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ADD IT YOUR WAY

We gladly boast about the uniqueness of our town, but is there really anything unique about Sandviken?

There are 290 municipalities in Sweden and truth be told; they as well may have lakes, beautiful nature, winter fun and outdoor activities all year around, a vivid cultural scene, venues for great events, pioneering research and exciting work opportunities close to the capital. It's hard to admit, but there are also others with outstanding bandy teams.

However, if you sum up what you like you may soon discover that Sandviken offers many unique combinations. Hopefully you, as a visitor or already a resident, will combine the parts that suits you. In other words 1+1 may equal 3 or even more in your own way.

How do you add?

- **4 VENUES**
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VENUES

The arena that has it all

As a new landmark and Sandviken's new pride, Göransson Arena rose up in 2009. The multi arena can hold 10 000 people and with a surface three times bigger than Globen in Stockholm, it hosts major sport events, concerts and fairs.

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Historical venue

set in beautiful nature

This is the place for those who truly enjoy life. For those hungry for freedom, movement and endorphines. Here right in the middle of nature, in the fresh air of Gästrikland, you find the balance between relaxation and blood pumping adventure. Come to Högbo, where the past and the present, cutting edge and cornerstone, classical and innovation all are integrated in the new down-to-earth mentality.

Sleep well and eat excellent at Högbo Brukshotell.



Here the expectations of the modern movie goer meet the latest technology and the most comfortable armchairs. The movie theater is now resurrected in the venue where the Grand was once opened back in 1936. Have a fantastic cinema experience - or for the party, after-work or just an evening out with your friends, you can book an entire theater yourself!

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THE CHURCH

When you combine food, culture and a great venue to visit, you end up at The Church. The former Baptist church has been transformed into a Gastropub and it is the beautiful environment, where even the church organ has been preserved, together with the menu of local produce that makes The Church special. Meet a friend for a drink, enjoy a dinner in peace and quiet or with live music. To experience anything like it, you would have to travel to Dublin from which the inspiration was found.

+thechurch.se

A place to entertain & create enriching meetings for everyone!

Kulturcentrum is a lively centre for arts and culture, filled with people who want to discuss, learn and experience music or theater together with friends, family or new acquaintances. It is located in the middle of the city together with hotels, Travel Center (Resecentrum) and shops all within walking distance, which makes it easy to visit and gives you time to enjoy all of Sandviken.



An astrodome of great possibilities

In the heart of Sweden, in Sandviken, at the historic sports complex Jernvallen, Göransson Arena rises and plays an important role for sports clubs and activities in the city. As the home arena for Saik Bandy and Sandviken's ice hockey teams, it even provides our young sports enthusiasts with great opportunities to train and have their own events. The ever greater competitions that take place here open up for more sports and for an audience from all around the world. Bring your friends, cheer for the team and socialize in the restaurant.

WORLD CUP
IN BANDY

Since 2009 Sandviken has been hosting the annual Bandy World Cup, a tournament for the best bandy clubs in the world. During a weekend in October teams from predominantly Russia, Finland, Norway and Sweden meet in the tournament.

World-class soccer star

Kim Källström is a talent and role model, both on and off the soccer field, as the team captain and as a cosmopolitan with roots in Sandviken. According to Kim we are not just citizens in our own country, but also part of the whole world, in which each and everyone of us have to help those in a difficult state in life. As an example Kim runs the soccer project Trophy, for kids with an intellectual disability, making it possible for a greater number of participants in the Gothia Cup.

More than 320 youth teams take part in Sweden's greatest indoor soccer-tournament during three days each year in January. Did you know that Sandviken IF already had played football for 40 years when Jernvallen was one of the world championship arenas in Sweden 1958?





SNOW AT IT'S BEST

Get a first rank experience of winter and fun at **Kungsberget**. There is skiing for everyone, big and small, from inviting beginner slopes to steeps that take your breath away. Here's also slopes and activities fit for the youngest skiers. Here you may find 22 slopes and 12 lifts. For the dare devil there's Snowpark, funpark with skicross track and Nintendoland. Go for some cross country skiing on lighted trails near the facility, stay in different residences, restaurants, ski-rental, sportshop and only 20 minutes to Sandviken.

+kungsberget.se

Pay and ski!

In Högbo you can begin the cross country skiing season extra early with 2,1 km long artificially frozen ski tracks. Bring your skis, pay at the start and begin the training as early as November. When the snow starts falling there are perfect tracks whether you prefer classic style or skate. Close by, both adults and kids enjoy going down the hill by sledge and playing in the snow.

She can ski the fastest in the world

The feeling of freedom, speed and adrenaline is what **Sara Hector** has loved about her sport giant slalom since she was a kid. In 2014 the skier from Sandviken got everything right and took home her first win, first time participating in the world cup in Kühtai, Austria. The calm before the storm is what she finds at her childhood slopes and home club in Kungsberget, the place where she has been training and aiming for success since she was little.

On the open ice, from shore to shore

During winter you can visit your favorite spot on skis, skates or by snowmobile across the ice of the lake Storsjön. A track for skates is plowed along the shores, with track for skis aside, all the way from Strandbaden in Årsunda to Hedåsbadet in Sandviken when the ice is thick. Skate out on the shiny dark ice and glide out on the open ice from shore to shore.





Bathing, picnic, boating!

Storsion is the place for you who feel at home in the wet element, either being a bathing nymph, fisher, worshiper of nature or boating enthusiast. Take a boat tour in our lovely passenger ship M/S Emma, take a swim at one of the sandy beaches, go fishing, take part of the nature and have a fine picnic. The road that leads across Storsjön is known to be one of our country's most beautiful ones, with the different landscapes that spreads on each side. The bridges across the lake binds Sandviken and many other scenic places to the south together. Next is Årsunda and after that you reach Österfärnebo and Gysinge.

Out in the wild

More and more want to take part of the stillness and silence that nature offers. Get away from the city roar to collect new energy from the peaceful and untouched nature. Become a part of it among the wild animals and the exquisite moments. Experience it all together with a knowledgeable nature guide, and perhaps be able to see wild animals, while hiding in the forest at dawn.

+wildnordic.se

A mosaic of unique environments

Located by the rapid streams of the great river Dalälven in Gysinge, is Naturum, the gate to Färnebofjärdens national park. Get mesmerized by unique nature formed by lakes, rapids, wetlands and forests. There are nature trails, observation posts, good fishing grounds, fine paddle paths plus shelters and lodges prepared for overnight stays. The high cultural and natural value of the river surroundings has made Lower Dalälven be appointed as a Unesco Biosphere Reserve.

HIKING

The nature trail Gästrikeleden,

takes you around Gästrikland's nature. Among them is the trail

Färnebofjärdens national park.

♣naturkraft-gestrikland.se

around Gästrikland.

marked out with 27 miles of paths,

+farnebofjarden.se



PADDLING

Paddle out on a relaxing excursion in murmuring waters, reflecting the beauty that nature offers. In the landscape there are over 200 rest and insertion places that allow you to discover Gästrikland the waterway, with the possibility of wonderful nature experiences.

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Find your fishing paradise

Choose between different fishing grounds among lakes, rivers and streams, one more gorgeous than the next. In the lower parts of Dalälven in Gysinge the streams rich in fish are part of Sweden's Top 10 Fishing sites. Game fishing grounds accessible to wheelchair are to be found by Hamptjärn where the facility has been extended with ramps all around the lake. The nearest to Sandviken is Storsjön, known for its great zanders and amazing nature. Explore our waters and find your favorite spot.



Pulse of the city or the serenity of nature

In the middle of Högbo close to the nature and activities with higher or lower pulse is the beautiful hotel. Slide into the down-to-earth mentality and enjoy the relaxation, indoor pool, spa and gourmet food. The food is made of locally cultivated produce by "Made in Högbo" and gets the highest score in the White Guide, a restaurant guide filled with prestige. The same guide appoints the hotel as one of the best in the country.

