### CULTURE

1. **Tempelgården**
   - A farm with sculptures and art by Visingö artist Olle Krantz. The temple was erected in 1913 by theosophist Katherine Tingley. You can now also find the pottery workshop Keramic av Cleo here.
   - [tempelgard.com](http://tempelgard.com)

2. **The mill building**
   - Dates from the 1930s and was constructed on the site of an earlier windmill.

3. **Here in Avlösa are the remains of a stone "domarring" circle burial ground from the period around the birth of Christ, or the Early Iron Age. Two of the original three stone circles can still be seen by the lakeside.**

4. **Kumla Bay Church**
   - A medievial church with beautiful paintings from the 1400s and a tower that you can climb to get a great view.

5. **In 1783, the Parola Malm jetty became the landing place for the first regular boat connection established between the mainland and the island.**

6. **Rural life museum, "loft house"**
   - Cookhouse and a building formerly used to store the village stirrup pump. There is also a display on Katherine Tingley and an old classroom. Open weekends. Refreshments available.
   - [visingsohembygdsforening.com](http://visingsohembygdsforening.com)

7. **Visingö museum/Courthouse**
   - Dates from 1663 and presents the history of Visingö on a daily basis in the summer. Visingö Library, built from Visingö oak and designed by Carl Nylin. The Brahe School – Visingö folk high school is located here.
   - [braheskolan.se](http://braheskolan.se)

8. **Around 800 graves are visible in the northern, central and southern burial grounds. Originally there were considerably more. The vast majority are graves from the Iron Age (500 BC-1050 AD).**

9. **Visingsö Mission Church**
   - A well-preserved building largely unchanged since the 1910s.
   - [missionskyrkangranabygden.se](http://missionskyrkangranabygden.se)

10. **The community centre provides premises for parties, film screenings, exhibitions, courses etc. It has a fibre internet connection and a kitchen which can cater for 120 people.**
    - [visingsobygdegard.se](http://visingsobygdegard.se)

11. **Near to the St Laurenti church there is a large burial mound.**

12. **The chapel**
    - Is dedicated to Saint Laurentius, who died a martyr and who is still referred to as the patron saint of humour.

13. **Nostalgia museum with BP petrol station**
    - From 1962. Here you will find 120 m² of exhibition space displaying 1950s domestic settings, engines, radios and lots more.
    - [visingo.so](http://visingo.so)

14. **The Russian Cemetery. In the years 1715-1718, around 2000 prisoners of war were held on Visingö. Many of them were Russian, and some of them were buried here.**

15. **The two half-timbered buildings, the Royal Barns were erected in the 1730s to provide stabling and storage space.**

### NATURE

26. **Sandudden; attractive sandy beaches.**

28. **In the autumn, Erstad Kärn nature reserve is an important resting place for migrating birds, and an Eldorado for ornithologists.**
    - [lanstyrelsen.se/jonkoping](http://lanstyrelsen.se/jonkoping)

29. **The carp ponds**
    - Date back to the 1600s and belonged to Visingborg Castle. The fish formed part of the diet of the Brahe family court.

30. **The Royal Oak**
    - Was planted in 1839 and is an impressive example of the island’s famous oak forest.

31. **Stora Silvergranen**
    - Is a silver fir tree more than 39 m high, with a trunk so wide that it takes three adults to encircle it with their arms. Silver firs were introduced to the island.

32. **The oak forest.**
    - In the 1800s, the state decided that oaks should be planted to provide timber for the Navy. 300,000 oaks were planted on Visingö.
    - [svf.se](http://svf.se)

### ACTIVITIES

36. **9 hole links type golf course.**
    - [visingo.gk.se](http://visingo.gk.se)

37. **Brahevalven. Football pitches, beach volleyball, barbecue area, outdoor gym.**
    - [visingsoasis.se](http://visingsoasis.se)

38. **Kumla Bay Baths. Heated outdoor swimming pool.**
    - [jonkoping.se, search for "Kumla Baybadet”](http://jonkoping.se, search for "Kumla Baybadet”)

39. **Starting point for 2.2 km illuminated running track.**
    - [kahpraddia.ru](http://kahpraddia.ru)

40. **Paddle a kayak.**
    - Here you can hire a kayak, join in on a kayak trip or take part in courses, events etc.
    - [kahpraddia.ru](http://kahpraddia.ru)

41. **Visingsö Jousting Festival takes place here every year in August.**
    - [visingsotornspsel.se](http://visingsotornspsel.se)

42. **Here you can find the start of three circular walks: the red Central trail, 3.8 km; the yellow South trail, 6.4 km; and the green North trail, 7.2 km.**

43. **Take a trip on the island’s popular horse-drawn wagon, Remmalagen.**
    - It starts from the harbour and you can choose from different routes.
    - [visingsoremalag.se](http://visingsoremalag.se)

44. **Visingsö Cykeluthyrning. Hire your bicycle from us.**
    - Stydy bicycles and accessories.
    - Tel +46 (0)70 772 76 67.
    - [visingsocykeluthyrning.se](http://visingsocykeluthyrning.se)
    - Instagram: @visingsocykeluthyrning

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46. **Take a trip with the Visingö train!**
    - [leklandetvisingso.se](http://leklandetvisingso.se)

47. **Leklandets cykeluthyrning. Bicycles, tandems, cargo bikes, family bicycles and golf carts.**
    - Tel +46 (0)721 73 50 00.
    - [leklandetvisingso.se](http://leklandetvisingso.se)

48. **Leklandet/Ekudden Folk Park. Bouncy castles and crazy golf with a Visingö theme! Electric cars, quad bikes, carousel, events, kiosk and coffee.**
    - Tel +46 (0)721-73 50 00.
    - [leklandetvisingso.se](http://leklandetvisingso.se)

49. **Service station. Inflate your bicycle tires.**
    - We also have a range of simple tools together with a vending machine for drinks and sweets.
    - [leklandetvisingso.se](http://leklandetvisingso.se)
Welcome to Visingsö!

According to the legend, Visingsö was created when the giant Vist threw out a tuft of grass into Lake Vättern for his wife to step on. Just like a thousand years ago, that tuft of grass is still teeming with life!

Visingsö is the largest island in Vättern, and is 14 km long and 3 km wide at the widest part. The narrowest point is only 600 m across, and the highest point is 33 metres above the lake. Around 70% of the island is meadowland. There are also 360 hectares of oak woodland and 152 hectares of coniferous woodland. The distance to Gränna is 6 km, to Jönköping 30 km and to Västergötland 7 km.

The many ancient cemeteries indicate that the island has been inhabited for a long time. The island belonged to the monarchy in the 1100s and 1200s. The first Swedish royal fortress, Näs, was erected at the southernmost point. Magnus Ladulås was one of the many kings who lived here.

In the 1600s, the island was the centre of the country’s biggest and most powerful countships, Visingsborg. Here the Counts of Brahe constructed an impressive castle, with its own church – Brahe Church – which has unique and beautiful decorative features.

Visingsö is part of the Östra Vätterbanterna geographical area, which was designated a biosphere area in 2012. A biosphere area is a model area for sustainable development and provides local solutions for global challenges. The word “biosphere” means everything living on earth and the environment we live in. It relates to the interplay between people and the environment. UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, selects areas of the world that demonstrate initiative in terms of sustainable development, with local collaboration being the basis.

Today you can enjoy historical remains, beautiful natural surroundings, art and a great deal more on Visingsö!

Useful information

- If you would like more information about companies or activities, please visit their websites.
- Visingsö is open all year round! But the island is at its liveliest in the summer.
- There are currently no cashpoint machines on Visingsö.
- Around 750 people live on Visingsö all year round. In the summer there are many more inhabitants...
- There is one food shop, open 7:00–22:00, every day of the week.
- Outdoor swimming – no public sites but you can swim in several places. There is a heated pool in Kumby.
- The Swedish Transport Administration’s brown and white signs indicate particularly interesting sites and places.
- The same traffic rules apply on Visingsö as on the mainland.

Leave your car in Gränna

On Visingsö you will find walking trails, bicycles for hire, horsedrawn carriages and buses!