

# CULTURAL ROUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

## VIII TRAINING ACADEMY 2019

“Cultural Routes Financing” and “Cultural Routes and Youth”

4 - 7 June 2019 | Visby, Gotland (Sweden)



## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Dear friends,

The Hansa, Cultural Route of the Council of Europe, Region Gotland and the European Institute of Cultural Routes are pleased to invite you to the Training Academy in Visby, Sweden 4-7 June 2019.

Gotland, the largest island in the Baltic Sea, sits around 90 kilometers off the south-eastern coast of Sweden and 130 km from the Baltic States. Gotland is an island full of contrasts, an exciting destination with fabulously beautiful scenery, exotic culture and 800 km of coast. An island with a fascinating history and an unusual flora. The countryside is varied, with everything from desolate heaths to lush meadows, spectacular cliffs and sandy beaches. Long, rolling horizons, giant rocks and untouched forests.

Gotland's history, beauty and unique nature attracts visitors from all over the world.

#### *The Hanseatic town of Visby*

Gotland's central location in the Baltic has had a great influence on its exciting history. The Hanseatic town of Visby is a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1995 because of its unique cultural values. As a former Viking site, Visby became the main trade hub for the Hanseatic League in the Baltic Sea between the 12th and the 14th century. Its 13th-century city wall in all 3,5 km long, medieval church ruins, warehouses and wealthy merchant homes from the same period make it the best preserved fortified commercial trade town in Northern Europe.

Gotland is well known for its high food standards and fine ingredients, Visby has been called Sweden's most restaurant dense city and is proud to be home to some of the country's best restaurants.

#### ▪ **HISTORY IN SHORT**

Membership of the Hansa made the town rich and Visby developed during the thirteenth century into one of the most magnificent towns in the Baltic region. The townscape was distinctive for its imposing stone houses. Foreign merchants, craftsmen, seafarers, and people in the service of the church came here, so that Visby became a meeting place for different cultures. The German influence was to affect the life and appearance of the town. Almost 200 stone buildings from the Middle Ages are preserved in whole or part, a striking proportion of them showing features of Romanesque style. In several places in the town, multi-storey trading houses still stand with their stately stepped gables, high cellars and facade decoration in Gothic style. Another typical feature of the town is the wooden architecture of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, with houses built in half-timbering or of horizontal beams slotted into uprights. Many of these houses also have interiors painted with great artistry.

#### **Churches and ruins**

The Christian church was an important part of life in the Middle Ages. More churches were built in Visby than in any other town in Sweden. Within the city wall there were thirteen known church buildings. Some of them were parish churches, while others belonged to monasteries or were built by the foreign trade guilds of the Hanseatic town. After the waning of the medieval economic boom and in the wake of the Reformation, all the churches except St Mary's, the present-day cathedral, were left to their fate. St Mary's, originally built for the German population of the town, but was already from the inauguration in 1225 used both by the German and by the local parish. The church was rebuilt in Gothic style in the fourteenth century.

#### **The ring-wall/town wall**

Visby is surrounded by an unusually well-preserved defensive wall. It is about 3,5 km long and 11 m high. It was built to ward off foreign invaders, but it probably also served to emphasize the independence of the town from the surrounding countryside. The construction of the wall began in the mid-twelfth century, it was built of limestone, with an outer and an inner face enclosing an inner mixture of rubble and mortar. The wall has three main gates and over fifty towers.

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## Registration

Please register to the Training Academy 2019 through this link:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/cultural-routes/training-academy>.

### ▪ **ACCOMMODATION IN VISBY**

With the following hotels negotiated rates have been agreed for participants of the Training Academy.  
Please use the booking reference and contact information when making reservations.

**Please observe that the negotiated rates are valid until April 15!**

**Reservations and payment are made directly to the hotel.**

#### **Hotels:**

Best Western Strand Hotel

[www.strandhotel.se](http://www.strandhotel.se)

Address: Strandgatan 34

Booking reference: Cultural Routes

For reservations, please send an email to: [bokningen@strandhotel.se](mailto:bokningen@strandhotel.se)

Room rate per night in SEK:      Single room: 1150 (appr EUR 110)

Double room: 1350 (appr EUR 130)

Best Western Solhem Hotel

[www.solhemhotel.se](http://www.solhemhotel.se)

Address: Solhemsgatan 3

Booking reference: Cultural Routes

For reservations, please send an email to: [bokning@solhemhotel.se](mailto:bokning@solhemhotel.se)

Room rate per night in SEK:      Single room: 1050 (appr EUR 100)

Double room: 1200 (appr EUR 115)

Scandic Visby

[www.scandichotels.se/visby](http://www.scandichotels.se/visby)

Address: Färjeleden 3

Booking reference: Cultural Routes

For reservations, please send an email to: [meeting.Visby@scandichotels.com](mailto:meeting.Visby@scandichotels.com)

Room rate per night in SEK:      Single room: 1090 (appr EUR 105)

Double room: 1290 (appr EUR 124)

