

# Edsbyn & Alfta



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Experience authentic Swedish culture and beautiful Swedish nature at its best. See the architecture of our Hälsingegårdar, with their beautiful front porches and murals, and enjoy the freedom and silence of almost untouched nature and wilderness. Straight and sturdy pines are the main basic raw material of the region. For decades, office furniture, forestry machinery and tools.

### Farmhouses

It was, amongst other things, flax growing which created a wealthier class of farmers. It was these farmers who began to build the impressive "Farmhouses of Hälsingland". There was competition amongst the villages for splendour and adornment of the farmsteads' buildings. Folkart was of a skillful, high quality with beautiful paintings and superb craftsmanship in woodwork and carvings.

Today, many of these "Farmhouses of Hälsingland" are well preserved and open to the public to visit. Contained within them is the history of Hälsingland from the 18<sup>th</sup> century onwards. During the summer there are organised "Farmhouses of Hälsingland"-tours by bus, giving one the opportunity to visit the impressive homesteads.

Contact the Tourist bureau for further information. [www.halsingegardar.se](http://www.halsingegardar.se)



### STORA HÄLSINGEGÅRDARS VÄG

The Hälsingland Farm Trail is an up-and-coming tourist trail, which meanders through and past the villages and districts that are home to the biggest Hälsingland farmhouses, the most magnificent porches and most extravagantly painted interiors.

HUNDREDS OF FARMHOUSES are scattered like jewels over the province. Some of the farms and villages are UNESCO World heritage Site candidates. The trail, which takes you through a cultural landscape that is thousand years old, stretches from the banks of the Voxna river to the vast forests of the north, home to the farms' summer pastures.

These pastures are also part of the World Heritage Site candidacy. The flax scutcheries, mills and sawmills of the watercourses that flow from the wooded high country down through villages to the river bear witness to the agriculture that made the Hälsingland farmers rich. The route, which is 28 km long and runs between Alfta and Edsbyn, links the three open farms Ol-Anders, Löka and Mårtes.

Three farms to visit:

#### Ol-Anders in Alfta.

The farm lies by route 50 and is the gateway to the Hälsingland Farmhouse Trail. Open farm with tourist office and Emigrant museum.

Open all year round.

Open: 15<sup>th</sup> June - 15<sup>th</sup> August, Monday-Friday 10.00am-4.00pm. Saturday 10.00am-3.00pm.

#### Löka in Gundbo, Alfta.

Open farm with local heritage museum.

Open: 15<sup>th</sup> June - 16<sup>th</sup> August, every day. 10.00am-4.00pm.

#### Mårtes in Edsbyn.

Open farm and Ovanåker's heritage centre.

Open: 15<sup>th</sup> June - 16<sup>th</sup> August, every day. 10.00am-4.00pm.

### Museums – Exhibitions

#### Edsbyns Museum

Edsbyns museum depicts local history, featuring a turn-of-the-century shop and about thirty preserved works of art by one of our country's foremost naivists, Johan Erik Olsson better known as "Lim-Johan".

**Celsius school, Edsbyn**

**0271 216 67**

**Open: Sunday-Friday 1.00pm-4.00pm**

#### Emigrant Museum

In 1846, about 1200 followers of pastor Erik Jansson from Alfta and other parts of Hälsingland emigrated to North America, where they founded the colony of Bishop Hill in Illinois.

**Ol-Anders in Alfta**

**Runemovägen 8, Alfta**

**0271 108 61**



### Churches

There are also a number of churches and chapels worth visiting in the area, particularly in Edsbyn, which is renowned for its diversity of Christian denominations. The first minister of Ovanåker's church was Nicolaus Magni, grandfather of the famous Anders Celsius the inventor of the thermometer. A monument in his honor can be found at the curate's house in Klön, Ovanåker.



## See & experience

The wilderness here is neither desolate nor monotonous. Over 350 lakes and 450 km of flowing streams and rivers yield wonderful outdoor opportunities. A canoe excursion is a wonderful way to experience the untamed nature of this beautiful region. The fishing is spectacular for both fly and bait fishermen alike. Hiking in our forests and mountains is relaxing and the views from the mountaintops are breathtaking. Swimming is permitted almost everywhere. You can fish, hunt, bicycle, go horseback riding, take a ride in a horse-drawn carriage or just sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery. Who knows, you may even get to see some of the deer, bear, moose, wolf and other wild animals.

### Nature – Hiking

Hälsingland has a magnificent and varied landscape with impressive forests, high mountains and many lakes and watercourses. It offers great opportunities for the outdoor life and recreation. Trek along some of the trails. Trail guides with information on over-nighting and rest stops can be bought at the Tourist bureau.

### Fishing

There are many fine places to fish where you can find, amongst others, salmon trout, char, grayling, pike-perch, perch, pike and bream. Rainbow trout is stocked in some of the "put-and-take" ponds in the mountains and forest areas.

