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Drop anchor in Karlskrona, the World Heritage maritime town. Explore the surroundings or board a boat for a tour of the archipelago. Karlskrona is where big dreams happily jostle with enjoyable everyday events. Here you can enjoy good food, culture and wonderful walks in the centre of a town that will greet you with an open, friendly atmosphere. Karlskrona is where new meets old and tradition meets innovation. Welcome!

Karlskrona is one of Sweden's most interesting historic towns. Founded in 1680, 22 years after Sweden had wrested it from Denmark, the new regime decided to make it the country's maritime center. Today Karlskrona is home to Sweden's only naval base. So don't be surprised, if touring the archipelago, to catch sight of a submarine or other naval vessel. Karlskrona is a beautiful World Heritage site that offers a wealth of activities!

Kings & Tsars

In 1679, Swedish King Karl XI traveled among the islands that today form Karlskrona. Sweden was a superpower in those days and needed an



The Fortress of Kungsholmen.

ice-free harbor for its naval fleet. Karlskrona became Sweden's naval base, not least for the protection offered by the surrounding archipelago. To this day it has remained the hub of Sweden's naval activities. Take a boat trip out to one of the island forts that have guarded the town for more than 300 years.

A statue of the town's founder, King Karl XI, after whom the town is named, can be seen at Stortorget. Members of the present royal family are regular visitors to Karlskrona.



The Naval museum and The Royal Swedish Navy Band.

Modern Architecture & Design

The Naval Museum on Stumholmen is a fine example of the town's modern, vibrant architecture. Nearby is a nationally famous housing complex comprising old military barracks that have been converted into modern accommodation. At the shipyard, leading-edge technology is developed for military vessels. You may even catch sight of a corvette equipped with stealth technology stealing its way out into the archipelago.

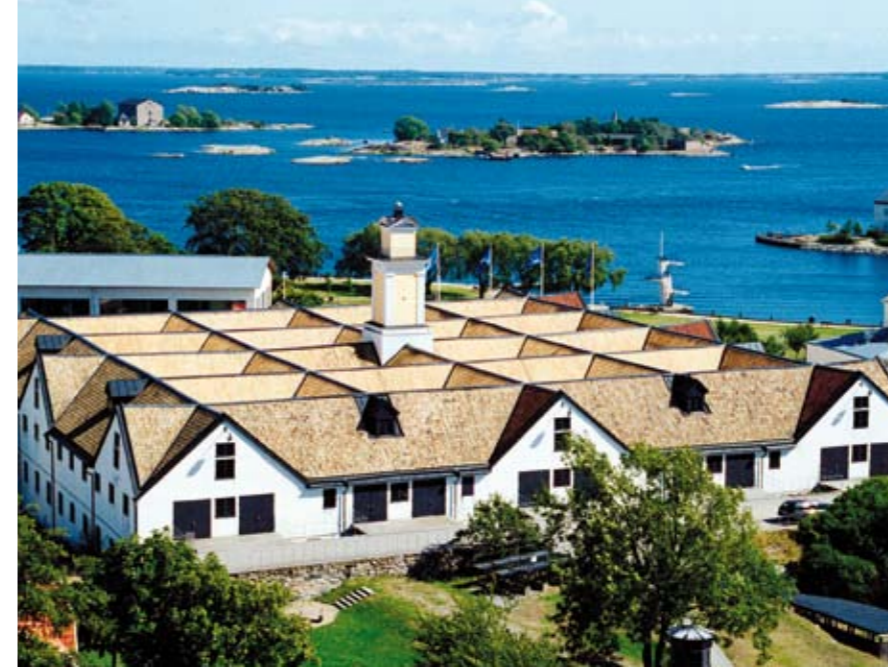
Only 45 minutes away by car or bus is the heart of Sweden's crystal production, where fine glass works of art can be found at bargain prices. Just outside Karlskrona is the newly inaugurated Glashyttan, housed in a rebuilt water tower. This has become a hotspot for innovative glass design. Those who are interested in interior decoration will find several shops downtown with unique ranges that attract visitors daily from far away. Treat yourself to one of the famous Karlskrona lamps or hunt for 1950s design. Other shops specialize in modern Scandinavian design and interior decoration.

City Life & Outdoor Events

Karlskrona attracts Swedish and foreign tourists all year round. The beautiful archipelago offers activities such as sailing, bathing and fishing. Many tourists also visit Karlskrona because of its status as a Unesco world heritage maritime town, a distinction it was awarded in 1998. You'll learn more about the world heritage concept by going on one of the many guided tours. Knowledgeable, multilingual guides will recount the town's history and point out buildings and sites of special interest. Tours can be taken on foot, by bus or on board one of the archipelago boats that depart from Fisktorget. In early August the annual Sail Karlskrona festival is held. The people of Karlskrona, together with tens of thousands of tourists, gather on the quays to party and watch or sail with the many impressive sailing boats taking part. Another important annual event is the Lövmärknaden market, held at Stortorget on the day before Midsummer's Eve, a date popularly known as Karlskrona's national day. During the summer, two high-class chamber music festivals are held as well as other concerts, often in unique environments. If you feel like bathing or basking in the sun, just a few minutes' walk from downtown Karlskrona is the small island of Stumholmen, popular with locals. Here you'll also find the Naval Museum with its impressive collec-



Small and picturesque cottages at Björkolmen.



The sloop and longboat shed at the island of Stumholmen – a unique World Heritage site.

tion of items from Swedish maritime history. Adults and children alike can participate in a creative exhibition and experience life on board ship. Stumholmen is also something of an art experience and is well suited for walks, allowing you to enjoy the town and archipelago from different vantage points. Karlskrona is an island town characterized by its location by the sea, never more than 500 meters away. Town life and activities are virtually at one with the water. Ronneby and its beautiful Brunnsparke is just a 20-minute bus ride from Karlskrona. The park was voted the most beautiful in Sweden in 2005. A further 20 minutes west is the Eriksberg nature and wildlife reserve, offering fantastic up-close experiences.

Great Shopping & Fine Food

Karlskrona is a trade center in southeast Sweden that is under constant development. Several interesting shopping malls have opened in recent years. If you're looking for something special of a nautical or antique nature, you won't be disappointed. Shopping, dining and other activities are all within easy reach. Numerous indoor and open-air restaurants and cafés serve excellent local and international cuisine in idyllic surroundings. Try herring sandwich, a local specialty. And don't miss out on Karlskrona potato dumplings, served with lingonberries and cream. Ask for it at the café in Hoglands Park, the centrally located town park.

Ancient & Modern

Karlskrona's architecture is characterized by the grand plans hatched when Sweden was a military superpower and Karlskrona the main base of the Swedish naval fleet. The town grid that Karlskrona is based on, dating from 1680, is unique. It was created by Erik Dahlberg, the most famous urban architect of his time, whose inspiration for the straight, broad streets centered on a huge square came from Rome. Stortorget is one of northern Europe's largest squares, where locals gather in the afternoons to enjoy an ice cream, a drink and perhaps a meal in the sun. Stortorget is flanked by two

magnificent churches designed by Nicodemus Tessin, the Italian-inspired architect who also designed the Royal Palace in Stockholm. Close by at Kungsbron is Amiralitetstkyrkan, a wooden church built in 1685 with the famous Old Man Rosenbom statue outside. Admiral Henric af Chapman's summer residence from 1785, Skärfva, is a unique creation located 10 minutes from downtown and easily accessible by bus and boat.



The Great Square, one of northern Europe's largest, with Fredrik Church and the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Karlskrona Top 10 – don't miss

- Guided tour of the world heritage town
- Naval Museum and Stumholmen
- Old shipyard
- Skärfva Estate
- County Museum
- Stortorget with its beautiful churches
- Archipelago forts of Kungsholm and Aspö Kastell
- Amiralitetstkyrkan and Old Man Rosenbom
- Cottages at Brändaholm and Björkolmen
- View from Bryggarberget



Useful links

Cruise information: www.karlskrona.se

Port information: www.karlskrona.se

Tourist information: www.karlskrona.se/tourism

Public information

Tourist information: In downtown Karlskrona and at ferry terminal when cruise ships are in port

Taxi: Available at pier

Shopping: Within walking distance

Local currency: Swedish krona

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