Hotell Villa Borgen

[www.hotellvillaborgen.se](http://www.hotellvillaborgen.se)

Address: Adelsgatan 11

Booking reference: Cultural Routes

For reservations, please send an email to: [info@villaborgen.se](mailto:info@villaborgen.se)

*A discount of 30% is agreed on for participants in the Training Academy 2019 current room rates*

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**Hostel:**

Wisby Jernvägshotell

<http://www.gtsab.se/wisby-hostel/>

Address: Adelsgatan 9

Booking reference: Cultural Routes

For reservations, please send an email to: [info@villaborgen.se](mailto:info@villaborgen.se)

Room rate per night in SEK: Two bed room: 455/person (appr EUR 44)

Four bed room: 595/person (appr EUR 57)

**Holiday resort:**

Visby Strandby

[www.visbystrandby.se](http://www.visbystrandby.se)

Address: Snäckgårdsvägen 32

Booking reference: Cultural Routes June 4-7

For reservations, please send an email to: [info@visbystrandby.se](mailto:info@visbystrandby.se)

Room rate per night in SEK: Cabin, 2 beds 10 sqm: 695 (appr EUR 67)

The Sea Cabin, 4 beds, 16 sqm: 990 (appr EUR 95)

Cabin 5 beds, 28 sqm: 1300 (appr EUR 125)

**▪ TRAVEL**

There are several travel options between Visby and the Swedish mainland provided by BRA flyg, Scandinavian Airlines and the ferry company Destination Gotland. The ferry takes just three hours and a flight from Stockholm takes around 40 minutes.

When flying Scandinavian Airlines please not the possibility to book combi-tickets!

**Flights**

There are many daily flights between Stockholm and Gotland via Bromma and Arlanda airports. There are also flights all year round from Gothenburg and Malmö.

Time to / from Stockholm Arlanda: 40 minutes [www.sas.se](http://www.sas.se)Time to / from Stockholm Bromma: 35 minutes [www.flygbra.se/en](http://www.flygbra.se/en)**Ferry**

Ferries to Visby depart from Nynäshamn, 60 km south of Stockholm; buses timed to ferry departures leave from Cityterminalen in Stockholm. Tickets for both the bus and ferry can be booked through [www.destinationgotland.se](http://www.destinationgotland.se). Cars can be taken on the ferry and it is of course also possible to rent a car once you get to Gotland. The crossing takes 3 hours and 15 minutes.

A southern ferry line departs from Oskarshamn (province Småland) with the same on-board facilities. This crossing takes 3 hours and 10 minutes.

Bookings at: [www.destinationgotland.se/en](http://www.destinationgotland.se/en)**On the island**

When arriving to Visby airport there will be taxis outside the Arrival hall, if you would like to pre-book a transfer from or to the airport, please contact Taxi Gotland + 46 498 200 200 or email: [boka@taxigotland.se](mailto:boka@taxigotland.se).

Outside the ferry terminal taxis are available as well.

## ■ **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

### **Registration of participants**

When arriving to Visby please visit the Tourist Information for your registration to the conference and for receiving of welcome kit/bag. The Tourist Information is located at Donners Plats 1. Opening hours: 9am – 5pm

### **Conference venues**

The kickoff on June 4<sup>th</sup> will be held in Donnerska huset (Tourist Information) at Donners plats 1.

The program during 5 – 7 June will be in Visby Parish House next to Sancta Maria Cathedral, Norra Kyrkogatan, Visby.

### **Registration Fee Payment**

The registration fee will cover participation in seminars, training and promotional materials, meals, visits and cultural programme.

The fee to be paid is EUR 100 for representatives of Certified Cultural Routes and EUR 130 for all other participants.

The registration fee will be paid through invoice, this will be sent to you shortly after completed registration.

### **Credit card or cash?**

In Sweden cash is used less and less, a credit card valid for international use is essential.

### **Conference language**

Please note that there will be no interpretation, all parts of the programme will be held in English

### **Registration**

Please register to the Training Academy 2019 through link:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/cultural-routes/training-academy>.

### **Guided tours/Cultural programme:**

Exploring Visby and Gotland

Guided tours through the Medieval Visby and the historical Gotlands Museum will be offered to participants of the Training Academy on June 4 at 14.00 hrs and on June 5 at 10.00 hrs.

Please use the registration form if you want to participate.

On June 7<sup>th</sup> a guided tour by bus will take you to parts of the island where stops will be made at landmarks with a connection to different Cultural Routes.

The tours start directly after the ending of the conference at appr 11.30 June 7<sup>th</sup>, and, when returning to Visby, the bus will drop guests off at the airport at 6pm and then continuing to central Visby for those who are staying longer.

All guided tours are arranged in cooperation with Gotlands Museum.

Staying longer:

Gotland has got something to offer everyone whether you are interested in orchids, birds, churches, shopping, handicraft, Ingmar Bergman or high-class restaurants.

Enjoy Visby & Gotland by staying a few more days! A taste of what Gotland has to offer can be found on:

[www.gotland.com/en](http://www.gotland.com/en)

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