



The Bothnian Bay – catch a boat out to the islands!

How to get out in the archipelago and places to stay on the islands of the Bothnian Bay

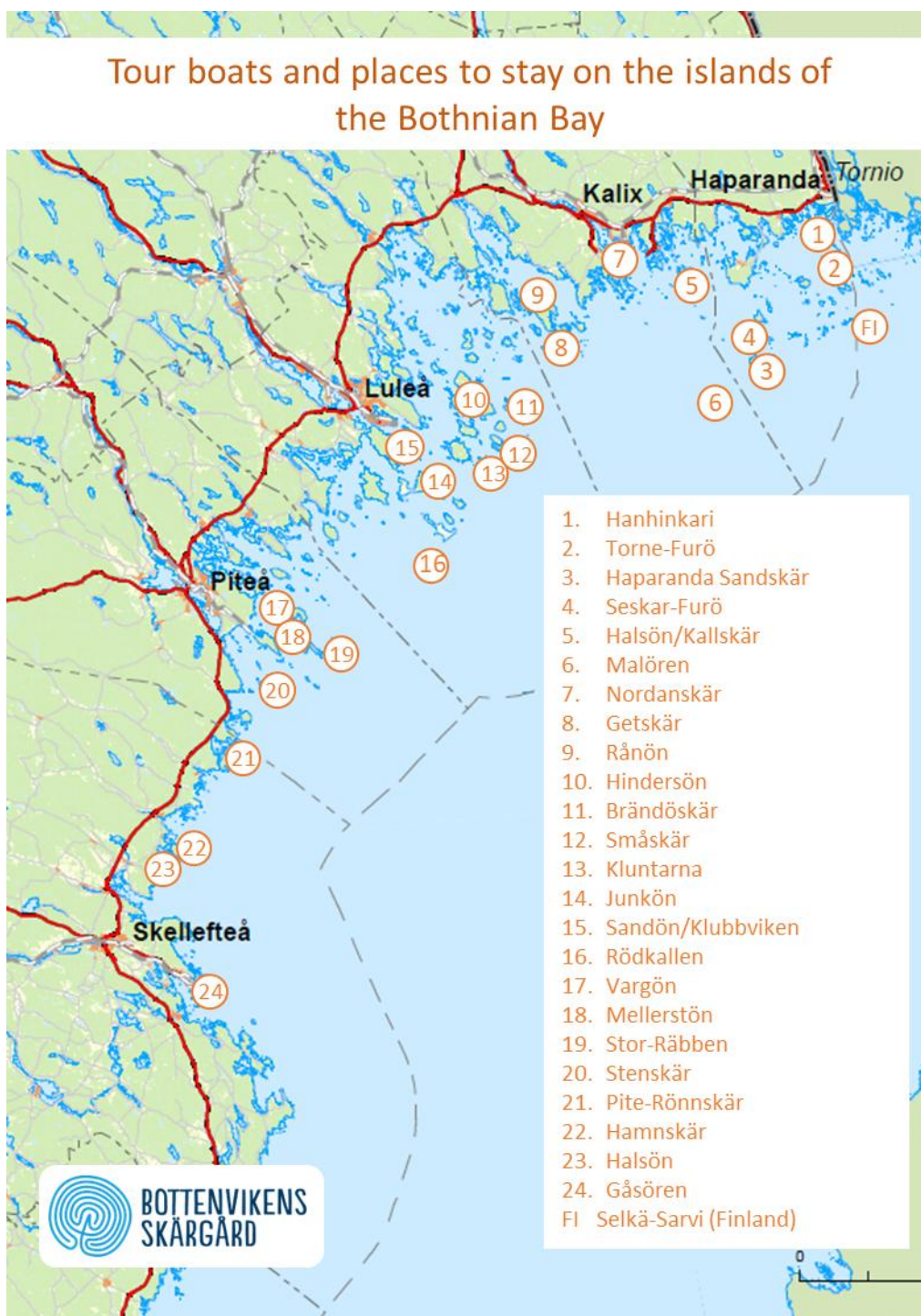
