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### THE CITY



Visit Västerås

If you're looking for an experience that is out of the ordinary then Sweden's sixth largest city is the place to come. In Västerås, you can spend the night underwater or among the treetops, alternate good shopping with fun events and explore the beautiful Lake Mälaren — there is something for everyone in Västerås.

Visit Västerås Cathedral, which has been awarded 3 stars by the Guide Michelin. King Erik XIV is buried here, who, according to hearsay, was poisoned by his brothers putting arsenic in his pea soup. Don't miss Anundshög, Sweden's largest burial ground with its rune stones and stone ships. Take a trip back in time and visit Vallby Open Air Museum, which boasts buildings from the early 1900s.

Västerås is also an entrepreneurial city. It is the birthplace of ASEA (now ABB), the clothing giant H&M, and the leading retail company ICA.

In addition, the city was Nobel Prize Winner Tomas Tranströmer's hometown for 30 years and several of his haiku poems have been sandblasted onto paving stones and placed in and around the city centre.

The Västerås Cityfestival is a hugely popular event. For a few days every summer, the city is

filled with far more people and life than usual, all getting ready to meet Sweden's biggest performers.

The city offers a vast array of cultural life, entertainment, and activities and has something for everyone, whether you're looking to do some great shopping, visit interesting museums, have fun with your kids, or go out on the town. The sky is truly the limit here in Västerås!

#### LAKE LIFE



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Nestled along the shores of Lake Mälaren,
Västerås is a haven for water enthusiasts. The
Västerås archipelago beckons with its plentiful
natural harbours for mooring and a multitude of
islands to explore. Summertime brings daily
ferry services to the islands, featuring
captivating journeys through the locks on the
Hjälmare Canal and visits to the Viking town of
Birka. For sun-seekers, Östra Holmen is a
popular choice, while Elba offers a scenic dining
spot with breathtaking views of the city. And let's
not forget the delightful mainland beaches that
add to Västerås' aquatic charm.



### **Elba Ferry**



During the summer months, the classic Elba ferry becomes a beloved attraction in Västerås. This hop-on-hop-off boat offers a leisurely journey,

allowing passengers to explore swimming beaches, enchanting harbour views, and scenic walkways. With a ticket valid for the entire day, passengers can freely hop on and off at their leisure, immersing themselves in the charm of several ports along the route.

Photo: Clifford Shirley

Opening hours: May until August

Internet: www.rederimalarstaden.se/elbafarjan

#### Go on a RIB Boat Tour



Embark on an unforgettable adventure by hopping aboard an RIB boat, where you'll glide across the scenic waters of Lake Mälaren at an

exhilarating speed of 50 knots. It's an experience that promises to leave an indelible mark, a day on the water you won't soon forget.

Photo: Visit Västerås

Address: Lögarängsvägen, Västerås

Phone: +46 70 699 32 40 Internet: sjoevent.se/rib Email: info@sjoevent.se

### Aggarön Island



Aggarön is one of the largest islands in the Ridö-Sundbyholm archipelago and offers stunning natural landscapes and an

exciting history. The island boasts a diverse

array of wildlife, including fallow deer, roe deer, and the occasional moose. Today, it's considered a true gem in the Västerås archipelago, offering a serene countryside retreat that beckons those in search of tranquillity and rural charm. For those seeking an extended stay, cottages are available for rent.

Photo: Visit Västerås

#### Elba Island



The island of Elba serves as an ideal day trip, providing a tranquil escape into the archipelago. Visitors can revel in the opportunity

to swim in refreshing waters, stroll through the island's captivating natural landscapes, and bask in the lush greenery that defines its charm.

Photo: Linda Heplinger/Visit Västerås

### Björnöbadet



Björnö is an island just outside central Västerås, which boasts several beaches, a restaurant, and a café. One of the most popular beaches is

Björnöbadet with its 350-metre-long sandy beach and nearby toilets, playground, and kiosk.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi

#### Framnäs Beach



Framnäs is a popular beach not far from the city centre. Swim in the lake, relax on the beach, or give your dog a chance to have fun in the water



at the nearby dog beach — all while enjoying a stunning view of the archipelago.

Photo: Visit Västerås

#### Gäddeholm



Gäddeholm, located east of central Västerås, boasts a new beach drawing in numerous visitors seeking relaxation by the water.

An ideal way to reach this scenic spot is by taking a bike ride along the new cycle path from Västerås, allowing you to enjoy the beautiful surrounding nature on your journey.

