



# Secret spaces

Come with us to the country's  
forgotten, closed and secret places.

Our hidden treasures are  
Sweden's cultural heritage.

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24 May 2008

At 11.00–16.00. Admission is free.



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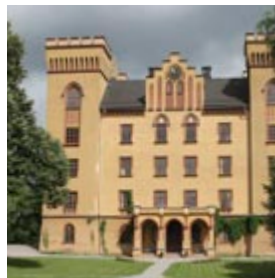


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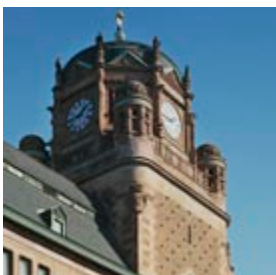


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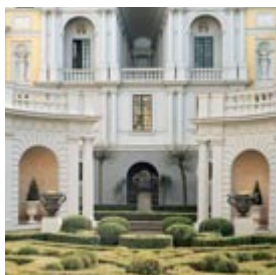


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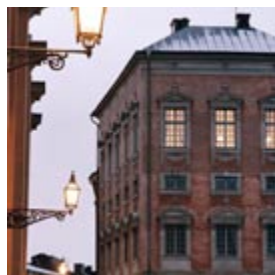


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A day full of secrets and history revealed. Now, the National Property Board is inviting you to Secret spaces across the nation. Admission to the tours and activities is free. A detailed programme of tour times, directions and information on transport, accessibility, kids' activities and everything else going on at our Secret spaces can be viewed and printed out at [www.sfv.se](http://www.sfv.se) or call us on +46(0)8-696 73 73. Our hidden treasures are Sweden's cultural heritage.

## In northern Sweden

### 1. Granudden Watermill, Jokkmokk

The watermill on Lake Skalka has become an attraction 150 years after it was built. The Swedish name for this kind of mill is "skvaltkvarn", which means "splash mill", so you can imagine what it sounds like around this site. Come and explore its innermost depths.

### 2. Sandviken Fishing Village on Ulvön, Örnköldsvik

Along the coast lie around twenty small, grey fishermen's cottages, gathered in a horseshoe shape. The cottages were built in the late 18th century, but fishermen headed here from as far afield as Strängnäs and Enköping even in the Middle Ages. Now you can enter the very heart of this cultural heritage site.

### 3. Prison, Umeå

For 120 years, bandits and conmen, thieves and murderers dreamed of leaving their cells and the large stone building in central Umeå behind them. Now you have the chance to check in for a day.

### 4. Gävle Castle, Gävle

Keen builder King Johan III commissioned the building of this castle on the Gävleån river. A devastating fire in the spring of 1727 turned the castle into a ruin, until renowned architect Hårleman's creativity gave Gävle a modern residence for the County Governor. Today the doors are being flung wide open to you.

### 5. Malingsbo Manor, Smedjebacken

In the little industrial community of Malingsbo in the deep forests of southern Dalarna, iron has been key for many hundreds of years. We open up the manor's rooms and secret nooks.

## In and around Stockholm

### 6. Rosersberg Palace

The royal summer palace of Rosersberg, near Arlanda Airport, remains unknown to many. It offers uniquely well-preserved interiors in a Neo-Classical style. The secrets and delights of the Juno wing are being revealed to the public.

### 7. Bogesund Castle, Waxholm

A romantic knight's castle with a law named after it – Lex Bogesund. You can see the always secretive castle's fantastic tapestries and find out some of the craftsmen's trade secrets.

### 8. Svartsjö Castle

The magnificent renaissance castle of the 16th century was destroyed by fire in 1687. It was reborn as a Rococo gem – a royal summer palace! Then it became a prison. Come and explore the secret history of the beauty and the beast.

### 9. Copper Tents at Haga

There is definitely something Oriental about the Copper Tents, with their curtains, fringes, tassels and medallions. The blue and gold tents from 1790 had a purpose: accommodation and stables for the Royal Life Guards. Secret attics and secret missions.

### 10. Central Post Office Building

For a hundred long years, the monumental sandstone building on Vasagatan was home to the Post Office. Ultra-modern and innovative in its time, it is now going to house the Government Offices. But you get to have a look around what will soon become one of Sweden's most secured buildings first.

### 11. Tessin Palace Garden

A little piece of gardening magic plays out behind the County Governor's residence on Slottsbacken. The magician who, in the 17th century, waved his wand over this little patch of ground was none other than Nicodemus Tessin the Younger. Many secrets are concealed in this space.

### 12. Oxenstierna Palace and Beijer House

It is in fact just the wing of a palace that was never built but even so, few 17th-century buildings in Stockholm carry their years with such dignity as this palace, now conjoined with its neighbour, Beijer House. Both reveal their innermost secrets to you.

**13. Waldemarsudde**

Oscar II's youngest son, Prince Eugen, who loved art, had his home and studio here. Now you get to see more than usual of this beautiful place, with its windmill and magnificent glasshouses.

