



Västerås Tourist Guide

The four “Must See and Do’s” when visiting Västerås

- ▶ Västerås Cathedral
- ▶ Björnöbadet (Västerås longest beach)
- ▶ Tidö Toy museum
- ▶ Moose Safari

Municipality Facts

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Population
132 920

Area
1 143,00 km²

Regional Center
Västerås

County
Västmanland



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More Information

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Internet
www.vasteras.se
www.vastermalarstaden.se

Newspapers
VLT
www.vlt.se

The Västmanlands News
www.vastmanlandsnyheter.se

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Västerås Mälarstaden is Unique!

Regardless if you were born in Västerås or just visiting, Västerås is an experience unlike any other. Mälaren ideally has something for everyone. What you select to do depends entirely upon your ambitions and your goals during your stay in Västerås. Västerås Mälarstaden provides you with the right combination of tools for you to create and enjoy your stay with us.

What can Västerås Mälarstaden offer you?

Västerås Mälarstaden is just what the name implies, “Västerås -- Mälarstaden (the city by Lake Mälaren)”. The area has over 400 archipelago islands to discover along with many places to swim, fish and experience nature at it’s finest.

Västerås Mälarstaden originally was called “Västra Aros,” and has a long history. The Vikings placed their mark on the landscape with an ancient burial ground or burial mounds called Anundshög, and is Sweden’s largest. Västerås’ Cathedral has been awarded three stars in the Michelin Guide.

This is the year for Västerås! A new multi-arena completed this year is ready to offer you a large variety of entertainment and events, such as sporting events and concerts. Västerås Mälarveckor and Power Big Meet are just two examples of recent entertainment which has drawn hundreds of thousands to the area. Future plans will attract even more to Västerås.

If you are interested in music or theater, Västerås Concert House and Västerås Theater offers you a large assortment of artist performances in all possible genres. If you want to expand your artist talents, then try Läns museet and Konstmuseet, which are two excellent museums.

Do you like to shop? If so, your not alone. Shopping is Västerås’ most popular tourist attraction. The fascination lies in the heart of the center which dates way back to the 1000’s but yet with a modern shopping gallery which reflects the 2000’s. Welcome!



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See and Do

History

Västerås' History

Västerås has a 1000 year history. The Västerås Cathedral is from the 1200's or visit Sweden's first upper-secondary school, Rudbeckianska, from 1623. At Västerås' Parliament, 1527, Gustav Vasa pushed through the reformation.

Take a walk through the botanic garden, then take the stairs up to Djäkneberget (mountain) where you can experience a wonderful view over Västerås and Lake Mälaren from the terrace. At Kyrkbacken, you can see the old parts of Västerås and just outside the city there is the archaeological Viking graves at Anundshög.

Swimming

Bathing in Mälärstaden

Västerås is a city along the shores of Lake Mälaren. Naturally, there are many excellent bathing areas: Björnön, Johannisberg, Lövudden, Sundängen and many more.

Suntan, bath, play or just take a stroll along the beach. Enjoy an icecream. Feel the sand between your toes.... If the weather isn't cooperating, or it is a cold winter day, visit one of our inside bathing areas.

Björnöbadet (Beach)

Västerås longest beach. A long beach and childrens area with sun and shadow. The Kiosk offers icecream, hotdogs and coffee. Grill area. Large parking area and public restrooms.

Johannisbergsbadet

Camping. A safe and sandy beach for the children at Lake Mälaren. Large grass areas, close to a playground, playing fields and outside serving. Minigolf.

Lövudden

Located in the nature, about 5 km southwest of Västerås, large grass areas, sandy beach and play area suitable for the entire family. Just beside the beach is a kiosk. Hire a paddle boat, canoe or windsurf board. You can also play a little mini golf. The cafeteria offers baked goods, daily specials and fast food.



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Sundängen

Family friendly bathing area with a sandy beach and dock. Excellent restrooms. Volleyball. In the area, you can relax with a glass of beer or wine. Mini golf.

