

New coastal flavours and sacred spaces in West Sweden

West Sweden is introducing two new destination experiences for travellers seeking authentic local gastronomy and heritage. Visitors can now join a guided seafood walk through the "Oyster Capital" of Grebbestad or dine within a repurposed 19th-century church on the slopes of Kinnekulle.



The new seafood guided tour in West Sweden's oyster capital, Grebbestad. Photo: Kristina Gillerstedt/westsweden.com ([Download](#))

A guided taste of the Swedish west coast

Travellers might wonder when the best time is to sample the well-renowned shellfish of West Sweden; the answer is during the months containing an 'R'. Between September and April, when the coastal waters are at their clearest, the local company Skårgårdsidyllen hosts a new food walk in Grebbestad.

Known as Sweden's "Oyster Capital," this picturesque seaside town provides the backdrop for a two-to-three-hour tour that begins at 14:00. The experience is priced at 1,500 SEK per person and includes six stops where participants can sample local delicacies:

- Grebbestad oysters and fresh shrimp or crayfish.
- Seaweed and traditional pickled herring.
- Locally brewed beer and a classic Swedish fika.

The tour focuses on local produce and the stories of the ingredients that have given this region its world-renowned reputation for seafood.

More information:

<https://www.skargardsidyllen.se/en/food-tour-grebbestad/>

Press images:

<https://vastsverige.mediaflowportal.com/search/?Grebbestad>

Dine beneath vaulted ceilings at Österplana

Architecture enthusiasts and food lovers are finding a common interest at [Österplana Agriturismo](#). Originally opened in 2024, this [church](#), built in 1875, has now been carefully transformed into a restaurant and cultural venue. Following its deconsecration in 2024, the building now serves as a vibrant meeting place on the [Kinnekulle](#) plateau, approximately 150 kilometres northeast of Gothenburg.



Photo: Österplana Agriturismo

The interior retains its historic character, with guests dining under soaring vaulted ceilings. Original church pews have been cleverly repurposed as serving counters and dining tables. While specific dining prices are determined by the seasonal availability of local ingredients, the kitchen prioritises dishes built around produce sourced from the surrounding landscape and Lake Vänern.

Beyond its culinary offering, the site serves as:

- A cultural hub: Hosting concerts, weddings, and performing arts within an atmospheric setting.
- A natural gateway: Located near nature reserves and hiking trails, the venue also features a garden inspired by the unique flora of Kinnekulle.

More information:

<https://www.vastsverige.com/en/lacko-kinnekulle/produkter/osterplana-agriturismo/>

Press images: Available upon request.

About West Sweden

West Sweden is a region known for its diverse landscapes, ranging from the granite islands of the Bohuslän archipelago to the deep forests and rolling plains of the interior. It is a destination that prioritises sustainability and authentic local experiences, from eco-certified stays to food-led travel.

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