In the centre of Sandviken you will find the traditional city hotel Princess. For the hungry the unique Gastropub The Church and Charlys Bar&Steakhouse.

Find more suggestions

on hotels or restaurants

at visitsandviken.se

Food & Fika

ACCOMMODATIONS FOOD & FIKA

A cup of coffee and Gysinge's own cinnamon bun by the shooting water of Dalälven, special radio cookies at Mercurius in Storvik or a Pekpinne at Berglunds in Kungsgården - The good places for fika are many.

Locally cultivated, oriental or home cooked, you don't have to stay hungry.



IN KUNGSBERGET

Reside close by with hotel standard or rent a cabin where there is room for the whole family or all your friends. Regardless of which there is a variety of alternatives for accommodation during your winter adventure in Kungsberget.





From folkhemsarkitektur to "Swedish Modern"

In the town of Sandviken you can take a walk along the canal Kanalen, view both cultural history and world known architecture in Gamla Bruket and Nya Bruket, former residents of Sandvikens iron mills workers. The accomodations for workers in the iron mill in Sandviken. The old houses later mixed with big architecture, known as "Swedish Modern", by **Ralph Erskine**. Among his work is the Nya Bruket that where built in the 70's and drew attention all over the world. The low houses, inner courtyards and color scheme looks a lot like the predecessors but were combined with new ideas and shapes in his thoughtful architecture.

A realm of iron

Järnriket is what we call the industrial communities preserved from the 16th century and forward with the common denominator: the iron. Different ways to make use of the iron made whole societies rise and brought with it a way of life. The old industrial communities have left traces that we gladly inform you, each one with its unique history. Gästrike Hammarby, Gysinge, Högbo and Forsbacka is some of our locations with interesting history worthy a visit.

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Björk Bernie

INSPIRATION

Shop for crafts in Högbo

Go for a picnic in the beautiful environments surrounding the industrial village and go shopping at the same time! The farm shop and Made in Högbo offer locally produced vegetables and products from their own animal keeping, cheese factory and bakery. Also take a look in the forge and visit Johan the blacksmith. Take a look at the shimmering work of the glass blowers in Öfre Hammar. In the ceramics gallery you find Margareta Persson's unique and figurative objects. During winter the gallery transforms into a bakery where Margareta puts together her gingerbread castle in fairytale style. Keep an eye for it around the first of Advent!

THE RED HOUSES IN GYSINGE

Get inspired to renovation and decoration beyond plastic splines and acrylic paint in Gysinge where Sweden's first and largest centre for the preservation of old Swedish houses is situated. Get inspired by the exhibition of building preservation which shows the Swedish style from the midth-18th century up to the early 1900s. Find the perfect furniture, colors, decoration details and much more that makes it feel like home, in present day as it did in the past.

+gysinge.com

Björk&Berries

Sweden's only design centre of fragrance is found in Högbo and the perfumer is none other than the award-winning Pierre Wulff. There are products for body care and home with organic and ecofriendly ingredients, inspired by the Swedish forest and packed with 100% natural raw ingredients from the surrounding nature. You can even cut and imprint your own soap.

Swedish art of whisky

Swedish water, Swedish barley and Swedish new oak are the key pillars in what became Sweden's first whisky distillery in **Mackmyra** 1999. Now the journey continues out in the world of whisky as one of the most modern distilleries. Make a visit to the whisky village, book a showing of how the production works and enjoy food and beverage in the restaurant. This has inspired yet another distillery to emerge in the region – Gammelstilla Whisky.

+mackmyra.se

Wetterlings Yxfabrik

Located by a creek in Storvik is Sweden's first axe making factory that has produced axes since the 19th century. Taking experience from past generations of smiths and their knowledge of making axes a quite young team conduct the inherited art, making use of new technology. Find your very own axe in the factory shop and look at all the past generations' models of axes that are on display.