Östra holmen

An island in Lake Mälaren for bathing and only a 15 minute journey by boat from Västerås. The boats depart from Östra harbor, the entire summer. The island has a child friendly sand beach and wonderful rock beaches. The kiosk serves a variety of soft drinks, ice cream and more. There is even a walking trail and nudist beach. Rederi Mälärstaden (boat transportation) t. +46 21-13 51 71

Fredriksbergsbadet (Bathing)

Open during the summers, normally, June-August. Outside bathing with pools. There is splashing pool for small children and another pool which is 20 meters long and 1,70 deep. Kiosk and coffee is available. The pools are heated.
Tornsvalegatan 61, Västerås
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Kristiansborgsbadet (Bathing)

Kristiansborgsbadet is an inside swimming hall. The swimming hall has a 25 meter pool, a children's pool and a splashpool. Just next to the hall is also a training pool and the water temperature is 33 degrees celcius.

Kristiansborgsbadet allows for all different forms of motions. Apart from swimming and training water aerobics there is also Nautilus spinning and gym.

The relaxing section of the facility offers a large range of DAG-SPA treatments, facial care and massages. There is also Romerska bath which offers Kerstin Florians natural products based on old traditional treatments.

Just inside the entrance is a cafeteria which offers salads, sandwiches, etc., to take with you to the relaxing section. For bathing guests, there are tables and chairs in the swimming hall along with access to a microwave.
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Lögarängsbadet (Bathing)

Lögarängsbadet offers both inside and outside swimming facilities. The inside facilities consists of a 50 meter swimming pool, a children's pool and a smaller adventure pool for children in the ages 1-5 years. The outside facilities consist of a 25 meter pool with a water slide and two smaller pools for the really small children. For those whom would like to enjoy a volleyball match, there is a grassy area for volleyball behind the building.

Besides swimming and water aerobics, we also offer much more activities such as, aerobics, yoga, boxing, spinning and a gym. We also offer swimming lessons, children parties, a playground and wall climbing.

Just next to the swimming hall is a cafeteria serving snacks. In the summer, outside serving is available.

Sjöhagsvägen, Västerås
+46 21-39 19 05

Skultunabadet (Bathing)

Normally open June-August. A family friendly bathing area with large grassy areas so alot of space is available. We also have a small playground with sandboxes and swings. We do not have a lifeguard on the premises, but the personnel are responsible for your well-being and service during your stay
Vallonvägen 10, Skultuna
+46 21-39 38 41

Tillbergabadet (Bathing)

Tillbergabadet offers children and adult swimming pools, solarium and café
Klintvägen, Västerås
+46 21-660 10

Family Activities

Arosfortet (The Aros Fort)

Vist Arosfortet located in the middle of Västerås! At Arosfortet you will find ingenious

cells with challenges for everyone. The Arosfortet is perfect for school trips or company trips and kickoffs.

In every cell, there are ingenious challenges for groups of 3-4 people, which require creativity and teamwork to solve. Sometimes, it helps to climb and cling and other times it is useful if you have a good aim and athletic. There are challenges for the small and flexible as well as, the large and strong.

Everything is controlled electronically, motion detectors, photocell and other technical solutions. Every cell has a time limit. The group selects which cell to compete in and can try to solve the challenge in as many times as it takes. Afterwards, take a break and relax in the café.

