

Marstrand, Bohuslän, Sweden

A car-free island fortress town on Sweden's granite west coast — sailing culture, 17th-century ramparts, and hand-peeled shrimp straight from the harbour.

-  Tender (most ships anchor offshore)
-  Typical call: 6–8 hrs
-  Cashless — card only (SEK)
-  Swedish (English universally spoken)
-  Sweden's sailing capital

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Marstrandsön guest harbour (Gästhamn); small expedition ships may dock quayside

Best For: History buffs, seafood lovers, hikers, sailors

Walk to centre: 0 min — tender lands you on the harbour promenade

Don't Miss: Carlsten Fortress tower views + a räkmacka (shrimp sandwich) on the quay

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  **Varies** — confirm fare before boarding

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Carlsten Fortress Guided Tour** — Built in 1658 by King Carl X Gustav, Carlsten Fortress looms over the island from its granite peak.
- Coastal Ring Trail** — A 5 km loop around Marstrandsön follows wooden boardwalks and granite ledges past sea coves, pine groves, and the...
- Harbour Promenade & Old Town** — Stroll Hamngatan along the harbour to admire mega-yachts, 19th-century villas with ornate Swedish gingerbread trim...
- West Coast Seafood Lunch** — The Bohuslän coast is famous for hand-peeled shrimp, pickled herring, and scampi pulled from cold, clean Atlantic waters.
- Sailing & Kayak on the Archipelago** — Marstrand is Sweden's undisputed sailing capital — home to the GKSS Match Cup Sweden regatta each July.

BEST WALKS

- Harbour to Carlsten Fortress** 0.5 km · 10–15 min · Steep uphill · Cobblestones — From the Gästhamn tender dock, follow the signs uphill through the old town lanes to the fortress gate.
- Coastal Ring Trail** 5 km loop · 1–1.5 hrs · Moderate · Granite & boardwalk — Follow the marked coastal path from the harbour around the full perimeter of Marstrandsön.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	49°	39°	8d
Jun	65°	56°	12d
Aug	66°	59°	16d
Sep	61°	54°	13d
Oct	53°	47°	17d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:03AM–8:25PM · Jun 4:11AM–10:17PM · Aug 5:37AM–8:56PM · Sep 6:44AM–7:32PM · Oct 7:49AM–6:08PM

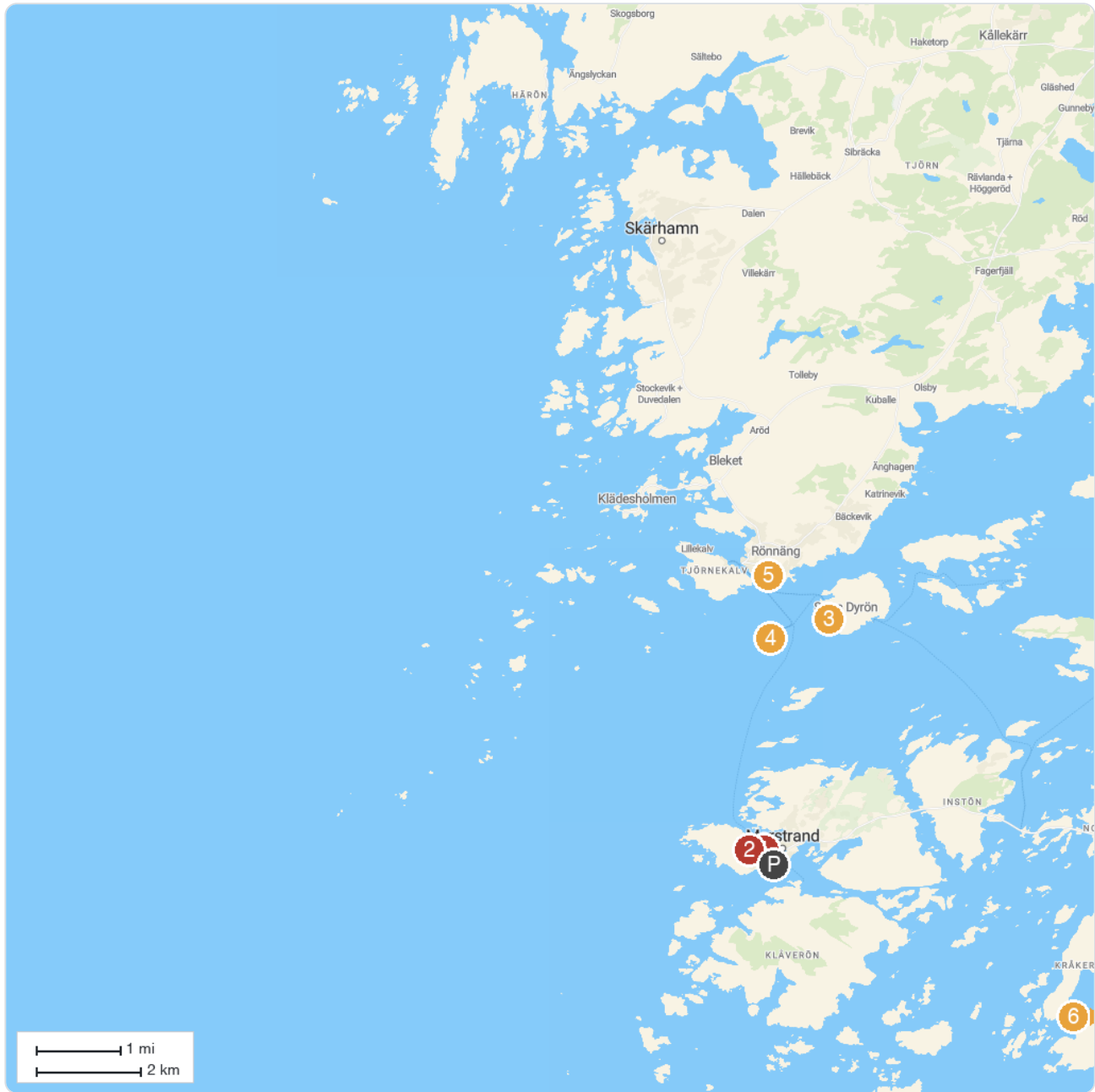
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sweden is cashless. You will not need Swedish Krona cash. Every café, shop, ferrv, and attraction accepts Visa/Mastercard. AmEx

Marstrand, Bohuslän, 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 Marstrands Church | Historic stone church, a landmark in Marstrand town. | 2 Carlstens Fästning | Historic 17th-century stone fortress with panoramic island views. |
| 3 Dynes Ravin | Scenic coastal ravine with unique rock formations and hiking trails. | 4 Åstol | Car-free island village known for its white houses and fishing heritage. |
| 5 Tjörnehuvud | Scenic headland offering panoramic views of the archipelago and sea. | 6 Kärna Bokskog | Beautiful ancient beech forest, perfect for tranquil nature walks. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |