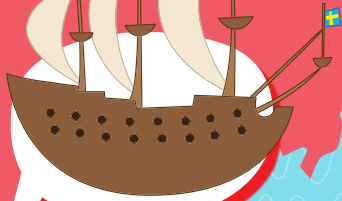
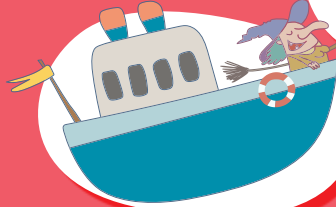
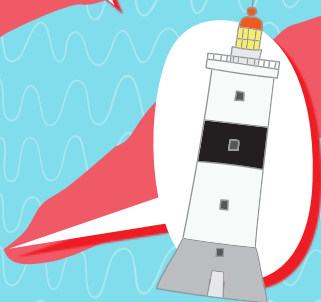


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LOTS OF FUN QUIZZES!



Great ideas for the whole family!



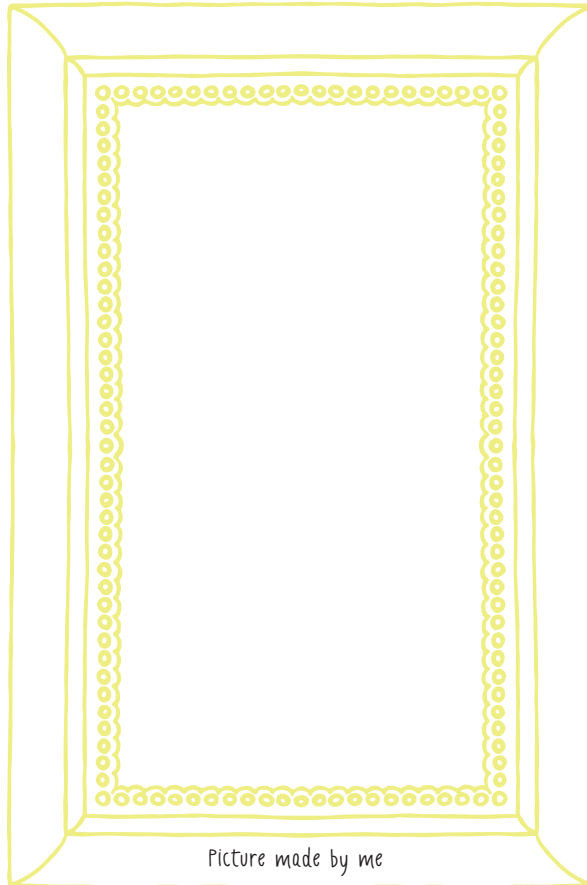
My excursion guide

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Age:

I'm travelling with:

I want to visit:



My favourite summer activities:

STONES, FOREST, AND WATER!

Småland and Öland feels like a separate country. Built from stone, forest, and water.

Welcome to an exceptionally exciting part of Sweden with an abundance of things to see and do. Dark forests with mysterious lakes. Open landscapes with long beaches. Long stone walls and quaint red cottages. Historical castles and ancient ruins.

People have lived here for thousands of years. Keep your eyes peeled to see the traces they left behind. This guide gives you over 100 ideas for things to see and do.

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WELCOME TO UNIQUELY HISTORICAL KALMAR ÖLAND!

THE NIGHTINGALE HERE BESIDE ME IS THE PROVINCE ANIMAL OF ÖLAND. AND I, AN OTTER, AM THE PROVINCE ANIMAL OF SMÅLAND. WE'LL BE GUIDING YOU ON YOUR TOUR OF KALMAR COUNTY. SO, TAG ALONG!

FOOD IN SMÅLAND AND ON ÖLAND

You won't have to go far to find something delicious to eat in Kalmar County. A lot of food is locally sourced. There are farms and fishing communities. You will see cows, lambs and chickens. The large fields are ideal for growing potatoes, cereal and vegetables. Summertime is strawberry picking time, and the autumn forest is full of mushrooms and berries.

What's your favourite food?

Kalmar flounder
Flounder is caught along the coast. When it hides on the seabed it changes colour to become invisible.



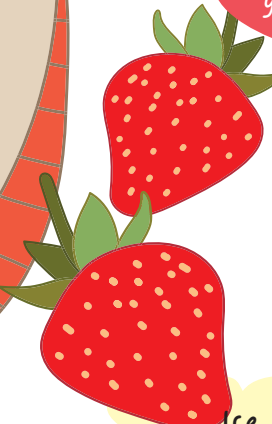
Ostkaka cheesecake
The world's tastiest dessert. Ostkaka has been around for over 500 years.

Mushrooms
Chantarelles are ripe for picking during summer. Fried in butter they make an excellent sauce or sandwich topping. The chanterelle is pure gold, so never reveal your mushroom spot to anyone.



Strawberries

The tastiest berry by far, especially if you pick them yourself. They've been growing in Sweden since the 18th century when they were known as pineberries.



DID YOU KNOW THAT...
Brown beans are only grown on Öland



Go to a fishing harbour to buy fish straight off the boat. Or visit a farm shop to buy freshly picked vegetables.

FISHING HARBOURS

The coastline is dotted with old fishing harbours. There were once hundreds of fishing boats in the Baltic Sea, but there are only a few these days. Go to a fishing harbour and see if there are any fishing boats there. It could be your lucky day for buying flounder, turbot, or herring.