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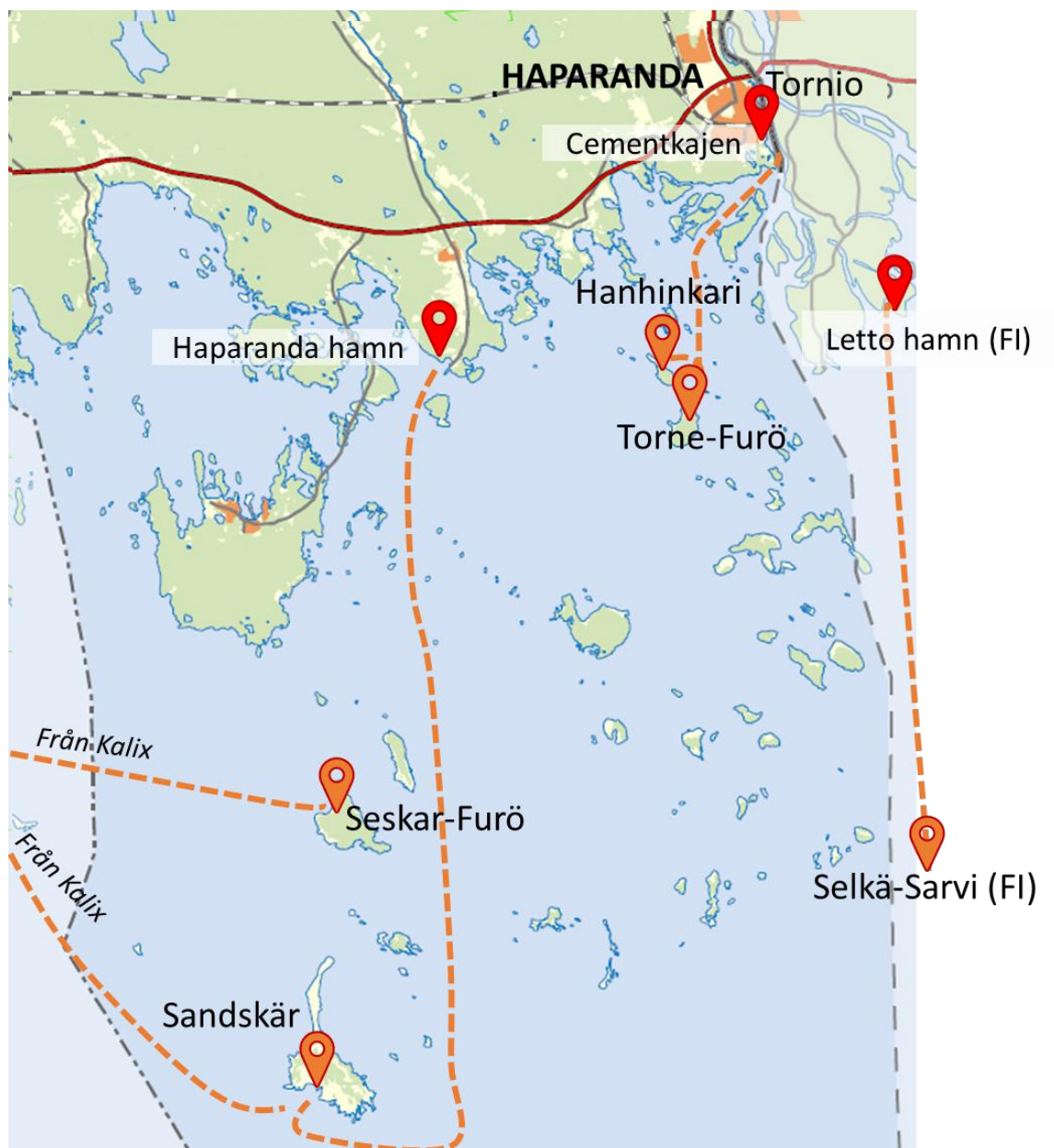
WHERE TO FIND ACCOMMODATION AND HOW TO GET OUT TO THE ISLANDS WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR OWN CABIN OR BOAT

The coastline along the five municipalities in the Bothnian Bay offers many opportunities for outdoor life, relaxation or other experiences. Even if you don't have a boat or a cabin in the archipelago of your own, you have several opportunities to take part in all this. To show what is available, we in the *Bothnian Bay Coastal Inter-Municipal Cooperation* have made this compilation of where boats go, who drives them, where to find accommodation, what's at the destinations and links to where to find more information. This compilation describes what applies for the summer of 2025.



Cover: One of the municipal cabins at Brändöskär, Luleå archipelago. Photo: Lisa Lundstedt
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THE ISLANDS OF HAPARANDA



Accommodation, cabin transfer and day trips to the islands

Starting from Cementkajen (the cement quay) in central Haparanda, [Laponia rederi](#) runs tours to the islands of Hanhinkari and Torne-Furö.

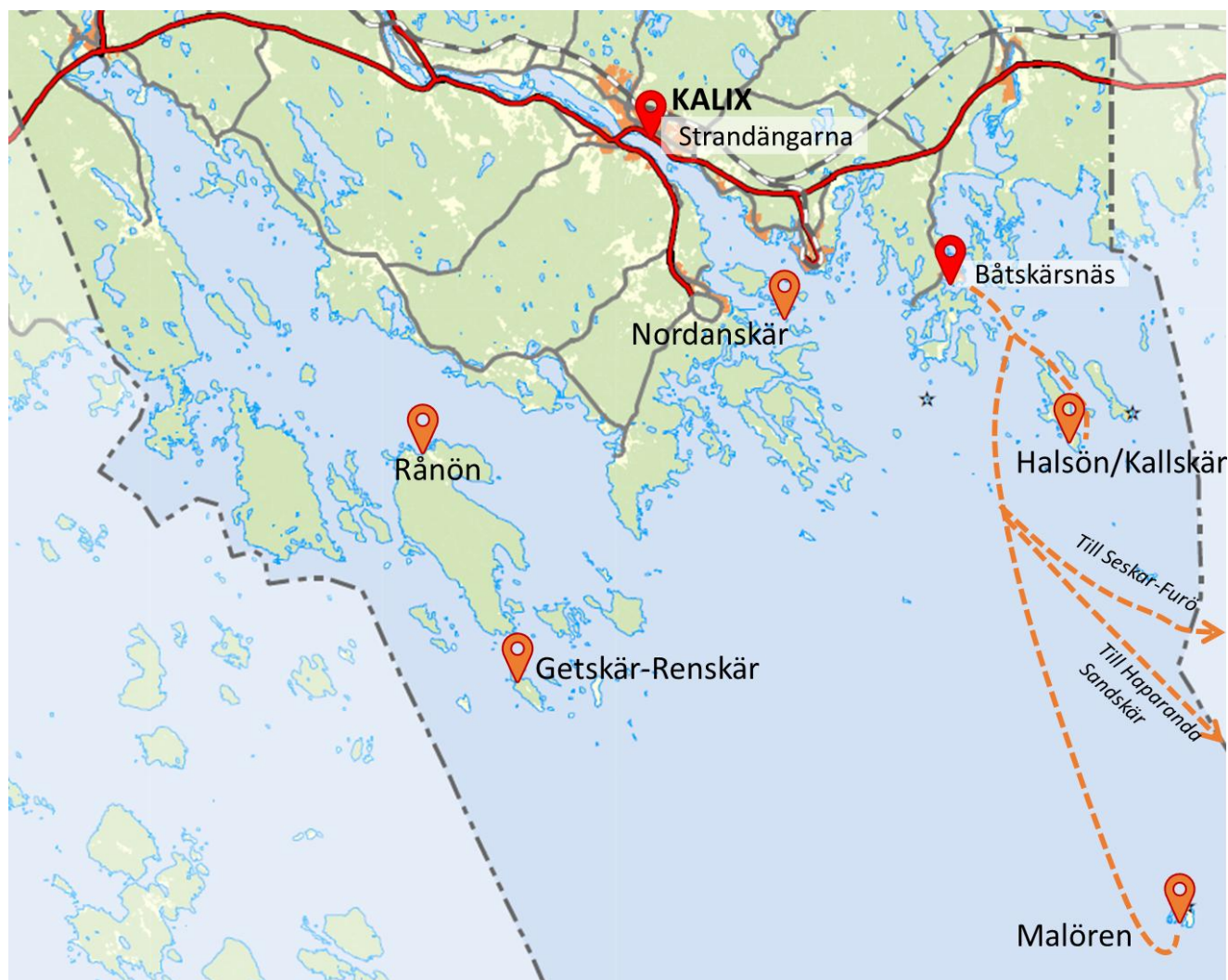
[Innala Tours](#) operates the route Haparanda hamn – Sandskär. Accommodation in the cabins at Sandskär is also booked through [Innala Tours \(cabins\)](#). They also offer tours in the Finnish archipelago – starting from Letto harbour, you can get out to Selkä-Sarvi in the Bothnian Bay National Park.

Starting from Båtskärsnäs, outside Kalix, [Malören Lodge](#) operates tours to Sandskär and Seskar-Furö.

Boat charter and cruises

- [Innala Tours](#)
- [Laponia rederi](#)
- [Malören Lodge](#)

THE ISLANDS OF KALIX



Accommodation, cabin transfer and day trips to the islands

Starting from Båtskärsnäs, [Upplev Baskeri skärgård](#) runs day trips to Kallskär on Halsön.

Starting from Båtskärsnäs, [Malören Lodge runs](#) day trips to Malören. In addition to this, they run day trips to Seskar-Furö and Sandskär in the Haparanda archipelago. [Malören Lodge](#) also offers accommodation at Malören.

[Laponia rederi](#) runs a "church tour" to Malören at the beginning of the summer and [Malören Lodge](#) runs sightseeing tours to, among other places, Nordanskär.

[Kalix Riverside Inn](#) offers accommodation in a cottage on Rånön and can also arrange a shuttle service to and from the cottage.

At Getskär-Renskär there is a cottage that can be booked via Kalix municipality (e-mail: karl-goran.lindback@kalix.se)

Boat charter and cruises

- [Upplev Baskeri skärgård](#)
- [Malören Lodge](#)
- [Laponia rederi](#)
- [Kalix Riverside Inn](#)

THE ISLANDS OF LULEÅ



Accommodation and tour boats to the islands

Starting from Södra hamn in Luleå M/S Stella Marina ([Condor shipping](#)) operates tours to Klubbviken on the island of Sandön several times per day. Also starting from Södra hamn M/S Symfoni ([Laponia Rederi](#)) runs daily routes to several islands in Luleå archipelago. All information about the touring boats can be found at [Luleå municipality webpage](#). [Laponia Rederi](#) also runs a couple of trips to the island Rödkallen.

In the opposite direction, from Norra hamn to First Camp in Karlsvik, [the boat Biffen](#) runs several trips per day from Monday to Saturday.

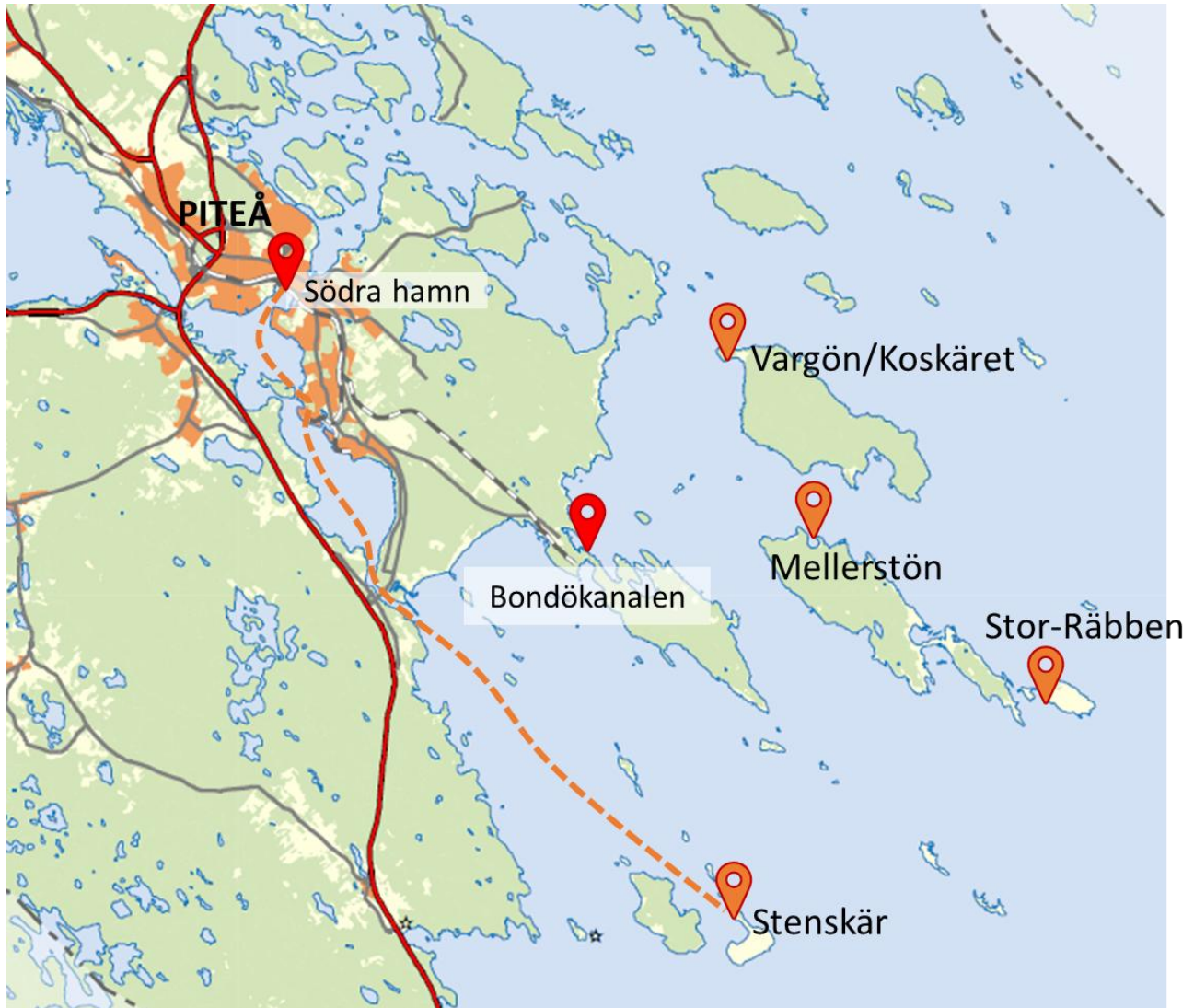
Rental cabins on the islands Junkön, Kluntarna, Småskär and Brändöskär can be booked through [Luleå municipality webpage](#) where you also can find [timetables for the boats](#).

Hindersöns hembygdsförening rents the [Lärarystaden \(Teacher's flat\) in the old school of Hindersön](#) for accommodation. At [Klubbvikens havsbad](#) there are several cabins to rent.

Boat charter and cruises

- [Laponia Rederi](#)
- [Condor shipping](#)
- [Biffen](#)

THE ISLANDS OF PITEÅ



Accommodation, cabin transfer and day trips to the islands

Laponia shipping company runs a [number of trips out to Stenskär](#), departing from Södra hamn (in Piteå).

Starting from the Bondö Canal, [Nordisk Sjötaxi drives](#) a water taxi out to the Piteå archipelago.

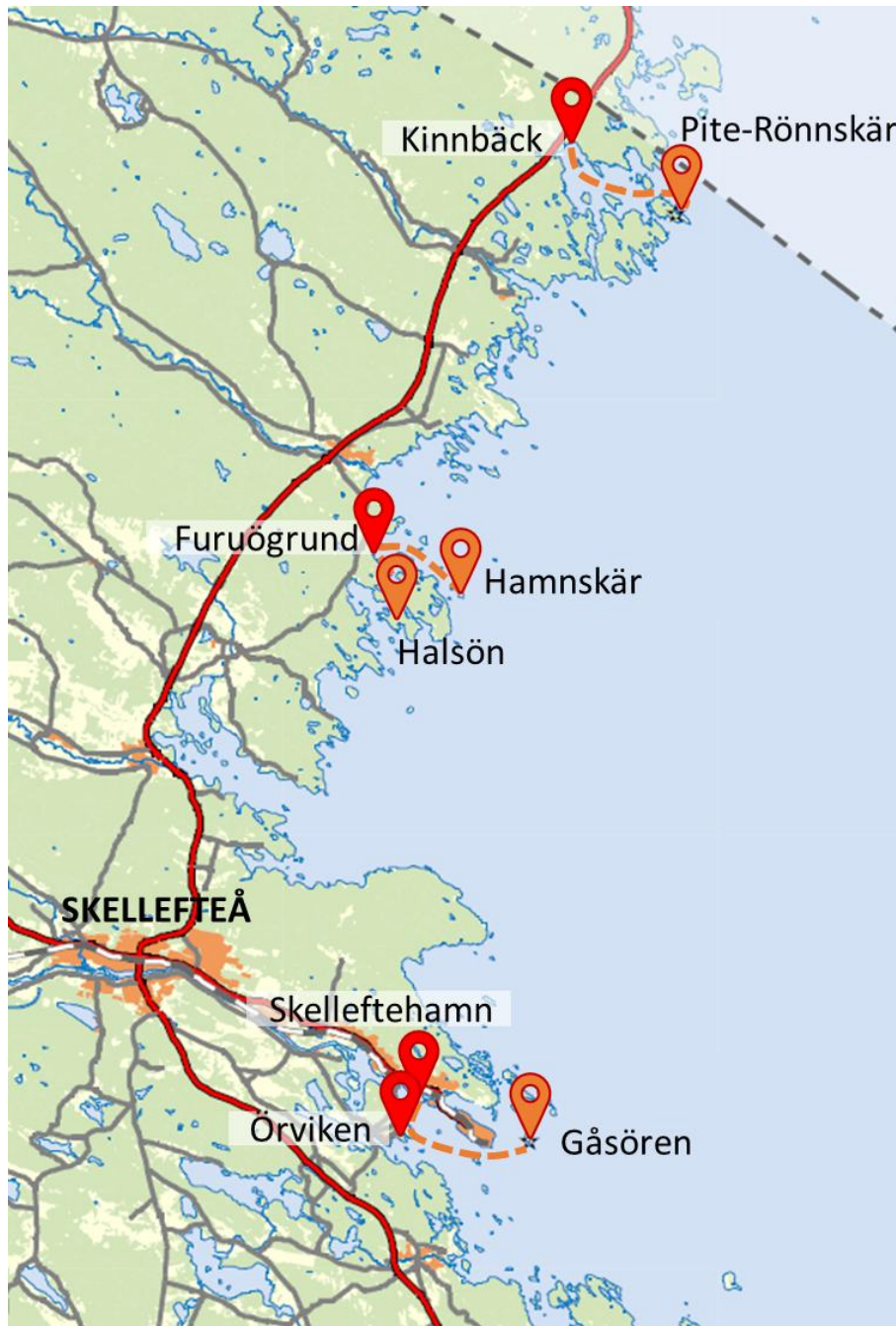
The rental of the cottages on Vargön, Mellerstön and Stor-Räbben is handled by Piteå municipality, Culture, Park and Leisure: bokning@pitea.se .