Welcome to a unforgettable experience!
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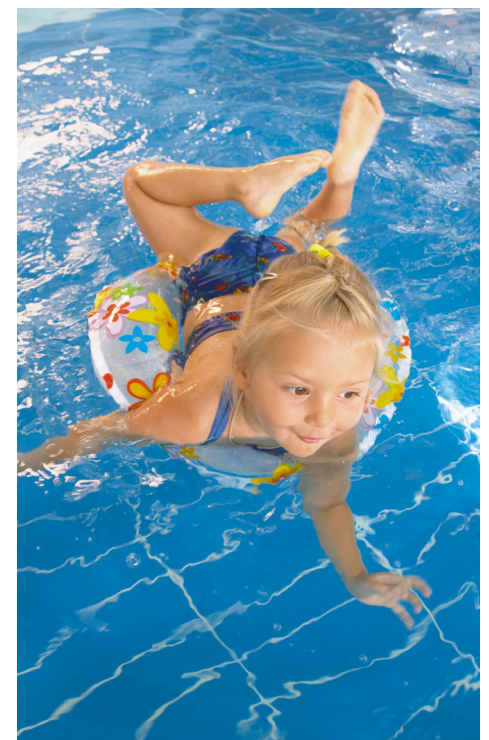


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Hälla Gokart (Go Karts)

The track is available weekdays, private or for companies. A minimum of five cars to reserve the entire track.

Hälla Ring, Stockholmsvägen

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Museum

Ek's vagnmuseum (Vehicle Museum)

One of the country's most distinguished concentrations of vehicles, sleighs and equipment from the horse and buggy times. In 1923, Knut Ek started "Ek's Åkeri och Hyrverk." and has existed for three generations. The last of the horses retired in 1984 and activity ceased. The collection of vehicles are from the 1900's.

Åkesta Gård, Skultuna

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Fritidsbåtmuseum (Pleasure Boat Museum)

The museum shows wooden boats and old pleasure boats along with a collection of inboard and outboard motors.

Gamla Ångkraftverket, Björnövägen

12, Västerås

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www.veteranbaten.se

Tidö leksaksmuseum (Toy Museum)

The Tidö Toy Museum was created by Carl-David von Schinkel and was inaugurated June 17, 1974 by Carl XVI Gustaf. The collection is not only the first toy museum in Sweden, but also the largest. It is a museum about children, for children and adults too.

Toys through time.

In the same way adults should take the game serious, children take their toys seriously. The oldest toys were made by children themselves. A pair of pins and stones represented animals or people and

with them, the children played in the adult world. Gradually, the more sophisticated toy production came with products only rich families could afford. The expensive toys were bought for special occasions and played with under supervision because they were so expensive. When toys started to be produced in masses, the products became cheaper and more affordable.

The Toy Museums Goal

Generally, children are not cautious with toys, this can be due to the curiosity of "looking inside." Therefore, there are very few of the early mass-produced toys left, and the ones remaining were because of the watchful eye of the parent. At Tidö Toy Museum, many of the toys are miniature versions on display going back over the centuries. It is our own childhood toys we would like to bring back in the next generation.

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Vallby Open Air Museum

Vallby Open Air Museum is one of Sweden's largest open air museum, founded in 1921. The museum has over 40 buildings from all over the country. Together, it provides a picture of society in Västmanland from the 1600's up until 1950's, from country life to city life. Here you can even see historical cultivation methods and unusual farm animals. Entertainment and program activities offered year round.

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Västerås Art Museum

Västerås Art Museum is located in the old city hall from 1860. The museum has exhibitions which mirrors Swedish and Nordic art together. In the art collection is pieces from the 1900's by Ivan Agueli, Bror Hjorth, Göteborgskoloristerna (Art Group), Eric Grate and Endre Nemes, among others. It also includes the young artists like Lotta Antonsoon and Annika von Hausswolff.

Artistic educational activity for school and preschool and program activities. Exhibitions are shown both during the daytime and evenings. The museum boutique offers postcards, art books, posters, arts and crafts, and much more.

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www.vasteraskonstmuseum.se

Västerås Aviation Museum

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Västerås School Museum

Reservations for groups only. The Västerås School Museum offers a rich collection of school articles from the 1800's and later. There is even a classroom from 1905 with benches, inkwell, wall chart, stuffed birds and more.

When you visit, try sitting in one of the old desks, write on the chalk board or write with an old feather pen.