FARM SHOPS

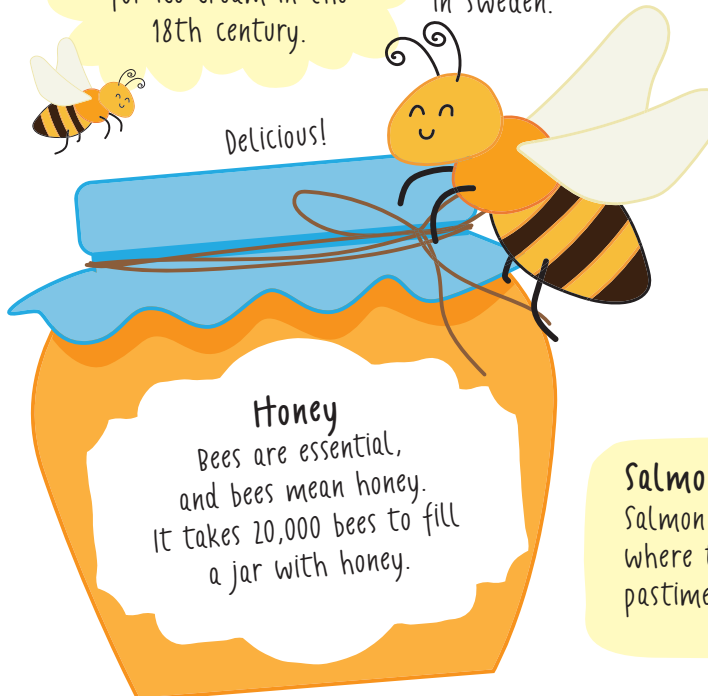
Kalmar County has more than its share of farm shops. Many sell vegetables, meat, flowers and honey, along with a variety of homemade products. You might have to pay by putting money in a cashbox. There are also grassroots-led food networks where you can buy food straight from the producer.

Ice cream

No day on the beach is complete without ice cream. Thousands of years ago the Chinese made ice cream from snow and fruit. In Sweden, Cajsa Varg wrote about a recipe for ice cream in the 18th century.

Crayfish

Traps are laid out in the evening and taken up in the morning. This is because crayfish move about at night. The crayfish party is an autumn tradition in Sweden.

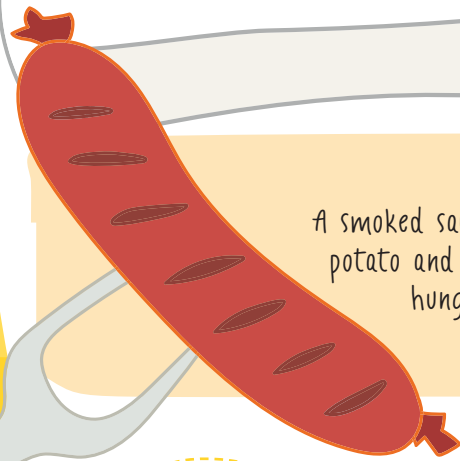


Delicious!

Honey
Bees are essential, and bees mean honey. It takes 20,000 bees to fill a jar with honey.

Isterband

A smoked sausage from Småland that contains potato and barleycorn. In the old days it was hung up to dry. Delicious eaten with potatoes and a dill sauce.



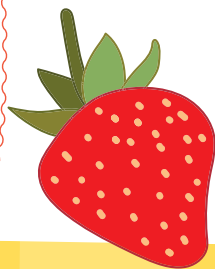
Lingonberries and blueberries

You're allowed to pick berries in the forest. Blueberries ripen in July and August. Lingonberries a bit later.

I loove blueberries!

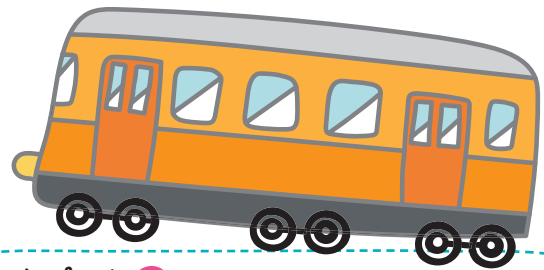
Kroppkakor potato dumplings

"Body cakes" is the province dish of Öland. In Småland they're white and on Öland they're grey. Usually filled with onion, pork and allspice. Eaten with cream, lingonberries, and butter.



EXCURSIONS

Do you like making excursions? Here are a few things to see and do. Have a nice trip. Which place would you like to visit?



Smalspåret 1
Smalspåret is a narrow-gauge railway that runs between Västervik and Hultsfred. The 1950s rail-car stops at 20 stations and halts and will stop at other exciting places on request. Take a rail trolley ride on the Hultsfred to Mälilla Line. A rail trolley is a 4-wheeled vehicle that you tramp along the rail.

Kalmar-Färjestaden cycle ferry 2
Cycling is not allowed on the bridge, but you can take your bike on the Kalmar to Öland ferry. A few hours of cycling and you're ready for the return journey.

Seal safari 3
The boat departs from Bergkvara and travels along the coast. On most trips you'll see seals playing in the water or sunbathing on the rocks. You might catch sight of a white-tailed eagle.

Archipelago boats 4
From Västervik you can get the summer boat out to Idö and Hasselö. The boat from Loftahammar goes to Rågö and Hasselö.

Boat to Garpen lighthouse 5
The boat to Garpen departs from Bergkvara. Take a picnic basket and beachwear.

World Heritage on southern Öland 6

Travel around and look at the line villages, agricultural landscape, coastal meadows and the Great Alvar. Together they make up a world heritage created by people and animals.

Öland Bridge 7

The bridge is 6,072 metres long and was the longest in Europe when it was built. The tallest point is 42 metres, the same height as Långe Jan (Tall John), the tallest lighthouse in Sweden. From the top you get an unrivalled view over Öland and the Kalmar Sound.

