

THE INSIDE GUIDE TO GOTHENBURG 2018

If you look beyond the high street and start exploring the city you will find hundreds of small, beating muscles bursting with creativity and energy.

Use this guide as an inspiration to find your way around the other side of Gothenburg and to explore the attractions that you don't find on the postcards.



WHERE TO GO FOR ART

Photo: Beatrice Törnros

The Gothenburg indie art scene is absolutely brilliant. Alternative galleries such as Four and Röda Sten Art Centre are run by genuine enthusiasts and the artists themselves which makes them refreshingly unpretentious. Here silence has been replaced by music and black turtle neck sweaters by neon coloured T-shirts.

GALLERI MAGNUS WINSTRÖM

NORDHEMSGATAN 22

At Galleri Magnus Winström you are just as likely to see an original Warhol as the work of an almost completely unknown but up-and-coming painter or artist. If you have any questions about art in Gothenburg, just ask owner Magnus Winström and he'll be glad to tell you what's worth seeing at the moment.

www.gallerimagnuswinstrom.se

URBAN ARTROOM

JOHANNEBERGSGATAN 24

Urban Artroom is a contemporary art gallery that keeps its ear very close to the ground eagerly looking for the next hot thing on the local art scene. Very popular among art school students and street artists.

www.urbanartroom.se

FOUR

RISÅSGATAN 5

Gallery, shop and workshop focused on jewellery and desing. The four jewellers running the gallery all graduated from HDK, School of Design and Craft, in Gothenburg. Aside from their own jewellery, they also showcase temporary exhibitions.

www.fourgallery.com

JÄRNHALLEN

JÄRNMALMSGATAN 5

Ringön is a somewhat scruffy former industrial area on the island Hisingen on the north side of the river that cuts through Gothenburg. Here artist Anna Bergman runs gallery Järnhallen, an avant-garde must see if you don't mind going the extra mile for your art fix.

www.jarnhallen.se

RÖDA STEN ART CENTRE

RÖDA STEN

The most prominent of the off-centre galleries. In a three-storey concrete cube just a stone's throw from the sea you will find installations, paintings, video art and all kinds of interesting performances from Swedish as well as international artists. On special weekend nights the first floor is transformed a cool night club.

www.rodasten.com

GALLERI NILS ÅBERG

KUNGSGATAN 7

This gallery features work by both internationally acclaimed artists and local talents.

www.gallerinilsaberg.se

KONSTEPIDEMIN

KONSTEPIDEMINS VÄG 6

Konstepidemin is an area of 4000 square metres where more than 130 artists have their studios. There are three different galleries and a café. Konstepidemin is located on top of a hill and the vibe of the area is really quite different from in the rest of the city even though it just takes a minute or two to get there from Linnéplatsen or Haga.

www.konstepidemin.se

TREDJE VÅNINGEN

SOCKERBRUKET 9

Tredje våningen is an arena for modern dance in Gothenburg. On the third floor of the former sugar factory building you will also find installations, exhibitions, music and more. Take your time and don't forget to have a stroll in the beautiful surroundings or a meal at the famous fish restaurant Sjömagasinet (Adolf Edelsvärd's Gata 5) after the visit.

www.3vningen.se



WHERE TO GO FOR GREAT FOOD EXPERIENCES

Barabicu. Photo: Superstudio D&D AB

Gothenburg has a vibrant restaurant scene ranging from Michelin-starred gourmet and trendy eateries to classic neighbourhood institutions and street food. There's a lot of creative concepts and innovative chefs using the very best of what the region has to offer. The city also has great budget-eats like the urban food truck Strömmingsluckan serving up delicious fried herring.

BARABICU

ROSENLUNDSGATAN 4

The super cool Barabicu is located just steps away from the famous fish market hall Feskekôrka and has in short time become a favourite among the locals. The restaurant's concept is Pan-American grill with focus on seafood, fish and meat cooked over an open fire.

www.barabicu.se

FATIMAS

OSKARSGATAN 4

Behind a red steel door in a cosy backyard, you'll find this Moroccan restaurant that serves food based on family recipes.

www.restaurangfatima.se

ATELIER

SÖDRA HAMNGATAN 2A

How about oxtail with horseradish or veal served with liquorice? The menu at Atelier, the decadent restaurant at Hotel Pigalle, offers locally grown ingredients from west Sweden served with just the perfect amount of madness to make it both interesting and tasty.

www.hotelpigalle.se

HOZE

STIGBERGSLIDEN 17

There's a constant buzz surrounding sushi chef José Cerdá. There's barely a sign outside the restaurant but the food, only served to six guests at a time, has resulted in several awards and made the owner known as one of the nation's most exciting and creative chefs.

www.hozerestaurant.com

FOLK

OLOF PALMES PLATS

At the moment, vegetarian gourmet food is what it's all about and uber-trendy restaurant Folk really succeeds in redefining veggie cooking. The wine list, with natural wines only, is another great reason to visit.

www.folkbg.se

BHOGA

NORRA HAMNGATAN 10

Bhoga is a fine dining restaurant with a star in the Michelin Guide that serves truly innovative dishes from local ingredients. Despite the restaurant's shooting star status it's relatively inexpensive.