Herrgårdsskolan, Engelbrektsgatan 19, Västerås

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Västmanlands County Museum

Västmanlands County Museum is located in Västerås Castle. The museum has county offices, archives and a library. The museum offers information to learn more about Västmanlands cultural heritage, arouse opinion, and to increase comprehension of issues pertaining to the county and people. In addition, to enrich the perspectives on the

past, as well as the future.

The museum is a place where one can take a part in happenings and issues throughout the county. In the county's 11 municipalities, the museum coordinates the activities and focuses on cooperation of the different networks and mediating cultural heritage's. They invest on renewal and development of activities in the county. The county's goal is to encourage cooperation and collaboration between municipalities, rural culture societies, local entrepreneurs and operators. The County Museums' role is to be a resource by linking together ideas and initiatives and to ensure the environment is protected.

See our website for current activities and exhibitions. The museum boutique offers jewelry, handicrafts and other small and good things to buy. Welcome!

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Nature

Moose Safari

As the night falls the forest comes to life and moose awake from their daytime slumber to feed. Quietly we put ourselves on the animals level and await in the middle of the their living room, keeping a keen eye out for any movement. Suddenly, the silence is broken with a crash as a large moose strides out of the glades before us and we stand eye to eye with the King of the Forest.

Meet wild moose on a real adventure in Berglagens deep forests. We prepare a wild game dinner together over an open fire and stay overnight in an authentic tree house in the middle of the woods. We offer exciting activities for company groups, with forest contests, a wilderness sauna and cooking over an open fire. Fits perfectly for company kickoff's and as conference activities.

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Worth Seeing

Skultuna Messingsbruk (Brass Museum)

Welcome to one of the world's oldest brass works. Brass products from Skultuna has been a natural part of everyday life here for centuries. We have created history over the past 400 years through quality, design and professional craftsmanship. We give you a memorable experience of design and traditional craftsmanship at close hand, all with care, kindness and personal service.

Bruksgatan 8, 730 50 Skultuna

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Turbinhuset

The water has always played a significant role for Västerås. During 1200-1300's, it was the water that gave Västerås its' greatness. Iron starting being shipped from the city's harbour in Bergslagen.

Next, electricity played a large role when introduced in Sweden during the 1800's. In 1881, the first streetlight was lit in Sweden and the first time in Västerås on the 2nd of March 1884. The lighting was installed by Elektriska Aktiebolaget which at that time was located in Arboga. Towards the end of the 1880's, the advancements started to lead to bigger things.

In Västerås, Oskar Fredrik, an active municipality politician during the time, ensured the mill located along Svartån was Sweden's first power station, Turbinhuset.

In 1890, it was decided to move Elektriska Aktiebolaget to Västerås and at the sametime changed the name to Allmänna Svenska Elektriska Aktiebolaget and ASEA was founded. Today, Turbinhuset is a museum and has the agreement on exhibition.

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Västerås Cathedral

Västerås Cathedral, with the oldest sections from the 1200's, is a sight worth seeing. Here you will not only find a large collection of artistic treasures, but also modern art as well which is highly unusual for a sanctuary



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of this level. The cathedral had a sweeping renovation from 1958-1961 while under professor Erik Lundberg and included new items such as a ceramic pulpit with a greenish yellow glazing composed by Per-Erik Willö. Morning Serves are offered every Sunday and Weekends, 1100. Prayer Services, 1200, Monday-Wednesday and Friday, . Services also offered on Tuesdays, 0900, Wednesdays 1900 and Thursdays 1200

Västra Kyrkogatan 6, Västerås

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Åkesta Observatory

Åkesta Observatory is owned by the city of Västerås but is managed by VARF, Västerås Astronomy and Space Research Association. Please visit our website for more information and open times.