★wetterlings.com

More architecture and art

The entire town is filled with interesting architecture that has helped to create the image of Sandviken. For example, our modernistic beauty The City Hall, the cultural centra "Kulturcentrum" and Valhalla, in national romantic stile, built for the iron mill's workers for their amusements.

Rosenlöfs museum of press

The museum gives the impression that the people who once worked here just went home for the weekend to come back on Monday. Some of the activity, from which you can buy exclusively produced printed matter, is still up and running. The unique workers' museum is located in **Kungsgården** and has history from the year 1890.

CULTURAL ENVIRONMENTS



The destinations for your senses

Visit and get inspired by amazing gardens, eat organic food produced in their own kitchen garden and look at beautiful art and crafts. To keep the earthground healthy **Wij** gardens in Ockelbo create harmony between plants, a gardening culture that has made them a role model all over the world. Among them in Isabella Rosselini's farm in New York where the gardener Lars Krantz helped her get started with the organic farming.

+wij.se

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CULTURE

A living cultural centre for all

From the idea of a rich cultural society, learning and creativity, the cultural centre emerged. As a hub for Sandviken's culture with a library open all year around, exhibition hall, theater and different platforms and spaces collected under the same roof, a cultural pillar that has made Sandviken get elected Årets Kulturkommun twice! An annual national award for municapalities promoting and funding culture within their community. Combined with a calm and pleasant environment to

> place to meet and an open environment that makes the creative energies flow. If you feel like exercising you can easily borrow sports equipment at Fritidsbanken.



Through non-profit strength

The primal force of Sandviken's alternative culture is the association Backbeatbolaget which through their collective ideas has been the foundation for generation upon generation of musicians, artists and organisers from Sandviken. How it all came to happen you can now read about in the book "Bang! Boken om Back Beat Bolaget". For over 20 years the organisation has arranged events, exhibitions, courses, parties with local and international talents. In true DIYspirit. To improve one's situation and go one's own way, together.

◆backbeatbolaget.se

ART FOR AND BY EVERYONE

In Sandviken's exhibition hall visual arts is mixed with sound and video art in a mix of exhibitions and performance during different festivals and events. Among them is the festival Vindöga, as well as programs and "Artist Talk" in connection to ongoing exhibitions. The art spree during easter, Gästrike Konst in western Gästrikland, has become a tradition and attracts many artists and visitors. Take part of different interesting exhibitions in the artists' own studios and temporary exhibition venues.

During summer you can visit the studio and artist's home **Tallbo** where Erik "Ecke" Hedberg once was born in 1868. There you find about ten different exhibitions, mostly by contemporary and locally active artists. All year around you can make a visit at Galleri LarsPalm, a part of Backbeatbolaget, that serves as a open venue for artists and creative people from the whole county.

+tallbo.se



OLLE WIJK S HEART HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN SANDVIKEN

After his time as professor of metallurgy at KTH in Stockholm Olle Wijk returned in 1996 to Sandvik Materials Technology in Sandviken where he held senior positions until 2012, and then became research director for the entire Sandvik Group until he retired.

"Through knowledge and care for metallurgy, the environment and people, he has, with commitment to research and development, greatly contributed to the Sandviken we know today."

Honor citizens

TAKEN BY SURPRISE

The stage where **Tomas Ledin** started playing music is located in Kulturcentrum. As musically talented teenager mad about pop, Tomas wanted to do nothing else but play music. His carrier kickstarted after a time as an exchange student in the USA. The rest of the story is a piece of Swedish popular history of music and "Taken By Surprise" ("Sommaren är kort") is his most famous hit song. Tomas is often associated with the Swedish summer.



THE MEZZO SOPRANO WHO WON THE SONG CONTEST

With her genre-crossing artistry, world known opera singer and stand against racism, Malena Ernman has become an inspiring role model. She built her basic values on experiences from her up-bringing in Sandviken. Except for going on tour to the big opera houses Malena took the chance to participate in the annual song contest Melodifestivalen where she won the heart of the people and a place in Eurovison Song Contest with the song "La Voix".



