

The Best Place in the World.



WELCOME TO THE JAKOBSTAD REGION

– A WORLD FULL OF POSSIBILITIES!

HERE YOU HAVE SMALL-TOWN LIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE, SIDE BY SIDE. Here the sea and the nature are always close, with many options for unique nature experiences and an active holiday. Here you can enjoy small-town life with restaurants, cafés, and local boutiques with specialties such as vintage and food craftsmanship. Here creativity and innovative design are combined with an unusually strong entrepreneurship. Culture and history are always present, and the genuine bilingualism makes the region more alive.

One Region – Many Possibilities





Do you have spare time? Take a seat on the cliffs in Fäboda, walk among the thousands of plants in the School Garden or Aspegren's Garden or make a trip to the countryside. Explore everything from the cosiest elf museum to ice age remains and hundreds of kilometres of hiking trails.

Here we have collected our best tips for you, who are visiting us. A selection of the best things the West Coast has to provide.

We hope you can find your favourite place!



Beaches That Charm Everyone

Fäboda is often called the living room of the people living in Jakobstad. Here on the sun-kissed cliffs you can enjoy your picnic or buy goodies from the café. Families with children usually prefer the lagoon shaped shallow beach Lillsand and thanks to the barrier-free nature trail the area is accessible to everyone. Locals and visitors come here all year round to enjoy the nature, swim, pick berries, fish, paddle, hike, and ski. You should also explore Storsand in Nykarleby, which is often called the most beautiful beach on the west coast. It is a popular place among kite surfers.



Out in the Nature



The Mythical Giant Rock

It is obvious that we like to explore our forests and nature. Someone has counted that there are more than 300 km of hiking trails in the Jakobstad region. The longest is Utterleden in Pedersöre, which gives you 52 kilometres of nature experience including everything from swampy grounds and lakes to deep forests. Here you can also find one of the biggest erratic blocks in the country, Lostenen. Did you know that the caves and crevices under the stone used to be home for the lynxes in the area? And did you know that people in all times have found shelter under the mythical, 16-metre-high boulder? Those who climb the 77 stairs are given a spectacular view of the area.



Take Your Children on an Adventure

The 44 kilometres long Larsmo trail takes you through several villages, passes lakes and streams and has nice resting places. By all means, bring your children as well. There are three shorter children's trails along the trail, which gives just enough challenge for both body and mind. Next to the car park you also find Larsmo Sports Centre, with a lot of activities for the entire family.



A Chain of Islands

The beautiful archipelago with its 2 500 islands is also worth a visit. Explore the archipelago canoeing or book a tour with one of the tourist boats. Mässkär with its red beacon in the outer archipelago is a popular excursion for both locals and visitors. Why not rent a sauna raft and spend the night in the middle of the bay? On Köpmanholmen you can find a café, a restaurant, a nature trail and an observation tower.



The Small-Town Pulse

A Taste of Jakobstad

Jakobstad has the best a small town can give – cosy cafés, local restaurants, and unique boutiques. The restaurants in Jakobstad are influenced by the closeness to the sea and they tempt you with local delicacies but have also been inspired by all corners of the world. Jakobstad is known for the big selection of lunch restaurants, and we promise that you will find your favourite. When you are done with the town centre, you can take a stroll in the old wooden house neighbourhood, Skata, take a break at one of the cafés, and continue to the small boat piers in the old harbour.

Relax, enjoy, and spoil yourself.



Take a Trip

There are also gems to explore outside the town centre. Sunds Trädgård is one of the biggest garden centres in the region. A warm summer night you can take the bike to Andra sjön in Nykarleby and look at the lively traffic in the small boat marina while you enjoy a shrimp sandwich and a glass of ice-cold beverage in the old, bonded warehouse, Tullmagasinet.





How do You Want to Stay?