Boat to Blå Jungfrun island 8

On "Blue Maiden" you can hike, bathe and visit caves. There is also a stone labyrinth, but please leave the stones where they are on "witches' island".

DID YOU KNOW THAT...
Blå Jungfrun is also known as Blåkulla?

FUN MUSEUMS TO VISIT

- ★ **Himmelsberga 9**
A museum in an old Öland village. There are animals here in the summer and you can try your hand at simple crafts, activities, and games.
- ★ **Kalmar Art Museum 10**
Some Sundays there is an opportunity for children and parents to create their own art.
- ★ **Mälilla Speedway Museum 11**
The place to come for all speedway fans.
- ★ **Tjorven Museum in Kalmar 12**
Tjorven was a small vehicle used by the post office in the 1970s.
- ★ **Moped Museum in Hjorted 13**
A collection of old mopeds from the 1950s onwards.
- ★ **Kalmar County Museum 14**
Exhibits cannons and other artifacts from the Kronan, a royal ship that sank off the coast of Öland in 1676.
- ★ **Västervik Museum 15**
Local maritime exhibitions and the history of Västervik. There is also a lookout tower and some pleasant green areas.
- ★ **Furniture Museum 16**
Virserum was once the centre of the furniture industry. The museum shows how furniture was made.
- ★ **Virserum Art Gallery 17**
A large hall with a variety of exhibitions.
- ★ **Skedemosse Museum 18**
A museum that tells the story of how 11-year-old Birger found 1.3 kilos of gold in 1959.
- ★ **Flygt Museum in Lindås 19**
In 1947 the Flygt company built the first submersible bilge pump. The mould for the first Coca-Cola bottle is also on display here.
- ★ **Madesjö Local History Museum**
The old church stables in Madesjö kyrkby houses one of Sweden's largest local history museums.

FASCINATING PEOPLE

Småland and Öland have been the birthplace of many interesting people over the years. Some famous and some not so famous. Visit the different places to find out more about their lives.

Who do you rate the highest?

Nils Dacke 1

Nils Dacke was born in Södra Lindön, Emmaboda. He led the Dackefejden uprising against Gustav Vasa. In Kanaberg near Päråd there is a cave in the forest where he hid. Dacke was injured in a battle near Virserum and was hidden in another cave. In 1543 Dacke was killed by the king's soldiers. His statue is in Virserum.



DID YOU KNOW THAT...
Wood carver Axel Robert Petersson (Döderhultarn) never left home and always wore galoshes. Indoors and outdoors.

Döderhultarn 3

Döderhultarn was an artist who carved wooden figures of people and animals. He sold his work cheaply before he became famous but today his figures are very expensive. You will find them on display at his studio in Oskarshamn.

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The Children of Noisy Village

Bullerbyn's real name is Sevedstorp. This is where the films were made in 1986. Many of the schoolchildren and villagers took part in the films. Astrid Lindgren's father grew up in Mellängården.

Astrid Lindgren 2

Astrid Lindgren is one of Sweden's most famous and popular authors. She grew up on a farm called Näs and her stories are based on her childhood experiences. At Astrid Lindgren's World you will meet Pippi and Emil, and many others from her beloved children's books.



Emil of Lönneberga 4

Lönneberga is famous because Emil lived there. There is a tool shed with a statue of Emil in the village. This could be your chance to get up to some mischief.

OTHER INTERESTING PEOPLE FROM KALMAR COUNTY:

Gustav-Jon 6

Gustav was an artist who carved wooden sculptures inspired by biblical narratives and history. His work is on show at J.A.G.S Museum in Segerstad.

Per Ekström 7

Per was a landscape painter famous for his sunsets. Nobody could paint the sun quite like Per. His statue is in Mörbylånga.

Arvid Källström 8

Sculptor Arvid Källström lived and worked on the family farm in Paskallavik for 30 years. Many of his sculptures are on display in the garden.

Varg-Kalle 9

Varg-Kalle was one of Sweden's most skilled wolf hunters in the 19th century. His gravestone is in Bäckebo.

Maja at the Palace Hotel 10

Maja ran the hotel in Hultsfred where many famous rock bands have stayed. Find out more about the Hultsfred Festival on The Walk.

Glass artists 11

Erik Höglund, Bertil Vallien and Ulrica Hydman Vallien are three of the most famous artists in the Kingdom of Crystal. Hanna Hansdotter, Åsa Jungnelius and many others have kept the tradition alive.

Carl Malmsten 12

Carl was a renowned furniture designer. He started a furniture school in Vickleby called Capellagården.

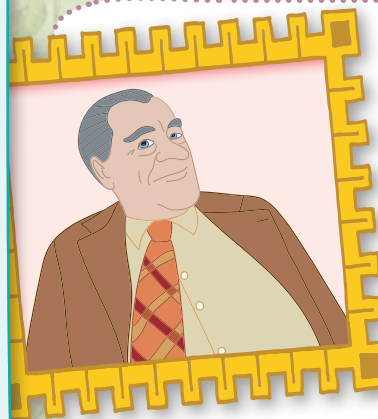
Drifters 13

In the not-so-distant past there were many homeless people in Småland who drifted from place to place. Even children wandered along the roads in search of food and lodging for the day. Hönslottas in Boda is the largest drifter museum in Sweden. The story of the child drifters has not been forgotten. At Storegården in Tigerstad you get the chance to live the life of a drifter.



Vilhelm Moberg 14

Vilhem Moberg is one of Sweden's most famous authors. He wrote a trilogy about emigrants Karl-Oskar and Kristina. The soldier cottage where he grew up is long gone, but there is a memorial called the Vilhelm Moberg Memorial Stone. His school in Moshultamåla now houses a museum. Walk or cycle to Emmaboda railway station where his bike is on display.



