

SECRETS OF GOTLAND & SWEDEN

ORIGINS OF THE KENSINGTON RUNE STONE



MAY 16

DAY 1: WELCOME TO SWEDEN

Arrive at the iconic **Grand Hotel** in Stockholm and unwind. In the evening, join fellow travelers for a champagne social in the elegant Champagne Bar.

The group will enjoy a welcome dinner featuring the exquisite **Seafood Gastro Experience** at the hotel.

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DAY 2: STOCKHOLM'S RICH HISTORY

Depart at 10 a.m. for a day filled with Stockholm's historical treasures. Visit the **Swedish History Museum**, followed by lunch at **Magari Pizza Karlaplan**. Explore the fascinating **Vasa Ship Museum** and conclude with a visit to the **Stockholm Cathedral**. For those interested, indulge in an optional wine-tasting experience in the hotel's wine cellar before enjoying dinner at the hotel.

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DAY 3: VIKING LEGENDS AND RUNE STONES

Check out of the Grand Hotel and begin the day at the **Viking Museum**. Journey out of Stockholm to **Runriket**, where you'll explore intricately carved rune stones. After lunch, visit the majestic **Skokloster Castle** before heading to Uppsala. Check into **Hotel von Kraemer** for the night.

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DAY 4: EXPLORING UPPSALA

Discover Uppsala's cultural and historical gems, starting with the **Uppsala Cathedral** and the **Old Uppsala Archaeological Museum** and park. Enjoy lunch at **Brödernas** before visiting **Uppsala Castle**. In the evening, dine at the hotel and attend a **presentation by Scott Wolter** on the life and legacy of Olof Ohman.

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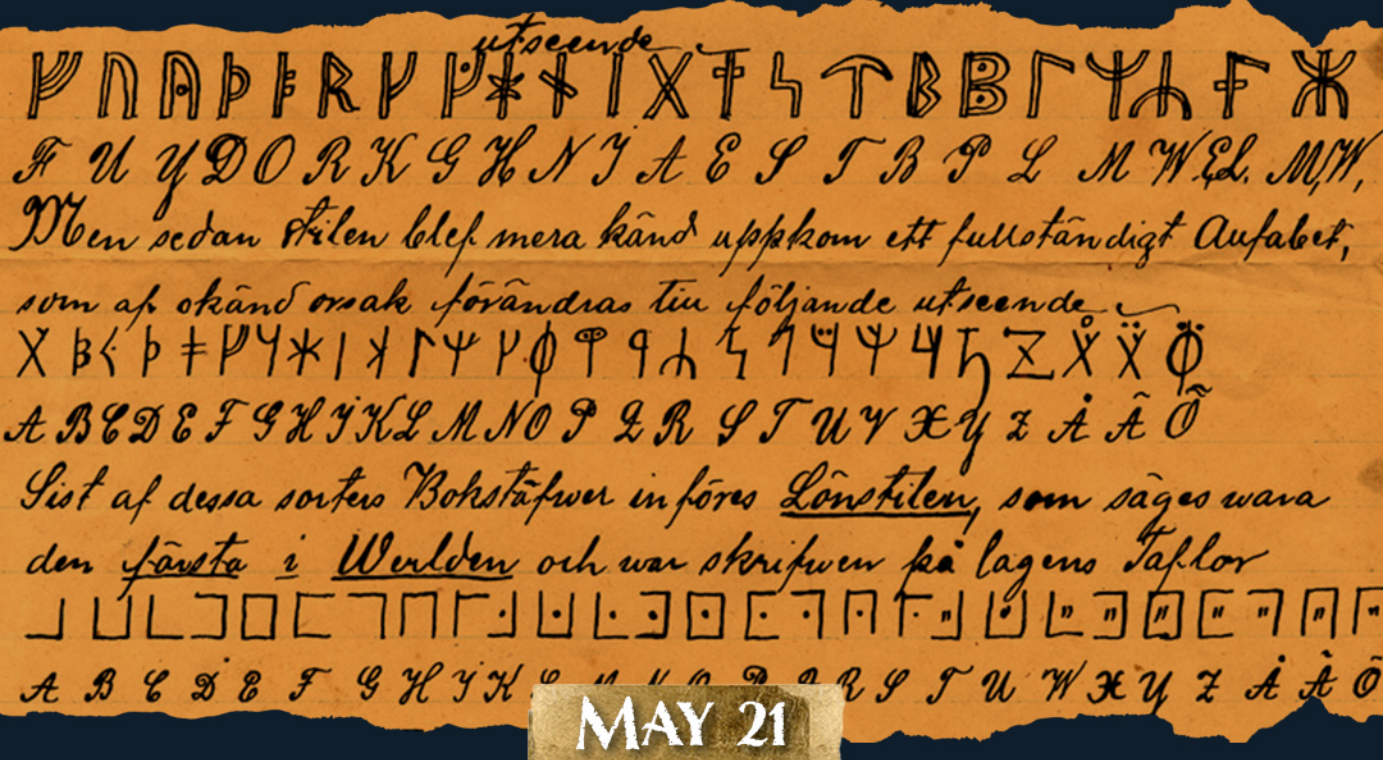


