

Borgholm, Öland, Sweden

A tender port with outsized rewards — Sweden's most spectacular castle ruin crowns a hilltop above a compact harbour town, while the island of Öland stretches south through a UNESCO World Heritage landscape of wildflower meadows and windmills.

 Tender port  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Swedish Krona (SEK)  Swedish (English widely spoken)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Borgholm guest harbour — town centre is a 5-minute walk

Walk to centre: 5 min flat walk; Borgholm Castle 15 min uphill

Best For: History, cycling, royal sites, UNESCO landscapes

Don't Miss: Borgholm Castle ruins and Solliden Palace gardens

 Getting around:  Taxi  100–300 SEK (~\$11–32 USD) ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Borgholm Castle Ruins** — Dating to the 12th century and rebuilt multiple times, Borgholm Castle is one of Scandinavia's most dramatic ruins.
- **Solliden Palace Gardens** — The Swedish Royal Family's summer residence lies just south of the castle.
- **Stora Alvaret UNESCO Landscape** — The flat limestone alvar plain that runs the length of southern Öland is a UNESCO World Heritage site, famous for rare orchids, grazing cattle, and...
- **Eketorp's Castle** — A fully reconstructed ring-fort from the Iron Age and medieval period in southern Öland.
- **Trollskogen & Northern Öland** — The "Enchanted Forest" nature reserve in northern Öland features ancient gnarled pines and twisted oaks draped in ivy — a fairytale landscape.

BEST WALKS

- **Harbour → Castle → Solliden Loop** 4 km round-trip | 1.5–2 hrs | Moderate (uphill to castle) — Walk north along the waterfront into town, browse the main street, then climb the hill to Borgholm Castle ruins.
- **Princess Estelle's Walk — Castle Forest to Solliden** 2.5 km one-way | ~45 min | Easy forest path — A marked woodland trail through the castle forest, named after the Crown Princess, linking the castle ruins directly to Solliden Palace through shaded glades.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
	Mon	High	Low	Rain	
Apr		49°	38°	7d	Apr 5:45AM–8:02PM · Jun 3:59AM–9:48PM · Aug 5:21AM–8:32PM ·
Jun		68°	55°	8d	Sep 6:24AM–7:11PM · Oct 7:26AM–5:50PM
Aug		70°	60°	10d	
Sep		63°	54°	9d	
Oct		54°	47°	12d	

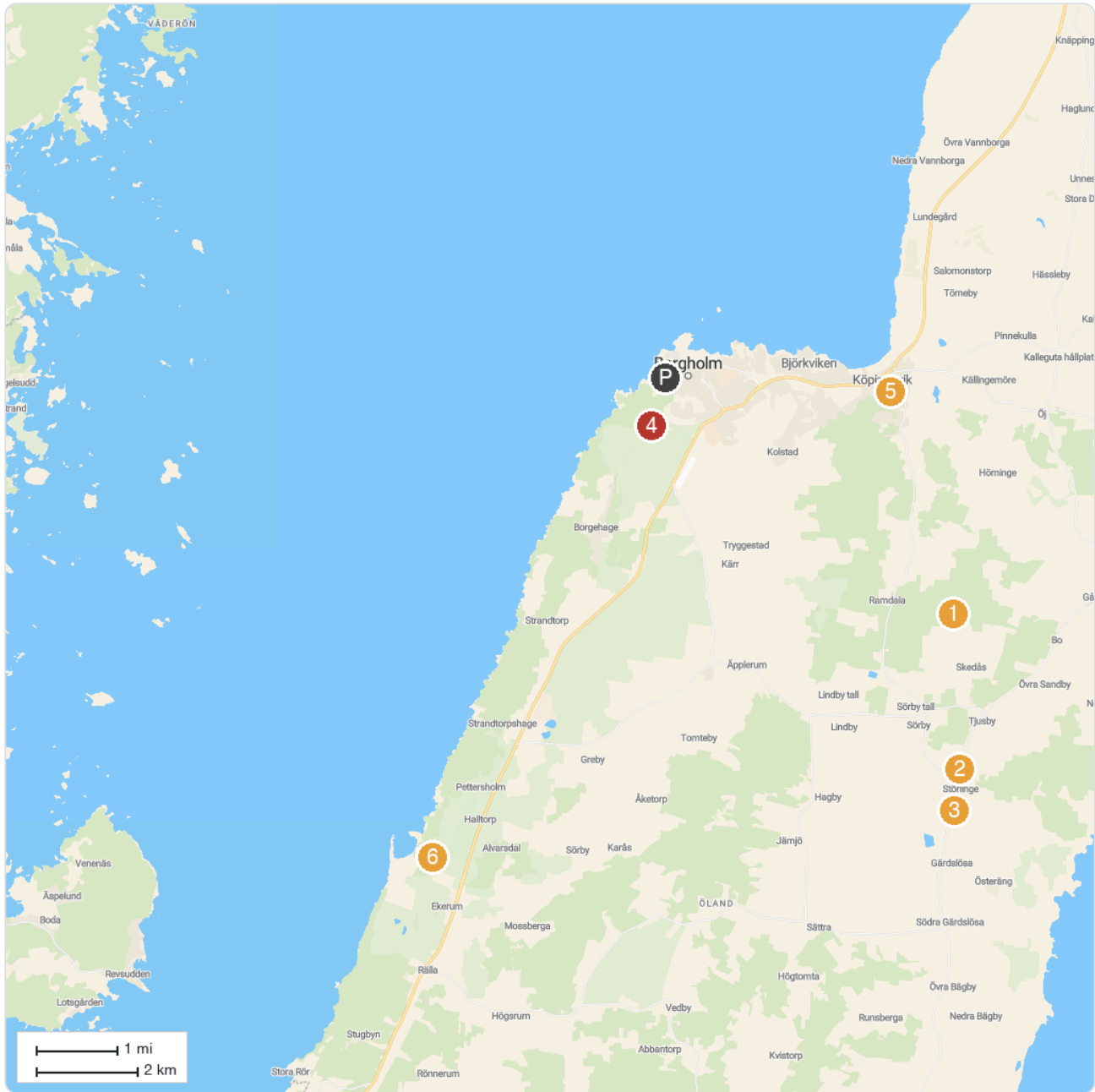
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Confirm last tender time. Borgholm is a tender port — missing the last boat means a long detour. Check the ship's schedule before heading off for the day.
- Rent a bike. Öland is flat, beautiful, and perfect cycling territory. Several rental shops are near the harbour. It's the best way to see more of the island in a half-day.
- Sweden is card-friendly. Swedish Krona (SEK) is the currency; virtually everywhere accepts cards. Carrying cash is rarely necessary.
- Short calls happen. Some itineraries only give 5-6 hours in Borgholm — prioritise the castle and town over long bus trips south if time is tight.
- Summer weather is mild but variable. June–August averages 17–21°C. A light windproof layer is useful near the Kalmar Strait.
- Castle entrance is ticketed. Buy tickets at the gate; no pre-booking required for individual visitors. The grounds are free to walk around from outside.

Borgholm, Öland, Sweden — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Skedemosse Museum | Museum showcasing Iron Age finds from the Skedemosse bog. | 2 Störlinge Windmills | Historic row of traditional windmills, a cultural heritage site. |
| 3 Störlinge Agro & Motor Museum | Museum displaying vintage agricultural machinery and classic motor vehicles. | 4 Borgholm Castle | Majestic ruined castle with a rich history and stunning views. |
| 5 Tingsflisan | Ancient standing stone marking a historic Viking Age assembly site. | 6 Halltorps Hage | Ancient oak forest nature reserve, home to old trees and wildlife. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |