and is a popular retreat for anyone looking for the peace and quiet of the countryside and all it has to offer. It is possible to rent cottages on the island.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Aggarön Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/aggaron

# Björnöbadet



Björnö is an island just outside central Västerås and has several beaches, a restaurant and a café. One of the most popular beaches is Björnöbadet

with its 350-metre-long sandy beach and nearby toilets, playground and kiosk.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi Address: Björnö Phone: +46 21 262 11 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/bjornobadet

# Framnäs



Framnäs is a popular beach not far from the city centre. Swim in the lake, relax on the beach or give your dog a chance to have fun in the water

at the nearby dog beach – all while enjoying a stunning view of the archipelago.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Framnäs Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/framnas

#### Västerås Guest Harbour



Västerås Guest Harbour is centrally located close to restaurants, cafés and the city centre. Amenities include a camper van park and bike hire. The

guest harbour and camper van park are open between 1 May and 30 September. Mooring and parking fees are to be paid at the harbour office, where you can buy coffee, soft drinks, fresh sandwiches etc.

Photo: Linda Heplinger Address: Lögarängsvägen Phone: +46 70 699 32 40 Internet: http://risituostoras.so/on/actor

http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/vasters-guest-harbour

# Gäddeholm



Gäddeholm has a new beach that attracts many visitors. Gäddeholm is situated east of central Västerås. We recommend that you take your bike

here along the new cycle path from Västerås and discover the beatiful nature on your way. In Gäddeholm there is also a very popular café.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Gäddeholm Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet:

http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/gaddeholms-bathing-area

# Lögastrand



Lögastrand is Västerås' new bathing area with a wonderful wooden deck, a fine sandy beach and large lawned areas in central Västerås. This popular bathing area opened in summer 2014 and is only a short walk away from Västerås city centre. You can sunbathe on the wooden deck and beach, have a game of volleyball or relax on the large lawned area.

Photo: Kristoffer Hasselberg Address: Sjöhagsvägen Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/logastrand

## Lövudden



There is plenty of fun to be had at Lövudden! As well as a sandy beach there is also a jetty, a lawned area, playground, playing fields, barbecues,

a café and a mini golf course. The Swedish YMCA also has a centre here where you can rent canoes, sailing boats, rowing boats, pedalos and windsurfing boards.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi Address: Johannisbergsvägen Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/lovudden-johannisberg

#### Ridön



Ridön is one of the largest islands in the Ridö-Sundbyholm and offers some amazing countryside and fantastic adventures! Travel across

this beautiful island in a tractor-drawn cart, take a cup of coffee at the café, visit the museum and spend the night at the youth hostel or rent a cabin. Ridön is an island that is well worth a visit.

Photo: Linda Heplinger

Address: Ridön Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/ridon

# Östra Holmen



Östra Holmen is one of the most popular islands in the Västerås archipelago and the locals flock here to swim, sunbathe and picnic. The

island is just a 15-minute boat ride away from the harbour and has child-friendly sandy beaches and smooth rocks as well as naturist beaches. There is a regular ferryboat service here during the summer months.

Photo: Clifford Shirley Address: Östra Holmen Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/ostra-holmen

# DO & SEE



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Västerås is a city rich in history, culture and entertainment. There is Anundshög, the burial mound, that dates back to the 900s. Västerås Cathedral, whose oldest parts are from the 13th century, a popular modern concert hall, interesting museums and plenty of fun activities. Engsö, Tidö and Västerås Castles, Vallby Open Air Museum and Kyrkbacken are some of the obvious attractions, as well as Lake Mälaren with its rich boat life. The list is very long and there really is something for everyone here in Västerås.

# Anundshög



Anundshög is Sweden's largest burial-mound, 9 m high and 64 m in diameter. The mound is from the 10th century, and although it is said

that King Bröt-Anund is buried there, it has never been proven. For centuries this area was a cultural centre for the entire west Mälardalen region.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Anundshög Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/anundshog

# Djäkneberget



This beautiful and unusual park in central Västerås gets its name from "djäknar", as students of the old upper secondary school used to

be called. It is more than just the name that serves as a reminder of days of old though. The park has almost 500 stones with inscriptions, thoughts or names of honourable people.

Photo: ©Kristoffer Hasselberg, VMNAB Address: Djäknebergsgatan 10 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/djakneberget/

#### Engsö Castle



Engsö Castle is renowned all over the world for its ghosts and for the thin five-foot-long "Engsökedjan" chain embedded in the wall of

the castle, which, according to legend, was won by Johan Sigismund Sparre, the last of his line, in a game of dice with the devil himself.

Photo: Jan Gustafsson Address: Engsö Slott Opening hours: May until August Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/engso-castle

## Frösåkers Brygga



The settlement gives visitors the opportunity to learn more about the Viking Age by getting involved in activities such as baking flatbread over

an open fire, making ropes and shooting catapults. Sweden's largest floating boat museum is also being built here, with over 20 traditional boats. Frösåkers brygga is a highly unique and genuine tourist attraction that entertains and fascinates visitors.

Photo: Kenneth Hudd Address: Frösåkers Brygga 7 Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/frosakers-brygga

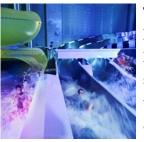
#### Kyrkbacken



Kyrkbacken, or Church Hill, is an ideal place for historic walks, either as part of a guided tour or single-handedly, where you can imagine what life would have once been like here in the 17th century. There are also several galleries and craft shops in the trendier Kyrkbacken of today.

Photo: © Clifford Shirley, Västerås & Co Address: Kyrkbacksgatan Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/kyrkbacken

#### Kokpunkten



The last three years have been spent breathing life back into Västerås' old steam power station and the opening day is fast approaching. Kokpunkten

is a incredible fun water park filled with thrills and a fantastic view of the Västerås archipelago. Kokpunkten is an adventure! The water park boasts a number of new and unique attractions and more than 500 m of water slides – all laid out across eight floors in the old steam power station in Västerås.

Photo: Kokpunkten Address: Ångkraftsvägen 8 Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/kokpunkten

#### **Prison Island**



Prison Island is full of cells with tricky challenges to solve in each one. Every cell has challenges to be solved using creativity and

cooperation in groups of 3-4 people. There are challenges for small and agile and big and strong alike.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Kopparbergsvägen 13 Phone: +46 21 35 13 50 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/prison-island

#### **Skultuna Brassworks**



Skultuna Brassworks, 10 km north of Västerås, was founded 400 years ago and has museums, a riverside café, a factory shop and outlet stores.

The museums have collections of unique and unusual objects. At the Skultuna outlet stores you can buy well-known Swedish brands of glass, textiles and jewellery.

Photo: Skultuna Messingsbruk, VMNAB Address: Bruksgatan 8 Phone: +46 21 783 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/skultuna-brassworks

# Tidö Castle



Tidö Castle, with its beautiful sandstone portals, is built in a tight Dutch renaissance style.

Photo: Linda Heplinger Address: Tidö Slott Opening hours: May until August Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/tido-castle

# Vallby Open Air Museum



Vallby Open Air Museum is one of Sweden's largest with around 40 buildings from the county of Västmanland. The museum also has a live

exhibition in the form of animals and plants that were typical of these environments.

Photo: © Laila Durán, Västerås & Co Address: Skerikesvägen 2 Opening hours: Monday to Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/vallby-open-air-museum

# Veteranbåtsmuseet (Pleasure Boat Museum)



The museum, which is next to the old steam power station in Västerås, has a fantastic collection of old pleasure boats, everything from dinghies

and classic motor boats to boat building tools and construction drawings. You can choose to look around on your own or join a guided tour.

Photo: Linda Heplinger Address: Ångkraftvägen 5 Phone: +46 21 13 27 64 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/pleasure-boat-museum

# Vedbobacken



Have fun on the slopes without having to travel to the mountains! Vedbobacken is Västerås' very own urban ski slope. Weather permitting,

Vedbobacken is open from mid-December to mid-March and offers several runs of varying difficulty, from green to red, two lifts, a sledging slope, ski hire, a café and public barbecuing facilities. There is always snow at Vedbobacken when they are open, even if there is no snow on the ground!

Photo: © Leon Grimaldi, Västerås & Co Address: Vedbobacken Opening hours: Mid-December until mid-March Phone: +46 21 548 06 11 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/vedbobacken

## Västerås Art Museum



Västerås Art Museum mainly exhibits Swedish art from its own collection. The temporary exhibitions held at the museum focus on

contemporary art by Swedish artists. The museum also has an extensive education programme, with activities that include tours and studio work for different kinds of groups.

Photo: Bo Gyllander Address: Karlsgatan 2 Phone: +46 21 39 32 22 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/vasteras-art-museum

# Västerås Castle



This castle, dating from the 13th century, is situated just a stone's throw from the city centre. From 14 June 1573 to 16 October 1574,

Erik XIV was imprisoned at Västerås Castle. He sat in this "dark prison" separated from his consort Karin Månsdotter and their children. The king was then moved to Örbyhus and poisoned with pea soup. He was later buried in Västerås cathedral. The castle now houses the residence of the County Governor.

Photo: ©VKL, Västerås & Co Address: Slottsgatan Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/vasteras-castle

#### Västerås Cathedral



The oldest parts of the Cathedral date back to the 13th century. Its art treasures and modern contrasts are unusual in a shrine of this kind. There

are 163 intact gravestones in the cathedral and Erik XIV is buried here.

Västerås Cathedral has been awarded three stars by Guide Michelin, with the explanation "worth making a tour for".

