

Gothenburg “musts” for families 2018

Gothenburg is a very family-friendly city with most of the attractions within walking distance or accessible by tram or by a Styr & Ställ city bicycle. Gothenburg offers a wide range of activities for families, such as fascinating museums and interesting guided tours as well as tranquil city parks perfect for picnic and equipped with exciting playgrounds.

LISEBERG AMUSEMENT PARK

This is the most popular tourist attraction in Sweden, attracting three million visitors annually. New this year is Valkyria, which will be Europe’s longest Dive Coaster, a roller coaster with a vertical drop of nearly 50 metres. Premiere this year.

Liseberg is open for the summer season from April 28 until September 30, with an additional 16 days opened in October-November for Halloween. There is also a Christmas Market from November 16, with many craft stalls, an ice rink and Santa’s World. The whole park is adorned with Christmas decorations and illuminated by almost five million Christmas lights.

Website: www.liseberg.se

UNIVERSEUM SCIENCE DISCOVERY CENTRE

This little universe combines science, technology and adventure. Follow the water from the mountains in the north down to the sea. There are big aquariums and plenty of hands-on experiments. There is a rainforest with a 25-metre-high kapok tree with secret alleys and everyday there is a rainforest safari that will show you all the tropical beauty.

Opening hours: daily at 10am–6pm.

Website: www.universeum.se

ALFIE ATKINS’ CULTURAL CENTRE (ALFONS ÅBERGS KULTURHUS)

The character from the Alfie Atkins books has now got a house of his own! This is a place where inquisitive children can play, get up to mischief, climb and discover a building full of fascinating things. There are daily activities on offer, including theatre, experiments and music.

Opening hours: daily 10am–4pm (closed on some public holidays).

Website: www.alfonskulturhus.se

PADDAN BOATS

The tour offers a different way of seeing the sights, from the old moat, the canals and the harbour. A guided tour takes you under 20 bridges, including the extremely low Osthyveln (cheese slicer) bridge. The tour takes about 50 minutes and the boats depart from Kungssportsplatsen from end of March until mid-October. During winter time, there are special rides direct to Liseberg Christmas market.

Website: www.stromma.se

THE MUSEUM OF WORLD CULTURE

No family should miss “Together”, an exhibition about how both wonderful and difficult it is to be with others. In a world of caves, mountains and rainbows, the museum invites children and adults to explore and experience the exhibition hand in hand.

Website: www.varldskulturmuseerna.se

SLOTTSSKOGEN

Göteborg's city park, an open-air area and green meeting place. At the Slottsskogen animal parks you can see elk and other, mainly Nordic, wild and tame animals. From the end of April until September, there is a Children's Zoo with piglets, kid goats and chickens. And don't miss the seal pool, where the Bohus County harbour seals are fed every day at 2 pm. The many sights include the Natural History Museum, the Observatory and the Birdhouse.

Website: www.goteborg.com/en/slottskogen/

MARITIMAN

Maritiman is located at Packhuskajen. The floating ship museum's display includes the Nordkaparen submarine, the destroyer Småland and the Fladen lightship.

Website: www.maritiman.se

THE MARITIME MUSEUM (SJÖFARTSMUSEET)

The Maritime Museum and Aquarium describes Swedish maritime history with aquariums and exhibitions reflecting fishing and the shipbuilding industry. Play room for children, therefore very popular amongst families, situated at Karl Johansgatan at Stigbergstorget. Note – the museum will close for reconstruction in September 2018 and will open again 2021.

Website: www.sjofartsmuseetakvariet.se

Gothenburg specialties:

HAGA OLD QUARTERS WITH THE LARGEST CINNAMON BUN

Haga is Gothenburg's oldest quarter. Here, wooden houses nestle along the cobbled streets, and there is a good mixture of shops and charming cafés. You'll find Sweden's largest cinnamon buns at [Café Husaren](#).

Read more about Haga: www.goteborg.com/en/haga/

TRAMS

To go by tram is a nice way of getting around in Gothenburg. The boats to the archipelago and the harbour ferry Älvsnabben are also included in your public transport ticket/card. Every summer and winter the [Ringlinien](#) vintage trams, dating back to 1900-1960, run from the Central Station to the Liseberg amusement park.

KRONHUSBODARNA

[Kronhusbodarna](#), a tranquil oasis in the city centre close to Gustaf Adolf Torg, with small shops selling Swedish Art Glass, leather goods and other craft products surrounding a cobbled-stone old courtyard.

Read more about all things to do in Gothenburg for children and families:

www.goteborg.com/en/gothenburg-for-kids/