DAY 5: FROM FORSA TO UMEÅ

Travel to **Hudiksvall**, where lunch awaits at **Statts Bar & Restaurang**, followed by a visit to the **Hälsinglands Museum**. Explore the **Forsa Church**, a site tied to Olof Ohman. Continue to Umeå and check into the historic **Stora Hotellet**, built in 1895. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

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DAY 6: DECODING ANCIENT RUNES

Spend the morning at **Umeå University** delving into the enigmatic **Larsson Papers**, which hold connections to the **Kensington Rune Stone**. After lunch, take a relaxing stroll through Umeå's picturesque **Sculpture Park**. The evening is yours to explore local dining options or enjoy the hotel's amenities.

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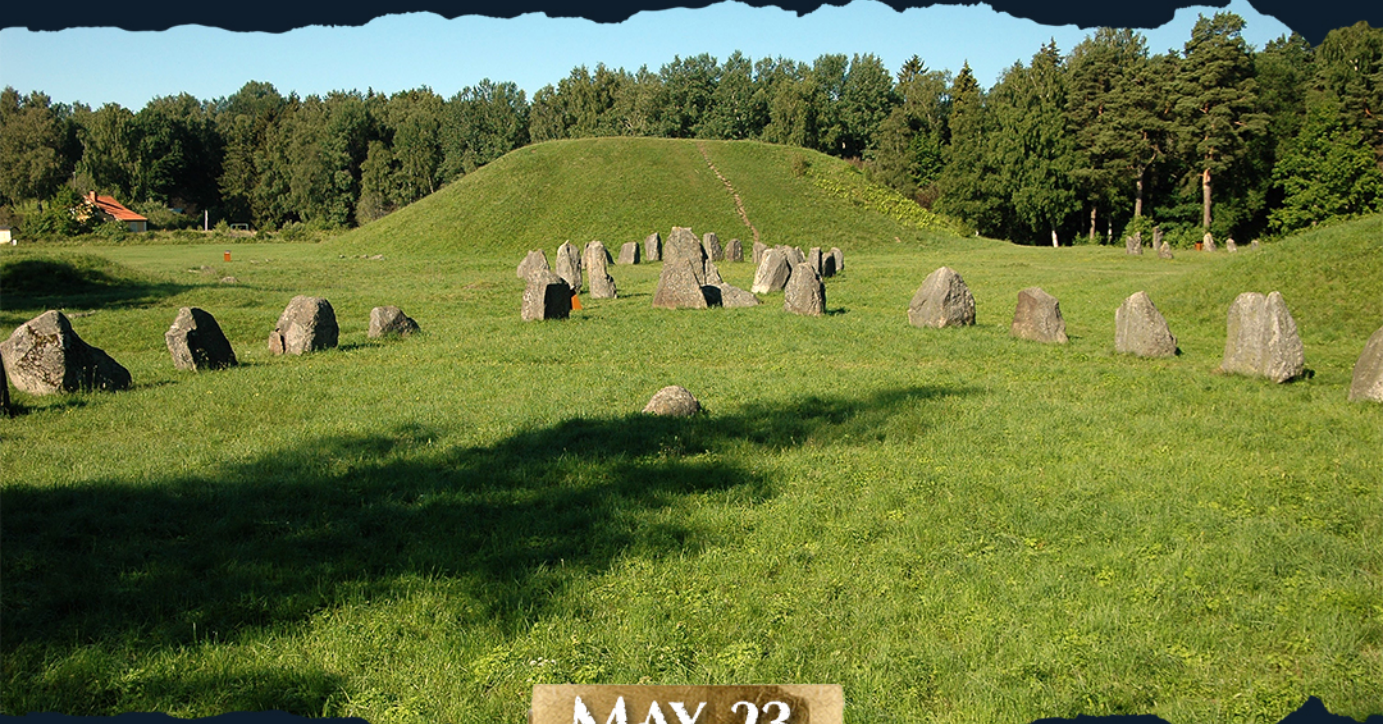


DAY 7: SCENIC JOURNEY TO ORBADEN

Depart early from Umeå and enjoy scenic drives through Sweden. Stop for lunch en route before arriving at the tranquil **Orbaden Spa & Resort**, where you can relax for the evening.