More information about the Piteå archipelago can be found here www.pitea.se/skargard

Boat charter and cruises

- [Nordisk sjötaxi](#)
- [Laponia Rederi](#)

THE ISLANDS OF SKELLEFTEÅ



Accommodation, cabin transfer and day trips to the islands

Starting from Kinnbäck [Nordisk sjötaxi](#) operates tours to Pite-Rönnskär. Accommodation in the hostel is booked through [the Swedish Tourist Association](#).

[Nordisk sjötaxi](#) runs trips from Furuögrund to the islands Hamnskär and Halsön and care for the renting of the cabins on the island of Hamnskär. Nordisk sjötaxi also operates a trip to the island of Gåsören, starting from Skelleftehamn via Örviken. Accommodation in the old pilot house on Gåsören can be booked through Nordisk sjötaxi.

Boat charter

- [Kinnbäcks skärgårdsturism](#)
- [Nordisk sjötaxi](#)

MORE SUMMER ACTIVITIES

HIKING Pack your flora and bird books and discover nature on your terms! Many of the islands are ideal for hiking and there are many nature trails all around the archipelago.

There are also excellent hiking trails along the coast, especially the Solander trail, Furuögrund trail and the pasture footpath in Risböle. In our [inspiring hiking guide](#), we give tips on hiking trails in the coast and archipelago.

FISHING The Bothnian Bay provides many opportunities to catch fish whether you prefer rod and line, spinning or fly fishing. In the archipelago, angling is permitted e.g. you do not need to purchase a fishing license.. Further out, grayling and whitefish are common catches and in the inner sounds are fish such as perch, roach and pike. Visit svenskafiskeregler.se to see what applies when you want to go fishing.

BIRD WATCHING There are good opportunities on the islands and coast alike to watch the interesting bird life.

Haparanda Sandskär is home to Sweden's most northerly and easterly ornithology field stations. Visitors can both watch and ring birds. On Malören and Rödkallen you can generally see the same species as on Sandskär, and many migratory birds pass Bjuröklubb in the spring. Visit artportalen.se for information about birds and other things you might see.

PICK BERRIES AND MUSHROOMS Toward autumn, tuft and tussock light up red and blue. The wild berries here are perceived as bigger and juicier than those on the mainland. Or so we imagine. You'll find plenty of lingonberries and blueberries here. Among the stones the arctic bramble grows, Norrbotten's heraldic flower. Sea buckthorn also grows on the islands, and the brilliant orange berries are packed with vitamin C. In the autumn, bucketsful of wild mushrooms are ready to pick. But if you asked where to pick chanterelles, it's not certain you'll get an answer. It's usually a secret passed on down the generations....