Soon we will be more than 40 000 citizens, we need more houses to live in! Building cranes high in the sky speaks of the growth while we are building new homes next to the town park and making plans for terrace houses in the area surrounding the canal and Kanalgränd. There are ready sites by Storsjön and plans are being made with co-operative apartments in the central area. Not to forget; the possibilities to live in the countryside with the city close by. From many of our population centres Sandviken is only 15 minutes away.



Learn how to code in CoderDojo

Children and young people go to CoderDoio in Sandbacka Park to learn how to use computers in a new and fun way. With the help of mentors they learn the basics of programming and then decide themselves what they want to create, a web page. an app or a game!

> **FOR THE YOUNG ONES**



One needs several days to explore all the fun, exciting and intriguing things there is to do at **Furuvik**. Then the best of meeting animals, play and go for a ride in the amusement park have to be tried again! Submerged in nature and neighboring the exotic animals, the historic park becomes a magical place for live music and show. Do pentathlon, play fun games, relax in nature, all just 30 minutes away from Sandviken.

+furuvik.se

Mamma Moo, is that you?

It began with a funny cow, with funny horns and her friend Crow in a sing-a-long program by Juija and Tomas Wieslander. They sang together with children and became the inspiration for the popular songs and characters that have lived on for over 30 years, celebrated in several places across Sweden. Now you can meet with the cow Mamma Moo at her own pool in Parkbadet and in the library, where she has her own library card. Did you know that she is the most famous cow in the world?

and library learning through art as expression is in focus. The possibilities to make dreams come true is given and maybe the beginning of a

Come play and meet the animals at Högbo Bruk

Högbo is a paradise for the young ones with it's animal pens and play grounds. Say hi to the ducks, rabbits, goats and alpacas in the meadow Sigrids Hage. Meet the fairytale figures Långa Farbrorn och Lilla Anna in the playground with several fun jungle gyms, swings and slides. On a hot day the bathing place beckons with a bathing platform, a little sandy beach and big open green spaces. You can also challenge each other in a game of pitch-and-putt by Högbo Qvarn.



Trampolin is helping young people to make the jump into the world of narration and literature as Sweden's first house of literature for children and young people. The work of inspiring and developing language and narration through different forms of expression is diligent in the different

rooms for narrations and storytelling. Together with the exhibition hall life long passion.

+sandvik.se

INDUSTRY & INNOVATIO Sandvik in short numbers

Sandvik AB is a high-tech and global engineering group with more than 43,000 employees, business in 150 countries, about 8000 active patents. Many want to take part of Sandvik's unique competence in material technology, exhaustive knowledge in industrial processes and the research and development giving the company a world leading position in the field of hard materials. The largest production plant and research is located here in Sandviken where 5 500 employees work out of 10 000 in all of Sweden.

> Beyond the global corporation you can find other international companies such as Midroc, Syntronic, CGI and Sogeti. In Sandviken there are 3 400 businesses, where the majority are micro enterprises with up to 9 employees.

Innovation at the forefront

Sandbacka Science Park

Sandbacka Science Park is one of Sweden's 40 science parks and together with akademies and investors thrives here enterprise and innovativeness It is a working place of 900 people daily contributing to the expansion of more than 50 companies. Here you can bring your idea - big or small, and establish yourself on location or through networks and cooperation. Regardless of the ambition level of you and your project we can help support your development.

The goal of Sandbacka Science Park is to be one of Sweden's premier science parks when it comes to supporting enterprise and society in the development of future products and services.

CLIMATE INNOVATION CREATED IN SANDVIKEN

Pure Power are the giant leaps that dedicated parties make towards a sustainable future. A coordinated initiative in the private sector, scientific community and public sector to create fossil free transportation and renewable energy in Sandviken.

+sandvikenpurepower.se

The world's first electrical road for trucks

To the west of Sandviken an experimental stretch for the electric road which is envisioned to reach all the way to Avesta and Borlänge. The test uses the conventional road system and has been running since 2016



The fourth hydrogen station in Sweden

Did you know that water and heat are the only exhausts from a hydrogen powered car? To go fossil free feels like an obvious choice and is greatly helped by more fuel stations. In Sandviken we opened Sweden's fourth hydrogen filling station back in 2016.

