



Göteborg & the Southwest

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Why Go?

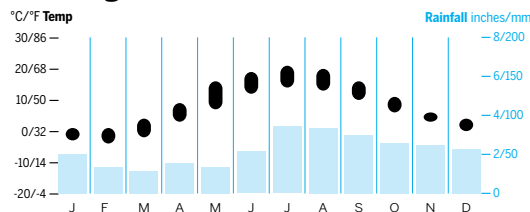
Sweden's southwest is diversity personified. Heading the east is Sweden's 'second city' of Göteborg and its kicking bars, cafes, museums and theme-park thrills. Just south, the Halland coast is home to sandy Blue Flag beaches and Sweden's top surfing, windsurfing and kitesurfing. Västergötland's attractions are low-key and eclectic, from Trollhättan's postindustrial museums and mighty gushing locks to Lidköping's fairy-tale Läckö Slott.

North of Göteborg the Bohuslän coastline shatters into myriad granite islands with craggy cliffs and adorable red-and-white fishing villages. Yachts weave their way between uninhabited islets and skerries, while the area's mysterious Bronze Age rock carvings testify to the rich spiritual life of the region's early inhabitants.

Further inland, Dalsland, with its network of canals, locks and narrow lakes amid thick, dark forest, throws down the gauntlet to boating and kayaking enthusiasts.

When to Go

Göteborg



Jul & Aug
Sailboat-loving Swedes beeline to Bohuslän. Göteborg festivals run back to back.

May & Sep Ideal time for avoiding summer crowds and indulging in fine dining.

Dec & Jan Inland lakes and canals freeze over. Perfect skating and ice-fishing conditions.



Gothenburg & the Southwest Highlights

- 1 Plummeting down roller coasters and experiencing counterculture art and cutting-edge Swedish home cooking in **Göteborg** (p133).
- 2 Feasting on shrimp and archipelago views on the tiny island of **Hållö** (p155), a short ferry trip from Smögen.
- 3 Being charmed by **Fjällbacka** (p155), Ingrid Bergman's favourite summer haunt.
- 4 Pedalling your way around the **Koster Islands** (p156).
- 5 Decoding Bronze Age artwork at the Unesco World Heritage Site in **Tanumshede** (p152), Bohuslän.
- 6 Piloting a boat or paddling a kayak along the **Dalsland Canal** (p158).
- 7 Listening to opera staged on the lawns of **Läckö Slott** (p162), north of Lidköping.
- 8 Surfing at Apelviken and sunbathing in a Russian bathhouse in **Varberg** (p166).