

Karlskrona, Blekinge, Sweden

Founded in 1680 as Sweden's strategic naval fortress, Karlskrona is a UNESCO World Heritage baroque city spread across 33 archipelago islands — with a free world-class naval museum, wooden cottages straight out of a fairy tale, and the Baltic Sea on every horizon.

 Pier (Verkö) or City Dock

 Typical call: 8–10 hrs

 Cashless (card only, SEK)

 Swedish (English widely spoken)

 UNESCO World Heritage Site

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Large ships dock at Verkö (10 km east); smaller ships berth at Handelshamnen in the city center; some anchor and tender to Fisktorget

Best For: Naval history, baroque architecture, archipelago walks, Scandinavian food

Walk to center: 5–10 min from Handelshamnen; shuttle/bus required from Verkö

Don't Miss: Naval Museum on Stumholmen — submarine hall and 18th-century figureheads (adults ~170 SEK summer; free for under-18)

 Getting around:  Taxi  170–210 SEK

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Naval Museum & Submarine Hall** — The Marinmuseum on Stumholmen island is world-class.
- **Baroque Old Town & Stortorget** — Stroll the grand baroque main square — one of the largest in Sweden — flanked by Fredrikskyrkan and Trefaldighetskyrkan, both designed by Nicodemus...
- **Kungsholms Fort Boat Tour** — This 300-year-old active military fortification guards the entrance to the Blekinge archipelago with a

unique circular harbour.

- **Aspö Island & Drottningsskär Citadel** — Take the free yellow car ferry from Handelshamnen to Aspö island (25 min), then walk 15 min to the remarkably preserved 17th-century Drottningsskärs...
- **Björkholmen Wooden Cottage Quarter** — Wander the narrow lanes of this 18th-century neighbourhood of tiny colourful wooden cottages, built for early naval shipyard workers.

BEST WALKS

- **City Centre Loop: Stortorget to Naval Museum** 3 km · 60–90 min · Easy, mostly flat — Start at Stortorget (the main baroque square), walk past Fredrikskyrkan, head down to Fisktorget on the waterfront, cross the bridge to Stumholmen, visit the Naval...
- **Admiralty Church & Harbour Walk** 1.5 km · 30–45 min · Easy — Visit Amiralitetskyrkan — Sweden's largest wooden church — and toss a coin in the famous Gubben Rosenbom statue's hat.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	51°	37°	8d	
Jun	68°	54°	9d	
Aug	69°	58°	12d	
Sep	63°	53°	10d	
Oct	54°	46°	11d	

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 5:51AM–8:04PM · Jun 4:09AM–9:46PM · Aug 5:28AM–8:34PM · Sep 6:29AM–7:14PM · Oct 7:29AM–5:55PM

