



Visit Tidaholm

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Turbinhusön

Vulcanön

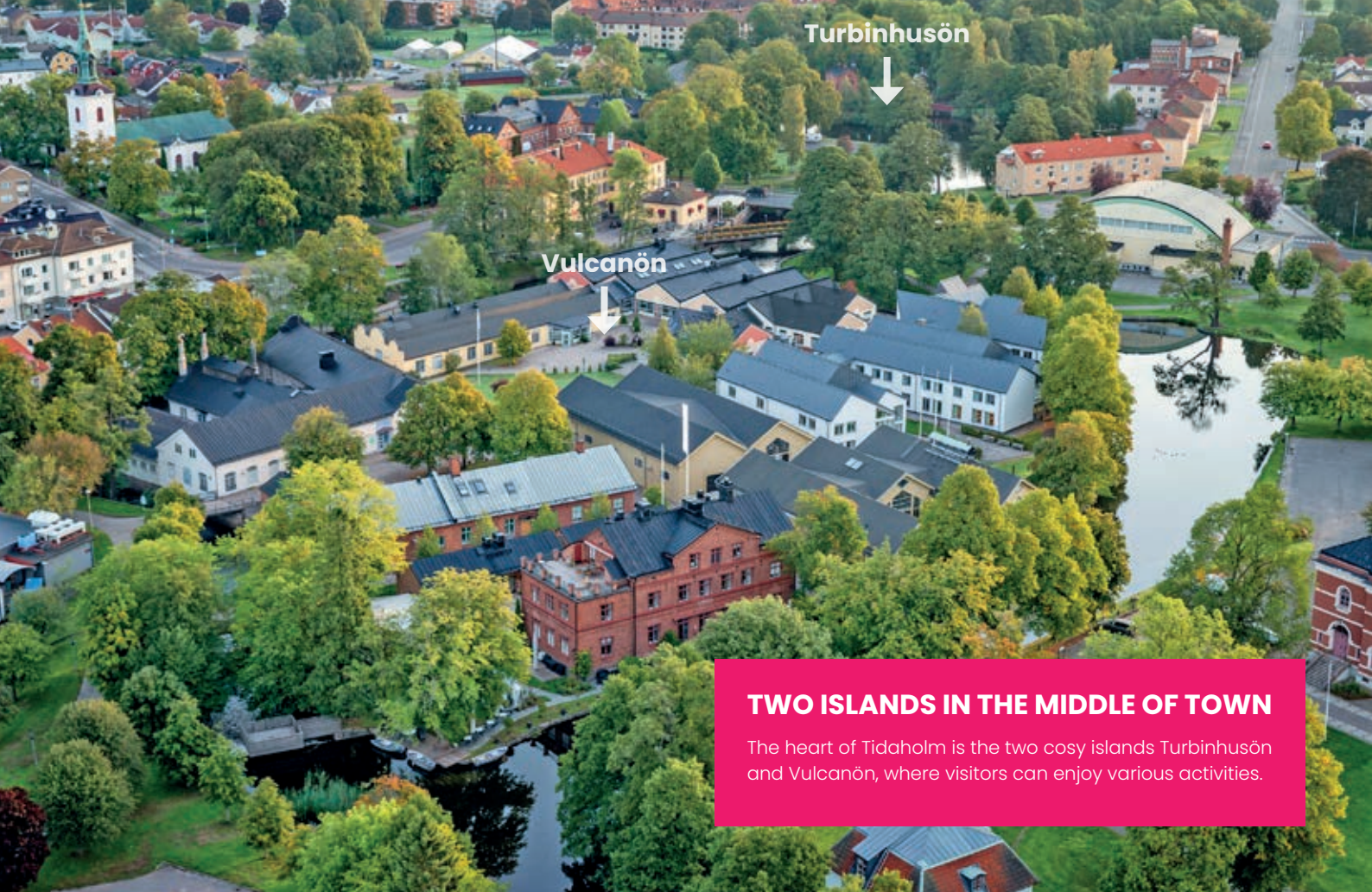
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TWO ISLANDS IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN

The heart of Tidaholm is the two cosy islands Turbinhusön and Vulcanön, where visitors can enjoy various activities.