Photo: Mostphotos Address: Västra Kyrkogatan 6 Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/vasteras-cathedral

# Västerås Flygmuseum



Västerås Flygmuseum (Aviation Museum), housed in a hangar from the 1930s, has 25 aircraft, the majority of which can still fly. The

museum is open on Sundays and has a flight simulator where visitors can test-fly a number of different aircraft, including a J 35 Draken.

Photo: © Tommy Olsson, Västerås & Co Address: Hässlögatan 16 Opening hours: Sundays 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Phone: +46 21 80 07 14 Internet: visitvasteras.se/en/actor/vasteras-aviation-museum

# Västmanlands County Museum



The museum aims to improve and convey knowledge about the cultural heritage of Västmanland, to improve insight into the past and to enrich the perspective of the present and the future. Västmanlands läns museum (Västmanland's county museum) is now situated at Karlsgatan 2, where it shares its premises with Västerås Art Museum.

Photo: Lasse Fredriksson Address: Karlsgatan 2 Phone: +46 21 39 32 22 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/vastmanlands-county-museum

# **Åkesta Observatory**



Åkesta Observatory was built in 1939 by the amateur astronomer Åke Odelberg, and this "star house" is one of Sweden's oldest privately owned

observatories.

Photo: Per Sanderford Address: Åkesta Gård, Skultunavägen Phone: +46 70 860 07 38 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/akesta-observatorium

# EVENTS



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Thousands of events of all sizes are held in Västerås each year and every one of them is an important feature in what the city has to offer its inhabitants and visitors. Some of these events return every year and have helped put Västerås on the map. What about Västerås City Festival where many of Sweden's top singers perform? Here are a selection of some of our larger events, please contact Västerås Tourist Center for information about the daily events.

# DINING



Amin Ostovari, VMNAB / Visit Västerås

Västerås has restaurants for all tastes. You can dine out high up in the skyscraper and admire the spectacular views of the city, enjoy a meal in the harbour with pretty vistas of the lake or have a bite to eat in the main square and do a spot of people watching. The restaurants in Västerås all have a high standard and some even have White Guide Awards. With such a huge selection of restaurants to choose from, you are guaranteed to find something that suits you and your taste buds!

# Björnögårdens restaurang



Björnögårdens restaurant, on the picturesque island of Björnö, is a cosy restaurant with magnificent views of lake

Mälaren and the surrounding countryside. The restaurant serves coffee and cakes, sandwiches and lunches, as well as special weekend menus.

Photo: Mostphotos

Address: Björnö Phone: +46 21 262 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/bjornogardens-restaurang

## **Bistro Gränden**



A pure bistro with great food, a bar and a deli counter for food-loving and hungry guests. Enjoy great food and drinks at this pure bistro. The

dining room serves small dishes, main courses and grilled meat and fish from an open kitchen.

Photo: Mostphotos Address: Smedjegatan 7 Phone: +46 21 448 40 60 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/bistro-granden

# **Brasserie Stadsparken**



Brasserie Stadsparken has the relaxed feel of a local restaurant and is located in the heart of the city centre alongside the Svartån River and the city

park.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Stora gatan 35 Phone: +46 21 448 50 80 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/brasserie-stadsparken

# Bianchi Café & Cycles



If you are looking to experience the taste of Italy in Västerås, this is the place to visit. Guests can enjoy the perfect Espresso, delicious Italian

lunch buffets and wonderfully creamy panna

# cottas.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Slottsgatan 27 Phone: +46 21 12 40 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/bianchi-cafe-cycles

# Frank Bistro



This small, charming and intimate bistro in the city centre is so popular that bookings need to be made well in advance. The menu is governed by the

fresh ingredients that the chefs can get hold of.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi Address: Stora torget 3 Phone: +46 21 13 65 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/frank More Info: This is a White Guide restaurant

# Folkets bar & restaurang



Everyday luxury in a relaxed setting! Folkets is a classic cocktail bar with a twist and a modern restaurant that serves delicious tasting menus.

The restaurant serves delicious food made using the best ingredients and spiced up with inspiration from all over the world.

Photo: Amin Ostovari Address: Kopparbergsvägen 27 Phone: +46 21 14 40 40 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/folkets-bar-restaurang More Info: This is a White Guide restaurant

## Kajplats 9



Kajplats 9 is a vibrant restaurant and small market hall in the harbour right on the edge of Lake Mälaren. Whilst it specialises in fish and

shellfish, there are also a few meat dishes on the menu.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi Address: Sjötullsgatan 2 Phone: +46 21 13 62 22 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/kajplats-9 More Info: This is a White Guide restaurant

# Limone Ristorante Italiano



A very pleasant Italian restaurant with a wide selection of delicious dishes and drinks. Limone Ristorante Italiano is a cosy

restaurant with excellent service and great food. A real paradise for lovers of Italian cuisine!

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# Nya Hattfabriken



A restaurant that is reminiscent of Västerås in a bygone era and that serves traditional Swedish fare in a former hat shop.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi Address: Slottsgatan 8 Phone: +46 21 13 65 01 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/nya-hattfabriken More Info: This is a White Guide restaurant

# **Restaurang Varda**



The menu has a combination of international dishes and Swedish classics with a twist. As soon as your meal arrives you'll

understand that your taste buds will soon be jumping with joy.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Vasagatan 14 Phone: +46 21 14 81 50 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/restaurang-varda More Info: This is a White Guide restaurant

# CAFES



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#### Café Anund



Café Anund is situated close to the burial mounds at Anundshög. They serve cakes, ice cream and light lunches, coffee and soft drinks.

They bake all the bread, buns and cakes themselves, mainly using local and organic ingredients.

Photo: Henrik Wester Address: Anundshög 5 Phone: +46 72 748 24 70 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/cafe-anund

# Borgåsunds hamncafé



The café serve delicious cakes, buns and pies, filling sandwiches, crispy waffles with cream and jam and ice cream. There is also a fantastic view of

the lake from both inside and outside this café, which is only open in the spring and summer months.

Photo: Mostphotos Address: Borgåsund Phone: +46 220 430 87, +46 70 594 30 87 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/borgasunds-hamncafe

# Bianchi Café & Cycles



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# **Brynolf Bagare**



Brynolf Bagare is a family-owned bakery that sells delicious stone-baked bread, irresistible cakes and pastries, filling

sandwiches and great salads.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Smedjegatan 4 Phone: +46 21 18 01 51 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/brynolf-bagare

# Coffeehouse by George



Coffeehouse by George is situated in Centra, one of Västerås' indoor shopping centres. The café always uses the best coffee, which is ground and

brewed on the premises and they serve delicious, healthy food.

Photo: Mostphotos Address: Centra Phone: +46 21 338 04 46 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/coffeehouse-by-george

# Carlsson på Kajen



Come to Carlsson på Kajen during the summer and admire a wonderful view of the harbour and Lake Mälaren whilst enjoying a cup of coffee

and a cake or a light lunch.

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#### Chantal's



At Chantal's you can enjoy light snacks, cakes and pastries, ice cream and delicious hot and cold drinks.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Punkt Phone: +46 21 12 50 22 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/chantals

#### Espresso House



Espresso House have three cafés in central Västterås: at Hantverkargatan, at Västerås Centralstation and also in the mall Punkt

. They serve coffee, cakes and pastries. All the bread and pastries are made in their own bakery.

Photo: Espresso House Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/espresso-house

# **Global living**



Global Living is a café that also sells some interior design. All the cakes and pastries are homemade and they serve delicious ecological

and fair trade coffee and tea.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi Address: Smedjegatan 15 Phone: +46 21 18 62 90 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/global-living

### Gula Stallet Butik och Kafé



Gula Stallet Butik & Kafé is situated in the beautiful Målhammar halfway between Västerås and Enköping, just a stone's throw from the

Sagån River and not far from Ängsö nature reserve. Enjoy a delicious homemade cake, get up close to the sheep and visit the farm shop with its wide selection of food and gift items.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Målhammar 15 Phone: +46 70 605 22 64 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/gula-stallet-butik-och-kafe

## Café Gränden



Café Gränden is situated in Sturegatan in the centre of Västerås and serves everything from coffee, pies, baguettes and salads to pasta

dishes.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Sturegatan 13 Phone: +46 21 18 98 27 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/cafe-granden

# Kafé Gudagott



Kafé Gudagott, the little Viking café at Frösåkers Brygga, serves homemade cakes and ice cream and delicious prawn sandwiches, all full

of natural flavour and without unnecessary additives.

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Address: Frösåkers Brygga 7 Opening hours: Summertime Phone: +46 70 573 43 43 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/kafe-gudagott

# Kajens Café



Kajens Café offers the best views of Lake Mälaren in Västerås. With its fantastic position on the shore of the lake, this is a popular place to visit

for a meal or a cup of coffee.

Photo: © Clifford Shirley, Västerås & Co Address: Mälargatan 4D Phone: +46 21 81 19 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/kajens-fik

# Karlsgatan Kafé



Karlsgatan Kafé in Västerås serves delicious lunches and homemade cakes and pastries in a historic industrial setting under the same roof as

art and culture.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Karlsgatan 2 Phone: +46 70 719 28 88 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/karlsgatan-kafe

# MälarChocolaterie



Mälarchocolateriet serves handmade chocolates, mousse cakes, ice cream and Chinese tea and they also arrange chocolate tasting in Swedish and

English and sell chocolate gifts.

Mälarchocolateriet has been ranked as one of Sweden's best 100 patisseries and best five

# tearooms.

Photo: Mälarchocolaterie Address: Kopparbergsvägen 1 Phone: +46 21 12 86 28 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/malarchocolaterie

# Systrarna Ericsson



Systrarna Ericsson is one of the oldest patisseries in Västerås and dates back to the 1930s. It is situated in the shopping centre Gallerian and

serves serves wonderful cakes and pastries and delicious sandwiches all made in its own bakery.

Photo: Jennifer Gosch Address: Gallerian Phone: +46 21 40 30 80 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/systrama-ericsson

# **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



Brasserie Stadsparken / Visit Västerås

# Allstar Västerås



At Allstar Västerås you can have a delicious meal or just hang out at the bar all while enjoying your favourite sports on the big screen. Allstar is a

sports bar for the entire family, even the little

ones! It offers a relaxing atmosphere with TV screens showing sports from all corners of the world.

Photo: Jennifer Gosch Address: Stora Gatan 7-21 Phone: +46 21 14 30 30 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/allstar-vasteras

# The Bishop's Arms gastropub



This international setting is perfect for people who like a crowded, relaxed atmosphere. The huge selection of whiskies and beers and the wide

gastromenu make it a great place for all occasions.

Photo: Mostphotos Address: Stora torget 19 Phone: +46 21 10 28 50 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/the-bishops-arms-gastropub

# **Bistro Gränden**



Come in with your friends for a glass of wine with a deli meat platter or a beer. You can pop in on your way home from work or come later in the

evening and enjoy some great music. If you just want a coffee, the bar serves freshly ground espresso, cappuccino and filter coffee.

Photo: Mostphotos Address: Smedjegatan 7 Phone: +46 21 448 40 60 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/bistro-granden

#### The Circus



"The Circus" is the perfect place to spend time with friends and share a seafood and cheese platter together with a bobble of bubbly.

At around 10pm the guest DJs pump up the volume and the pace as the partygoers glide in.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi Address: Stora torget 3 Phone: +46 21 13 65 01 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/the-circus

#### Folkets bar & restaurang



Folkets is a sophisticated bar and restaurant with a stylish design that flirts with the 1960s and offers everyday luxury in a relaxed setting.

Photo: Amin Ostovari Address: Kopparbergsvägen 27 Phone: +46 21 14 40 40 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/folkets-bar-restaurang

# Nya Hattfabriken



A restaurant that is reminiscent of Västerås in a bygone era and that serves traditional Swedish fare in a former hat shop.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi Address: Slottsgatan 8 Phone: +46 21 13 65 01 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/nya-hattfabriken More Info: This is a White Guide restaurant

#### Publik



The decorative art style of 1929 is the source of inspiration for this nightclub. Together with its super modern dance floor and mature style of

music, you are in for a sensational experience.

Photo: Mostphotos Address: Torggatan 1 Phone: +46 21 18 91 93 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/publik/

## Hotel Plaza Lobby Bar



First Hotel Plaza is home to Västerås' first lobby bar, where everyone is welcome to come for a bite to eat or a cup of coffee.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Kopparbergsvägen 10 Phone: +46 21 10 10 10 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/hotel-plaza-lobby-bar

# **Pitcher's**



Pitcher's is a British-style pub situated in the heart of Västerås. Pitcher's is a city-centre pub where you can enjoy great food and drinks and interesting

sport in an authentic and exclusive setting inspired by the British golf culture.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Torggatan 4 Phone: +46 21 13 10 20 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/pitchers

#### Strike



Strike, in the city centre, is the perfect place to warm up before a party. Strike offers a number of different activities that are perfect for both

children and adults. There is a raceroom, shooting simulators, golf and multi-sport simulators, billiard tables and disco bowling.

Photo: Strike Address: Torggatan 1 Phone: +46 21 30 55 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/strike

#### Tabazco



This relaxed and intimate restaurant is divided into a grill room, a tapas lounge and a cocktail bar and has a menu that offers a wide variety of

dishes, including tapas, meat and fish.

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# SHOPPING



Saluhallen Slakteriet / Visit Västerås

If you're in the mood for a spending spree, then Västerås is the place for you! The city centre is bursting with international chains, small independent shops and wonderful indoor shopping centres. Outside the city centre, you will find the thriving retail park Erikslund with new shops constantly springing up. So come to Västerås and shop 'til you drop!

# Västerås Tourist Center



Come and buy your souvenirs at Västerås Tourist Center! Whether you're a tourist looking for a souvenir to take home or you're planning

to buy a present for a foreigner, then Västerås Tourist Center is the place to come. We stock souvenirs from Västerås, Västmanland and Sweden and also have a selection of Skultuna Brassworks products. Pay us a visit or get in touch and we'll help you find the perfect souvenir!