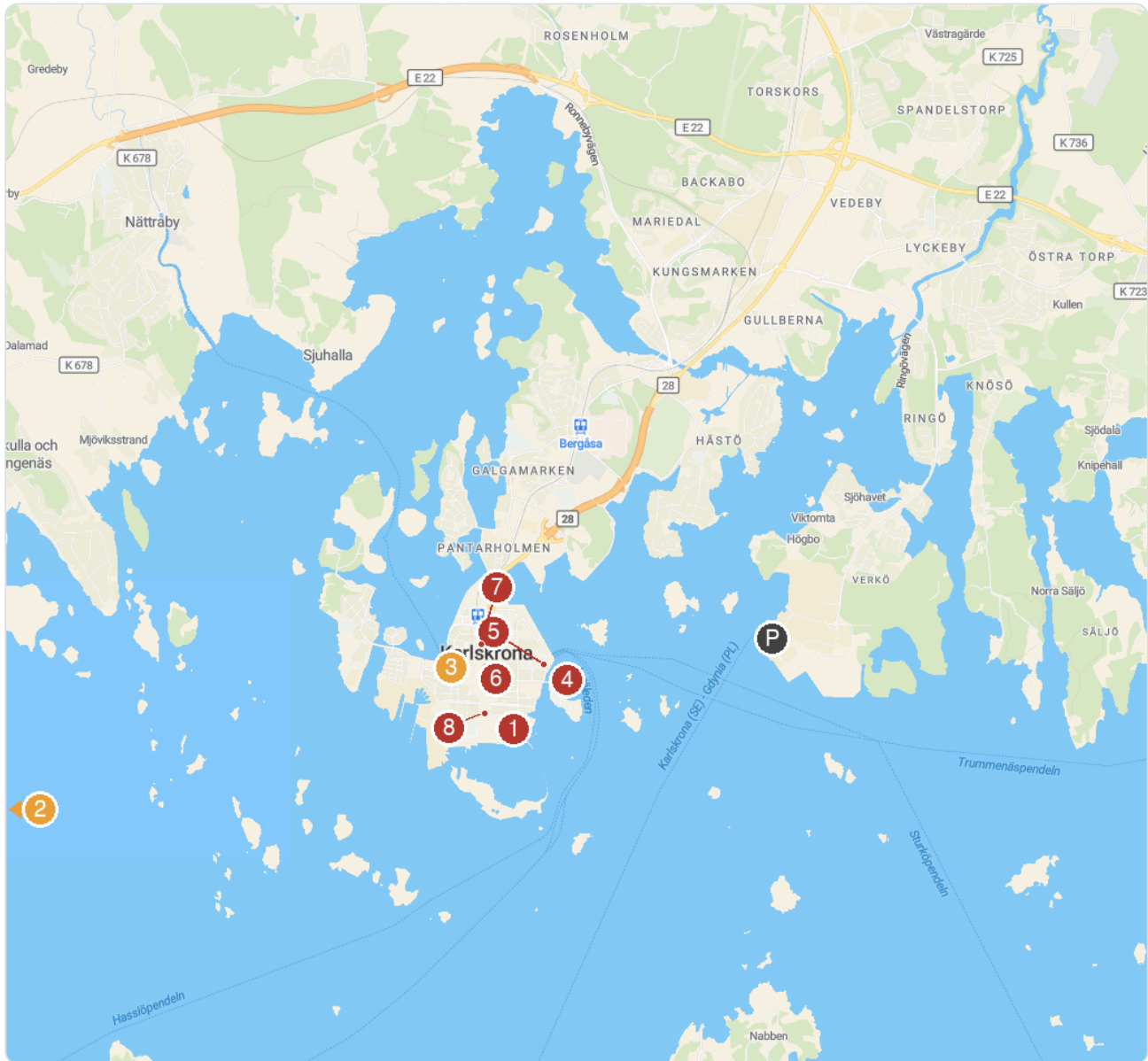
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cards only — no cash needed. Sweden is almost entirely cashless. Visa/Mastercard work everywhere: buses, cafés, museums, even public toilets. Foreign transaction fees are your only worry.
- Verkö shuttle is key. If you dock at Verkö, the walk to town takes 2 hours along a highway — take the cruise shuttle or local Bus #2 instead. Tap your contactless card on the bus.
- The Naval Museum is unmissable. Adult admission runs about 170 SEK in summer (free for under-18s, and free for all on Wednesdays in the low season). Skip pricey ship tours and walk there yourself — the submarine hall alone is worth the whole port call.
- Try kroppkakor before you leave. Blekinge's signature dish — dense potato dumplings stuffed with pork and onion, served with butter and lingonberries. Look for it at Smultronstället near the town centre.
- The free ferry to Aspö runs hourly. Departing from Handelshamnen, it takes 25 minutes and lands you at a beautiful 17th-century fortress island. One of the best free excursions in any Baltic port.
- Summer days are long and mild. June–August brings 16+ hours of daylight and comfortable temperatures (18–22°C). Pack a light layer — sea breezes off the Baltic can be cool even in July.

Karlskrona, Blekinge, 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 Rosenbom, statue | A wooden statue of a poor sailor collecting alms. | 2 Almö natural reserve | A beautiful island nature reserve with walking trails and beaches. |
| 3 Blekinge museum | Regional museum showcasing Blekinge's cultural history and traditions. | 4 Karlskrona Naval Museum (Marinmuseum) | Sweden's national naval museum, featuring submarines and maritime history. |
| 5 Car Museum – Albinsson & Sjöberg | A private collection of classic cars and automotive history. | 6 Fredrikskyrkan | A magnificent baroque church, part of Karlskrona's World Heritage. |
| 7 Hoglands park | A central city park with playgrounds, flowers, and events. | 8 Amiralitetsklockstapeln | The Admiralty Bell Tower, a historic wooden bell tower. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |