



The  
Swedish  
Golf  
Experience

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# Isaberg

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IF YOU THINK OF SWEDEN AS FOREST COVERED HILLS, sparkling blue lakes, green grass and clear air, then Isaberg is the model for that image. Isaberg Golf Club can offer two of Sweden's most beautiful and popular courses. These courses are situated in the old mill environment of Nissaväders and surrounded by lakes and vast forests. The Western, parkland course, and the Eastern, woodland course, are hilly and exciting challenges for every golfer.



## WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE UPCOMING ARRIVAL OF THE SWEDISH GOLF EXPERIENCE.

This book was developed because of two golfers desire to show the beauty of Sweden's golf courses in a contemporary and creative way. It is a coffee table book is of the highest quality available. The natural beauty of Sweden's golf courses is captured in a picturesque style of a distinctive manner and will be an attraction to the golfer and non-player alike. This book will be the first of its kind published in Sweden

In The Swedish Golf Experience you will visit 30 of the courses that Swedish golfers love to play. Some have hosted championship events such as The Solheim Cup and The Scandinavian Masters. You will visit the home course of Annika Sörenstam and experience golf under a midnight sun. The success of Sweden's professional golfers has spread the word about the great golf in Sweden and has increased the interest in Sweden as golfing destination throughout the world.

Shaped by the ice and wind of centuries and then interpreted by the course designer Sweden's golf courses are naturally splendid

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For your enjoyment, we offer this smorgasbord from The Swedish Golf Experience (above) Isaberg Golfklubb (above right) Bro Hof Slott Golf Club (below right) Visby Golfklubb

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Bro Hof

#### BRO HOF SLOTT GC

BRO HOF SLOTT GOLF CLUB is a legend in the Swedish golf community. Before the first blade of grass sponged on the first fairway, stories passed about how the course, Björn Öst, spent tens of million dollars on the design and construction of the course. Robert Thors Jönss 8, who utilized every modern method in golf course construction, designed the course. The fact that the course was given the prestigious Scandinavian Masters Tournament for 2009 before it had opened for its inaugural round of golf speaks to its reputation as the best course in Sweden and maybe one of the best courses in all of Europe.

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VISBY IS THE LARGEST CITY ON THE LARGEST ISLAND off the east coast of Sweden. The island, Gotland, is accessible only by boat or plane, and this isolation gives the island and the nation a quiet not found anywhere else in Sweden. Gotland is an ancient land, whose beginning dates back to pre history. Natives of Gotland speak a dialect of Swedish stemming from their own native language called Gutnish. Gotland's rich past is full of tales of vikings and warriors, legends and graveyards, kings and warring countries. There are 94 medieval churches on Gotland some dating back to 1150 AD and most are still in use. The ancient walls still stand and surround the old part of the city. Just a short walk from these ramparts, we stayed at the Strand Hotel. The hotel was originally a brewery for the island. Visby gives the readers visitor a taste of what living in the middle Ages must have been like. Gotland has many activities over the summer, including festivals and recreation of ancient local games. The island population of about 60,000 may triple during some times in the summer due to the influx of visitors. The best time to visit is probably the week before the Midsummer weekend or in September, but anytime is the right time to visit what has become one of our favorite courses in Sweden.

The Visby Golf Club, also known as Kretschelmen, is about 25 kilometers from the city. The trip is quite scenic, on the highway adjacent to the sea. Visby would be in any book about Swedish golf. It may have the most visually stunning opening three holes of any golf course in Sweden. As you leave the grove of trees surrounding the first tee, you are greeted with a spectacular view of the Baltic Sea, with waves lapping up on the edge of the fairway. The second hole, a par three, looking straight at the sea and then the steadily narrowing fairway with a cliff from the lake dissecting the fairway and running all the way up the right side. You then enter the coastal woods, playing two-lined fairways until the spectacular finish starting with number 12. There you can see the world's oldest Viking long. Unfortunately, it is not a famed dragonhead long boat of the legends. Number 13, an imposing par five, is where your tee shot must go over a lake below it leads in uphill, back to the sea. You then follow hole number 14, 15, 16, and 17 along the coast. The lighthouse will be



Previous page: Looking out to sea from the 13th green.  
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 The view as you walk up the ramparts on the 16th hole at Visby.

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