

Citywalk in Karlshamn



1. The emigrants' monument

The statue is located in Hamnparken (the park in the harbour). Wilhelm Moberg wrote about the Swedish emigration to America in his novels and a large number of people left Sweden via Karlshamn. Axel Olsson's famous statue depicts the key characters, Karl Oskar and Kristina, looking out over the sea before starting their adventure.

2. Fishing cottage

The 300 year old fishing cottage next to the park is one of the oldest wooden houses in town and gives you a real insight into the lives of the fishing community in the mid 1600's.

3. The Vägga school

The Vägga school buildings were designed by the architect Gunnar Asplund in two stages, 1912-1918 and the second stage was done 20 years after.

4. The rose garden

Here is the statue of "Lilla Maja" in memorial of Alice Tegnér.

5. Näsgränden

A narrow street with many fine old houses.

6. Custom house

The custom house is located in the southern part of Drottninggatan and it is a well-preserved port warehouse from the beginning of the 1800's.

7. Maritime museum

The museum is located in an old tobacco warehouse from 1875. At the marine museum you can see, for example, an old ships fortlet from the mid 1800's, ship trade exhibition etc. You also get to know the history of shipping in Blekinge over the centuries.

8. Martinssonska Gården

Artmuseum. View different sculptures by Johnny Martinsson as well as paintings by Thure Wahlström, Oscar Wickström and Per Serre.

9. "Hoppet" - the hotel of the emigrants'

The wooden houses in Karlshamn are different to those in other towns, the front door is positioned in the middle and is framed by two large wooden pillars which are painted in contrasting colours. A good example of this type of house is "The Hoppet Hotel", which was described in Wilhelm Moberg's novel "Utvandrarna" – "The Emigrants". Another great example is Alice Tegnér's childhood home (see number 9 - Drottninggatan 34).

10. Drottninggatan 34

Alice Tegnér's childhood home. A famous Swedish composer, music teacher and organist.

11. Island traffic and guest harbour

The archipelago in Karlshamn is made up of 500 picturesque islets and islands of varying sizes, with rocky or craggy shores, broadleaf coves and meadowland. There are regular archipelago tours during the summer and the boat departs from the archipelago terminal in the marina.

12. The Citadel of Karlshamn

The citadel "Kastellet" was built at the island Frisholmen in 1675, at about the same time that Denmark declared war on Sweden. It

was used for 200 years although it wasn't very effective against artillery fire. There are many other well preserved defence buildings in the area and some are 300 years old. You can take a boat trip out to the island between May and August. During the summer there are daily boat departures out to the citadel.

13. The tunnel "Hinsetunneln"

The gateway to the city through a 100 meter long mountain tunnel from 1970 with an award-winning lighting.

14. Town Hall

1899-1900. Built in Dutch Renaissance style.

15. The market place

16. Asschierska Half-timbered house

The old "Asschierska huset" from the 1600's is a good example of one of the old terrace houses. This was once the town hall of Karlshamn. It is a beautiful half-timbered house, just a stone's throw from the church.

17. Böljelek

Fontaine sculpted by Conrad Carlman. Represents a mermaid who brings two ships from the waves. It has been at its location since December 1936.

18. Carl Gustafs church

The church was completed in 1702 and named after the founder of Karlshamn, king Carl Gustaf X. It is designed by Erik Dahlberg, who also made up the plan of the city as well as the Citadel. Northeast of the church an octagonal bell tower of stone was built in 1792.

19. The Bell tower

Detached bell tower from 1792.

20. The Fernström monument

100 year old monument that consists of eleven different types of granite stones and weighs 28 tons. In memory of AK Fernström and the heyday of the stone industry in Karlshamn.

21. Kulturkvarteret

✂ The historical buildings of Karlshamn are well-preserved and the Culture quarters has some very interesting attractions. The Swedish punsch factory, the silver forge, the art gallery, the printer's workshop and the merchant houses.

✂ One of Sweden's finest antique trading houses is situated at the Skottsbergsska gården. The buildings are from the 1700's and in the cellars you can see how business was conducted 200 years ago.

✂ The ground and first floor were used as accommodation for the businessmen and the shops, storehouses and stables are situated beside river Mieån which runs at the bottom of the garden.

✂ In the museum there are exhibits reflecting the fishing and shipping industries as well as a section paying tribute to the memory of Alice Tegnér. A building which is a remarkable example of a house from the 1600's is called Holländarhuset.

✂ The art gallery is situated in an old storehouse and there is a permanent display of paintings from the 40's.

22. The plague cemetery

Established when the epidemic hit Karlshamn 1710-1711.