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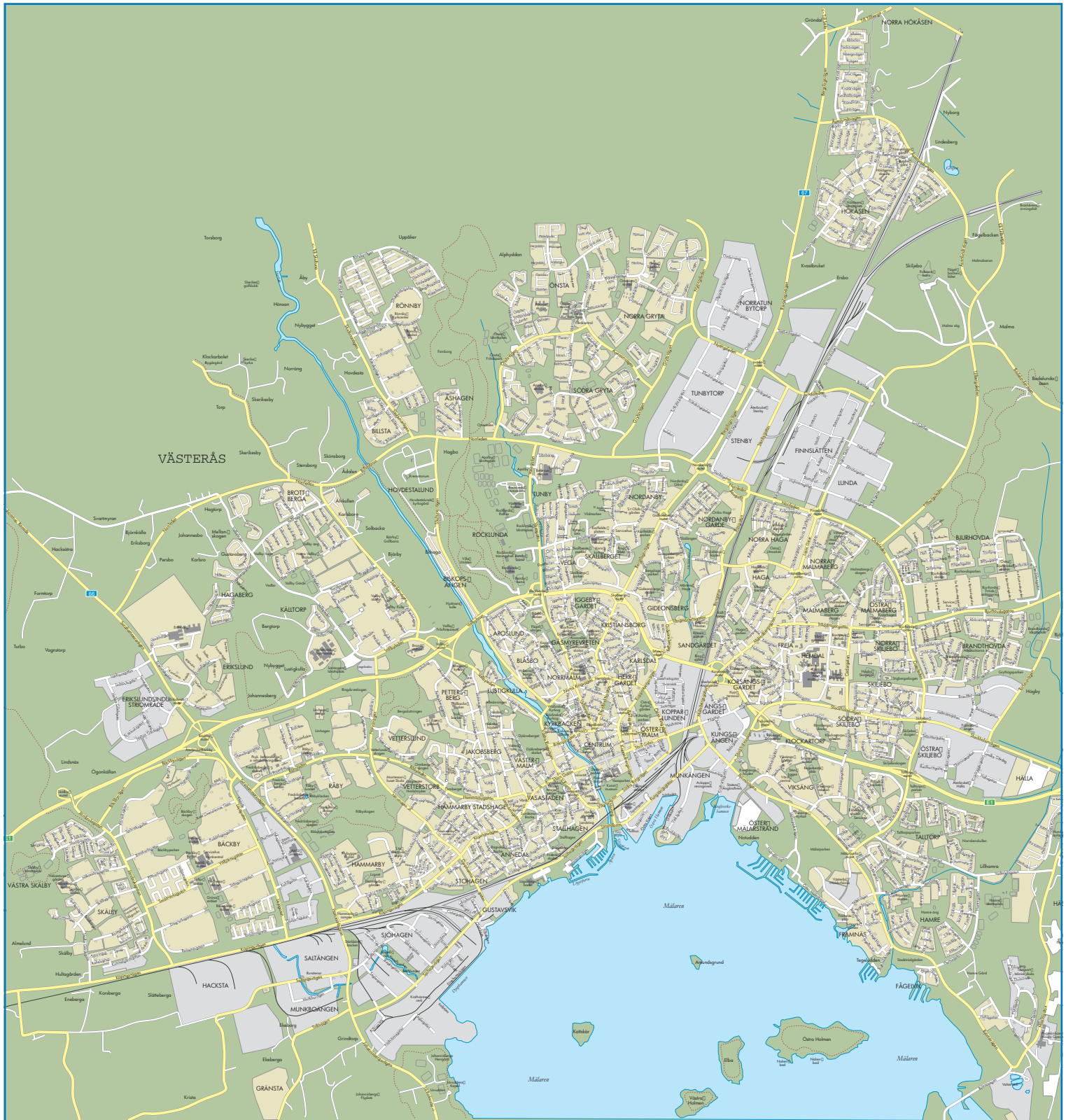


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www.kommunernaskalender.com
www.eurotourism.com
www.dagspress.se

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