Photo: © Henrik Mill, Västerås & Co Address: Kopparbergsvägen 1 Opening hours: Monday - Friday 10 am - 6 pm, Saturday 10 am - 3 pm Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.com Email: visit@vasteras.com

# **City centre**



Västerås city centre has so much to offer everyone in the mood for shopping. There are several indoor shopping centres and masses of small

independent shops and delicatessens as well as large international chains. The city's squares are also thriving places of business with market stalls selling farm produce and flowers. Most of the shops in the city centre are open 10am - 7pm on weekdays, 10am – 4pm on Saturdays and 12 – 4pm on Sundays. Shop to your heart's content in Västerås city centre!

Photo: Mostphotos Address: City centre Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/vasteras-city

# Erikslund



This large retail park on the outskirts of Västerås boasts well-balanced mix of stores that include everything from big names within electronics

and furniture to shops selling sports goods and pet supplies etc. The park is also home to Erikslund Shopping Center with plenty of clothes shops under the same roof as one of Sweden's largest IKEA stores.

Photo: Mostphotos Address: Erikslund Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/erikslund

# **Erikslund Shopping Center**



Almost 80 retailers and one of Sweden's largest IKEA stores under the same roof! With such a huge variety of shops, cafés and restaurants,

you are sure to find what you are looking for at Erikslund Shopping Center. Erikslund Shopping Center is located in the retail park Erikslund.

Photo: Kristoffer Hasselberg, Västerås & Co Address: Krankroksgatan 17 Phone: +46 21 448 01 40 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/erikslund-shopping-center

Hälla



Hälla retail park boasts a number of large stores selling toys, electronics and food, an indoor shopping centre, a number of second-hand

shops and several cafés and restaurants. Parking is free of charge and it's easy to get from shop to shop.

Photo: Mostphotos Address: Hälla Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/halla-shopping

H&M



Erling Persson opened Sweden's first Hennes & Mauritz store in Västerås in 1947. H&M sells the latest in fashion for men, women and children from

its stores in Västerås: Vasagatan in the city centre, Erikslund Shopping Center and Hälla Shopping. Photo: © Karl Allander, Västerås & co Address: Vasagatan 13 Phone: +46 21 15 16 30 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/hm

## Saluhallen Slakteriet



An inspirational meeting place for foodies of all ages in Västerås. The food hall specializing in high quality local produce combined with an

international range of products in a charming environment. As well as meat, game, deli products, cheeses, spices, sausages, fish, poultry, ice cream, chocolate, bread & pastries, coffee, tea and fruit & vegetables, you will also find cafés and restaurants with a touch of different cultures.

Photo: Saluhallen Slakteriet Address: Slakterigatan 6-10 Phone: +46 70 766 50 75 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/saluhallen-slakteriet

# ACCOMMODATIONS



The Steam Hotel, VMNAB / Visit Västerås

Västerås is home to three of the world's most unique hotels: spend the night under water at Hotell Utter Inn, sleep among the treetops at hotell Hackspett or float around on what looks like the roof of a house in the middle of Lake Mälaren. There are, of course, plenty of hotels, youth hostels and cabins on the ground to choose between.

# Hotell Utter Inn



Hotell Utter Inn (Hotel Otter Inn) – the underwater hotel. This unusual hotel is just a very short boat ride away from Västerås harbour.

Guests can relax on the hotel's 25-m2 deck or take the dinghy out to one of the nearby uninhabited islands. When night falls it's time to climb down the stairs to the bedroom with its panorama windows in all four directions – three metres below the surface of the water.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi Address: Lake Mälaren Opening hours: April - October Phone: + 46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/hotell-utter-inn

# **Hotell Hackspett**



Hotell Hackspett (Hotel Woodpecker) is a tree house in Vasaparken's stateliest oak tree in central Västerås. Not one single nail has been used

to anchor the hotel to the tree; instead it is suspended from wires that each bear about 1.5 tons. Guests can take breakfast and dinner on the veranda whilst enjoying the spectacular view of the park.

Photo: Jennifer Gosch Address: Vasaparken Opening hours: April - October (not bookable in 2017) Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/hotell-hackspett

#### **Hotell Arkad**



Hotell Arkad aims to make you feel at home even though you are staying at a hotel. The hotel is perfectly situated in the heart of the city

close to shops, cinemas and night life.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Östermalmsgatan 25 Phone: +46 21 12 04 80 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/hotell-arkad

# **BEST WESTERN Hotel Esplanade**



BEST WESTERN Hotel Esplanade is situated in the city centre within walking distance of Aros Congress Center, the central station and a wide

selection of shops, restaurants and entertainment. The hotel reception and lobby bar are open 24 hours a day and you can help yourself to a cup of coffee or tea at no extra cost. The hotel also services light meals, snacks and drinks. There are good parking facilities outside and in the hotel's own heated garage.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Domkyrkoesplanaden 2 Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/best-western-hotel-esplanade