Photo: Visit Västerås Address: Gäddeholm

Internet: www.vasteras.se/kommun-och-politik/vasteras-utvec

klas/gaddeholm

### Lögastrand



Lögastrand is Västerås' newest and most inviting bathing area, featuring a delightful wooden deck, a fine sandy beach, and spacious grassy lawns in

the heart of central Västerås. This beloved spot, which opened in the summer of 2014, offers a refreshing escape just a short stroll from the city centre, making it a favourite destination for locals and visitors alike.

Photo: Kristoffer Hasselberg

#### Lövudden Beach



Lövudden promises a plethora of fun activities for visitors of all ages! Beyond its sandy beach, the area boasts a jetty, lawned spaces, a

playground, playing fields, barbecues, and a delightful café. Adventure-seekers can explore water activities at the Swedish YMCA center, which offers rentals of canoes, sailing boats, rowing boats, pedalos, and windsurfing boards.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi

#### Ridön Island



Ridön, one of the largest islands in the archipelago, is a tranquil haven where you won't find cars or asphalt.

Instead, it boasts dirt

roads and charming little red cottages. This idyllic island promises incredible countryside vistas and thrilling adventures. Explore its beauty via a tractor-drawn cart, savour coffee at a cosy café, or delve into local history at the museum. And for those wanting to linger, there are options to stay at the youth hostel or rent a cabin.

Photo: Linda Heplinger

#### Östra Holmen



Östra Holmen is one of the most popular islands in the Västerås archipelago and the locals flock here to swim, sunbathe, and picnic. The

island is just a 15-minute boat ride away from the harbour and has child-friendly sandy beaches



and smooth rocks as well as naturist beaches. There is a regular ferryboat service here during the summer months.

Photo: Clifford Shirley Address: Östra Holmen

#### DO & SEE



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Västerås is a city steeped in history, culture, and entertainment, offering a plethora of attractions to suit diverse interests. From the ancient Anundshög burial mound dating back to the 900s to the 13th-century Västerås Cathedral, and a vibrant modern concert hall, the city boasts a range of experiences. Engsö, Tidö, and Västerås Castles, Vallby Open Air Museum, and the charming Kyrkbacken neighbourhood are among the highlights. Additionally, the city's proximity to Lake Mälaren adds to its allure, with a rich boat life to explore.

### Anundshög



Anundshög stands as Sweden's largest burial mound, an ancient marvel with a 60-metre diameter and a towering height of approximately 9 metres.

While the exact era of its construction remains a topic of debate, ranging from the Bronze Age to the late Iron Age, radiocarbon dating of a

fireplace beneath it suggests a timeline between AD 500 and 1050. Although legend has it that King Bröt-Anund found his final resting place here, concrete proof remains elusive. For centuries, this site has served as a cultural epicentre for the entire west Mälardalen region, echoing Sweden's rich history and mysteries.

Photo: Visit Västerås

Address: Anundshög 5, Västerås

Phone: +46 21 39 15 53 Internet: www.anundshog.se Email: kontaktcenter@vasteras.se

#### Engsö Castle



Engsö Castle is a picturesque estate nestled amidst landscaped gardens near a serene lake. It is well-known in Sweden for

its ghostly inhabitants, with numerous stories of hauntings adding to its mystique. The castle also boasts an intriguing feature — the slender five-foot-long "Engsökedjan" chain embedded in its walls. Legend has it that this chain was won by Johan Sigismund Sparre, the last of his line, in a high-stakes game of dice with the devil himself.

Photo: Jan Gustafsson

Address: Engsö Slott, Västerås Opening hours: May until August

Phone: +46 76 052 85 88

Internet: www.instagram.com/engsoslott

#### Frösåkers Brygga



At Frösåkers Brygga, visitors are transported back to the Viking Age, where they can engage in hands-on activities like baking flatbread over an



open fire, crafting ropes, and shooting catapults. It's also home to Sweden's largest floating boat museum, housing an impressive collection of over 20 Viking ships and peasant boats, with the fleet continuously expanding. Frösåkers Brygga stands as a highly unique and genuine tourist attraction, providing entertainment and fascination for all who visit.

Photo: Kenneth Hudd

Address: Frösåkers Brygga 7, Västerås

### **Kungsbyns Animal Park**



Kungsby offers a dual delight: it's fun for kids and educational for adults. The park boasts a diverse range of animals, from cows and goats to

pigs, rabbits, sheep, donkeys, and even wild boars. However, the highlight is the opportunity to catch a glimpse of Sweden's majestic forest king, the moose.