Jenny Nyström 15

Artist and illustrator Jenny Nyström was born in Kalmar. She is best known for her Christmas cards featuring gnomes. Many of her paintings are on display in Kalmar County Museum.



QUIZ TIME



Nils Dacke is hiding in the picture. Can you see him?

The Otter and Nightingale have visited the lighthouse now can't find their way back to the campsite! Could you help them? Look out! Don't tread on the bees.

Find and circle:
 • 8 wild boars
 • 5 elks
 • 6 roe deer

Oh no! The honey jar is broken! Can you match the missing piece?



How many litres of strawberries will you get for 50 kronor?

How many bees are there in the picture?



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Fill in the squares to put four different ice creams in each Down and Across row.

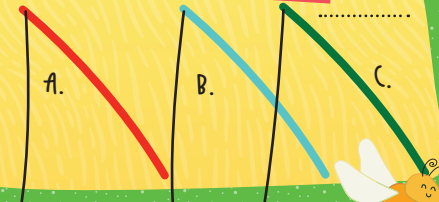
Find and circle 10 butterflies:

Circle the six differences in the ice creams on the right.

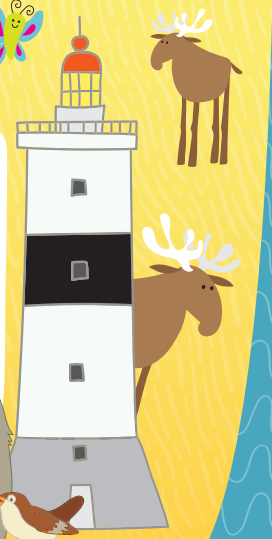
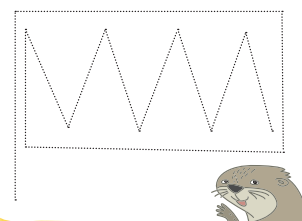


- SMALAND DICTIONARY**
- Grina = Laugh
 - Grunna = Ponder
 - Krösamos = Lingonberry Jam
 - Redig = Real/Proper
 - Tabberas = A party where the guests eat up all the food on the table
 - Tjabba = Talk (chinwag)
 - Tyken = An unpleasant or bullish person

Which fishing rod has a catch?



Follow the dotted line without lifting the pen.



HOW PEOPLE USED TO LIVE

People have always needed somewhere to live. Visiting old houses will teach you a lot about how people lived in the past. Where would you most like to live?

Besväret and Fnyket 1

Oskarshamn's two oldest town districts with old houses and narrow streets. Down by the harbour you'll find Långa Soffan, one of the longest park benches in the world.

Penåsa ödeby 2

A village in the middle of the Great Alvar that was abandoned in 1844. You can see the remains of a dwelling and a stone cellar.

Stensjö by 3

This well-preserved village near Oskarshamn dates to the 18th and 19th centuries. It has narrow gravel roads and round pole fences.

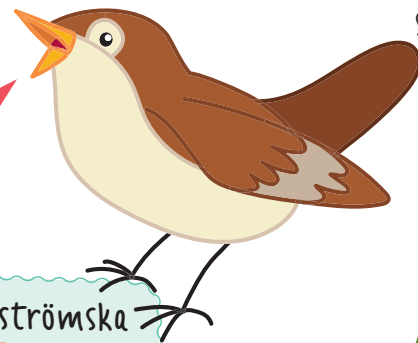
Duvemåla 4

Rundqvistagården in Duvemåla is an old farm where time has stood still. It has an exhibition and a delightful café that serves Moberg's pretzels.

Qvarnaslätt 5

A beautiful park in the heart of Nybro with centuries-old buildings and several museums.

Plenty of refreshments available.



Krusenstiernska gården 6

Krusenstiernska is an old farm and gardens in central Kalmar that looks almost exactly like it did a hundred years ago. There are stilts and toys to borrow.

Fallebo gård 7

An old farm near Oskarshamn with lots of animals. The area also has some excellent trails.

Wimmerströmska gården 8

A fine 18th century estate on Storgatan in Västervik now serving as a history museum with 6,000 objects on display.



Fredriksbergs herrgård 9

An 18th century manor and furnishings. Everything has been preserved, including the old privy.

Rosendal and Skäftekärr 10

An Iron Age village in Rosendal on northern Öland with foundations and graves. In Skäftekärr there is an authentic reconstruction of an Iron Age farm.

Stenriket in Djursdala village 11

Sven Petter Persson spent his entire life clearing and cultivating the land. His "Kingdom of Stones" near Vimmerby is a monument to the perseverance of Smålanders.

Båtastan 12

Båtastan in Gunnarstorp is a fine example of how the coastal farmers once lived.

Eriksgården 13

On Eriksgården farm near Vimmerby they use workhorses like in the old days. Among other chores, they cut the grass and rake the paths.

In Katthult you can go into Emil's tool shed and see his carved figures.



Olssonska gården 14

Visit Olssonska gården in Torsås for a journey back in time. A once in a lifetime experience.

Stenhuggarkojan 15

A den on Björkö in the Västervik archipelago where a stonemason lived in the early 20th century.

Klasatorpet soldier cottage 16

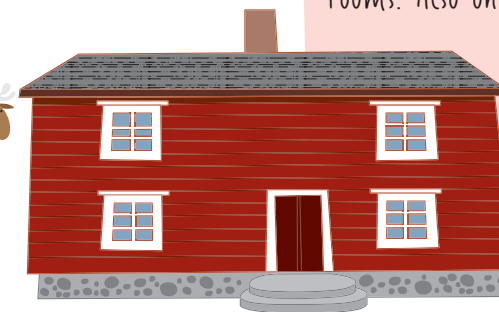
Near Emmaboda where Wilhelm Moberg's Emigrants was filmed. The house was called Korpamoen in the film.

Katthult 17

Where the Emil films were made. If you've seen them then you'll recognise several of the buildings.

Bötterum 18

A local history museum with ten old furnished rooms. Also on display is a trap used to catch wolves in years gone by.



MAP

Here is a map over the places included in this guide. Turn the page to find out more about the places you're going to visit.



Here you can see roughly where the places are located. Search online or ask at a tourist information office to find out more.

The pages in the guide each have their own colours and all the places have a number. This is how best to find the places on the map.

THE COLOURS:

- Excursions
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- How people used to live
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PLACES ON THE MAP

Öland

- Cycle ferry
- Southern Öland's World Heritage
- Öland Bridge
- Himmelsberga Skedemosse
- J.A.G.S Museum
- Per Ekström's statue
- Capellagården
- Penåsa ödeby
- Rosendal and Skäftekärr
- Bergstigen and Södra Bruket
- Albrunna quarry
- Prästgropen Dröstorpe
- Beijershamn
- Möckelmossen lake
- Mittmuren wall
- Karlevi runestone
- Borgholm Castle
- Eketorp Fortress
- Gråborg Fortress
- Tall John Lighthouse
- Bläsinge fishing harbour

Kalmar

- Kalmar Art Museum
- Tjorven Museum
- Kalmar County Museum
- Caves in Kanaberg
- Jenny Nyström's paintings
- Krusenstjernska gården
- Kalmar Castle
- The ring wall at Kvarnholmen
- Old cemetery
- Old harbour in Revsudden
- Ekenäs boatyard
- Warship Kronan

Torsås

- Seal safari
- Boat to Garpen
- Caves in Kanaberg
- Båtastan in Gunnarstorp
- Olssonska gården
- Vippstenen & Htallasjö village
- Örarevet nature reserve
- Ödet
- Peace monument in Brömsebro
- Brömsehus
- Maritime Museum
- Garpen Lighthouse

Nybro

- Varg-Kalle's gravestone
- Kingdom of Crystal
- Qvarnaslät Living History Museum
- Skoga glasbruksvuin
- Orranäs Glassworks
- Målerås Glassworks
- Hornsö Ecopark
- Stone labyrinths at Gullaskröv
- Svartbäcksmåla nature reserve
- Madesjö Local History Museum

Emmaboda

- Flygt Museum
- Södra Lindön
- Kingdom of Crystal
- Hönsalotta's Drifter Museum
- Moshultamåla School
- Vilhelm Moberg's memorial stone
- Vilhelm Moberg's bicycle
- Duvemåla

Klasatorpet Local History Museum

- The Glass Factory
- Kyrkeby Distillery
- Bielkeleden trail

Mönsterås

- Abbey ruins in Kronobäck

Oskarshamn

- Boat to Blå Jungfrun island
- Döderhultarn Museum
- Källströmsgården farm
- Besväret and Fnyket
- Långa Soffan park bench
- Stensjö by
- Fallebo gård
- Fredriksberg Manor
- Bråbygden
- Hunger mounds in Hägerum
- Stone quarry in Vånevik

Högsby

- Bötterum
- More Kastell nature reserve
- Hornsö ecopark
- Aboda Klint nature reserve
- Jonas Stolts kyrkväg trail
- Hunger monument in Fagerhult
- Kyrkstenarna boulders

Hultsfred

- Smalspåret narrow-gauge railway
- Målilla Speedway Museum
- Furniture Museum
- Virserum Art Gallery
- Dackegrottan cave
- Nils Dacke's statue
- Lönneberga
- Palace Hotel and The Walk
- Storegården in Tigerstad

Vimmerby

- Astrid Lindgren's Näs cultural centre
- Astrid Lindgren's World
- Bullerbyn
- Stenriket in Djursdala
- Eriksgården
- Katthult
- Kvilleken
- Sme-ån nature trail
- Tuna lövpark
- Norra Kivills National Park
- Runkesten boulder
- The Ship of Songs

Västervik

- Smalspåret narrow-gauge railway
- Archipelago boats
- Moped Museum
- Västervik Museum
- Wimmerströmska History Museum
- Stonemason's den
- Gladhammar mines
- Garpedansberget hill
- Hängesten hanging boulders
- Örnberget and Fruberget
- Stenebo mine
- Stegeholm castle ruins
- Idö pilot lookout tower
- Mars Makalös shipwreck
- Holms boatyard

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QUIZ TIME

TRUE OR FALSE?
Tick T or F



The picture has...

1. ... 14 spruces T F
2. ... More yellow fish than blue
3. ... Twice as many pigs as cows
4. ... 14 mushrooms
5. ... No strawberries
6. ... 3 pink pigs
7. ... 8 cars
8. ... 1 yellow car
9. ... 2 black sheep
10. ... 1 anchor
11. ... Just as many horses as sheep
12. ... 2 hares
13. ... 1 chimney



WORK AND OCCUPATIONS

Many children and adults worked hard in the old days. Some worked 12 hours a day, in factories as well as on the land. In 1842 it became compulsory for all children to attend school for at least six years.

What would you like to be when you grow up?

Skoga glasbruksruin 1

Orranäs Glassworks 2
Orrefors has an outdoor furnace where you can try your hand at glassblowing. There is also a smithy and a museum.

Southern Öland has some of the most fertile land in Sweden. But the alvar soil is very poor and it is difficult to grow anything there.