**14. Tower in the Bergius Botanic Garden**

One of the most remarkable buildings in the Bergius Botanic Garden is the tower that was constructed in the early 20th century. Now you can enjoy the views from the top of this previously inaccessible feature.

**15. Skeppsholmen's underground bunkers**

The island is criss-crossed by long tunnels and large underground bunkers that were the previously secret site of the military command centre. Today the dark, empty corridors echo to the sound of dripping water. Don't miss it.

**16. Skeppsholm Church**

With its octagonal, domed interior, this is one of Stockholm's most beautiful assembly halls. Its columns, arches, architrave, dome and lantern make the church unusual for Swedish architecture. A hidden beauty in the middle of the capital's skyline.

*In southern Sweden*

**17. Stenhammar Estate, Flen**

The estate, dating back to the Middle Ages, is now a paragon of modern agriculture and forestry. The estate was donated to the Swedish state on condition that a prince of the ruling royal family would retain the lease. Now you can pass through the estate's gates and into the king's barn.

**18. Mårten Skinnare's House and the Hospital Museum, Vadstena**

Our oldest private house, from the Middle Ages, has one of Sweden's most photographed toilets: the privy that hangs like a bird box from the brick wall of the building. Come and explore the house's hidden treasures. The neighbouring Hospital Museum also has some unusual secrets to reveal.

**19. Karlsborg Fortress, Karlsborg**

In the heart of the countryside, on a headland in Lake Vättern, the magnificent Karlsborg Fortress keeps the nation's secrets. We'll take you into all the nooks and crannies that we know about.

**20. Bohus Fortress, Kungälv**

The Norwegian King Håkon Magnusson's defence against the might of Sweden from 1308. Yes, it's a tale 700 years long, and today you can explore all the ins and outs of the fortress.

**21. Pater Noster on Hamneskär, Tjörn**

On Wednesday evening, 26 September 2007, the light once again shone from the 32 m high and 132 tonne red Heidenstam lighthouse. The island, long considered uninhabitable, has gained a new lease of life with the reinstatement of the lighthouse. It's difficult to get to even now, but give it a try.

**22. Citadel, Landskrona**

As a bit of a control freak, Danish King Kristian III initiated work on the Citadel in 1549 to maintain control of the Öresund strait. As part of the Peace of Roskilde in 1658, the fortress passed to Sweden. Since then the fortress has been home to prisoners on a life sentence, prostitutes and thousands of refugees fleeing the Nazis. Now you can explore all the rooms for a day.

**23. Gräen, Landskrona**

The island of Gräen has a small fort from the 18th century. It wasn't easy to build. After repeated flooding, construction work was abandoned in 1778. Now Gräen is lush with allotments from the early 20th century. But the little fort – well, you can visit that, for today only.

**24. Borgholm Castle, Öland**

Dating from the 12th century, the castle became the seat of Duke Karl in the 17th century. Then the castle slowly fell into disrepair and all that remains today is a ruin – now a popular tourist attraction. Still there are secrets to be uncovered here, exciting tales, innovative architecture and concealed rooms.

**25. County Governor's Residence and Fortifications, Karlskrona**

The naval town of Karlskrona is no. 560 on UNESCO's list of unmissable World Heritage Sites. Come on our boat tour to some of its secret spaces and fortifications dating back four centuries. The marvellous County Governor's residence, one of Sweden's most recent, offers elegant rooms and a small garden.

*Beyond Sweden*

**26. Swedish Ambassador's Residence, Helsinki**

Check out a bit of Sweden's cultural heritage abroad with these impressive reception rooms. The boat from Stockholm will moor up just below the residence and over the day you will hear stories in these hidden rooms.

**27. SFV Abroad Exhibition in Central Post Office Building, Stockholm**

Come and mingle with our managers who take care of Sweden's properties abroad. 135 buildings in 70 countries, on six continents. Plus one in cyberspace. Embassies, consulates, cultural institutes and official residences that portray an image of Sweden and the Swedes.



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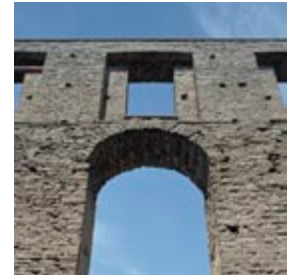
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**Tradition is change.** Sweden has many buildings and environments of great value to its national cultural history. Each one is part of the nation's history and its future.

The National Property Board aims to make all Swedes proud of these national treasures – palaces and royal parks, theatres, museums, embassies, and property comprising one seventh of the total land mass of Sweden. All are owned by the Swedes collectively, and the duty of the Board is to administer them in the best possible way.

Our task is not only to maintain the soul and character of each building, but also to adapt them to present day needs and uses for the benefit and enjoyment of tenants and the general public alike. Just as important as passing on the history behind existing buildings is the creation of new buildings worthy of the future. We are therefore commissioned by the Swedish government to carry out new building projects which in various ways are representative of our nation.

We also administer state-owned forests and land in a sustainable manner so as to preserve bio diversity and maintain reindeer pasture lands for the benefit of future generations.