Photo: © Garip Jensen, VMNAB Address: Kungsbyn 33, Västerås

Phone: +46 70 655 10 61 Internet: kungsbyn.se

### Kyrkbacken



Kyrkbacken, or Church Hill, is a neighbourhood in central Västerås characterised by older wooden houses in a jumble of winding alleys.

It's an ideal place for historic walks, either as part of a guided tour or single-handedly, where you can imagine what life would have once been like here in the 17th century. There are also several galleries and craft shops in the trendier Kyrkbacken of today.

Photo: © Clifford Shirley, Västerås & Co Address: Kyrkbacken, Västerås

### Kokpunkten Actionbad



Housed in a historic steam power station, Kokpunkten is a fun water park that promises a great time for all. An aquatic adventure across

eight floors featuring lazy rivers, paddling pools, and exhilarating thrill slides, all adorned with funky lighting and with a stunning view of the Västerås archipelago.

Photo: Kokpunkten

Address: Kraftverksgatan 11, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-9pm, Sat & Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +46 21 448 55 00 Internet: kokpunkten.se

#### **Leos Lekland**



Leos Lekland is a wonderland of adventure and excitement where there's always something new to explore. From climbing stacks and

dedicated corners for the little ones to ball pools, tunnels, trampolines, slides, and much more.

Whether you're a tiny tot or an energetic explorer, Leos Lekland offers a world of fun and endless possibilities.

Photo: Mostphotos

Address: Hällagatan 6, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat & Sun 9am-7pm

Phone: +46 21 12 70 00

Internet: www.leoslekland.se/vasteras Email: vasteras@leoslekland.se



#### **Prison Island**



Prison Island offers a unique and engaging experience filled with cells, each presenting tricky challenges that demand creative

problem-solving and cooperation within groups of 3-4 people. Whether you're small and agile or big and strong, there are tasks designed for everyone. Additionally, for those seeking an adrenaline rush, there's an exhilarating laser game set in a smoke-filled arena with a maze of laser beams, making it a thrilling adventure for all.

Photo: Visit Västerås

Address: Kopparbergsvägen 13, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-7pm, Fri & Sat 10am-8pm,

Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +46 21 35 13 50

Internet: prisonislandvasteras.se Email: vasteras@prisonisland.se

### Tidö Castle



Tidö Castle is a splendid example of the Dutch Renaissance style and stands as one of Sweden's best-preserved Baroque palaces. Its history traces

back to the 15th century when the Gren family built a medieval house on the site. In the 17th century, the Lord High Chancellor of Sweden, Axel Oxenstierna, constructed the present castle, which was owned by the Oxenstiern family for two centuries. In 1890, it came under the care of the von Schinkel family, and today, David von Schinkel continues to manage and preserve this cultural heritage, sharing its rich history with the public while still serving as a private residence.

Photo: Linda Heplinger

Address: Tidö Slott 1, Västerås Phone: +46 72 221 12 54 Email: info@tidoslott.se

### **Vallby Open Air Museum**



The Vallby Open Air
Museum is a recreated
19th-century village
offering a vivid depiction
of life in Västmanland
County through costumed

interpreters and demonstrations. Since its inception in 1921, the museum has painstakingly rescued and reconstructed over fifty historic buildings. Spread across 37 acres, Vallby features period gardens, orchards, agricultural landscapes, native breeds, and a rich collection of well-preserved historic structures, making it a captivating window into the region's heritage.

Photo: © Laila Durán, Västerås & Co Address: Skerikesvägen 2, Västerås Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +46 21 39 80 70

Internet: www.vallbyfriluftsmuseum.se Email: vallby.friluftsmuseum@vasteras.se

### Vedbobacken



Have fun on the slopes without having to travel to the mountains.

Vedbobacken is Västerås' very own urban ski slope.

Weather permitting,

Vedbobacken is open from mid-December to mid-March and offers several runs of varying difficulty, from green to red, two lifts, a sledging slope, ski hire, a café, and public barbecuing facilities. There is always snow at Vedbobacken when they are open, even if there is no snow on the ground.



Photo: © Leon Grimaldi, Västerås & Co Address: Hagabergsgatan, Västerås

Opening hours: Mid-December until mid-March

Phone: +46 21 548 06 11 Internet: vedbobacken.se

#### Västerås Art Museum



Västerås Art Museum mainly exhibits Swedish art from its own collection. The temporary exhibitions held at the museum focus on

contemporary art by Swedish artists. The museum also has an extensive education programme, with activities that include tours and studio work for different kinds of groups.

