VISIT Askersund
– next to Sweden’s best hidden archipelago!
2020
ASKERSUND is a small idyllic lakeside town with a quaint, intimate atmosphere. Its charming wooden buildings in the town centre with inviting cafes, shops and walks are just a stone’s throw from the spectacular but little known cluster of some 250 islands that make up the archipelago of northern Lake Vättern. You can find many peaceful walking trails and nature reserves with beautiful views in the area but also great bicycle and MTB trails, as well as several major recurring events — all worth experiencing!

Welcome to Askersund - we help you find your adventure!

Easter Walk & Fire Week Tiveden-Lake Vättern
Many visitors are drawn to nature in the spring and autumn to enjoy wonderful activities in the forests of Tiveden and along the shores of Lake Vättern. For more information go to www.tiveden.se

Spring & Autumn markets
Already in 1550, Gustav Vasa believed Askersund to have great potential as a place of commerce and decided that the town would organise a market. The livestock markets of the past still exist today, but now in the form of spring and autumn markets. Twice a year, the streets are filled with market stalls, goods, and visitors in the mood for shopping. For more info, google “Lions Askersund”.

Art round trip (Konstrundan)
Many of the local artists, craftsmen, and photographers open up their studios and homes to visitors during this weekend. Don’t miss out on this unique opportunity to step into the world of an artist. You can also view a presentation of the exhibition at Sjöängen Art Gallery from April 25 and during the art round trip. www.nvbof.se

Ekoloppet & Askersund Outdoor Festival
Ekoloppet (the Eco Race) is a close encounter with the archipelago and the deep forests of Tiveden. Ekoloppet has an experience level and a competition level. Both have their finish line at the Outdoor Festival area on Borgmästerholmen Islet. www.askersundoutdoorfestival.se

Åsafläset
A 40 km long exercise race for anyone who likes to cycle. Start and finish in Lerbäck. www.astrointresseforening.se/asaflaset

Vätternrundan
A new stretch is added to Vätternrundan, passing through Askersund. At the depot stop, you can cheer on the cyclists entering the final stretch before the finish line. www.vatternrundan.se

Children’s theatre in Lerbäck
See this popular family theatre in a production by Lerbäck Theatre. This year, we get to meet a classic character from Astrid Lindgren’s great treasure of tales: Emil in Lönneberga brings us along for his shenanigans in the Småland forests. The show is performed on the theatre’s open-air stage, surrounded by greenery and regardless of weather. www.lerbacksteater.se

Antiques & Curiosities market
At the Antiques & Curiosities Market in Åmmeberg, you can find bargains among a rich array of antique objects from around 100 exhibitors. This great market has become a favourite meeting place and a popular destination for thousands of gadget enthusiasts. www.askersundsauktionskammare.se

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Antiques market

Car & Bike Meet
Great vibrations are in the air when Askersund is filled to the brim with gleaming vintage cars, custom builds, and motorcycles with rumbling engines. With a stunning location on Alsen beach and with 1600 exhibitors and 8000 visitors, this car and motorcycle show is considered one of Sweden’s most popular.

Children’s Week
Bring out your inner child and join us for a week packed with activities for the whole family! Come and hunt for treasures, attend the family theatre in Lerbach, hop aboard a pirate cruise on Lake Vättern, watch shows, try out activities, and why not enter this year’s “Glasse-lopp race”? Many of the activities are free. www.visitaskersund.se/barnveckan

Midnattssolsrallyt
Once again, we welcome the participants of Midnattssolsrallyt (Midnight Sun Rally). For a description of special stretches and stops, please see www.msr.com

Swedish Golf Cup
The Swedish Golf Cup week is mix of competition and social interaction and takes place in Örebro County. Askersund Golf Club hosts the H60 Class playing 10–12 July. www.askersundsgk.com

FOR MORE EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT www.visitaskersund.se

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The town

The small town with great charm

Right in the heart of Sweden, at the northern tip of Lake Vättern, lies Askersund. This quaint wooden town on the water enjoys a relaxing atmosphere all year round. Take the time to stop and experience the cobblestone squares, the cafés, and the restaurants. But don’t for a second think that time here has come to a halt!

Askersund Harbour greets you with open arms and a wealth of restaurants and cafés, small craft stalls, exhibitions, and kiosks by the new harbour square. From here, the beautiful promenade extends along our little town, which has something to offer for everyone. You can take a boat tour out into Northern part of Lake Vättern’s stunning archipelago or walk across the long footbridge to Borgmästareholmen Islet for some outdoor activities. Rent a bike or kayak, stay on an island in the middle of the town, or go for a refreshing swim.