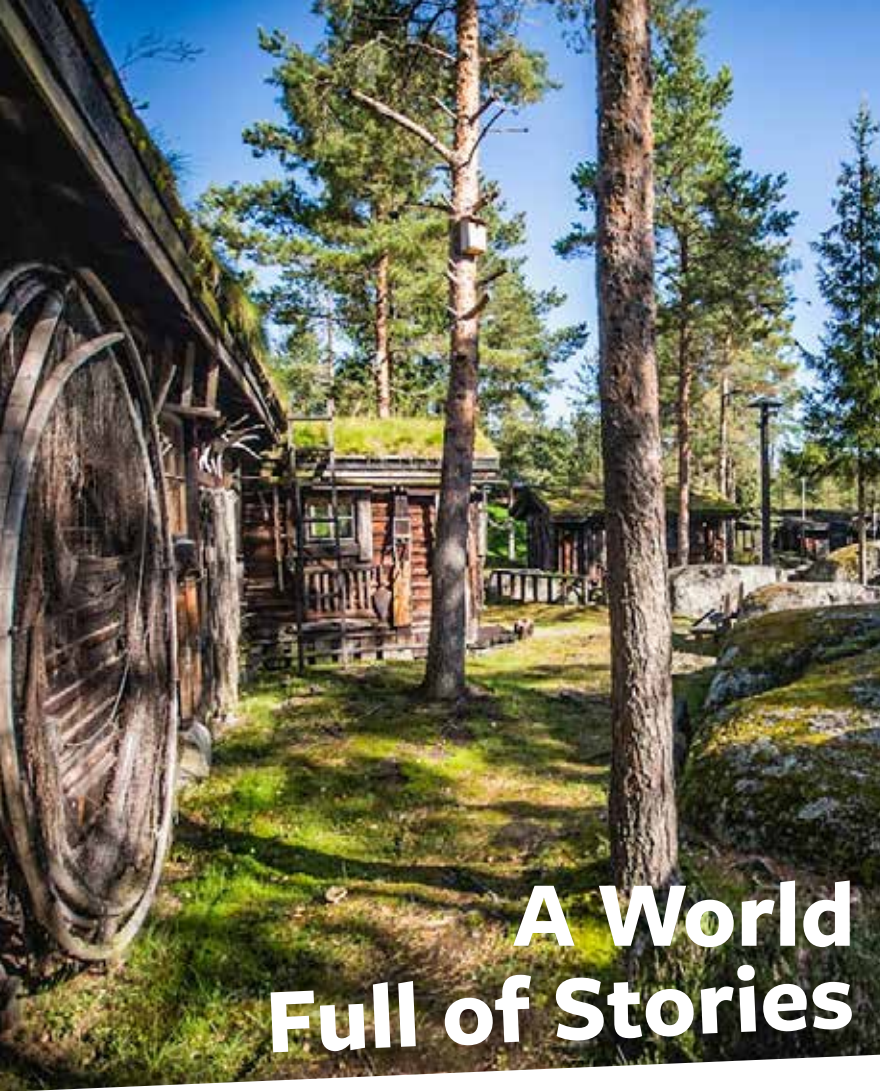
Regardless of whether you are looking for a romantic weekend, a family holiday, or a business trip there are a lot of options for accommodation. Our hotels provide rooms of different sizes and in different price ranges, and for those who prefer camping or cabin life there are also several options. Do you have a camper or a caravan? There are camping sites both at Strandis in Larsmo, Sexsjön in Pedersöre, Juthbacka in Nykarleby, and Gamla hamn just outside Jakobstad town centre.



A Proper Festival!

Those who know their Jakobstad usually book a visit in the end of July, just in time for the week-long town festival Jakobs Dagar. During a whole week, the small town is filled with life from morning till evening. The most popular events are gammaldags torg (old time market), storloppis (the big flea market) and the outdoor concerts in the School Garden.

At the end of August Kulturveckan and Juthbackamarknaden fills Nykarleby with life. The two-day-long Juthbackamarknad is the biggest second hand fair and every year it has tens of thousands of visitors looking for bargains or just to socialise and meet up with friends.



A World Full of Stories

Magical Gardens and Exciting Museums

Are you interested in culture and history? In Aspegren Garden in Jakobstad you can admire the old vicarage garden and in the botanical School Garden in the centre of the town you can find hundreds of different plants. The arctic museum Nanoq is unique, just as the elf village Tyynelä in Larsmo.

Take in the peace and learn about history in the middle of the forest in Pedersöre. Fagerbacka Fäbodställe is open around the clock, and you can visit the buildings whenever you like and feel the unique atmosphere in an old cattle lodge and summer pasture area.





Culture for Everyone

Jakobstad museum and the Malm house in the centre of Jakobstad are other treasures for all that are interested in history – both young and old. Here you can take part in the history of shipping, step into an old country shop or take part of one of the current exhibitions. The museum also has its own shop. There are also many old homestead museums with special exhibitions in the area, where you can experience the everyday life of former times.

Between the small boat piers and the old boat houses in the Old harbour just outside Jakobstad centre there are traces of our common history, the art of shipbuilding. Here you will also find the Shipyard with Jacobstads Wapen and the war indemnity schooner Vega.



In the Authors' Footsteps

As soon as you enter Nykarleby you are met by a big quill. Stop for a while. Listen. Can you perhaps hear the King of Raspberries, Bullerbassius or Walter run around in the garden outside Kuddnäs? In this white house next to the river Zacharias Topelius gained inspiration for his books. Kuddnäs is preserved in original condition and is now a museum. Here you can see how the family Topelius was living and experience a middle-class home in the 19th century Ostrobothnia.

By us the culture is always present. In Lappfors in Pedersöre you can walk Skaldernas stig (the Trail of Bards) and in Jakobstad, the hometown of Johan Ludvig Runeberg, there are several places associated with the author's childhood and adolescence.





An Active Holiday

An Adventure for the Whole Family

In the Jakobstad region you have all opportunities to spend an active holiday, all year round. Here you will find ski tracks, fine hiking trails, and possibilities to paddle both inside the skerries and at sea. Here you can try everything from skateboarding to disc golf and there are also two golf tracks and good fishing in the region.



Do You Like Cycling?

The MTB-tracks in the Sports Park in Larsmo and at Bergö in Pedersöre gives a proper challenge even for the most experienced biker. The rocky and stony terrain is made for challenges, but there are also easier tracks that suits a beginner. By bike you can also find nice, gravelled roads, small marinas, and summer restaurants and with some luck you can find a secret place to swim.



Winter at Last!

Fäboda is a popular destination also in wintertime. Especially during nights with northern lights people gather at the beach to capture the spectacular night sky. The barren cliffs and the movement of the ice gives majestic performances only a few kilometres from the town centre. During winter season we like to walk on the ice, fish, and ski. By the way, did you know that we are aces at ice swimming? The ice swimming sauna at Strandis in Larsmo gives you a unique experience and is open for everyone who wants to challenge themselves in the ice-cold water.

We also recommend a walk on the ice to Mäskär. There you can warm yourself with hot coffee and newly baked jam-filled doughnuts before heading back to the mainland.





Everything is Possible.

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