Photo: Bo Gyllander

Address: Karlsgatan 2, Västerås

Phone: +46 21 39 32 22

Internet: vasteraskonstmuseum.se Email: konstmuseet@vasteras.se

#### Västerås Castle



Västerås Castle, situated just a stone's throw from the city centre, bears witness to a rich and tumultuous part of Swedish history.

Constructed in the 13th century, the castle was once the house of Crown Prince Erik before becoming his prison.

Between June 14, 1573, and October 16, 1574, King Erik XIV was held captive here, enduring separation from his wife and their children. The dethroned king moved to Örbyhus shortly before his death, from poisoned pea soup says the story, but later his body was brought back to Västerås for burial in the cathedral.

The castle now hosts the Västmanland County Museum, county archive, library, and administration. Visitors can explore hidden lakes and winding trails that offer a tranquil escape within this historical enclave.

Photo: ©VKL, Västerås & Co Address: Slottet 1, Västerås

Opening hours: Open only during the summer

Phone: +46 70 449 07 72 Internet: vasteras-slott.se Email: info@vasteras-slott.se

### Västerås Cathedral



Västerås Cathedral is a beautifully preserved medieval church dating back to the 13th century. It boasts a unique blend of ancient art treasures

and modern contrasts that make it stand out among its kind. Within its hallowed walls, visitors can marvel at 163 intact gravestones and see the resting place of King Erik XIV.

Photo: Mostphotos

Address: Västra Kyrkogatan 6, Västerås

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +46 21 81 46 00

Internet: www.svenskakyrkan.se/vasteras/vasteras-domkyrka

### Västerås Flight Museum



Västerås Flygmuseum, housed in a hangar from the 1930s, has 25 aircraft, the majority of which can still fly. The museum is open on

Sundays and has a flight simulator where visitors can test-fly several different aircraft, including a J-35 Draken.

Photo: © Tommy Olsson, Västerås & Co Address: Hässlögatan 16, Västerås



Opening hours: Sun 11am-4pm Phone: +46 21 495 06 40 Internet: en.flygmuseum.com Email: kansli@flygmuseum.com

### Västmanlands County Museum



The museum's core mission is to enhance understanding and appreciation of Västmanland County's cultural heritage. By

providing insight into the past, it strives to enrich the perspectives of both the present and the future, ensuring that the region's rich history and traditions continue to resonate with generations to come.

Photo: Lasse Fredriksson Address: Karlsgatan 2, Västerås

Phone: +46 21 39 32 22

Internet: www.vastmanlandslansmuseum.se Email: lansmuseet@regionvastmanland.se

### **VARF Observatorium**



Led by amateur astronomers, VARF is a non-profit association, which serves as a gathering place where individuals of all ages

come together to engage in conversations about the universe, stargazing, and stay updated on the latest developments in space and technology.

Photo: Giannis Panagiotatos/Unsplash Address: Åkesta Gård 5, Skultuna

Phone: +46 72 557 04 80

Internet: varf.se Email: info@varf.se

#### DINING



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Västerås has restaurants for all tastes. You can dine out high up in a skyscraper and admire the spectacular views of the city, enjoy a meal in the harbour with pretty vistas of the lake, or have a bite to eat in the main square and do some people-watching. With such a huge selection of restaurants to choose from, you are guaranteed to find something that suits you and your taste buds!

### Bistro Gränden



Bistro Gränden, nestled in historic premises, offers a delightful experience with excellent food and drinks. Their dining room features a

diverse menu, serving small and larger dishes alongside expertly grilled meats and fish. In addition, the wine is selected from a glass-enclosed wine room, enhancing the overall dining ambience.

Photo: Mostphotos

Address: Smedjegatan 7, Västerås

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 4pm-10pm, Fri & Sat noon-1am,

Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +46 21 448 40 60 Internet: bistrogranden.se Email: info@bistrogranden.se



### Brasserie Stadsparken



Strategically positioned next to the scenic Svartån and the verdant Stadsparken, this brasserie fulfils gastronomic desires with

an array of delights inspired by the culinary treasures of the Western Alps, creating a unique and flavorful experience. To enhance the atmosphere, live music graces the venue on weekends, providing a perfect backdrop for patrons to enjoy its culinary offerings in this charming and distinctive environment.

Photo: Visit Västerås

Address: Stora Gatan 35, Västerås

Phone: +46 21 448 50 80

Internet: brasseriestadsparken.se Email: info@brasseriestadsparken.se

#### **Bellman**



At the charming Bellman, every meal is a journey back in time. Whether it's a leisurely lunch or an important dinner date, this establishment

promises a romantic, old-world ambiance. With an array of choices from the à la carte menu, succulent options from the grill, a welcoming bar, traditional Swedish 'husmanskost', and satisfying lunches, there's something to tantalize every palate. Paired with a selection of fine beverages, a visit here is not just a meal, it's a memorable experience.

