

SBTF Veteran Masters Karlsborg



What can be discovered and which activities are available in Swedens former alternative Capital City

Below you can see what Karlsborg has to offer for both – players and accompanying persons. You can also read more at the attached links.

Karlsborgs Fästning

When visiting Karlsborg, a visit to Karlsborg Fortress is a MUST. The huge fortress is located next to the sports hall. It took 90 years to build it.

A guided tour is highly recommended, as it provides insight into the construction and life at the fortress, both above and below ground.



Karlsborgs Garnisonskyrka

- Karlsborg Garrison Church: The church, located on the second floor above the museum, was intended to serve as the plenary hall of the parliament in the event of war, and seats 700 people. The chandelier consists of 276 bayonets, chains and a crown, symbolizing the king, the military, and the prisoners. The chandelier weighs 500 kg. The spire of the church is adorned with something as unusual as a navalflag.



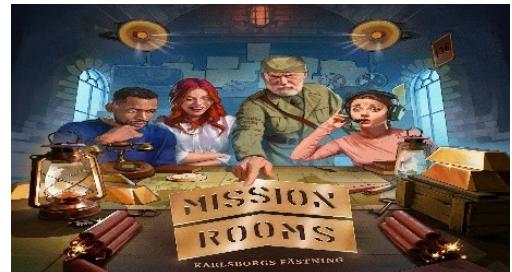
Karlsborgs Fästningsmuseum

- Karlsborg Fortress Museum is located on both sides of the grand church vault. More than 2,200 m² filled with exciting exhibitions, stories, and objects that illustrate the history of the fortress, the local area, and the military units.
- The church and museum are housed in the Slutvärnet, which is 678 meters long and one of Europe's longest continuous buildings.



Adventure Rooms

If you think the matches aren't exciting enough, challenge your friends and step right into Swedish history with Mission Rooms at Karlsborg Fortress – an adventure experience that combines excitement, problem solving, and military precision. Why not challenge your friends.



Walk around Vanäs Udde (ca 1 km)

Walk around Vanäs Udde (approx. 1 km): An interesting and beautiful walk of about 60 minutes. Turn left just before the Gothic arch (the entrance to the fortress) and after a short walk on the left-hand side, you will come to the Paratroopers' jumping tower, where the DC 3 "Munin" is also exhibited. Munin has a storied past, including D-Day in Normandy in 1944. Sometimes in summer, you can go inside the plane and lookaround. We will arrange times for guided tours of the plane and its history.



When you reach the curve, turn left around the peninsula. After a while on the right-hand side, you will see "Kungsvillan", which was built in 1823 for the royal family.



Once you have rounded the peninsula, you will see Vanäs Lighthouse, which was built in 1894 and is now classified as a historic building.

After the lighthouse you can go uphill and see the garrison's hospital. The hospital has been inaugurated in 1881. It replaced older hospitals in the garrison. The hospital has been closed 1960.



Forsviks Bruk

For those of you who have not chosen to stay in Forsvik, this old industrial village is well worth a visit. Here you can learn about the history of Forsvik, which goes back many centuries.

For six hundred years, iron was forged, timber was sawn, and grain was ground in Forsvik. This is where Skaraborg's first industrial workshop was founded, with a foundry and a mechanical workshop.



Very close to the old works, the Göta Canal passes by. Here you can see Forsvik Lock, also called Karl XIII's Lock. It was the first lock built in the Göta Canal. Forsvik Lock was built between 1811 and 1813 under the leadership of Baltzar von Platen. Soldiers and also some Russian deserters worked on its construction.

The Forsvik double-bascule cast iron bridge dates from 1813 and is the oldest canal bridge. There are different opinions about whether it was built in England or in Sweden using English designs. Today, it is a protected cultural monument.

So why not buy an ice cream, sit down, and watch the tourist boats pass through the lock? By car, it takes about 10 minutes to drive from Karlsborg to Forsvik.

Not far from Forsvik is Klinten, a viewpoint on Mount Vaberget. From here, you get a good view of how much water surrounds Karlsborg.

View from Klintens utsikt



Tivedens Nationalpark

If you are interested in nature, Tiveden National Park is definitely a place you should not miss. The area has a wild and hilly



forest landscape with deep valleys, magical forest lakes, and huge boulders left from the Ice Age at Stenkälla.

There are beautiful views from Trollkyrkoberget and a unique sandy beach at Vitsand. All this makes Tiveden one of the most unusual, unique, and impressive nature areas in Sweden.

Bölets Ängar is a nature reserve with nutrient-rich soil in its meadows and grazing land. This creates a great variety of plants, including several rare species, such as the lady's slipper orchid. Today, wolves and lynx live in Tiveden. Wolverines have been tracked, and bears have also been seen there on several occasions.

After the match a refreshing bath

In the middle of Karlsborg's centrum you will find this swimming area with a lovely sandy beach, a good green area, and some trees that give shade.

Next to the beach there are hammocks and book boxes for those who want to take a break from the sun and swimming.



The swimming area also has a ramp for people with disabilities. It is within walking distance from the hall and most accommodations. If the water in Lake Vättern feels too cold, Bottensjön is only 200–300 meters away. It is warmer and very shallow. You can choose between these or any of the many swimming spots along Karlsborg's very long shoreline.

Since Karlsborg is a " summer city" you can find many nice restaurants with different kind of food to close the day. Here you can analyze the day's matches with good friends...

Breviken's golf course

Hit the ball?? Some of you might want to use the opportunity to play golf at Breviken's golf course which is around 12 km away from Karlsborg.

Those of you who want to stay here an extra night for golf will have the course more or less right outside the hotel's window.



Or perhaps **mini golf** by the canal is an activity which suits better ?

There are two different courses to try, one by the canal and one at the camping site.



Or just take it easy and sit down on a bench and watch the Göta Canal and it's boat traffic and bridge openings.



This is just a small selection of things you can do in your free time.