Spread out your picnic blanket on the lovely green areas along the promenade and enjoy views of Stjernsund Castle and the town’s boat life out on Lake Alsen. The “Oden II” playground, the town’s beloved climbing tree, boules court, and Hagabaden swim area all invite you to play, and the mini train will take you for a ride between the harbour and the scenic Heritage Centre at Stadsparken city park.

With its generous glass sections and its wonderful lake views, Sjöängen offers experiences and social interaction. Every year, Sjöängen presents colourful spring and autumn programmes featuring events, performing arts, and exhibitions. Sjöängen is also the perfect venue for larger meetings and conferences.

A mere stone’s throw, new housing with unbeatable lake front views are being developed – feel the spirit of the future where the city’s roots sprout next to the old station building and the new bus station square.

And, you are never more than a block or two away from the old alleys, the quaint squares, and the unique shops that reveal small-town life by the water.

Askersund

Country Church

A devastating lightning strike in 1661 set fire to Askersund’s medieval wooden church. A new church was erected, the Country Church, its grand silhouette rising at the southern entrance to Askersund. Called the “Knight Island Church of the Countryside” by the poet Verner von Heidenstam, the church was completed in 1670 and is a fine example of Swedish 17th century imperial architecture. The church has links to the Oxenstierna-Soop family at Stjernsund Castle south of Askersund.

This year, the Country Church celebrates 350 years, and during the summer, the church doors open to welcome its visitors.
Marina & RV Parks

“Askersunds Citycamp & Gästhamn” (RV Park & Marina) is a popular destination for motorhomes, caravans, and boats. In addition to a café and a fuel jetty, you can rent bikes, canoes, and outboard rowing boats here.

Right next to the marina is the brand new “Askersunds Ställplats (RV Park) Marinan”, attracting visitors with beautiful views of the harbour and walking distance to all town activities.

Our RV park welcomes you from early spring until late autumn. Enjoy the tranquillity and charm of the small town – as well as first class events. Join us and claim your spot!

Taste Askersund!

Good French cheeses, a tall beer, and a delicious chocolate praline. Askersund’s food artisans treat you to genuine culinary sensations! Here you can taste the joy of creation, authenticity, and quality – and you get to meet the stories and the people behind the culinary craft.

Inside the prestigious Askersund Brewery you can enjoy a first-class beer tasting in a pleasant atmosphere. A whiff of French latitudes greets you at Madame Nature, where an excellent assortment of tasty cheeses and French delicacies have their given space in the town’s old loading warehouse. Venus Choklad welcomes you to a world of flavours and aromas from handmade pralines in its seductive chocolate shop and café. Welcome to your own tasting experience in Askersund!

For more information, please visit www.visitaskersund.se or contact Askersunds Turist- & Evenemangsbyrå.

Nature nearby

Within walking distance from the town centre, there is not just one but two nature reserves – Väderkvarnsbacken on the northern side of the town and Stadsparken on the southern side. Scenic Stadsparken features an open-air museum with historic buildings from the area, a restaurant and a mini-zoo. You can also find hidden treasures while geocaching with the help of a GPS. Walk here along the beach front or take the mini-train from the harbour. The train departs several times a day during the summer and timetables are available at the stops or at Askersunds Turist- & Evenemangsbyrå. An easy access to a geocaching trail, aimed for families with children, is available at Stadsparken nearby the Heritage Center. Search out Askersund’s hidden treasures with the help of your mobile phone.

Take your own city walk

Head out for a leisurely stroll through Askersund and discover the stories of the buildings. Information signs on the facades provide interesting facts and small stories in Swedish from times gone by. For a map and more information, please contact Askersunds Turist- & Evenemangsbyrå.

Askersund — accessible to all

We continuously work to make our town more accessible to all, for the benefit of families with children as well as for people with disabilities. For example, the marina features a lift to help disabled people to safely get into a boat; in Harge, you can find an accessible swimming jetty and beach wheelchairs for a lovely dip in Lake Vättern; and the ten-pin bowling alley has disabled access too – so get out there and enjoy everything Askersund has to offer!
The Culture

Wonderful moments in Askersund

Take the pulse of Askersund’s culture! Do you like fine cars, or are you curious about local artisan food? Do you enjoy beautiful artwork, industrial history, castle surroundings, or would you like to experience famous movie locations, meet town celebrities, or watch a good movie? Perhaps you’re curious about the great shows and performing arts? Creativity has many faces, and Askersund offers a wide variety of cultural experiences all year round.

Beautiful cars are a well-known feature in Askersund. The Car & Bike Meet, Midnight Sun Rally, the Vintage Car Club Tuesday meets, and the annual meeting of the Morganklubben are just a few of all the great opportunities to see unique cars being tenderly cared for.