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DAY 8: FROM ANUNDSHÖG TO GOTLAND

Begin the day with a visit to **Anundshög**, Sweden's largest burial mound. Continue to **Västerås Cathedral** and enjoy lunch in the city. Explore the **Sigurd Runic Inscriptions**, which bear striking similarities to the **Kensington Rune Stone**. Visit **Ukna Kirk** before taking the ferry to Gotland and checking into the **Novi Resort**, your home for the next four nights.

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DAY 9: ANCIENT CHURCHES AND SHIP GRAVES

Start the day with a visit to the 12th-century **Roma Monastery**. Continue to **Sjonhem Kyrka**, **Lye Kyrka**, **Gannarve Ship Grave**, and **Sanda Church**, which features Easter Table imagery found on the Rune Stone. Dinner will be served at the Novi Resort.

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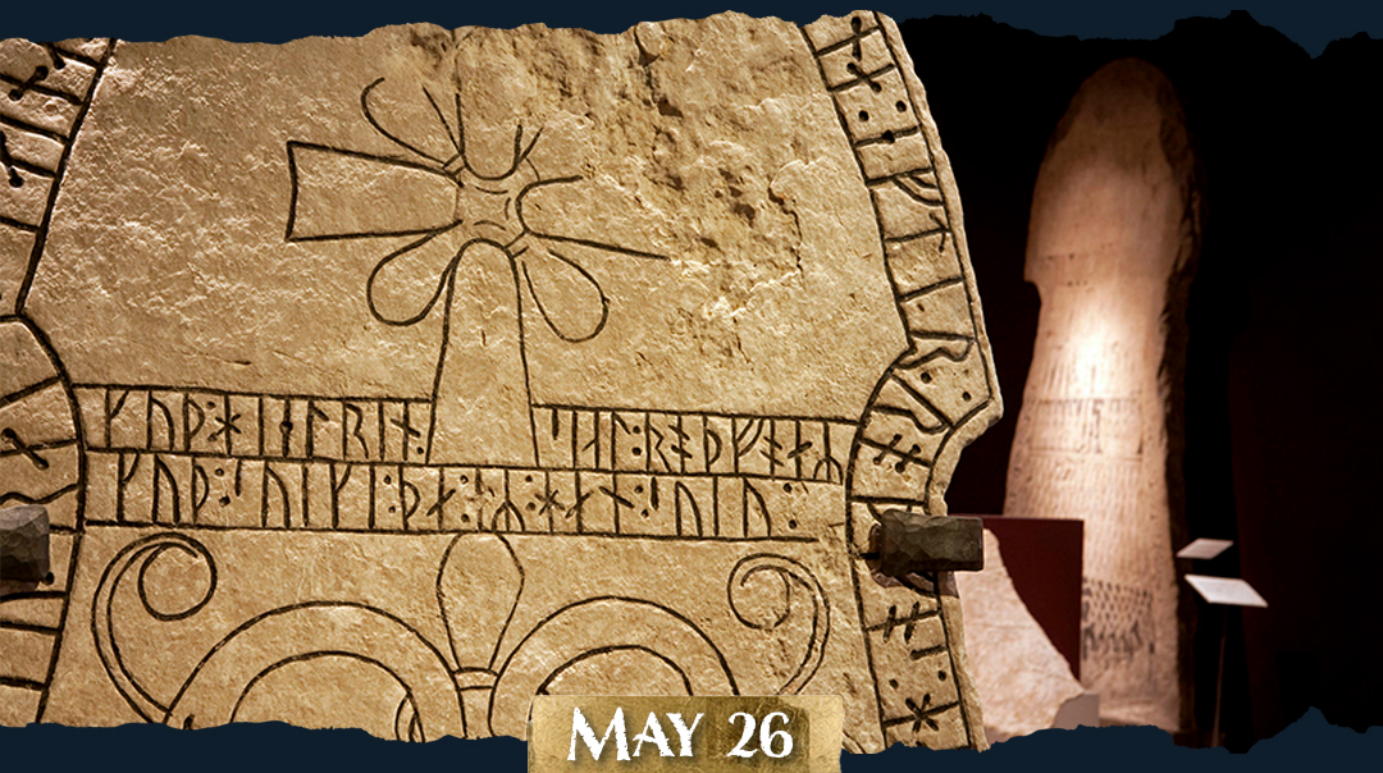
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DAY 10: GOTLAND'S HIDDEN TREASURES

Explore **Majsterroj**, **Tjelvars Grave**, and **Gothem Church**, observing unique rune inscriptions. Visit **Othem Church** and the ancient **Trullhalsar Graveyard** with its 320 graves from 550–800 AD. Conclude the day with dinner at **Lindgården** in Visby.