A small town with a big heart

The beautiful river Tidan ripples through the area and connects the scenic countryside with the charming town. Our most popular destination is Hökensås, an area of preserved wilderness with abundant biological variety, deep forests and tranquil silence.

The town of Tidaholm developed around the river Tidan, creating an oasis by the rippling water, on our two islands in town. Tidaholm is a charming small town where everything is close by. Tidaholm's town centre consists of two squares where Gamla torget (the Old Square) creates a central point. It serves as a market square Wednesday all year round and Nya torget (New Square) provides generous parking opportunities for the city's visitors. Torggatan between the two squares is a cosy pedestrian street where the shop windows invite a shopping trip.

The historic Tidaholm Tändsticksstaden – the city of matches

In Tidaholm you will be met by exciting and beautiful environments that bear witness to moving stories, traditions and life's destinies. Creativity and creation have flourished for several hundred years. In 1868, matchmaking

began in the Vulcan match factory, which is still in operation today and produces 250 million matches a day. *Did you know that it is Europe's only manufacturer of matches?* The art of lithographic printing came to Tidaholm with the production of labels for the matchboxes, and the technique is still in use today.

Tidaholms Bruk manufactured trucks, buses, fire engines and other heavy utility vehicles between the years 1903 and 1934. Just over 1,100 vehicles were manufactured at the mill "Tidaholmarn" became a term that secured Tidaholm's place in automotive history. At Tidaholm's museum you can see some of these vehicles.





Tidaholm – always something to do

Tidaholm is small, geographically speaking, but much larger than it might seem. It is a place bustling with commitment and creative joy all year round.

During our interesting city walk you will get to know Tidaholm a little better. The city walk takes you to buildings and places that are important to Tidaholm's history.

Turbinhusön – an idyllic place in the centre of Tidaholm with a well-preserved cultural environment

On Turbinhusön lies Kaffestugan, a pleasant open air café where you can enjoy a coffee and ice cream right next to the rippling river Tidan. Turbinhusön also has an air of history. Here stand the small blacksmiths' cottages that the workers at Tidaholm's industries once lived in, now housing a café and a small country shop, open in summer. The old turbine house that gave the island its name now serves as an art gallery where both local exhibitors and artists from all over the world display their works. The beautiful Bruksvilleparken invites you to a pleasant walk along the river.

Vulcanön – where it all began

It was on the island of Vulcanön that everything began when the farm Tidaholm received ironworks privileges at the end of the 18th century. In the 19th century, the town's founder, Hans Henrik von Essen, opened the Vulcan Matchstick Factory in the mill's forge on Vulcanön. At the beginning of the 20th century, the factory was the world's largest manufacturer of matches.

Today, Vulcanön is a centre for culture and pedagogy, with the Rudbecksgymnasiet upper secondary school located next to Vulcanen, Tidaholm's visitor centre for culture and children's activities. Vulcanen houses the Tidaholm Museum, Barnens hus (the Children's House) and Tidaholm's tourist office. There is something here for both young and old. Also here is the Lithographic workshop where lithographic art is printed and which artists from all over the world visit. The Marbodals Center's kitchen exhibition and VinContoret, which offers unique drink tastings and taste experiences is also found in this location.



Turbinhusön

FACTS! DID YOU KNOW THAT?

- The red brick Turbinhuset gave the island its name and was built in 1898.
- In 1942, the workers' houses known as "Smedstugorna" were moved to Turbinhusön from Smedjegatan.
- The present culture warehouse on Turbinhusön was originally a parish warehouse where food was stored.
- Vulcanön used to be a restricted workplace with locked gates.
- The matchmaking facilities were demolished in 1987 to make room for the school Rudbecksgymnasiet.
- At the Tidaholm Museum, the old industrial forge remains, just as it looked at the beginning of the 20th century, when parts for matchmaking machinery were manufactured there.



ALLEMANSRÄTTEN

The right of public access – key to outdoor life in Sweden

Spending time in the great outdoors is good for people's health and well-being. Allemansrätten is important in that it makes it easier to spend time outdoors. Although it is a right, it comes with obligations. Whoever exercises their right of public access also needs to be mindful of nature and wildlife, and the rights of landowners and other visitors.

The freedoms granted by the right of public access also come with responsibilities. A responsibility to show consideration, and neither disturb nor harm the environment, animals or other people. Use common sense and adapt your behaviour to the place, time and activity.

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency is the authority responsible for answering questions about the right of public access. At naturvardsverket.se/allemanratt you can read more about how it applies in various situations. information om hur allemansrätten funkar i olika situationer.



Visit Hökensås

The Hökensås nature conservation area is an area of wilderness with great natural values, deepforests and tranquil silence.

With coniferous forest, lovely hiking trails and plenty of berries and mushrooms, this place is a favourite among mushroom pickers, berry pickers and outdoorsy people in general. The area is best known among fishing enthusiasts. With around fifty lakes and ponds, thirty of which are excellent fishing waters, Hökensås is seen as a paradise for fishermen – professionals and amateurs alike. Hökensås is also well known for its rich animal and bird life. In the forests you can meet elk, deer, lynx, foxes and hares.

Fishing at Hökensås

Fishing on the various lakes is overseen by Hökensås sportfiske, located at First Camp Hökensås. They have knowledgeable staff who all have a deep interest in fishing and extensive experience of fishing on the Hökensås lakes.



All lakes have barbecue areas and tables with benches where you can take a break from fishing and eat packed lunches or a lighter snack. Two of the lakes have accessible piers that everyone, regardless of any limitations in mobility, can access.

Hike and cycle on Hökensås' trails

Opposite the entrance to First Camp Hökensås is the starting point for Hökensås' four hiking trails. The shortest is 2 km and the longest is 19 km. Here you can also walk on the Västra Vätterleden trail, which runs from Karlsborg in the north to Mullsjö in the south. The trails run through Hökensås' pine forest, in varied terrain, past lakes with barbecue areas and wind shelters. The 19 km trail is also a mountain biking trail that coincides with the hiking trail. The MTB trail runs clockwise, and the hiking trail counter-clockwise. The MTB trail is rated as easy to medium.

Swim at Hökensås

Hökensås not only offers fishing, one of the lakes is one of Tidaholm's most popular swimming spots, Lilla Havssjön. The swimming area is suitable for the whole family and here there are both sandy and grassy beaches.

Falk's grave, a mythical place

In the middle of the old-growth forest on Hökensås lies a place that is rumoured to be haunted, a place many visit to experience the thrill of the unknown. The grave site where postal robber Jonas Falk was laid to rest after being executed has given rise to many stories told by people who have visited the site for generations. There are always fresh flowers on the grave. The question is who puts them there and why? Would you dare visit Falk's grave when darkness falls?



Culture

Industrial history is the thing. Tidaholm is home to a fascinating mill town heritage and industrial history as several successful companies and innovations have developed here throughout the ages. Sweden's automotive industry was born here and our match factory, which started as early as the 1800s, is today the world's most

modern match factory. Today, it is precisely our old industrial buildings, which have either been preserved or filled with new content, that create that special atmosphere found in Tidaholm. Here you will find activities, sights and places to discover.



WHEN YOU MAKE A FIRE OUTDOORS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

- Use prepared barbecue areas.
- Always keep an eye on the fire.
- Avoid making fires when it is windy.
- Make sure the fire is completely extinguished before leaving it - no embers should remain!



Nature experiences

Trails in Tidaholm

In Tidaholm there are 25 trails of varying difficulty and composition. There are hiking, cycling, mountain biking and horse-riding trails. Here you can hike/cycle/ride through Västergötland's lovely cultural landscape - everything from open farmland, through beech forests and on to Hökensås' wonderful conservation area with its alluring fishing lakes and well-preserved wilderness. Here, you will find trails for beginners and more experienced hikers alike.

Barbecue pits in Tidaholm

In Tidaholms there are around 20 open-air barbecue spots to visit in various beautiful environments. Grilling is something you can do all year round with family and friends. We have several pleasant hiking trails adjacent to barbecue spots where you can settle down and replenish your energy.

More information and maps of hiking trails etc. can be found at the tourist office and on our website.



QUICK FACTS: TIDAHOLM'S TRAILS

- Length: About 400 km of trails can be found in Tidaholm, across 25 different routes.
- Time required: About 86 hours
- Difficulty: Easy/Medium
- Terrain: Asphalt, dirt roads, pastures, forest paths, cycle paths in an urban environment, occasionally hilly, rocky and rough forest sections.



Family activities

In Tidaholm, there are things to do for the whole family. As a start to your visit, Vulcanen is a must, it is located right in the centre of the beautiful island of Vulcanön.

Here you can find everything from playful fun, to history and ideas for activities. The playful fun is found at Barnens Hus with its many rooms where you can play teacher in the school hall, sell goods in the shop, tinker in the workshop or even set up your own theatre performance. If you would like to learn more about Tidaholm's history, visit the Tidaholm Museum, where you will find a permanent exhibition on matchmaking and the automotive industry, as well as various temporary exhibitions. If you would like to take a short break, there is a small café serving ice cream and home baked pastries. Weather permitting, they also have a nice patio where you can enjoy your treats. Once you feel like moving on, you can turn to the Tourist Office for tips on other activities to experience and sights to see in Tidaholm.

Are you looking to fish?

Did you know that it is possible to fish for rainbow trout in the river Tidan that runs through the city centre? Fishing licences can be purchased from the Tourist Office and Matöppet. You can also go kayaking on Tidan. About 25 km south of Tidaholm is Kyrkevarn's canoe center, where canoes are available to rent but you can also try riding an Icelandic horse. If you paddle up to Tidaholm, there are several places to stay overnight along the way.

Bathing places

Around Tidaholm there are a number of bathing spots, the most popular one is called Lilla Havssjön, up on Hökensås. In the small community of Fröjered north of Tidaholm,

there is also a popular bathing spot with a pleasant sandy beach and a pier leading out into the water. There is a changing room, toilet and shower here. The kiosk is open on sunny summer days and sells ice cream, sweets and soft drinks. When you get tired of swimming, there are many other activities. Among other things, a playground, mini golf course, a tennis court and a beach volleyball court. A barbecue area and a wilderness campsite can also be found in the area.

More information about the maintenance of and rules for swimming spots can be found at: tidaholm.se



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COUNCIL-OPERATED SWIMMING SPOTS

- Aspängsbadet, Madängsholm
- Bruksdammen, Ekedalen
- Fröjered's bathing area, Fröjered
- Lilla Havssjön, Hökensås
- Otterstorpasjön, Folkabo



Vulcanen TIDAHOLM

On Vulcans väg 5 you will find Vulcanen, with Barnens hus, the Tidaholm Museum and the Tourist Office under the same roof.

BARNENS HUS

Barnens hus is Tidaholm's play paradise that challenges the imagination and spurs the joy to play. A place to play, create, have fun or just relax. Booking mandatory.

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THE TIDAHOLM MUSEUM

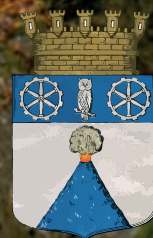
A museum of matches and cars. Smell the historical air of sulphur, steam and petrol. Stories from the eras that shaped the city.

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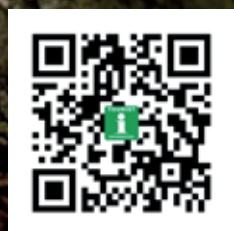
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