In the footsteps of celebrities

Are you drawn to beautiful places that have provided the backdrop for movies? The Swedish Television series “Tjuv & Polis” (Thieves & Cops) was filmed in Askersund during 2019. Here you can meet the toy retailer Johan, one of ten local “thieves”, who tried to keep a 5 million Swedish crowns loot away from the long arm of the law. The award-winning film “Lantisar” was also shot in the Askersund area, and you can visit the lovely spots seen in the movie. Or you can enjoy the latest feature films and live broadcasts in Stora salongen at the Sjöängen Cultural Centre.

Add colour to your day

Watercolours, oil paintings, textiles, sculptures, glass, ceramics... Art exhibitions and local crafts have a long tradition in Askersund. The summer art season begins with the Art round trip, where about a hundred artists open up their homes and studios to visitors. The art gallery in Askersund’s harbour warehouse is filled with various exhibitions during the summer, and Sjöängen Art Gallery has something to offer all year round. In addition, many creative artists and craftspeople will happily open up their studios for you. Please visit the culture pages at www.visit-askersund.se for more information.

The great food

The joy of creation in Askersund is expressed not least in the artisan food. Local food producers offer high-quality products in small shops, farm shops, restaurants, and cafés. They grow organic vegetables and tasty tomatoes, they make exquisite chocolate and freshly brewed beer, and they serve Lake Vättern’s finest char. And much more. You’ll find restaurants and cafés both in town and on the countryside. Make sure not to miss the autumn’s great food event Matresan (A Journey of Foods), an amazing opportunity to discover the unique food and meet the passionate people behind it.
Sjöängen Cultural Centre

Askersund’s new cultural centre, Sjöängen, stands right next to the promenade by the waterfront. An exciting venue for cultural experiences all year round, and a meeting place for young and old from near and far. Welcome!

Sjöängen is vibrating with life. The concert hall “Stora salongen” offers year-round concerts as well as theatre and dance performances, featuring both national and local artists.

You can also enjoy the latest feature films and live broadcasts from major opera stages on Närke’s biggest cinema screen. Conferences, lectures, and fairs are regularly organised – Sjöängen provides a venue for both meetings and experiences.

A different view every day
The art gallery is open all year round, with free admission and various exhibits. Beautiful and memorable artwork adorns Sjöängen, both inside and out. With amazing views of the water and the town promenade, the architectural lines and Nordic colouring scheme interact with both nature and season.

Wellbeing in focus
With its strategic location next to Askersund Bus Station, Sjöängen is easy to get to and you can enjoy all that the centre has to offer at your own leisurely pace. Around the corner you’ll find nice accommodation and small-town shopping, cosy cafés and restaurants. Askersund welcomes you to Sjöängen!

Curious about Sjöängen?
Each spring and autumn, an exciting programme of activities and events at Sjöängen Cultural Centre is presented. Experience both the grand and the simple on a large stage in a small town.

Please visit www.sjoangen.askersund.se for more information about the current programme, tickets, and activities.
Sweden’s best hidden archipelago

Northern Lake Vättern’s unique freshwater archipelago is sure to take you by surprise with its eco-park of nearly 250 islands, islets, and rocks. Hoist your sails or crawl into the kayak and head out into the vast and pristine archipelago. You can also hike the trails along the rocks or slide down into crystal clear waters after soaking up the sun on the cliffs. Find your own little hideaway!

TIPS

Strap on your hiking boots and go exploring along rocky beaches or island trails! You’ll find lovely lookout points and hidden mushroom spots where you can fill up your basket and nourish your soul.
Natural harbours

The archipelago offers plenty of beautiful spots with natural harbours that offer almost complete privacy. Many islands have toilets, waste bins and barbecue areas. Some of the islands offer visitors the possibility to sleep overnight in a tent or a shelter. Sheltered mooring is for instance available at Stora Hjortholmen and Lilla Hjortholmen, between the open waters of Aspafjärden and Lövsundsfläden. A small walking bridge connects the two islands Stora Hjortholmen and Lilla Hjortholmen, enabling you to wander around the islands. For a chance to stretch your legs properly, take your tender over to Stora Aspön, where you will find 25 km of hiking trails and, frequently, traces of animal life on the island.

Next to the shipping lane heading for Askersund, just west of Bastedalen lighthouse, is Grönön island and its jetty with disabled access. Bear in mind that the jetty is exposed to westerly winds. If conditions are unfavourable for mooring here, shelter is available between Däkholmarna and Pulsarnas islands. When the weather is good, you can also anchor securely further out. It is rumoured that seasoned yachtmen can easily find mooring in privacy at Stora Krökholmen or Stora Ulfaxen islands, just north-east of Stora Aspön, but this is a secret so don’t tell anyone!