Glass Factory in Boda 3

Småland was once full of glassworks, but not anymore. Boda Glassworks has an exhibition of historical and modern glass. In the Kids Factory children can try their hand at glassblowing painting and engraving at the open furnace.

Did you know that glass is melted sand?

River Emån 4

The Emån is 220 km long and was once a vital transport stretch, which is why there are so many industries along it. Giant sea trout and the mysterious wels catfish swim beneath the surface.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...
Kalmartrissan is Sweden's most famous yoyo?

Kyrkeby Distillery 6

Vodka has been made here for over 300 years. You are welcome to look but do not be tempted!

Bergstigen trail and quarry 5

At Södra Bruket in Degerham on Öland lie the ruins of an interesting old works. Continue down Bergstigen trail along the beach and you'll arrive at Albrunna quarry.

Målerås 8

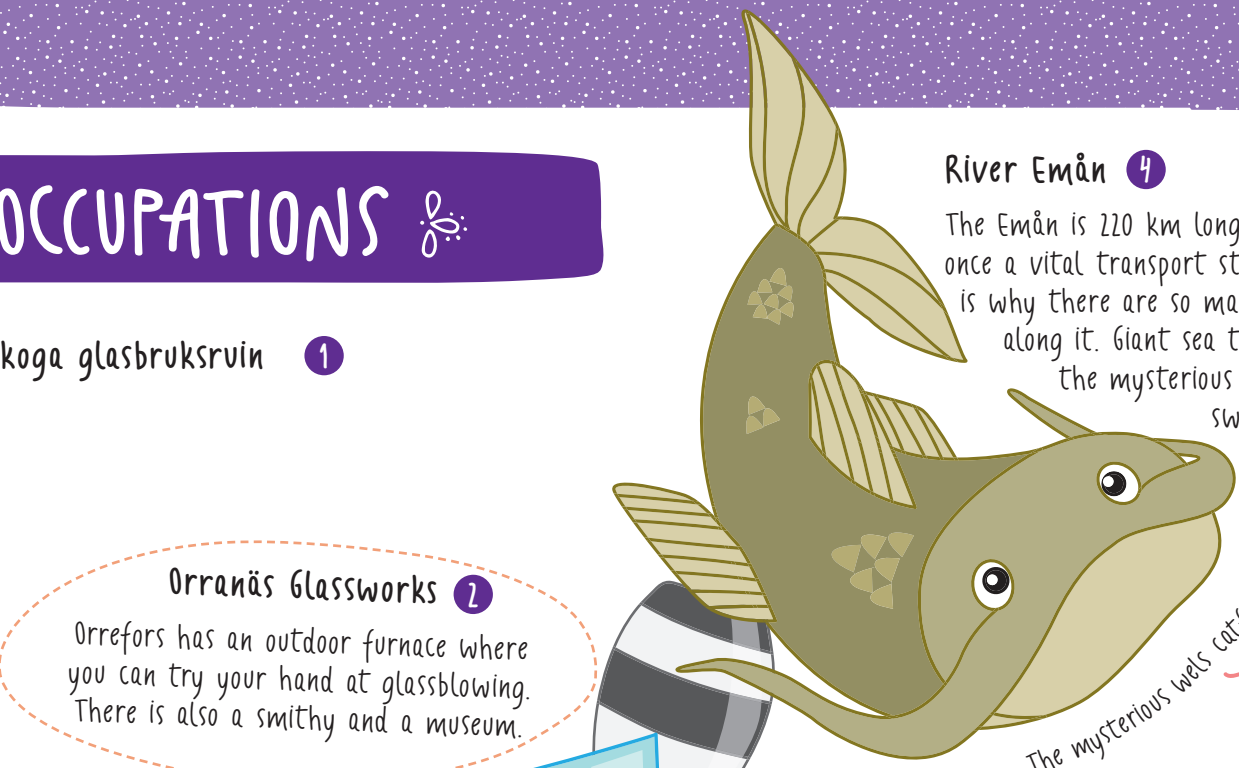
In the children's Kingdom of Glass, you can try your hand at glassblowing and walk over bridges among elves and trolls.

Gladhammar mines 7

Copper, iron ore and cobalt have been mined here for over 900 years. Enjoy the magnificent view over Tjursbosjön lake.

Farmers once worked their hands to the bone in the deep Småland forests. The small fields were often too meagre to feed a family. Many emigrated to north America to seek a new life.

I wonder if this road leads to America...



NATURE AND HIKING TRAILS

Nature and wildlife offer fantastic experiences. Here are a few places to visit. Many have excellent trails and bathing spots.

What do you like most about nature?

BEGIN HERE

1 Kvilleken oak

This oak tree is a thousand years old and was first mentioned in 1772. It's 13 metres in circumference, making it one of Sweden's largest trees.



2 Vippstenen & Hallasjö village

The well-preserved houses in Hallasjö village look just as they did in the 17th century. Vippstenen is a 35-ton stone that tilts when you push it.



5 Sme-ån nature trail

A fine trail with bridges and resting spots. If you're lucky you might spot an otter or a white-throated dipper.



6 More Kastell ravine

If you like climbing, then More Kastell is the place for you. Put on your climbing boots and scale the 25-metre-tall ravine if you dare.



8 Beijershamn

This 2-kilometre-long pier is the result of a failed port construction. Today there is a birdwatching tower and walkways. Over 200 different bird species have so far been spotted.

9 Aboda Klint nature reserve

Stunning views in beautiful surroundings. Bathe in the lake, go fishing and paddle canoe.



10 Stone labyrinths

The stone labyrinths at Gullaskröv are a symbol of how hard people worked in the past. The stones were laid to one side in winding threads when clearing the way for the railway.