SAY HI TO A SEAL Don't be surprised if the sounds of the sea include weird barks, howls and grunts. Or if a curious seals suddenly pops out of the sea. There are several places where you can see seals as they rest on islets and rocks.

BARBECUE There are barbecue facilities throughout the entire area. For example, the municipalities have set out 'archipelago barbecues' so typical of the Bothnian Bay. These may be used by everyone and in many places there is usually an equally characteristic sauna.

BY BOAT If you come by boat, there are plenty of guest harbours around the coast and archipelago. Visit bottenviken.se for information on e.g. harbour entry and service. There is also information on launching ramps along the coast for visitors exploring the archipelago with a trailer boat. [Gästhamnsguiden.se](https://gasthamnsguiden.se), svenskagasthamnar.se and [Skippo](https://skippo.se) also have information about guest harbours.

WHAT'S UNDER THE SURFACE? Go snorkelling in shallow bays and discover the jungle beneath the waves or go wading with an aquascope and watch snails and other creepy crawlies that live here.



KAYAKING Discover the archipelago by kayak! There are waters for beginners and pros and many great landing places. Kayaks are available for rent. Get tips about where to go from the municipal tourist centres.

BATHING AND SAUNA Along the Bothnian Bay coast and in the archipelago there's bathing to suit every taste. From Pite Havsbad's extensive beach to small coves between smooth rocks. In many places, the municipalities have organised saunas for the public free of charge and bookable on site. There's usually wood for you to saw and split yourself, but at some places you must bring your own wood. Check before you go. However, there's plenty of water for washing in the sea.

WALKING LABYRINTHS Labyrinths may not be unique to the Bothnian Bay, but there are plenty of them here. Both on the mainland and on the islands. Improve your fishing fortunes and take a turn in a labyrinth to be on the safe side. But don't 'tidy up' in the labyrinth; let the stones stay where they are. Haparanda Sandskär, Rödkallen, Kluntarna, Stor-Räbben and Bjuröklubb are some of the places where the labyrinths will enhance the experience of your visit.

CLIMB A LIGHTHOUSE Lighthouses and their surroundings are popular day trip destinations. The surroundings are often picturesque and the lighthouses themselves offer fantastic views. The Bothnian Bay's oldest lighthouse can be found on Malören in the Kalix archipelago, and Sweden's highest Heidenstam lighthouse is located on Pite-Rönnskär. Rödkallen, Jävre, Gåsören and Bjuröklubb have lighthouses from the 1800s. Learn more about lighthouses on the [Swedish Lighthouse Society's website](#).

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION The chapels on the islands are part of the archipelago's cultural heritage. The chapels on Haparanda-Sandskär, Malören, Rödkallen, Småskären, Brändöskär and Pite-Rönnskär were all built in the 1700s. As memorials of times past, they give pause for a moment's reflection. Services are held in some of the chapels during the summer. To learn more about this, visit the [Church of Sweden's website for the diocese of Luleå](#).

YOUR GUIDE TO 100 GEMS IN THE BOTHNIAN BAY



In our [Din guide till 100 pärlor i Bottenviken](#) / [Your guide to 100 gems in Bothnian Bay](#) you will find lots of information about the entire area and descriptions of destinations in the coast and archipelago.

THE COAST AND ARCHIPELAGO OF THE BOTHNIA BAY - AN ARCHIPELAGO ALL YEAR ROUND

We also want to take the opportunity to highlight the archipelago winter. A selection of what is available is described in [Upplev Vintern i Bottenvikens skärgård](#) / [Experience the winter in the Bothnian Bay](#).



CONTACT US

What we present in this compilation is just a selection of accommodation and activities in the area. There's so much to discover on the coastal mainland which the tourist centres can tell more about.

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Heart of Lapland

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The Bothnian Bay Inter-municipal Cooperation

The Bothnian Bay Inter-municipal Cooperation (Bottenvikens skärgård kommunsamverkan) gathers Haparanda, Kalix, Luleå, Piteå and Skellefteå municipalities who work together to make our beautiful coast and archipelago more accessible both to those who live here and to those who are visiting.

Read more about us on our [website](http://www.bottenviken.se).

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At www.bottenviken.se you will find more information about what the archipelago can offer in both winter and summer.





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