Photo: Visit Västerås

Address: Stora Torget 6, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-10pm, Fri 11am-late, Sat

noon-late, Sun closed Phone: +46 21 41 33 55

Internet: bellman.gastrogate.com

### Djäknebergets restaurang



Djäkneberget is a beautiful park for people of all ages, with a dance pavilion, mini-golf course, a restaurant, and a café. The restaurant provides a

breathtaking panoramic view of central Västerås, extending from the city centre to the harbour and the lake. It places a strong emphasis on culinary excellence, specialising in great food crafted from local ingredients, featuring classics such as the renowned meatballs alongside fish and pasta dishes.

Photo: Jennifer Gosch

Address: Djäknebergsgatan 10, Västerås

Phone: +46 21 13 48 80 Internet: djakneberget.se Email: info@djakneberget.se

#### Frank



Frank Bistro, a
self-proclaimed "unusual
restaurant," is a charming
and intimate culinary
gem that boasts such
popularity that

reservations are essential well in advance. The chef-driven menu takes pride in showcasing creative, handcrafted dishes crafted from seasonal and local ingredients, complemented by an extensive array of wines from around the globe.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi

Address: Stora Torget 3, Västerås

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 5pm-11pm, Fri 5pm-midnight, Sat

4pm-midnight, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +46 21 13 65 00 Internet: frankbistro.com/en Email: info@frankbistro.com



### Kajplats 9



Nestled in a historic brick building by the harbour, Kajplats 9 is a classic brasserie whose culinary focus revolves around raw materials sourced

from the water, prepared to reflect the nuances of the changing seasons. With an emphasis on fish and shellfish, the menu also features home classics and seasonal meat dishes. Adding to the dining experience is the captivating backdrop of Lake Mälaren, providing patrons at Kajplats 9 with a fabulous view to accompany their gastronomic journey.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi

Address: Sjötullsgatan 2, Västerås

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 11:30am-10pm, Fri 11:30am-11pm,

Sat noon-11pm, Sun noon-9pm, Mon closed

Phone: +46 21 13 62 22 Internet: kajplats9.se Email: info@kajplats9.se

#### **Limone Ristorante Italiano**



With a wide selection of mouthwatering dishes and an array of great wines, Limone provides a culinary journey through the heart of Italy. The

restaurant's charm is complemented by a kind and professional service staff, ensuring that every visit is not only a gastronomic delight but also a warm and welcoming experience.

Photo: Mostphotos

Address: Stora Gatan 4, Västerås

Phone: +46 70 223 33 71 Internet: limone.gastrogate.com Email: bokning@limone.nu

#### Laxmi Indisk



At Laxmi, patrons can indulge in a flavourful journey through the vibrant and aromatic world of Indian cuisine, experiencing a taste of

India in the heart of Västerås.

Photo: Visit Västerås

Address: Snickargatan 1, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-3pm / 5pm-9pm; Fri 11am-3pm / 5pm-10pm; Sat noon-10pm, Sun 1pm-9pm

Phone: +46 21 80 11 90 Internet: laxmiindisk.se Email: info@laxmiindisk.se

### Nya Hattfabriken



Nya Hattfabriken is a delightful and intimate bistro, nestled within a former hat shop. This charming establishment seamlessly blends

traditional Swedish cuisine with timeless European classics, offering an elegant dining experience that's rich in history and flavour.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi

Address: Slottsgatan 8, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-11pm, Sat noon-11pm, Sun

closed

Phone: +46 21 13 65 00 Internet: nyahattfabriken.se Email: info@nyahattfabriken.se

#### NOM



NOM is a bar and restaurant located in a charming historical setting alongside the tranquil stream Svartån. Guests can unwind on

comfortable sofas while indulging in a culinary



experience at the restaurant, known for serving the finest quality meats and fish. Alternatively, you can opt for a more casual experience at the NOM Bar, offering a diverse selection of drinks.

Photo: Mostphotos

Address: Stora Gatan 42, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-2pm / 5pm-11pm; Fri 11am-midnight, Sat 4pm-midnight, Sun closed

Phone: +46 21 12 35 52 Internet: nombarmat.se Email: hej@nombarmat.se

### Systrarna på Gaggeska Gården



Housed in an old inn relocated from the city centre in 1960, the Systrama at Gaggeska Gården is a charming establishment offering a

delightful combination of café, lunch, and weekend brunch experiences. Visitors can savour a taste of the past while enjoying the culinary delights served in the quaint and picturesque surroundings of Gaggeska Gården at Vallby Open Air Museum.

