Welcome to Gothenburg and the summer in Sweden. This is a joyful season with a lot of events happening such as music and food festivals. The outdoor season is in full swing with endless possibilities; the nature is just around the corner with forests to hike in and the ocean to swim in. Check in with the tourist office and their event calendar for more information: www.goteborg.com

Getting Around the City:

**Styr & Ställ**
Self-service rental bikes that you can find at 60 stops around town, available 7 days a week until December 31st. You can access Styr & Ställ through a Season Ticket or 3-Day Ticket. Each ride is 30 min/ time. More information about using the bikes at: http://en.goteborgbikes.se

**Cycle City app**
This is an app that helps you to find cycle service providers: cycle pumps, bikes for hire and parking, as well as helping you plan your journey. http://forlivochrorelse.se/en/appen-cykelstaden

Use your buscard to visit the archipelago
The archipelago of Gothenburg consists of both larger islands with villages and small deserted islets and skerries. Some of them hold nature reserves with unique flora and fauna. You will find more information about the islands and also useful links at: www.goteborg.com/en/archipelago
You can reach the archipelago islands by taking one of the many boats. The best thing is that you can use your bus card on the boat. Visit the website of Västrafik: www.vasttrafik.se search on: “Where do you want to go?” and write the name of one of the islands.

Local transportation
The local public transportation system in Gothenburg is operated by Västrafik; buses, trains, trams and ferries. Find more information about tickets and plan your trip at www.vasttrafik.se

Travel between cities in Sweden or abroad:
Timetables and information at:
Buses: www.swebus.se   www.nettbuss.se
Trains www.sj.se
Boats: www.aferry.se
Aeroplanes: www.flygresor.se
Parks and Gardens in Gothenburg

As the temperature rises the “Gothenburgians” head out. Hanging out in parks is a typical Swedish thing to do; in summer the parks fill up with people on picnic blankets, joggers and children playing, everyone is welcome to use the parks!

Just make sure you follow *Allemansrätten* or The Right of Public Access. You are allowed to walk, jog, cycle, ride or ski through the forests, countryside and across other people’s land, provided you don’t cause any damage to crops, tree plantations or other sensitive land. Don’t disturb and don’t destroy – that’s the main rule when it comes to understanding the Swedish Right of Public access.

http://www.swedishepa.se/

Gothenburg Botanical Garden.

A beautiful park for a walk or a picnic. Visit the herb gardens, a bamboo grove, a Japanese valley, rock gardens and hothouses with orchids. Behind the botanical garden the Ängårdsbergen nature reserve begins, which is a “wild park”. Here you will find an arboretum with different trees from around the world. This is also a popular jogging and mountain biking spot. www.gotbot.se

Slottsskogen.

Slottsskogen is a big city park. Here you can walk through the Azalea valley, visit the Children’s Zoo, look at seals, penguins, moose and more – all for free. Many people come here for recreation and exercises. www.goteborg.se/slottsskogen

Trädgårdsföreningen – The Garden Society of Gothenburg

A green oasis in the heart of the city with flowerbeds, woodlands, a rose garden and a palm house. It’s a great place for a pause from the busy city www.tradgardsforeningen.se

Gunnebo House and Gardens.

One of Sweden's most beautiful neoclassical estates, situated between Stensjön and Rådasjön in Mölndal, just south of Gothenburg. There are three different types of gardens represented at Gunnebo: the formal garden, the landscape park and the kitchen garden. http://gunneboslott.se/en/

Events not to miss:

**Gothenburg Culture Festival, 16-20 August 2017**

For five days in August, the streets and squares of Gothenburg are transformed for a vibrant celebration – the annual Culture Festival. This is a Festival is for everyone and it is free of charge! Ballet, carnival, street theatre, culinary culture, fairy tale and circus, design, poetry and music of all kinds. www.goteborg.com/kulturkalaset

**Summerburst**, 2-3 June. An annual electro dance music festival. Ullevi arena

**West Pride**, 7-11 June. Gothenburg’s popular LGBTI- and cultural festival.

**Partille Cup**, 3-8 July. The world's largest handball tournament for young people.

**Gothia Cup**, 16-22 July. The world’s largest football tournament for young people.

**Way Out West**, 10 - 12 August. An annual music festival in Slottsskogen
Museums

**Universeum.** Made up of a seven floor big indoors nature-trail (rainforest and aquarium) plus a science lab, this is an exciting experience for all ages. [https://www.universeum.se/en/](https://www.universeum.se/en/)

**Göteborg City Museum.** The Museum displays cultural history of the city from antiquity to the present. It’s the perfect place to learn all there is to know about Gothenburg. [http://goteborgsstadsmuseum.se/en](http://goteborgsstadsmuseum.se/en)

**The Maritime Museum and Aquarium.** Explore life under, above and by the water. See artefacts from the Swedish American Line, and tales from the port city of Gothenburg. Temporary exhibitions and a great aquarium with Nordic and tropical marine environments. [www.sjofartsmuseetakvariet.se](http://www.sjofartsmuseetakvariet.se)

**Göteborg Museum of Art**
The Göteborg Museum of Art houses collections from the 15th century to today. The museum has a Nordic emphasis but the collections also contain older Dutch and French art, including important works by Rembrandt, van Gogh, Monet and Picasso, to name a few. [http://goteborgskonstmuseum.se/en/](http://goteborgskonstmuseum.se/en/)

**The Museum of World Culture**
Gothenburg’s most visited museum. A meeting place with exhibitions and programs on exciting and contemporary issues about the world we live in. [www.varldskulturmuseet.se](http://www.varldskulturmuseet.se)

Museums outside Gothenburg

**North of Gothenburg you will find two interesting museums, which you can reach with Västtrafik (buses and trains)**

**The Nordic Watercolour Museum** serves as a Nordic centre for contemporary art, for research and training, with the emphasis laid on techniques of watercolour art. The museum is situated on the island Tjörn, 70 km north of Gothenburg. You will find more information and how to get there at [https://www.akvarellmuseet.org/en](https://www.akvarellmuseet.org/en)

**Rock carvings in Tanumshede** - on the Unesco’s list of World Heritages.
The Vitlycke Museum features extensive information on the unique rock carvings in the area, some carved 3000 years ago. It is situated about 30 km south of Strömstad in northern Bohuslän. You will find more information and how to get there at [http://www.vitlyckemuseum.se/en/](http://www.vitlyckemuseum.se/en/)
Coming up soon… events for visiting researchers and international staff

5 September, at 5:00 pm
International Café
Welcome to the International Café! We invite visiting researchers, international staff, their families and hosts. Each international café has a theme related to the season and we offer refreshments associated with the theme. International Café is an opportunity to meet other visiting researchers and staff from the University of Gothenburg. We have a table filled with books on Sweden, Gothenburg and the Swedish traditions and a few children's books and games. No registration is required and the café's operating on a drop-in basis between 5 pm – 7 pm.
Location: Ågrenska villan, Högåsplatsen 2, Göteborg.

21 September at 6 pm
International Reception
Newly arrived visiting researchers and international staff are invited by the City of Gothenburg to a reception at the Dickson Palace. More information and registration in the Calendar.

2 October, at 5:00 pm
International Café
Welcome to the International Café! Location: Ågrenska villan, Högåsplatsen 2, Göteborg.

More information about the events in the Calendar at www.gu.se/welcome

We wish you a wonderful summer!
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