Marinas

You are always close to serviced marinas in the archipelago. Moor at Olshammar Marina, visit the birthplace of Nobel laureate Verner von Heidenstam and take a guided tour in the Birgitta Church. Set sail and take a day cruise to the northernmost part of Lake Vättern. Veer to the starboard side towards Kårraviken and Åmmeberg marina and be ready to take out your golf clubs. Walk around the well maintained course at Askersund Golf Club or treat your family to lunch at the restaurant. Continue one nautical mile towards Lake Alsen, where you are greeted by the sight of beautiful Stjernsund castle. Moor at the jetty by the café, take a tour of the palace, visit the seasonal exhibition as well as the gift shop and perhaps have a snack in the café. In the distance you can now see the well equipped Askersund marina where the town awaits you with its traditional wooden architecture and small town charm with homely cafés and delightful shops.

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Slipways

Haga in Askersund, the marinas in Olshammar and Åmmeberg, as well as Tisaren marina in Åsbro. For more information about the slipways and their coordinates, please see www.visitaskersund.se.
**Canoeing**

We all need to catch up on ourselves sometimes. Enjoying the silence, peace and quiet as you float past in a canoe or kayak is a form of relaxation discovered by more and more people. On the islands of Björkholmen, Stora Krokholmen, Lilla Krokholmen, Grönon, Lilla Hjortholmen and Stora Hjortholmen you can camp for up to two nights. Barbecue sites, firewood, waste bin and toilets are provided to make your outdoor life easier.

Most of the archipelago is nature reserve and eco-park, which means that twigs and branches found on the ground cannot be used as firewood. Please do not leave litter on the islands. Take care of nature!

**Fishing**

The archipelago of northern Lake Vättern is a haven for fishing enthusiasts. The crystal clear water is home to a large number of species, from the old pike lurking among the reeds to the lively perch and the delicious char. Being one of the largest lakes in the country, Lake Vättern offers free fishing with hand-held equipment. You are allowed to fish from a boat provided it does not move by engine power, oars or other means. If you stand on the shore, all you need to do is throw your line out and get started.

More ambitious fishermen, wishing to fish from a moving boat, need to buy a fishing license for trolling and inquire about the limits for the fishing rights in different areas before setting out. If you want to try your luck on the waves of Lake Vättern proper, fishing is free 300 metres from land or any islands. However, make sure you find out about closed areas of the lake if you plan to be fishing between September 15th and December 31st. You can also catch crayfish here during August, but remember to find out about the regulations before placing your crayfish trap at your favourite spot.

**Lake Vättern – an unpredictable lake**

Stay safe! Keep in mind that Lake Vättern is not a lake to take for granted. You have to pay attention to signs of the weather changing. The weather here can shift from calm to gale unusually quickly, turning calm waters into stormy sea. Do not go out on Lake Vättern if you are unsure of the weather!

For more information...

...about fishing in Askersund and Tiveden, please download our digital fishing brochure from www.visitaskersund.se/fiske, or pick it up here at Askersunds Turist- & Evenemangsbyrå.
The Archipelago and Tíveden

At the northern tip of Lake Vättern, glittering archipelago landscape meets the deep forests of Tíveden, offering plenty of nature experiences close at hand. An archipelago hike can lead you onto enchanted forest trails, and a kayak tour among the islands can easily be switched for a bike adventure on Tíveden’s winding paths.

The area features a wide range of activities for everyone — come find your own wilderness adventure! For more information, please visit www.visitaskersund.se and www.tiveden.se, or contact Askersunds Turist- & Evenemangsbyrå for personal tips.

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Nature

Hiking trails

Askersund has nearly 30 nature reserves, most of them with marked hiking trails, offering everything from islands and meadows with oak trees, to deep virgin forest.

Dovrasjödalen
The length of this trail varies between 2.3 and 8 km, depending on the chosen route. Some sections can be demanding. The nature reserve passes three long and narrow lakes in a deep gorge in a wilderness area. The trail starts just outside Östansjö. Wind shelter and barbecue area are available.

Harge Uddar
The length of this trail is 2.5 km. Some sections are demanding, as the trail runs up and down large rocks. Magnificent views over Lake Vättern when skies are clear. Opportunities for swimming by the rocks or at Vännerviken bay. Wind shelter and barbecue areas are available.

Mariedammsleden
The length of this trail is 4 or 9 km, depending on the chosen route. The area is slightly hilly. Café open in the summertime. Wind shelter and barbecue area are available.

Mårsätter
The length of this trail is 4 or 7 km. The trail is very demanding with some climbing involved. Beautiful views over lake Vättern and surrounding farmland. No wind shelters or barbecue areas are available.

