



Local Currency

The official unit of currency in Sweden is the Krona (SEK).

There are 100 öre to the Krona. Notes are available in the following denominations: 20, 100, 500 and 1,000 Krona.

Most hotels, shops and restaurants accept major credit cards.



Office/Telephone Facilities

The main Visby Post Office is located at the east end of Östercentrum Shopping Mall at the corner of Norra Hansegratan and Kung Magnus väg. Open 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturday. Closed on Sundays. It is customary in many post offices and shops in Sweden to take a queue ticket upon entering to receive service.

Public Telephones are easy to use. The phones are activated with a Telefonkort calling card. Phone cards can be purchased at post offices, newspaper kiosks, tobacco shops, Pressbyrå-convenience stores or a Telebutik (a special office from which international calls can be placed). You can also place calls with your personal calling card using the following access codes (Swedish telephone card required):

AT&T: 020-799-111/ MCI: 0200-895-438 / SPRINT: 020-799-011



Tourist Information

There is a Tourist Information Office located near the pier at Skeppsbron 4-6. During the cruise season the office is generally open from 8am-5pm Monday through Friday and 10am-4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

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Useful Words

Yes • Ja No • Nej
Hello • God Dag

Good-bye • Hejdå Thank You • Tack Så Mycket
You're Welcome • Det Var Så Lite

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Visby Sweden



General Information

Visby is the largest city on the west coast of the island of Gotland. Gotland is situated in the middle of the Baltic Sea approximately 90 kilometres from the Swedish Mainland. The name Visby comes from an old Norse word which means "sacrificial place" and denotes the strong Viking heritage of this charming community. Visby is considered the best-preserved medieval town in Scandinavia and is on UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites.

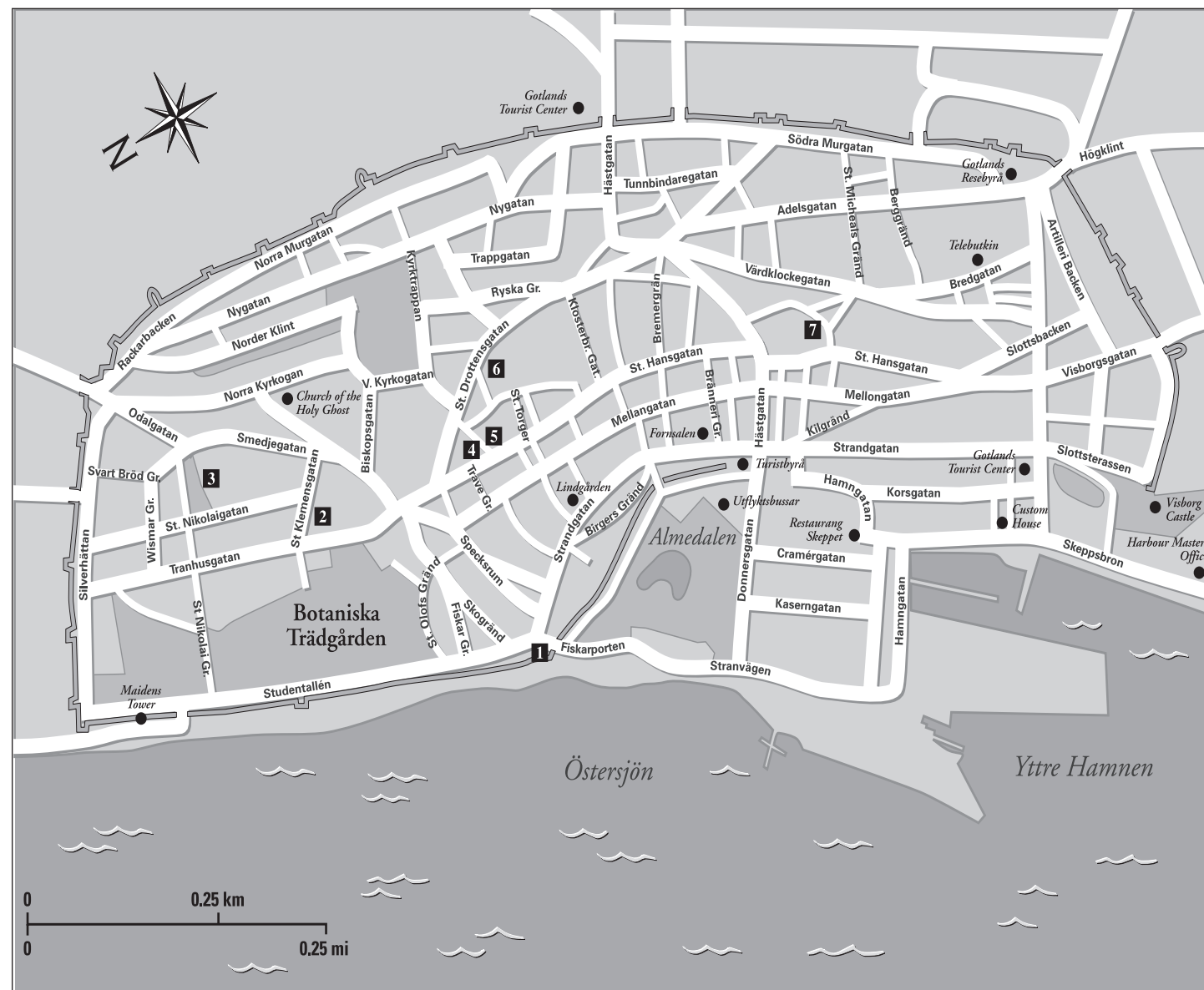


The old town of Visby is encircled by a stone wall with over 50 towers. Within the city walls are the ruins of 23 churches and abbeys and over 200 well preserved medieval stone buildings. The narrow, cobbled streets with tiny houses and rose gardens have earned the city the affectionate title of the "City of Roses and Ruins." Because of its scenic charm many movies have been filmed in Visby. The colourful house "Villa Villekulla" was used as Pippi Longstockings home and is now a museum for kids to explore.

The countryside on the island is remarkable beautiful. There are vast white sandy beaches, dramatic seascapes and picture perfect pastoral scenery. The climate is milder than the mainland which helps to attract many visitors to the island, especially in August for Medieval Week. The annual colorful celebration attracts visitors from around the world for the festivity. Visby is a vibrant living piece of history that offers a new discovery around every corner.



Places of Interest



Almedalen was the site of the old medieval harbor. When Visby was a trading partner with the Hanseatic League, the harbor was the trading center of the Baltic. Today, the Almedalen is a peaceful park with a public waterfront area.

Ringmuren is the massive 3.4 kilometre long stone wall that completely surrounds and protects the city. Construction on the ring wall was begun in the 13th century. In 1280 the wall was rebuilt to its current height and the characteristic towers were added. The Ringmuren is largely intact and is one of the most notable architectural features of the city.