Photo: Mostphotos/Visit Västerås Address: Skerikesvägen 2, Västerås Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +46 21 35 75 36

Internet: systrarnapagaggeskagarden.se Email: info@systrarnapagaggeskagarden.se

## **CAFÉS**



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#### Café Anund



Café Anund is situated close to the burial mounds at Anundshög.
They serve cakes, ice cream, and light lunches, together with coffee and

soft drinks. They bake all the bread, buns and cakes themselves, mainly using local and organic ingredients.

Photo: Henrik Wester

Address: Anundshög 5, Västerås

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11am-4pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +46 21 39 15 53

#### **Brynolf Bagare**



Brynolf Bagare is a family-owned bakery that sells delicious stone-baked bread, irresistible cakes and pastries, filling

sandwiches, and great salads.

Photo: Visit Västerås

Address: Kranbyggargatan 3, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-6pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun

11am-4pm

Phone: +46 21 17 70 70



Internet: www.brynolf-bagare.se Email: info@brynolf-bagare.se

More Info: 2nd location at Hallsta gårdsgata 12

### **Espresso House**



Espresso House is the largest coffeehouse chain in the Nordic countries, with a significant presence in Västerås.

Boasting three locations

at Hantverkargatan, Västerås Centralstation, and the mall Punkt, it's a go-to destination for coffee enthusiasts. In addition to an extensive selection of coffee drinks, Espresso House also offers a tempting array of pastries, wraps, and sandwiches.

Photo: Espresso House

Address: Hantverkargatan 9, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun

10am-6pm

Phone: +46 76 521 91 99

Internet: www.espressohouse.com

### **Global Living**



Global Living is not just a café but a unique destination where you can savour coffee, home-baked bread, cakes and pastries and also buy

interior design.

The café's interior is decorated with a distinctive blend of furniture, lamps, and art, and the best part is that most of it is available for sale. Adding to the vibrant atmosphere, Global Living hosts live music performances, vernissages, and book releases, with an open stage that provides a platform for new and established talents, contributing to the city's cultural scene and potentially launching new stars.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi

Address: Smedjegatan 13, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-7pm, Fri 9am-11pm, Sat

9am-1am, Sun 11am-5pm Phone: +46 21 18 62 90 Internet: globalliving.se Email: info@globalliving.se

#### Café Gränden



Café Gränden is a cosy haven nestled in the heart of Västerås, making it the perfect spot for a refreshing break. Drawing inspiration from

Swedish, Asian, and Italian cuisine, the café presents a diverse menu that caters to all tastes. Indulge in the delights of decent Italian coffee and homemade treats like apple pie, chocolate mousse, carrot cake, and pannacotta. It's not just about sweets — Café Gränden also offers a selection of beverages including beer and prosecco, ensuring a well-rounded culinary experience for every visitor.

Photo: Visit Västerås

Address: Sturegatan 13, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-9pm, Fri & Sat 10am-10pm,

Sun 10am-8:30pm Phone: +46 21 18 98 27 Internet: cafegranden.se

### Kafé Gudagott



Kafé Gudagott, the little Viking café at Frösåkers Brygga, serves homemade cakes and ice cream along with delicious prawn

sandwiches, all full of natural flavour and without unnecessary additives.

Photo: ©Kristoffer Hasselberg, Västerås & C Address: Frösåkers Brygga 7, Västerås



Opening hours: Only open during the summer

### Kalle på Spången



Kalle på Spången is a charming and very popular café in one of Västerås' historic buildings in the city centre. Besides their

selection of delicious pies and cakes, they also serve light meals, including salads, sandwiches, baked potatoes, tacos, and lasagne.

Photo: Clifford Shirley

Address: Kungsgatan 2, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-8pm, Sat 11am-6pm, Sun

11am-4pm

#### Kajens Café



Situated on Lake
Mälaren's shore, Kajens
Café offers the best views
of the lake in Västerås. It
has thus become a
favoured destination for

those seeking a delightful lunch or a relaxing cup of coffee. As an added treat during the summer months, the café opens its doors to a popular ice cream kiosk right next door, inviting visitors to indulge in sweet delights while enjoying the scenic beauty of the lakeside setting.

Photo: © Clifford Shirley, Västerås & Co Address: Mälargatan 4D, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-9pm, Sat & Sun 10am-10pm

Phone: +46 21 81 19 00 Internet: kajenscafe.se Email: info@kajenscafe.se

### Systrarna Ericsson



Systrarna Ericsson stands as one of the oldest bakeries in Västerås, tracing its roots back to the 1930s. With a rich heritage, this

establishment prides itself on crafting bread, cakes, and pastries using pure, natural ingredients. Following traditional and artisanal methods, everything is meticulously prepared by hand, infused with a touch of love that enhances the authenticity and flavour of their delectable creations.

Photo: Jennifer Gosch

Address: Vasagatan 25, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun

11am-4pm

Phone: +46 21 40 30 80 Internet: www.systrarna.net

### **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



 $Brasserie\ Stadsparken\ /\ Visit\ V\"{a}ster \mathring{a}s$ 

#### The Bishops Arms



The Bishops Arms is a welcoming and cosy pub renowned for its remarkable array of draft beers and single malt whisky. Beyond its



impressive libations, this establishment also serves up great food and hosts entertaining quizzes.

Photo: Mostphotos

Address: Stora Torget 2, Västerås

Opening hours: Sun & Mon 5pm-10pm, Tue-Thu

4pm-midnight, Fri & Sat 3pm-1am

Phone: +46 21 10 28 50

Internet: www.bishopsarms.com/vara-pubar/vasteras

Email: vasteras@bishopsarms.com

#### The Circus



Whether craving a cold beer, a glass of wine, or a classic cocktail, this venue provides the perfect setting. As the evening unfolds, the

atmosphere transforms with late-night DJ sessions, infusing the space with a groovy vibe setting the stage for an enjoyable and vibrant experience.

Photo: Leon Grimaldi

Address: Stora Torget 3, Västerås

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 6pm-1am, Fri & Sat 4pm-2am, Sun

& Mon closed

Phone: +46 21 13 65 01 Internet: thecircus.se Email: info@thecircus.se

#### Pitcher's



Pitcher's is a quintessential British-style pub located in the heart of Västerås. Here, you can indulge in delectable pub food and

drinks while catching your favourite sports on TV.

Photo: Visit Västerås

Address: Torggatan 4, Västerås

Phone: +46 21 13 10 20

Internet: www.pitchers.se/vasteras

### SkyBar Västerås at Hotel Plaza



Situated atop the Best Western Plus Hotel Plaza, SkyBar awaits 24 floors above, providing breathtaking panoramic views of the city. Here,

you can savour expertly crafted cocktails and unwind in style. The weekend brings an extra dose of excitement with a DJ in-house every Friday and Saturday from 9pm onwards. Gather your friends and experience an unforgettable evening at Västmanland's highest bar.

Photo: Mostphotos

Address: Kopparbergsvägen 10, Västerås

Phone: +46 21 10 10 10

Internet: plazavasteras.se/skybar Email: info@plazavasteras.se

#### Bistro Gränden



Bistro Gränden, nestled in historic premises, offers a delightful experience with excellent food and drinks. Their dining room features a

diverse menu, serving small and larger dishes alongside expertly grilled meats and fish. In addition, the wine is selected from a glass-enclosed wine room, enhancing the overall dining ambience.

Photo: Mostphotos

Address: Smedjegatan 7, Västerås

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 4pm-10pm, Fri & Sat noon-1am,

Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +46 21 448 40 60 Internet: bistrogranden.se Email: info@bistrogranden.se



### **SHOPPING**



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If you're in the mood for a shopping spree, then Västerås is the place for you! The city centre is bursting with international chains, small independent shops, and wonderful indoor shopping centres. Outside the city centre, you'll find the thriving retail park Erikslund with new shops constantly springing up. So come to Västerås and shop 'til you drop.

### **Affair Inredning & Design**



The Affair at Öster Mälarstrand goes beyond the ordinary. This eclectic boutique merges the worlds of interior design, fashion, and floral artistry

under one roof. With its carefully curated collection of home decor, designer pieces and stylish clothing, Affair offers a treasure trove for the aesthetically inclined. The experience is complemented by a quaint café, perfect for a relaxing break amidst your shopping adventure.

Photo: Mostphotos/Visit Västerås Address: Regattagatan 7, Västerås

Phone: +46 21 83 04 08 Internet: www.affair.se

### **Tullhuset Living**



Just a stone's throw from the city centre and a mere three minutes from the central station, lies a remarkable store — Tullhuset by Färjkajen

and Mälaren. This spacious and inspiring shop is a treasure trove for those with a keen eye for aesthetics. Inside, you'll find an exquisite collection of home decor, ranging from elegant furnishings to intricate decorative details. The store also offers a selection of fashion items: stylish clothing, exquisite jewellery and designer bags.

Photo: Mostphotos/Visit Västerås Address: Sjötullsgatan 2, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun

noon-4pm

Phone: +46 21 13 38 88

Internet: www.instagram.com/tullhusetliving

### **City Centre**



Västerås' city centre is a shopper's paradise, offering a diverse range of options for those in search of retail therapy. From indoor shopping

centres to charming independent shops and gourmet delicatessens, there's something for every taste. The presence of large international chains alongside small local businesses adds to the vibrant shopping scene. Västerås' lively squares also host bustling market stalls, where farm produce and fresh flowers tempt the discerning shopper. Whether you're after unique finds or familiar brands, the city centre has it all.

Photo: Mostphotos

Opening hours: Most of the shops open Mon-Fri 10am-7pm,

Sat 10am-4pm & Sun noon-4pm



### **Erikslund Shopping Center**



Almost 80 retailers and one of Sweden's largest IKEA stores, all under the same roof. With such a huge variety of shops, cafés, and restaurants,

you are sure to find what you are looking for at Erikslund Shopping Center. Erikslund Shopping Center is located in the retail park Erikslund.

Photo: Kristoffer Hasselberg, Västerås & Co Address: Krankroksgatan 17, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat & Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +46 21 448 01 40

#### Hälla



Hälla retail park boasts several large stores selling toys, electronics and food, an indoor shopping centre, many second-hand shops and

several cafés and restaurants.

Photo: Mostphotos

Address: Hällagatan 14, Västerås Internet: www.hallashopping.com

### н&м



Erling Persson opened Sweden's first Hennes & Mauritz store in Västerås in 1947. H&M sells the latest in fashion for men, women, and children

from its stores in Västerås: Vasagatan in the city centre, Erikslund Shopping Center, and Hälla Shopping.

Photo: © Karl Allander, Västerås & co

Address: Vasagatan 13, Västerås

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun

noon-5pm

Phone: +46 33 14 00 00

#### **TOURIST INFORMATION**



Visit Västerås

Västerås offers excellent rail connections between the central station and surrounding towns. With its fantastic location on Lake Mälaren, you are always close to the water and boat services.

### Stockholm Västerås Airport (VST)



Stockholm-Västerås
Airport is located five
kilometres outside
Västerås, just a 15-minute
drive from the city centre,
and approximately 80

minutes from Stockholm.

City bus no. 3 provides easy access to the airport departing from the Västerås city centre.

Travellers coming from Stockholm can opt for a train journey with SJ from Stockholm Central, reaching Västerås in 60 minutes.

Currently, the airport is exclusively served by Ryanair, offering flights to Alicante, London, and Malaga.

Photo: Linda Heplinger



Address: Stockholm-Västerås Flygplats, Västerås

Phone: +46 21 80 56 00 Internet: vasterasairport.se

### **Public Transportation**



Bus services run regularly from early morning to late evening on weekdays and until 3:30am at weekends. Please note that the

buses are cashless. Tickets can be purchased from most supermarkets and newsagents as well as Västerås Tourist Office or from the ticket machines placed in and around the city. It is also possible to buy monthly passes or 10 or 40 ride tickets. For detailed information on lines and timetables, visit the VL website.

Photo: Mostphotos/Visit Västerås

Internet: www.vl.se

### Taxi



Västerås Din Taxi +46 21 221 33 Taxi Norra Västerås +46 21 208 30 Västerås Taxi 24/7 +46 21 12 91 29

Photo: Visit Västerås

### **Bicycle Rental**



It is easy to get around Västerås on foot or by bike. The city has an amazing 380 km of cycle paths and in the summer, you can rent a bike at the

guest harbour, a short walk away from the city centre.

Photo: Clifford Shirley, Västerås & Co

Opening hours: May until September Internet: visitvasteras.se/gora/cykling

### Telephone



Country code: +46 Area code: 021

Photo: Visit Västerås

#### Electricity

230 V, 50 Hz



Photo: Visit Västerås

### **Pharmacy**



Apoteket Hjorten Stora Gatan 34, Västerås +46 77 145 04 50 Open Mon-Fri 8am-7pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm Kronans

#### Apotek

Vasagatan 25, Västerås +46 77 161 26 12 Open Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 10am-3pm

Photo: Visit Västerås

#### Population

159,368 (2023)

#### Currency

Swedish Krona (Svensk krona, pl. Svenska kronor), SEK

#### Internet

visitvasteras.se

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### Newspapers

Västmanlands Läns Tidning: www.vlt.se The Local (in English): www.thelocal.se

### **Emergency numbers**

112

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