### Winter

Gårdtjärnsberget is an alpine family resort with four ski runs of varying degrees of difficulty and two ski lifts, not to mention several groomed cross-country ski trails and plenty of great winter fishing. Alfta and Edsbyn also features two public facilities with indoorpools. Edsbyn is also famous for its bandy team. In addition to having produced several of the sport's superstars, the team has won the Swedish championship nine times.

### Canoeing

Hire a canoe and paddle in a beautiful environment.

#### CANOE RENTAL

**Voxnadalens Kanot & Camping**  
Stig Olsson 0271 411 50, 070 573 78 71  
[www.kanot-camping.se](http://www.kanot-camping.se)



### Bear watching in Finnskogsriket

If you want to see a wild bear in your lifetime then come with us to The Bears' Mountain! Here you'll have the opportunity to observe the brown bear's daily life. You can study them at close quarters, in peace and quiet. The experience begins with a 45 minute walk from Vargas Vildmarkslodge to the hide, which is extremely comfortable. A two-course meal with wild ingredients is included, together with accommodation and breakfast in the hide's cosy beds. This excursion is 'quality marked' with the Swedish Eco-tourism Society's "Best of Nature" award.

**VARGAS VILDMARKSLODGE**  
Stora Öjungen, Annefors  
Tel 0278 340 96, 070 317 75 29  
[www.swedenwildlife.se](http://www.swedenwildlife.se)  
[www.vargas.se](http://www.vargas.se)

### Bear Safari in Edsbyn

Welcome to a bear safari in Edsbyn. Here you can observe, study and photograph bear from the hide in the magnificent and impressive forest.

**OUTWILD**  
Filip Hedberg 073 843 85 56  
[www.outwild.se](http://www.outwild.se)

### Horse-drawn cart trips in Edsbyn

Gather together some friends and have a delightful ride in a horse-drawn cart: an experience in nature, which also includes entertainment.

In winter time we have horse-drawn sleigh rides.

**Torparn's Hästturer, Sture Brorsson**  
0271 400 28, 070 215 29 19  
Homna 405, Edsbyn  
Open yearly round for booking.  
[www.torparnshastturer.se](http://www.torparnshastturer.se)

### Horse-drawn cart trips in Alfta

Gather together some friends and have a delightful ride in a horse-drawn cart around the beautiful farmhouses in Långhed, Alfta. We also offer a horse-drawn cart tour concentrated in the wilderness.

In winter time we have horse-drawn sleigh rides.

**Häst & vagn in Långhed, Diana Sandell**  
0271 133 73, 073 047 78 44  
Långhed, Alfta  
Open yearly round for booking.  
[www.selims.filosofar.se](http://www.selims.filosofar.se)

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[tourism@ovanaker.se](mailto:tourism@ovanaker.se)  
[www.ovanaker.se](http://www.ovanaker.se)

## Accommodation

### Hotels and Boarding Houses Camping and Cabins/Cottages

#### Alfta Gästgiveri

Hotel and a fully licensed restaurant.  
0271 120 10, Gästisbacken 5, ALFTA  
[www.alftagastgiveri.se](http://www.alftagastgiveri.se)

#### Alfta Quren

Hotel and a fully licensed restaurant.  
0271 580 00, Anneforsv 31, ALFTA  
[www.alftaquren.se](http://www.alftaquren.se)

#### Edsbyns Hotell

Hotel and a fully licensed restaurant.  
0271 212 40, Långgatan 1, EDSBYN  
[www.edsbynshotell.se](http://www.edsbynshotell.se)

#### Skålsjögården

Beds and a fully licensed restaurant.  
0271 520 40, SKÅLSJÖN  
[www.skalsjogarden.se](http://www.skalsjogarden.se)

#### STF Vandrarhem

Bed and breakfast  
0271 344 62, 070 688 04 34  
Hogatan 15, EDSBYN  
[www.merasverige.nu](http://www.merasverige.nu)

#### Alfta Bad & Camping

Bed and Camping, self-catering.  
0271 559 18, Forsparken, ALFTA

#### Voxna Kanot & Camping

Bed and Camping, self-catering.  
0271 411 50, 070 573 78 71  
Voxbo 21, VOXNABRUK

#### Stay at a Hälsingland Farm HANSERS in Alfta

Accommodation and self-catering  
0271 107 92, 073 582 40 43  
Fyrbovägen 7, ALFTA

#### Stay at a Hälsingland Farm JAN-HANS in Norrby, Alfta

Accommodation and self-catering  
0271 140 65, 070 225 31 19

#### Stay at a Hälsingland Farm, PALLARS, Älvkarhed 231, Vliksjöfors

Bed and breakfast  
0271 175 17, 070 666 70 72

#### Live on a farmstead

Hisved's Lantgård, Norra Långhed 8, ALFTA  
Accommodation and self-catering.  
0271 131 78, 070 526 89 49

#### Cottages to rent in Galven, Alfta

Accommodation and self-catering.  
0278 480 49, 070 214 61 76  
[www.halsingestuga.se](http://www.halsingestuga.se)



**Edsbyn & Alfta**  
Ovanåkers kommun