

Kalmar, Småland, Sweden

Home to one of Scandinavia's best-preserved Renaissance castles and a seamlessly walkable historic core, Kalmar rewards cruisers with 800 years of Swedish history in a single shore day.

🚢 Pier (small ships) or Tender (large ships) ⌚ Typical call: 7–9 hrs 🇸🇪 Cashless — cards everywhere, no SEK needed 🗣️ Swedish (near-universal English)

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small ships (<145 m) berth at Elevator kajen, 300 m from centre; large ships tender to purpose-built jetty near harbour

Best for: History, architecture, Baltic culture, easy walkability

Walk to centre: 3–10 min on foot from either berth to Kalmar Castle and Old Town

Don't miss: Kalmar Castle interior + Kronan gold hoard at the County Museum

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 Taxi ✅ ~50–80 SEK

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kalmar Castle** — One of Sweden's best-preserved Renaissance palaces, with 800 years of history, stone battlements, a deep moat, and lavishly restored staterooms — and...
- **Kronan Warship Exhibition** — Kalmar County Museum houses the treasures recovered from the 1676 warship Kronan, including the largest gold coin find in Swedish history and...
- **Kvarnholmen Old Town Walk** — Wander the 17th-century island district of Kvarnholmen through the historic Västerport gate, past cobblestone alleys, wooden clapboard houses, the...
- **Öland Island Day Trip** — Cross the 6 km Öland Bridge by local bus to reach Sweden's sunniest island — a UNESCO World Heritage landscape with Borgholm Castle ruins, the royal...
- **Kroppkakor & Swedish Fika** — Sample Småland's signature dish — dense potato dumplings stuffed with spiced pork and onions — at local spots around Larmtorget, paired with coffee...

BEST WALKS

- **Castle to Cathedral Loop** 2.5 km · 45–60 min · Easy — Start at Kalmar Castle, walk through the adjacent Stadsparken city park, pass through the historic Västerport gate into Kvarnholmen, continue to Kalmar Cathedral on...
- **Harbour & Museum Stroll** 1.5 km · 25–30 min · Easy — From the tender jetty or Elevator kajen, walk north along the harbour past the Art Museum to Kalmar County Museum for the Kronan exhibition, then cut through the old town...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇸🇪 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain		
Apr	50°	37°	8d	Apr 5:47AM–8:03PM · Jun 4:02AM–9:47PM · Aug 5:23AM–8:32PM · Sep 6:26AM–7:12PM · Oct 7:27AM–5:51PM	
Jun	69°	54°	9d		
Aug	70°	58°	11d		
Sep	64°	53°	9d		
Oct	54°	46°	12d		

