

## Ten favourite spots in Gothenburg

### **Magasinsgatan**

A laid back, trendy, cobbled street in Gothenburg and home to several of Gothenburg's independent designer-shops as well as the 'in-café' Da Matteo with its sour dough bakery just across the square. The interior design shop Artilleriet is also a must.

### **Haga, the old quarter**

Picturesque and charming Haga is Gothenburg's oldest suburb. Here, wooden houses nestle along the cobbled streets with a good mixture of second hand, antique and fashion shops. Have a look inside the clog shop Haga Trätöfelfabrik for leather goods and clogs, or stop for a 'fika' at Café Husaren, where Sweden's largest cinnamon buns are baked.

### **Linnégatan**

Gothenburg residents' own little secret Linnégatan, and the intersecting Långgatorna, is lined with bars, restaurants and independent shops. Eat Asian fusion at Hello Monkey or Made In China, Mexican food at Tacos & Tequila and Swedish homely fare at Hos Pelle. Enjoy a 'fika' at one of the fair alternative cafés around Järntorget and Andra/Tredje Långgatan. Most places have open-air cafés during spring and summer.

### **Slottsskogen city park**

This is the locals' green oasis and place for recreation - the perfect place for a stroll or chilling out on the big lawns. In the small zoo you can get close up to elks and other primarily Nordic, wild and tame animals and birds. In the summer is the Children's Zoo, with piglets, kid goats and chickens. Don't miss the seal pond either, where the seals are fed every day at 14.00 or the Penguins up the hill fed at 14:30. The park is also home to "Plikta", the city's largest children's playground.

### **Feskekörka – the fish market hall**

A paradise for foodies and fish lovers! The Market hall, opened in 1874, resembles a church and has therefore been named 'Feskekörka' (the fish church). Buy yourself fresh prawns to enjoy by the edge of the canal - or have lunch at upstairs restaurant Gabriel.

Those of you who feel lively in the morning should visit Sweden's largest **fish auction** in the fishing harbour. The auction is held Monday to Friday 06.30.

### **Rosenkaféet**

In the middle of Trädgårdsföreningen – the Horticultural Society's cultivated park – is the café Rosenkaféet, surrounded by beautiful greenery. This café has an old-fashioned, cosy atmosphere which makes people want to go there when the sun is out, particularly in July and August when thousands of roses are in bloom in the surrounding rose garden.

### **Röda Sten Art Centre**

The impressive boiler house by the southern end of the Älvsborg bridge has become an exciting cultural project. Inside are several floors with high ceiling, where various art exhibitions are held. The site is fantastic, with a view of the harbour entrance. You can also see the red stone that gave the area its name. Take the Älvsnabben harbour ferry from Lilla Bommen and enjoy the fine views from upper deck.

### **The Sauna and public pool in Frihamnen**

Probably the most spectacular sauna in Sweden, created by German architect collective Raumlabor Berlin in 2014. In large parts it's constructed from recycled material, for instance, the changing rooms were made from 12 000 recycled bottles. Next to the sauna is a public pool, built in 2015. It is 20 meters long, 8 meters wide and open to all who want to take a dip. The water is cleaned entirely without chlorine and the pool is developed to be socially and ecologically sustainable.

The sauna and pool are situated in the park Jubileumsparken, which is part of the Gothenburg's 400th anniversary in 2021, and have been built as a response to the citizens' desire to get closer to water. The Sauna is open all year but you have to book online via a Swedish site. The pool is open May to October.

### **Breathtakingly beautiful archipelago**

Visit Gothenburg's archipelago and discover lively villages and inhabited islets in beautiful settings. There are a lot of activities as for example swimming, paddling and fishing trips. Take the tram and then the ferry to get to the southern car-free archipelago. To the northern archipelago, there is a bus to Hönö and Öckerö by car ferry. Some of the bus tours continue to Burö from where there are ferries to the northernmost islands. The tram ticket is valid for free travel also on the archipelago passenger ferries.

During summer, you can also go on boat excursions to the island fortress Älvsborgs Fästning at the harbour entrance, or in to the most far out island of Vinga, a nature reserve with interesting flora and first-rate bathing. Don't miss excursions to Brännö Brygga which is famous for its summertime open-air dance on Saturday evenings.

### **Marstrand Island**

Marstrand is a summer paradise with international sailing, sun, bathing and lively night life. The island, surrounded by the North Sea, sports the mighty, historical Carlsten's fortress. It was originally intended to protect the coast, and the fortress later became a prison. West Sweden's own Robin Hood, Lasse-Maja, the legendary thief, remained incarcerated on the island. The guided tour at the fortress is highly recommended.

Marstrand is easily accessible by bus, just hop on Grön Express-bus at Heden heading for Kungälv, change bus at Ytterby bus stop to Marstrand Express to Marstrand, and enjoy the short ferry ride to the island of Marstrand.