Stenkälla
The trail starts at the information centre in Tiveden national park. The length of the trail is 2 km, partially in difficult terrain involving some climbing. Opportunities for swimming along the way. Allow plenty of time, the trail normally takes at least one hour to complete.

Tjälvesta-Snavlunda
The trail runs through slightly hilly areas through meadows and lightly forested areas. A network of paths and trails makes up hikes of 1 to 10 km in length. During the spring and early summer you can enjoy the blossoming wood anemone, cowslip, globe-flower, arctic violet. Picnic basket is highly recommended! Opportunities for swimming at Lake Trehörningen.

Trollkyrka
The Trollkyrka circuit is about 6 km, partially through difficult terrain. The trail starts at the information centre in Tiveden national park. Allow plenty of time, the trail normally takes at least three hours to complete.

Utnäset
Partially demanding trail over flat rocks with magnificent views over the archipelago of northern Lake Vättern. The trail is 3 km and offers opportunities for swimming and barbecuing.

Bergslagen Trail
The Bergslagen Trail runs like an artery across all of Örebro county. With a length of 280 km, this is one of Sweden’s longest walking trails, divided into sections between 7 and 23 km in length. Sections 15, 16 and 17 cross Tiveden. Maps and more information are available on the homepage, www.bergslagsleden.se

Lake Snårsjön
Trail around Lake Snårsjön and through the Viken Reserve where nature is characterised by old-growth forest in canyons from the rift valley. The trail description contains croft history of deserted crofts. Leaflets are available at Askersunds Turist- & Evenemangshyra.

For more information...
...about hiking trails, please visit www.visitaskersund.se
...about Tiveden National Park www.sverigesnationalparker.se
Useful information for planning your visit.
Cycle routes

Pack a picnic basket and go for a journey of discovery on a bike. The cycle routes in the area range from 6 km to 35 km, in different types of terrain, with a wealth of natural as well as historical sights along the way. Over-night accommodation is available along all the trails.

Åsbro-Nyckelhult-Lerbäck Church-Åsbro
This route is about 17 km, starting in Åsbro and running east along Lake Tisaren towards Skåle nature reserve, where it turns around, heading west towards Lerbäck Church. The route runs on tarmac as well as gravel roads.

Askersund-Dohnafors-Östra Laxsjön-Vinnasjön-Läggesta-Askersund
The route is about 39 km. It starts in Askersund, takes you due west into Tiveden forest, and circles Östra Laxsjön before turning back to Askersund. The route runs on tarmac as well as gravel roads. Opportunities for swimming at several locations along the way.

Around Lake Åmmelången
This cycle trail is about 30 km, circling Lake Åmmelången. The road from Askersund to the area is narrow and windy and can at times be busy. The trail runs on gravel and tarmac. Several underground mines, well worth a visit, can be found along the trail. In Åmmeberg you can find a golf course, grocery store, restaurant and hotel.

Mountain bike trails
Askersund and surrounding areas are part of Northern Europe’s most extensive continuous network of mountain biking trails, Bergslagen cycling. You’ll find 1,200 km of MTB trails of various degrees of difficulty spread over eight large mountain bike areas.

More information...
...about the trails and cycling-friendly accommodation can be found at www.bergslagencycling.com

Tiveden National Park

Tiveden National Park consists of pristine wilderness. Trails, at times challenging, wind their way through this magnificent landscape of enchanting ancient forests, smooth rocks, and dark forest ponds. The National Park welcomes everyone, from the avid hiker to families with children, and offers room for both adventure and meditation. During the last few years, the National Park has been carefully restored and adapted, expanded and made accessible, and is now ready with new entrances and clearly marked trails.

Knowledgeable nature experts offer a nice mix of Tiveden’s bewitching mystery, tales from the past, and a deeper understanding of the phenomena of nature. Guided tours must be pre-booked at www.tivedensguider.se.

Remember that...

...a national park is the strongest form of nature protection. National parks are formed on government land with the aim to permanently conserve an interesting natural and cultural landscape and giving visitors the opportunity to experience and enjoy nature.
Active in Askersund

Located in the archipelago, close to the forests of Tiveden, and with a vibrant countryside of several small communities, Askersund offers a wide range of activities for those who enjoy an active holiday.

Enhance your summer by visiting any of the ten municipal beaches and try the new beach volleyball court by the beach at Lake Hemsjön in Åsbro. Go for a swim in Hargebaden’s heated pool or from Harge’s sandy beaches – Närke’s Riviera. Hargebaden has an accessible jetty and you can also borrow the beach wheelchair Hippocampe. The municipality has many lakes to enjoy, both those with prepared swim areas and those where you can find your own swimming spot! And why not try your luck fishing in one of the many lakes?

If you wish to get out on the waves, there are plenty of places to launch your own canoe or kayak. You can also hire a canoe, kayak or other type of boat from one of the rental companies around. If you like sailing, you can sign up for dinghy sailing with one of the boat clubs in the area.

Or why not try our new trails for cycling and mountain biking, or cycle orienteering. The maps to your most rewarding experience this summer can be found at Askersunds Turist- & Evenemangsbyrå. Do your warm-up in the new bicycle technical track at Solberga IP sports field or get the skateboard out and let your kids play in our skate and bike park. For those who want to enjoy nature at a more leisurely pace, there are lighted trails around the municipality as well as the Wellness Walk (Hälsans stig) in Askersund. Or why not take off on a hike on one of our many exciting hiking trails. Another way to get to know the local area is to look for hidden treasures while geocaching.

TIPS
Swimming in lakes or a heated outdoor pool
Beach wheelchair for the disabled
Orienteering biking, mountain biking, bike paths and a technical track
Hiking or running on trails or cross country
SUP, canoeing or kayaking
Sailing a dinghy or a sailboat
Riding on trails or at an equestrian facility
Fishing
Ten-pin bowling
Workout at fitness centre
Tennis
Geocaching
Beach volleyball
Golf
Padel
Miniature golf
Skate and BMX cycle park
Children’s playgrounds
Ice skating on lakes or an ice rink
Outdoor gym
Labyrinth
Frisbee Golf
Wellness Walk (Hälsans stig)
**Small Town shopping**

The shop owners of Askersund know what they’re doing! Sparkling goldsmiths, driven gardeners, colourful fashion retailers, unique antique dealers...

When strolling around town, you may run into the mischievous toy retailer Johan, or one of the other personalities from the SVT series Tjuv & Polis. Whether it is a nice summer day with ice cream in the harbour or Christmas time in the town square, you’ll find a varied selection with a local touch.

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**Local & Sustainable**

We care about both nature and people and want to offer experiences that we can truly stand behind. Find local activities for the whole family.

Varied nature and a great range of interesting cultural attractions are just a short drive or bike ride away. Feel the wind on your face, and let the journey become part of the destination! You can also enjoy the simplicity and everything that nature and small-scale businesses have to offer: local artisan foods, organic farming, traditional and genuine crafts, reuse and flea markets, as well investments in new and sustainable technology.
**Children’s theatre in Lerbäck**

JUNE 25TH– JULY 26TH

See the popular family show at Lerbäck Theatre. This year, we get to meet a classic character from Astrid Lindgren’s great treasure of tales: *Emil in Lönneberga* brings us on his shenanigans on the farm in Katt-hult, Småland. The show is performed on the theatre’s open-air stage, surrounded by greenery and regardless of weather. www.lerbacksteater.se

**Art Circuit**

June 13th– Sep 30th

With their keen eyes, children are usually the first to discover the artworks that are placed along the trail. Old and young artists display their imaginative creations along a 1.6 km long hiking trail through the forests of Tiveden. Celebrating 20 years this year, Art Circuit is a popular excursion for the whole family. Open 24 hours.

**Mini Train**

June 22nd– Aug 16th

Riding a choo-choo train is a must in the summertime! The town mini train takes you through Askersund on its route from the harbour to the Heritage Centre and back. Visit the animals at the Heritage Centre, peak into the old buildings, or enjoy a coffee or a great meal. You can also book the mini train for groups outside scheduled hours. You’ll find the timetable and more information at www.visitaskersund.se

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**For children and grown ups**

**A city for swimming and playing**

Askersund’s proximity to water allows you to take a dip in the middle of the town. Stroll across the footbridge to Borgmästareholmen Islet where you’ll find both a beach and plenty of space for playing. And don’t forget your fishing rod! If you’d rather stay on land, you can tumble around on Askersund’s own shipwreck, “Oden II”, an exciting, and accessible playground. Follow the promenade further east and you’ll reach our second swimming area, Hagabadet. Along the promenade, the children’s popular climbing tree branches out... Are you still craving more swimming? Then head to Hargebaden – “Närke County’s Riviera” – a popular shallow bay on Lake Vättern only 10 km away. Safe swimming!

**Askersund’s treasures and meet the animals**

Not all cities have a mini-zoo in the middle of the town, but Askersund does. Hop on the mini-train that leaves the harbour and visit ducklings, rabbits, goats, and chickens at the Heritage Centre with its well preserved old buildings, as well as a cafe and restaurant. In the city park nature reserve next to the Heritage Centre, you’ll find a kids’ geocaching path with hidden treasures. You use your own phone with GPS. A small treasure awaits you at the Askersunds Turist- & Evenemangsbyrå if you manage to crack the secret code hiding in the caches!

**Children’s Week celebrates 10 years!**

Askersund is never more playful than when pirates enter the harbour and practice their moves in the bouncy castle. Restless legs are rewarded in the popular “Glasse-loppet” race with both ice cream and medals, and Tiveden Kids attracts both younger and older adventurous kids with tours and activities in the enchanted forest. The treasure hunt is in full swing and, in Lerbäck, you can go on a “tractor safari in the pasture”. There will be plenty of try-it-yourself activities. In fact, the entire week is packed with theatre and movies, music, and much more. Many of the activities are free, so bring your whole family, hang out, and have fun! You can find the programme for Children’s Week in Askersund at: www.visitaskersund.se/barnveckan
Stjernsund Castle

Beautifully situated on a peninsula in Lake Alsen, Stjernsund Castle is a neo-classical gem considered to have some of Sweden’s best preserved 1850s interiors. Expert guides can tell you about the magnificent hall, the guest apartment of Prince Gustaf, known as the “Singing Prince”, and the servants’ cellar. Check out Prince August’s billiard room and its lovely veranda. You may even feel the presence of Mrs. Cassel, the wife of the last owner of the castle, as you stroll through its chambers and corridors.

The well-kept castle park is worth visiting year round. You’ll find a carriage museum, gift shop, café and restaurant, as well as a dairy museum. During summer, you can board the M/S Wettervik in Askersund Harbour and stop at the castle in connection with a tour of northern Lake Vättern’s archipelago. In 2019, Stjernsund was also one of the filming locations for the TV series “Tjuv & Polis”, the exciting resolution of which took place at the Kungsbryggan jetty below the castle.

Guided castle tours daily from May 15th to August 31st.

Knalla mine museum in Zinkgruvan

Discover a world hidden far beneath our feet and take the old mining elevator down 200 meters below ground! Join us for a guided tour with experienced miners. You can book admission tickets at Askersunds Turist- & Evenemangsbyrå, minimum age 10. Above ground, you can visit the Mining Museum in Zinkgruvan where local history is brought to life through exciting exhibitions on mining at the old mine shaft. Hear the roaring of the rock drill and watch the old mining train chug along. You’ll find machinery, vehicles, clothing, equipment, minerals and photo exhibits, and, last but not least, a giant model of the mighty mine. Take a peek at life underground!

Base Camp on Borgmästarholmen Islet

Wilderness around the corner, literally. This is Base Camp Askersund. A mere stone’s throw from the town square, Askersund’s small island offers urban outdoor activities for the cautious and the adventurer, the lone traveller and the group. Expert guides on the island help you find your activity; paddle quietly along the town’s beautiful shore or make the island your base for a wilderness adventure on the glittering waves of Lake Vättern or in the deep, ancient forests of Tiveden.

Focusing on kids, Outdoor Kids is organised during Children’s Week – a great week for the youngest!

And with a bird’s-eye view of your surroundings, you can spend the night by the crackling fireplace in one of the island’s awesome tree-tents. Make yourself comfortable in a goahti or pitch your tent right by the water and enjoy the view of small-town life. Break out your harmonica by the campfire or work up a sweat in the sauna tent, go for a swim, or try your luck fishing. Perhaps you want to enjoy a meal in the island’s historic buildings, the beautiful pavilion and the dance and skittle alley, or take an evening stroll across the footbridge into the quaint town of Askersund. The adventure – or relaxation – starts here!

When the coal piles are lit in the forests, it’s a real party. The carefully arranged piles traditionally bear women’s names for happiness and good charcoal. Experience ancient craftsmanship and peek into the coal huts, taste “coal buns” with lingonberries and bacon, and listen to sorrowful, beautiful songs. For more information, please see the event calendar: www.visitaskersund.se
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The castle is open from May 15th–Aug 31st. Daily tours. The café is open daily from May 1st–Aug 31st. Closed June 24th, Midsummer Eve.

Further information:
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Welcome!

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Svenskt Porslinsmuseum
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Food & Coffee

Lake Vättern char, scoop ice cream, shrimp sandwich, or warm tomato soup? Fill your summer with delicious moments!

“Sjön suger” is an old Swedish saying. It simply means that being on the lake makes you hungry. Being a tourist makes you hungry too! In Askersund Harbour, you can find several harbour huts with a wide selection of lighter dishes and around town are nice restaurants and cafés. Board the mini train and enjoy a delicious lunch or coffee at Klockargården by the Askersund Heritage Centre. Other dining venues and cafés are located both in and around town. Olshammarsgården’s cuisine is a classic, as is the harbour ice cream. Enjoy a stylish moment at Stjernsund’s castle cafe, try a tasty shrimp sandwich from the kiosk in Zinkgruvan, or get lost and find your way to the cafe at Labyrinten in Lerbäck. And be sure not to miss Lake Vättern delights such as char and whitefish. Browse the Restaurants & Cafes list to find your own favourite.

Klockargården
KÖK OCH SERVERING
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Sveas Café Tutingen
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Tel +46 583 141 39
info@sveasbageri.se • sveasbageri.se
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**Restauranger & cafés**

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GPS: 58.789524, 14.650941

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**Stenkällegårdens Camping Tiveden**
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**Hotels, youth hostels, B&B**

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**Apartments or cabins**

For more information, please visit
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RV Parks

Claim your spot with views of the harbour and the town, by the beautiful archipelago, or in exciting mining surroundings.

Askersund offers RV parks for all tastes. You can opt to stay centrally, just a short walk from Askersund’s old quarters. Gaze out across the harbour from “Askersunds Citycamp & Gästharn” (RV Park & Marina) and “Askersunds Ställplats (RV Park) Marinan”, and experience the wide range of activities, shopping, and events offered by this small town year round. Or enjoy the archipelago by northern Lake Vättern from the beachside RV park of Aspa Boat Club. Rent a kayak and glide along the islands, or discover the enchanted forests of Tiveden by bike.

If mining history is what you’re after, you’ll find it by Knalla Mine, Lönns Kurva and Mariedamm RV parks. You can walk around among historic buildings and visit the exciting mining museum or abandoned mines. Or are you in the mood for a round of golf? Then head to Askersund Golf Club by Kär raviken Marina in Ämmeberg.

And don’t forget to pack your bathing suit and hiking boots, because in Askersund, you’re never far from the nearest swim area or hiking trail. Welcome!

TIPS
Access to free latrine emptying in Askersund.
For more information: www.visitaskersund.se

RV Parks

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TIVEDEN
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Go to the cinema!
The cinema is popular in Askersund, and the scent of popcorn fills the air at Sjöängen Cultural Centre. Watch the latest movies on Närke’s biggest cinema screen with Dolby Atmos-quality surround sound. You’ll find the list of current movies in the event calendar at www.visitaskersund.se or www.bio.se. See you at the movies!
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Askersund Municipality

Area: Total area 1025.21 km², 819.88 km² land and 205.33 km² water.

Population: 11 345 inhabitants. (Nov 2019, Source: SCB 20191130)

History: Askersund received its town privileges in 1643. The town charter is signed by Kristina, Queen of Sweden. Askersund Municipality was formed in 1971 through the merging of three municipalities: Askersund, Lerbäck, and Hammar.

Economy: The number of registered companies is about 1300. The largest are Zinkgruva Mining, Ahlstrom-Munksjö AB, Alfapac AB, ITS Logistikpartner AB and Abigo Medical AB. Other major companies in the area include Skyllbergs Bruks AB and Svensk GlasÅtervinning AB. In addition, retail, tourism and farming also make substantial contributions.

More information at www.askersund.se

Useful maps
Askersunds Turist- & Evenemangsbyrå offers free overview maps, as well as detailed maps, covering specific areas, for sale. Maps for download are available at www.visitaskersund.se

Parking
Parking disc
Many car parks in Askersund require the use of a parking disc. The disc is free and can be picked up at Askersunds Turist- & Evenemangsbyrå, in the town hall reception or in many local shops. Please refer to the signs at each car park for information on how long you can park free.

Long stay car park
Several car parks allow parking up to 24 hours. For more information, please contact Askersunds Turist- & Evenemangsbyrå.

TIPS
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Celebrities from Askersund: Verner von Heidenstam – author and poet; Folke Dahlberg – author and artist; Eva Eastwood – singer/songwriter; Tom Nordahl – singer and TV talent show participant; Bertil Boo – singer, starred in the popular Åsa Nisse films in the 1950s and 60s and 10 local “thieves” from the SVT series “Tjuv & Polis”.

Major sights:
Stjernsund Palace
Knalla Mine and Mining Museum
Garpa mine
Askersund country church
Askersund beach front
Hare beach
The islands of northern Lake Vättern
Tiveden National park
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Lerbäck Theatre
Lake Fogertärn
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Askersund Heritage Centre
The town with many unique shops featuring a lovely assortment of products! Askersund offers personal service and free parking.

Enjoy some shopping, coffee, food, or just stroll around our quaint little town.

You’ll find a great map of the selection in the small folder with the blue door.

Follow us on social media! Look for "Askersund i Centrum"

Time to check out things 200 metres underground?

www.knallagruva.se