www.bhoga.se

NATUR

GEIJERSGATAN 12

Natur is the restaurant for all occasions; a romantic 3 course meal with your loved one and carefully selected wines to match, or a place to wind down your day with a fine glass of natural Champagne. At Natur, they serve well cooked and simple yet luxurious dishes to a very affordable price. Vegetables are in constant focus.

www.restaurangnatur.se

PUTA MADRE AND BASQUE

MAGASINGATAN 3

The interior design at Puta Madre was inspired by a brothel in Tijuana owned by a relative of the restaurant owners in the early 1900s – which makes it a very unusual place to dine. Just next to Puta Madre is the amazing little pintxos bar Basque. Choose from delicious and freshly made Basque specialities and lovely cava.

www.putamadre.se, www.basque.se



Photo: Jennie Smith



Toso. Photo: Tomas Yeh

TOSO

GÖTAPLATSEN

Toso is star chef Stefan Karlsson's flirt with the Asian cuisine. Here, eastern flavours mix with the very best fish and shellfish that our waters have to offer. The bar serves great cocktails and during weekends there's a great party vibe. The location at Götaplatsen, at the very top of the main boulevard Avenyn, is also quite unique.

www.toso.nu

RESTAURANG GABRIEL

FESKEKÔRKA

Gothenburg is home to some of the best fish and shellfish in the world. At Restaurang Gabriels, located inside the fish market hall Feskekôrka and run by young chef Johan Malm, they are served the traditional Swedish way: simple, yet delicious. Please note: lunch only.

www.restauranggabriel.se

BEE BAR

VIKTORIAGATAN 12

This restaurant is located in the heart of Gothenburg and offers you a welcoming atmosphere as well as great food and drinks. Bee Kök & Bar is situated in Saluhallen, the famous market hall in Gothenburg since the 19th century. Varied menu with vegetarian alternatives.

www.beebar.se

KOKA

VIKTORIAGATAN 12

Björn Persson, food legend and owner of the restaurants Koka, Spisa and Familjen has won more awards than we care to count. All you need to know is that all of his restaurants are really nice in their own ways. Koka offers affordable world class dining, Spisa is elegant and fun, and Familjen is unpretentious, genuine and devoted to Swedish gastronomy.

www.restaurangkoka.se



Gabriel. Photo: Tina Stafren



WHERE TO GO FOR DRINKING AND CLUBBING

Barabucu. Photo: Superstudio D&D AB

If you love happy house music and dance floor megahits you'll find your party Mecca on Avenyn. Clubs like Push, Lounge and Park Lane are extremely popular among party animals from all over Gothenburg. Techno connoisseurs, indie kids and underground romantics on the other hand, tend to prefer other places.

YAKI-DA

STORGATAN 47

Visiting Yaki-Da is like visiting an eighteenth century, four storey home – only crowded with party people. Thanks to its great location, skilled DJ:s and considerable size the club has become one of the most popular in Gothenburg.

www.yaki-da.se

PUSTERVIK

JÄRNTORSGATAN 12

Pustervik is a classic rock 'n' roll spot in Gothenburg. This is where most international indie and pop/rock bands perform when they visit the city. The club Woody West is very popular for their alternative country nights.

www.pustervik.nu

BREWERS BEER BAR

TREDJE LÅNGGATAN 8 / MAGASINSGATAN 3

There are many really good micro breweries in Gothenburg. To sample beer and ales from Dugges, Ocean, Beerbibliotek and more head to the well-stocked bar Brewers Beer Bar.

www.brewersbeerbar.se

JUAN FONT

TEATERGATAN 36

Juan Font is a cosy wine bar near the the main boulevard Avenyn. Here you can order exquisite spanish and french wines along with cold cuts and cheese.

www.juanfont.se

KINO

LINNÉGATAN 21

An extremely popular bar in Linné with a great outdoor terrace facing Linnégatan in the summer. It has a hip clientele and music to boot! Also known for good and affordable vegetarian food.

www.hagabionscafe.se

NEFERTITI

HVITFELDTSPLETSEN

On Friday nights this sober jazz club turns into a temple for techno lovers. This is where you're most likely to find international DJ's from all the important labels behind the record players.

www.nefertiti.se

FORSSÉN & ÖBERG

KYRKO GATAN 13

Ina Forssén and Hanna Öberg love champagne and good food. Good thing they own a champagne bar together. The great vibe and the location in the heart of the city make it an ideal spot to start your night out.

www.forssenberg.com

For a useful list of more pubs that serve beer from independent breweries visit:

www.goteborg.com/en/a-local-beer-guide



WHERE TO GO FOR COFFEE

Photo: Bernstone Fotografi AB

Swedes used to drink huge amounts of black, tarlike beverages but for the last couple of years the café culture, inspired by Italian espresso bars, has flourished and nowadays you can ask for a mezzo or a flat white at almost any street corner without getting suspicious looks.