13 Tuna lövpark

In this leafy park of deciduous trees there is a small hiking trail with several different stations. There is also a love trail.



16 Norra Kvills National Park

One of 30 Swedish national parks. Old-growth forest with interesting flora and fauna.

17 Örnberget/Fruberget

Örnberget and the ancient castle on Fruberget offer fabulous views over forest and sea. There is a cave on the way to the castle.



19 Ödet

Ödet is a delightful natural expanse with paths and footbridges. It has a birdwatching tower and is inhabited by some extraordinary insects.



21 Runkesten boulder

This large boulder weighs 260 tons but will move at a push. Legend has it that the giantess Kåra tossed the stone here.



11 Garpedansberget hill

A hill 70 metres in height that offers stunning views over Gamleby. At the summit is a park with sculptures of gnomes, elves and dragons.

14 Hängesten hanging boulders

Along the Odensvi to Blackstad road are some amazing hanging boulders.



18 Jonas Stolts kyrkväg trail

Walk in the footsteps of Jonas Stolt, a shoemaker who depicted life 200 years ago.



12 Svartbäcksmåla nature reserve

Svartbäcksmåla is a nature reserve for outdoor activities. The Baltic ice lake once covered large parts of southern Sweden. The pits you see in the ground are called dead ice pits.



15 Möckelmossen lake

The Alvar's largest lake. Several trails lead from here over the Alvar. There are also some concrete blocks that were part of a secret testing field on Öland.



20 Bielkeleden trail

Bielkeleden trail meanders around Grimmansmålasjön lake through exciting natural surroundings. You'll see traces of the Bielke family's medieval farm.

Can you get through the labyrinth without coming across an insect? How many footprints did you make?

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22 Bråbygden

Wander through the Bråbobygden district. A beautiful cultural landscape with plenty to offer.



FINISH



STONES EVERYWHERE

Wherever you look there are stones. Rocks and boulders from the inland ice. And there are stone walls, dwellings and castles that people have built from stone. Without all the stone, Småland and Öland would have looked much different. What would you like to build from stone?

The ring wall at Kvarnholmen 1
Kalmar is one of four Swedish towns to have had a stone ring wall. It was built in the 17th century to defend the town from attack.

Mittmuren 2
Mittmuren is a 40-kilometre-long stone wall that divides east and west on southern Öland. It is as long as a marathon race and several trails go past it.

Karlevi runestone 3
A large runestone that was raised a thousand years ago in honour of Sibbe, a Danish chieftain who was probably buried there.

Peace monument in Brömsebro 6
A monument to the peace treaty signed between Denmark and Sweden in 1645. The treaty marked the beginning of Sweden's reign as a great power around the Baltic Sea.

Stone walls 4
There are stone walls all over Småland. The stones had to be removed to cultivate the land. If you put all the walls end to end, they would stretch many thousands of kilometres.

Old cemetery 5
The site of the old village church in Kalmar. It was blown up when the town was moved in the 1670s. But the cemetery remains, and you can see how large the church was. There are still plenty of old gravestones.

Stenebo mine in Ukna 7
The mine is from the 17th century and descends 90 metres. You enter through the 85-metre-long corridor to the hall of the Mountain King. Bring a torch and tough clothing.



Jag är Bergakungen!

Hunger monument 8
Along the old country road in Fagerhult stands a monument to the people who died of hunger in the 19th century.

KALMAR COUNTY HAS MANY CASTLES AND FORTRESSES

Stegholm Castle ruins 9
This fortified castle was built in the Middle Ages to defend Gamleby bay and Västervik. The annual Visfestivalen music festival is held here, along with other events.

Borgholm Castle 10
The castle burned down over 200 years ago and is the reason it has no roof. It is said to be haunted by the White Lady.

Eketorp Fortress 11
Eketorp Fortress dates to the 4th century. Today it is the only rebuilt ancient fortress in Sweden. Experience what life was like living in a fortress.

Gråborg Fortress 12
Öland's largest ancient fortress dates back over a thousand years. The fortress walls are four metres high and the whole wall is 640 metres long. The fortress was probably a trading post.

Kalmar Castle 13
The oldest parts of Kalmar Castle date back almost a thousand years. The stone was fetched from Öland. Gustav Vasa and his sons rebuilt the castle in the 16th century.

Brömsehus Fortress 14
Brömsehus Fortress was located on the Danish-Swedish border at Brömseback river. Today it is a ruin reminiscent of when Blekinge belonged to Denmark.

Hunger mounds 15
In Hägerum are large square stone mounds said to have been built by women and children. They were paid with flour and bread.

Kyrkstenarna boulders 16
Three large boulders form a space you can enter. It was used as a church in the 17th century.

Abbey ruins in Kronobäck 17
The ruins of a 15th century abbey. Seafarers and wayfarers could spend a night with the monks. The abbey also functioned as a hospital.

The Ship of Songs 18
The Ship of Songs was erected in the 1980s in Storebro. It's made from 20 stone blocks in the shape of a ship. Each block has two Swedish songs.

Vånevik quarry 19
There were once many quarries dotted along the coast. Vånevik was the centre of the stone industry in Kalmar County. There is now a museum and a hiking trail.



Buuuu!

How many pairs of eyes can you find?pairs



DID YOU KNOW THAT...
Most Öland stone walls are built from limestones stacked on top each other.

BOATS AND SHIPPING

Kalmar County has the longest coast in the country. This was important as everything was transported by sea. There have also been many boatyards and harbours along the coast. Today most things are transported by road or rail, so the harbours are not used as much.