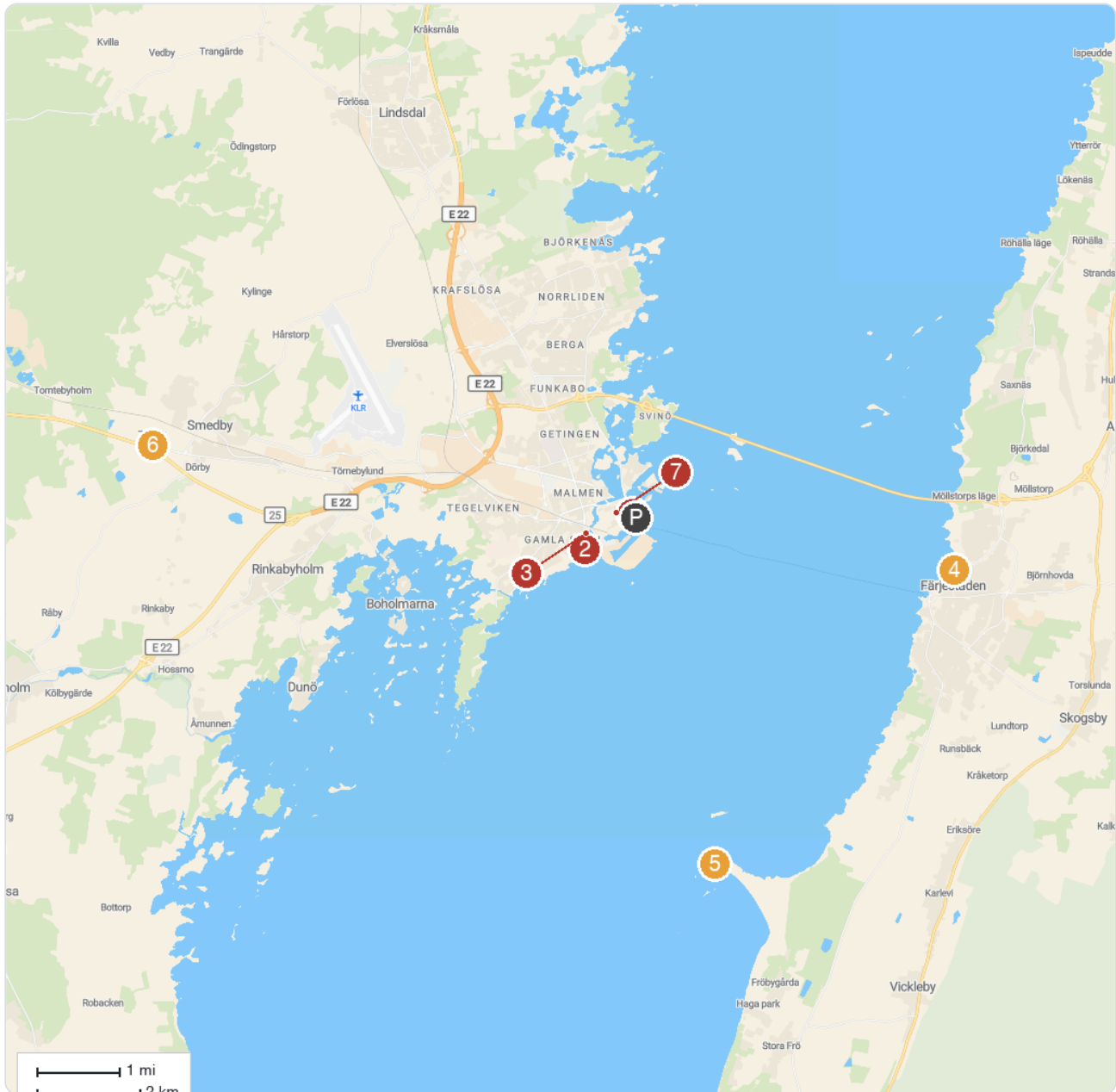
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sweden is cashless. Don't bother getting Swedish kronor — every café, shop, and public toilet accepts Visa/Mastercard contactless and Apple/Google Pay.
- Book the castle in advance. Kalmar Slott sells out on busy summer days. Check [kalmarslott.se](https://www.kalmarslott.se) before your call date.
- Öland is doable but time-sensitive. The bridge bus takes ~30 min each way; allow at least 4 hours ashore on the island. Only attempt this on longer port calls (8+ hrs).
- Try kroppkakor. These potato dumplings stuffed with pork are Småland's culinary signature. Look for them at Larmtorget restaurants.
- Shops open late on weekdays, early close Saturday. Boutiques often open at 10:00 and close ~16:00 on Saturdays; most are closed Sunday.
- Free port Wi-Fi. Look for 'Kalmar_Guest' network at the cruise welcome area and throughout the city centre.

Kalmar, Småland, 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 Kalmar County Museum | Explore Kalmar County's history, culture, and maritime archaeology. | 2 Kalmar Castle | Visit a beautifully preserved medieval castle with royal history. |
| 3 Kalmar stadspark | Relax in a beautiful city park with gardens and a playground. | 4 Färjestadens Dämme | Observe diverse birdlife in this scenic wetland nature reserve. |
| 5 Beijershamn | Discover a renowned birdwatching paradise and coastal nature reserve. | 6 A World of Dinosaurs | Encounter life-sized dinosaur models in an exciting prehistoric exhibition. |
| 7 Kalmar Cathedral | Admire a magnificent 17th-century Baroque cathedral, a city landmark. | P Cruise port / terminal | |