Fossil free fuel

Today there are 15 electrical charging stations in Sandviken, and the number is growing. All so that more people will choose to use fossil free transportation.



In Forsbacka, just to the east of Sandviken, biogas is produced from recycled food waste and compost from local households. The biogas can be used as fuel for vehicles, industrial gas and fertilizer with high nutrional content.

Let the wind blow

One of northern Europe's largest onland wind parks is located to the north of Sandviken in Jädraås. Among others, AGA is supplied with green electricity for the production of Hydrogen.





With a great joy of playing music together Sandviken's symphony orchestra has made an exciting musical journey, starting 1934. Except for the classical repertoire they have been touring in both Europe and Sweden, including with the musical Chess.

+symfoniorkester.com

Bangen Jazz & Bluesfestival

Sandviken Big Band, Sandviken Big Band, 50 years in 2018, with their big band jazzmusic was a prerequisite for creating a jazz and blues festival that lived further since 1991. "The Bang", in popular terms, was initially a big band festival, though widened and visited every year by a lovely mix of artists.

+bangen.se

Göransson Arena

This is the place if you want to see the royalties of pop culture! Since the inauguration in 2009 Göransson Arena has featured giants such as 50 Cent, Bryan Adams, The Scorpions and Britney Spears.

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Dunkers musical summer

In the garden of Smedsgården in the middle of the idyllic Gamla Bruket Ingemar Dunker treats us with musical entertainment during summer. The enthusiast who has his own musical festival in July also lets the rock loose on the passenger ship M/S Emma in Storsjön and in Gysinge.

Drömfesten

According to tradition the celebration Drömfesten begins with a carnival marching through the centre of town, beginning at Jerntorget and ends at Drömfabriken that works with culture, crafts and meetings between Drömfabrikanterna (people with different disabilities) and Drömfabrikörerna (the staff). Drömfesten is filled with a lot of rock, blues, acoustic cozy music, celebration and dance.

MUSIC

active organizers that set

selection of music with many

up concerts and festivals of which many have become

Sandviken has a rich

annual traditions.

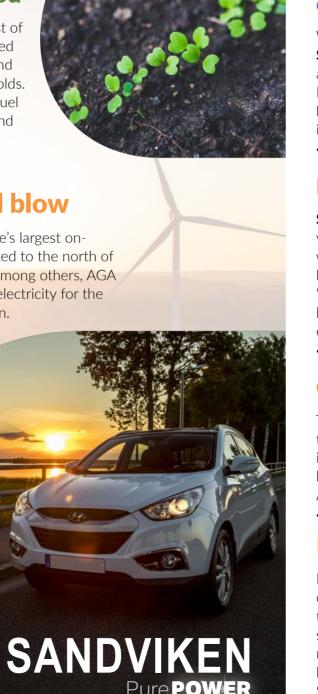
+dromfabriken.se

Chamber music festival

Through the chamber music's lesser volume a more intimate feeling is created in the connection between musicians and audience. The association of chamber music in Sandviken, has since 1980's, annually held a festival in which chamber music is the focus.

+kammarmusik.org

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Book tips from THE PROVINCE OF LITERATURE



Anna Jörgensdotter, Helene Rådberg och Carolina Thorell together wrote the great literary work Livfjädrar – Kvinnornas Sandviken for the anniversary year of 2012. Since then they have all released their own books; Solidärer, Jungrukällorna and Politiken.

In Sandviken and surrounding places there are a fine collection of appreciated writers and poets. Here are some various tips from Stig Sjödin to Mamma Moo.

- None of them farther away than the nearest library.

Stig Sjödin, made his debut in 1945, releasing a collection of poems in the book Sotfragment four years later. In 2017 we celebrate his 100th birthday, born in Högbo.



Bernt-Olov Anderssons trilogy I syrenernas tid mostly takes place in the environment where Stig Sjödin grew up. In the fall of 2018 the autobiographical Den osynliga nåden was released.