What do you like best about the sea?

Old boatyard at Revsudden 2

Large boats were built here in the past. The last boat was the schooner Johanna, launched in 1867. Look for the stone mound near the canal where Kung Skägge lies buried.

Bläsinge fishing harbour 4

A genuine fishing harbour with a museum in one of the boathouses. If you're lucky you might get some fresh fish straight off the boat.

1 Tall John lighthouse

The lighthouse on Öland's southernmost point is 42 metres tall and Sweden's tallest. Navigate the 197 stairs for the best view on Öland.

3 Idö pilot lookout tower

From the roof of the old pilot lookout tower you can see for miles over land and sea. Old pictures and objects from life in the archipelago are on display.




5 Ekenäs boatyard 5

Boats were first made here back in 1860. Today the yard refurbishes and repairs wooden boats. Ekenäs also has a small bakery.

Bergkvara Maritime Museum 6

The old warehouse exhibits photos and objects from old ships. This was once an important place for shipbuilding and trading.

The pigs are going a bit potty on the island. How many animals are there altogether?

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Garpen lighthouse 8

From Bergkvara it takes around 15 minutes by boat to Garpen island. Climb up in the lighthouse for a view over the Kalmar Sound.

Mars Makalös shipwreck 9

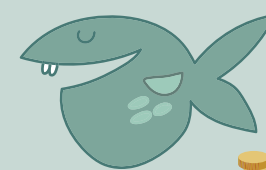
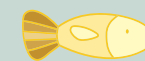
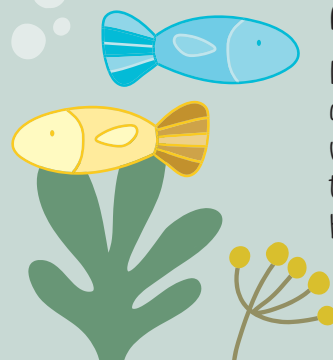
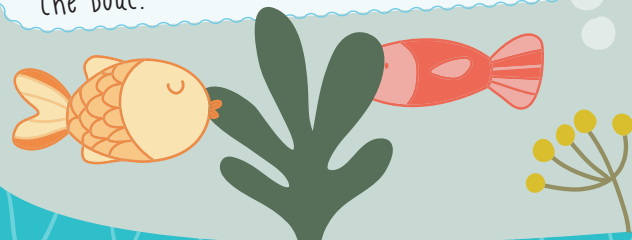
In Västervik Museum you can take a voyage to the bottom of the sea with the help of modern technology to look at the large warship that's been lying there since 1564

Warship Kronan 7

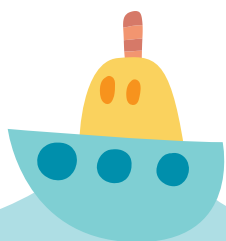
Finds from Kronan are on display in Kalmar County Museum. It was one of the world's largest ships when it sank off the Öland coast in 1676. It was found in 1980 and everything from large cannons to gold coins have since been recovered.

Holms boatyard in Gamleby 10

Some of the world's fastest sailing boats were built here in the 20th century. Some won Olympic and World Championship medals. The port itself was an important place for trade and transport.



QUIZ TIME





Fill in the empty squares. You can only put one of each thing on each down and across row and in each box with four squares.

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Above are four places visited by the otter. On which page of this guide are they?

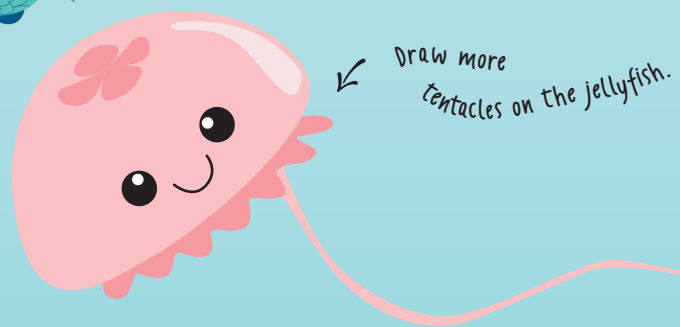
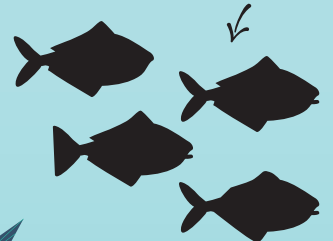
What do you see in the picture that doesn't belong in the sea? Put an X above it.

Jumble the letters to find the name of a creature that lives in the sea. Then look for it.

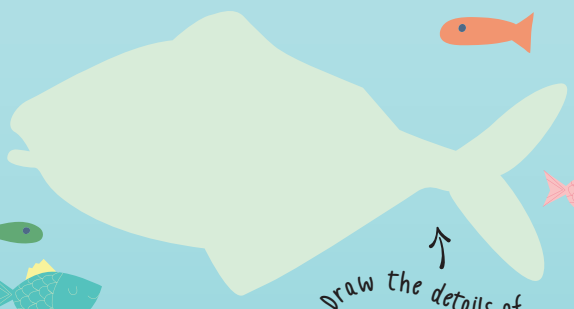
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Circle the correct shape that fits the fish above.



Draw more tentacles on the jellyfish.



Draw the details of the fish and shell.

Steer towards the next word in alphabetical order.

Hitta en likadan fisk och ringa in den!

START HERE

anchor

crab

boat

fish

eel

öland

treasure

water

otter

mussel

How many gold coins can you find on the seabed?

Circle the ten identical green shells.

How many small fish can you count?

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FINISH



KALMAR COUNTY
is full of
exciting places ...

... and they all
have a story to
tell.



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