BAR CENTRO

KYRKOGATAN 31

The room is small and there's not many places to sit but they serve the best cappuccino in town and there's always a great vibe.

www.barcentro.se

FRATELLI GRIDELLI

TEGNÉRSGATAN 26

At Fratelli Gridelli they serve a breakfast extraordinaire with tasty croissants, hams, cheese, chocolates and other mouth-watering things.

CAFÉ MARMELOD

MARIAGATAN 17

Award winning Café Marmelad is located in the most picturesque part of the district Majorna - Mariaplan. A stroll in this part of town is essential to anyone who wants to get to know the real Gothenburg.

www.kafemarmelad.se

BAR ITALIA

PRINGATAN 7

Bar Italia is a lovely Italian café with loads of regulars drinking coffee in the sun out front.

DA MATTEO

MAGASINSGATAN 17 A

It's always sunny at the crossing of Vallgatan and Magasinsgatan. Good thing someone thought of opening a café here. The pesto pizza can cure any hangover, however bad. Da Matteo also have their own coffee roastery in the same building. Also try the sour dough bakery just across the square.

www.damatteo.se

VIKTORS KAFFE

GEIJERSGATAN 7

Viktors kaffe is located at the street Geijersgatan, just off the main boulevard Avenyn. At this small bar, the craft coffee is served with carefully selected french pastries and light lunches.

www.viktorskaffe.se

ALKEMISTEN KAFFEBAR

GUSTAF DALÉNSGATAN 14

Alkemisten kaffebär is a hip café located in Kvillebäcken on the island Hisingen. The café serves organic drop coffee, espresso, sandwiches, sallads and sweets made of local produce

www.alkemistenkaffebär.se

BENGANS CAFÉ

STIGBERGSTORGET

Bengans record store has been an institution in the cultural life of Gothenburg for ages. In recent years they have broadened the business to include a nice little café where you can sit and gaze at the street life on the square Stigbergstorget while having a coffee or beer. A very good pastime.

www.bengans.se

LATTERIAN

VÄSTRA HAMNGATAN 6

The market hall Antikhallarna houses a number of specialized and unique antique shops. Here you find everything from old watches to unusual coins. Don't miss Music Lovers Records where the founders of Gothenburg record label Höga Nord sell limited and unique LP:s. The café Latterian is a popular spot where you can enjoy great coffee and a nice Swedish "fika".

www.antikhallarna.se



Photo: Frida Winter

MUSIC AND FESTIVALS

The Way Out West festival that started in 2007 is considered one of the top ten music festivals in Europe. Artists like Kanye West, Prince, M.I.A, Alicia Keys and Kraftwerk have all visited Gothenburg to play in the heart of the city in Slottsskogen city park. The electronic music festival Summerburst is another event that attracts loads of music lovers to the city. Gothenburg is a gay friendly city and the annual LGBTQ festival West Pride is immensely popular among both visitors and residents. This year Gothenburg and Stockholm host EuroPride 2018. There's also a big interest in world music and experimental music. The Clandestino Festival and the local event organizer Koloni arrange a lot of concerts all over town year round.

MICRO BREWERIES

In the last couple of years Gothenburg has become a Mecca for beer lovers. Micro breweries like Oceanbryggeriet, Dugges Ale & Porterbryggeri, Rådanäs Bryggeri, Vega Bryggeri, Poppels Bryggeri, Beerbibliotek, Electric Nurse, All in Brewing, Mohawk Brewing, Stigbergets Bryggeri and 0/0 Brewing provide the city with high quality beers and ales. Some of these breweries (like Vega Bryggeri, Spike and Beerbliotek are open for visitors.

DESIGNER BRANDS

Gothenburg has a long tradition of textile industry. The big manufacturers are no longer around but the legacy can be traced in the many fashion and design brands that have their home in the city today. Famous Swedish brands like Nudie, Velour and Dr Denim all come from Gothenburg and have stores in the city. The design schools in both Gothenburg and Borås provide the city with plenty of new talent and there's a great interest for local fashion.

STREET ART AND STREET CULTURE

Compared to Stockholm that has a very strict policy toward graffiti and street art Gothenburg has a more tolerant approach. On the walls of the street Andra Långgatan, the art hall Röda Sten and the second hand market Kommersen you can see art work made by local painters. Some very talented. Ollio and Ekta are the names of two of the city's most prominent painters who have also made their way to the respected art galleries. Ollio contributed with two paintings at Artscape 2016 where 18 well-known artist from different parts of the world made art on walls located all over Gothenburg. ArtMadeThis, is another street art project founded by Ali Davoodi with the goal to promote and emphasise female artistry. You can find the art works on various sites in central Gothenburg.

STREET FOOD

Gothenburg is great for street food. There's a wide range of food trucks serving everything from the Swedish favourite fried herring with mashed potatoes to Peruvian ceviche and Vietnamese banh mi sandwiches. The majority of the food trucks change location from day to day but Strömmingsluckan (fried herring) can always be found at Magasinsgatan. Read more about great food on four wheels on www.goteborg.com/foodtrucks. Lindholmen Street Food Market is Gothenburg's first street food market. On Saturdays they invite chefs from various restaurants, food trucks, as well as local breweries.