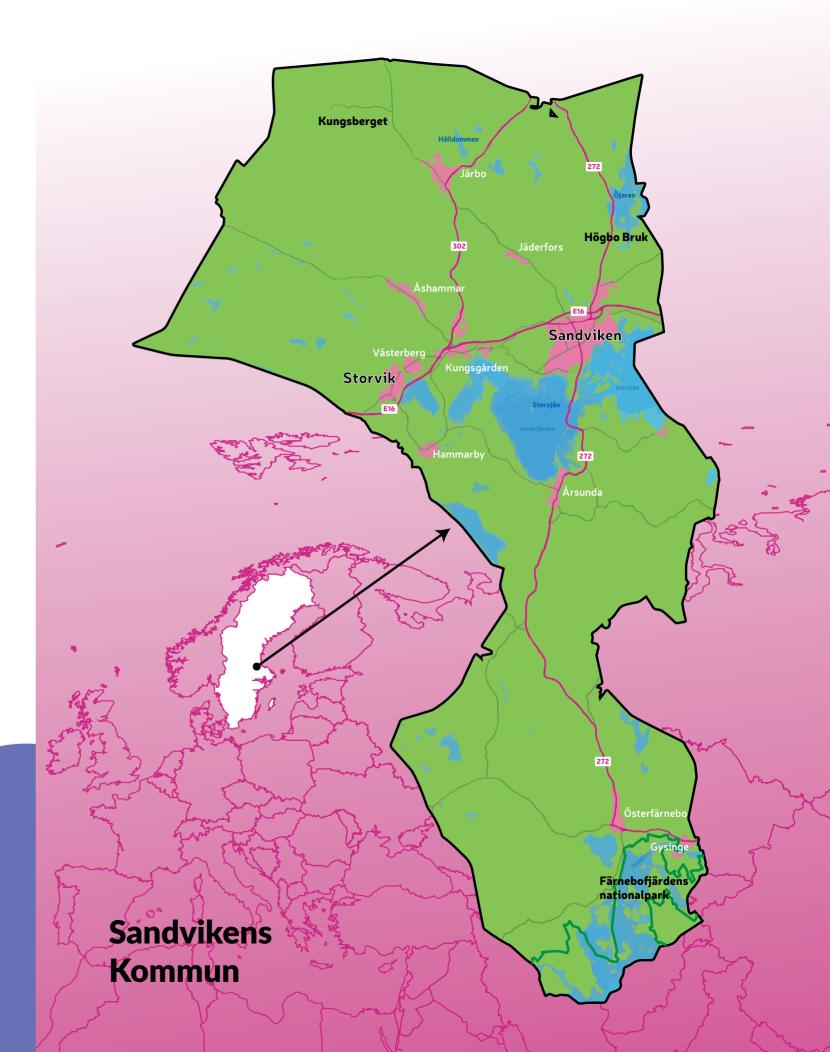
Camilla Lagerqvist writes about teenage love in the shadow of the ever so present death in a sanatorium during the 1930's in her book *Den Vita döden*. It follows her acclaimed book series about the children "Svarta rosornas" adventure during the second world war on the border between Sweden and Norway.

1991 **Jujja** and **Tomas Wieslander** published the first book about Mamma Moo and Crow. Soon there were many more books about the characters and they have been translated to more than 30 languages. Jujja celebrates the cow and the crow with the new book, artfully illustrated by Sven Nordqvist.

But how does it add up with Jujja born in Stockholm and the literature province Sandviken? When Mamma Moo and Crow were created, Jujja and Tomas were living in Åttersta just outside Sandviken, that's how the story goes.







DISCOVER MORE OF SANDVIKEN!

Welcome to Sandviken's tourist centre in Kulturcentrum, central Sandviken. We'll gladly help you with tickets, information and tips for activities, attractions, events, restaurants, accommodations and much more. Here you also find brochures and maps from close by places and regions. Why not buy a souvenir as a memory of your visit!