### **BEST WESTERN Hotel Plaza**



BEST WESTERN Hotel Plaza is an international four-star hotel located in the skyscraper in the heart of Västerås, with everything you need

within just a short walking distance.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Karlsgatan 9A (Skrapan) Phone: + 46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/hotel-plaza/

# **BEST WESTERN Ta Inn Hotel**



BEST WESTERN Ta Inn Hotel is situated on the edge of the ring road close to all the night life, museums and sights that the city centre has to

offer.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Ängsgärdsgatan 19 Phone: +46 21 10 53 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/ta-inn-hotel

# Badelunda Bed & Breakfast



Badelunda Bed & Breakfast offers accommodation in a historic setting among the ancient remains at the Badelunda ridge, yet

close to Västerås city centre and Lake Mälaren.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Badelunda Skälby 1 Phone: +46 72 557 77 90, +46 72 557 77 91 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/badelunda-bed-breakfast

# Café Björnen, Norra Björnön



This recreation centre is situated on the island of Björnö, just 7 km from the centre of Västerås and a stone's throw from one of the island's

beaches, a café/restaurant, canoe rental windsurfing and jogging tracks. The two 25 m2 cabins are let between June and September. See online booking for prices and availability.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Björnö Phone: + 46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/cafe-bjornen

# **Clarion Collection Hotel Etage**



Clarion Collection Hotel Etage is a modern and stylish hotel situated in the heart of the city centre close to all the sights, shopping and

entertainment Västerås has to offer.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Stora Gatan 32 Phone: +46 21 15 12 20 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/clarion-collection-hotel-etage

# Edens Garden Bed & Breakfast



This charming bed & breakfast is situated at Hällsjö Gård outside Västerås. Edens Garden offers both bed & breakfast and

self-catering accommodation. Guests can stay in the 18th century cottage, the small manor house or the holiday villa.

Photo: © John de Jong, Västerås & Co Address: Hällsjö 108 Phone: +46 21 731 15 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/edens-garden-bed-breakfast

#### Elite Stadshotellet



This exclusive 4-star traditional hotel, which combines modern design with a classic setting, is situated in one of Sweden's most beautiful

Art Nouveau buildings with Mälardalen's best shopping right on the doorstep.

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## Hem till Gården



Hem till Gården ("Home to the farm") is perfect for people looking for something typically Swedish. The cosy atmosphere and modern

equipment make guests feel at home. There are five different traditional Swedish country houses of different sizes to choose between in this lovely setting just a stone's throw from all the sports arenas in Västerås and 2 km from the city centre.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Slånbärsgatan 13 Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/hem-till-garden

# Good Morning Västerås



Good Morning Västerås is situated on the outskirts of the city centre close to Rocklunda and Mälardalen University. The perfect location for

anyone wanting to explore Västerås!

Photo: Visit Västerås

Address: Slånbärsgatan 1 Phone: +46 21 12 02 20 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/good-morning-vasteras/

## **Room Apartment Hotel**



Room Apartment Hotel lets apartments in central Västerås close to good shopping and great entertainment.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Norra Allégatan 24 Phone: +46 21 10 12 70 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/room-support

## Scandic Västerås



Scandic Västerås is centrally located, just 4 km from Västerås airport and close to the city centre, motorway and local attractions.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Pilgatan 33 Phone: +46 21 495 58 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/scandic-vasteras

# Skultuna Brukshotell



Skultuna Brukshotell serves delicious food and offers fantastic accommodation in a beautiful turn of the century setting.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Bruksgatan 6 Phone: +46 21 701 60, +46 21 444 01 57 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/skultuna-brukshotell-2

# Salas Gruvsvit (Sala's underground mine suite)



About 40 kilometers from Västerås you'll find the town Sala and Sala Silvermine. Check in to Sala Silvermine's suite, 155 m below ground

level, and enjoy the peace and tranquility. Upon arrival you will be given a guided tour of the mine. The suite can only be booked for two people.

Photo: © Pappilabild, Västerås & C Address: Drottning Christinas väg, Sala Phone: +46 224 67 72 60 Internet: vhttp://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/mine-suite

# The Steam Hotel



On the 1st of August 2017, a spectacular hotel opened its doors inside the old steam power station in Västerås: The Steam Hotel. The

numbers are fascinating: 18 storeys in a one-hundred-year-old building, 15 metres from the water's edge, 227 rooms in industrial romantic style, restaurants and bars with industrial vision, an 800-square-metre spa, Sweden's only action water park and a view that will take your breath away. The Steam Hotel is guaranteed to awaken every sense in your body.

Photo: VMNAB/The Steam Hotel Address: Ångkraftsvägen 14 Phone: +46 21 475 99 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/the-steam-hotel/

# Valsaren Kök & Hotell



Valsaren Kök & Hotell A hotel and lunch restaurant located in a historic setting in central Västerås and close to shops, nightlife and

public transport. They serve traditional Swedish lunches and their hotel rooms are spacious with generous work space.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Metallverksgatan 2 Phone: +46 21 18 45 30 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/valsaren

# Hotell Västerås



This three-star hotel is situated in the city centre, with everything on your doorstep, whether you're there for business or pleasure.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Vasagatan 22 Phone: +46 21 39 01 00 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/hotell-vasteras

# CAMPING



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## Björnö Camping



Västerås husvagnsklubb (VHK) is a small and friendly family campsite on the island of Björnö. The campsite is situated just 100 m from the

shallow sandy beach Björnöbadet, which also has a dog beach and a summer restaurant, and alongside exercise tracks and footpaths. Björnögården recreational centre is 1 km away and has a restaurant that is open all year round.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Björnövägen Phone: +46 21 262 62 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/bjorno-camping

# Västerås Camping Ängsö



At Ängsö you can combine nature with culture. This campsite is close to Lake Mälaren and the surrounding countryside as well as

Engsö Castle.

Photo: Mostphotos Address: Västerås Camping Phone: +46 171 44 10 43 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/vasteras-camping-angso

#### **Camper van park**



Sjöevent i Västerås AB runs the camper van park in Lögarängsvägen at the guest harbour. There are 15 spaces without electricity and include

access to the service centre in the guest harbour.

Photo: ©Kristoffer Hasselberg, Västerås & Co Address: Lögarängsvägen (intill gästhamnen) Phone: +46 70 699 32 40 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/camper-van-park

## Västerås Mälarcamping



This pleasant camping site on the shores of lake Mälaren is situated in a picturesque setting with recreational activities for the whole family. With

the short distance of only 10 min by car or 5 km by bike to the city centre of Västerås this camping site offers you access to both the city and its shopping as well as they new action water park- Kokpunkten. The camping site offers something for everyone! Play beach volleyball, discover our miniture golf court, enjoy the beach, be adventurous at the palygrounds, relax in our sauna or just take a walk and appreciate the surroundings.

#### Photo: Clifford Shirley

Address: Johannisbergsvägen, 725 91 Västerås Opening hours: 1 January to 31 December Phone: + 46 771 10 12 00 Internet: visitvasteras.se/en/actor/vasteras-malarcamping Email: malarcamping@nordiccamping.se

# **TOURIST INFORMATION**



Visit Västerås

Västerås offers excellent rail connections between the central station and surrounding towns. With its fantastic location on Lake Mälaren, you are always close to the water and boat services.

## Airport



Stockholm-Västerås Airport is located five kilometres outside the city center, just a 15-minute drive from the city centre. The city bus

number 3 goes to the airport, the bus leaves from the bus station as well as from the city center.

Photo: Linda Heplinger Address: Hässlö Phone: +46 21 80 56 00 Internet: http://www.stockholmvasteras.se

# **Public Transport**



The bus ervices run regularly from early morning to late evening on weekdays and until 3.30 am at weekends. Please note that the

buses are cashless. Tickets can be purchased from most supermarkets and newsagents as well as Västerås Tourist Office or from the ticket machines placed in and around the city. It is also possible to buy monthly passes or 10 or 40 rides tickets. A single bus ticket within the city costs 26 SEK for adults and 13 SEK for seniors and children and youths up to the age of 20.

Photo: Mostphotos Address: Västerås Centralstation Phone: +46 771 22 40 00 Internet: http://www.vl.se/Vastmanland

# Taxi



There are several taxi companies in Västerås. Here is a selection. Taxi Västerås +46 21 18 50 00 www.taxivasteras.se Taxi Kurir +46 21 12 22 22

www.taxikurir.se

Taxi Västmanland + 46 21 14 01 40

Photo: Visit Västerås

#### **Bicycle rental**



It is easy to get round Västerås on foot or by bike. The city has an amazing 380 km of cycle paths and in the summer you can rent a bike at the

guest harbour, a short walk away from the city centre.

Photo: © Clifford Shirley, Västerås & Co Address: Lögarängsvägen Opening hours: May until September Phone: +46 70 699 32 40 Internet: http://visitvasteras.se/en/actor/bike-rental

#### Telephone



Country code: +46 Area code: 021

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# Electricity



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## Pharmacy



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15 722 13 Västerås +46 771 450 450

Apoteket Gurkan Vasagatan 20 72215 Västerås +46 771 450 450

Kronans Droghandel (Igor) Vasagatan 25 722 15 Västerås +46 771 612 612

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Phone: Pharmacy drug awareness +46 20 66 77 66 (24/7)

**Population** 145 218 (2015)

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**Internet** visitvasteras.com

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