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DAY 11: MEDIEVAL GOTLAND

Visit the **Gotland Museum** in the morning, followed by lunch at the museum's café. Spend the afternoon exploring medieval church ruins such as **St. Nicholas** and **St. Karin** or enjoy leisure time at the resort.

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DAY 12: RETURN TO THE MAINLAND

Depart Gotland early, taking the ferry to **Oskarshamn**. Visit the **Björketorp Runestone**, dating back to the 7th century, and **Ale's Stone Ship**, a megalithic site from 600 CE. Continue to **Disas Ting**, an ancient court site dedicated to the goddess of fate. Arrive in Lund and check into the **Grand Hotel**.

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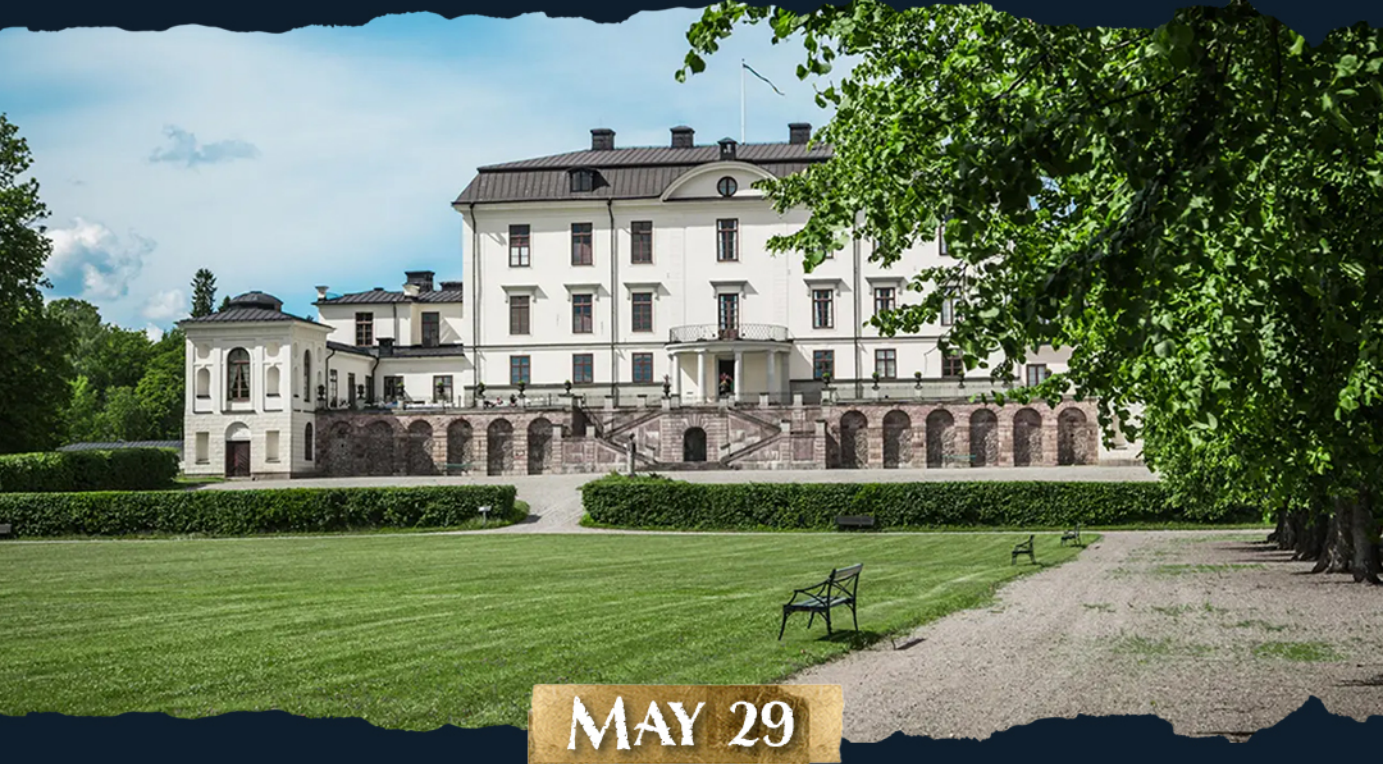
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DAY 13: LUND'S HISTORICAL GEMS

Visit **Lund University** for a private viewing of the **Lund Bone**, featuring the dotted "R" inscription. Enjoy lunch and a wine-tasting experience at a nearby **Swedish vineyard**. End the day with dinner at the acclaimed **Mat & Destillat**.

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DAY 14: ROYAL PALACES AND FAREWELL

Depart Lund for **Rosersberg Palace**, a short drive from the airport. Reflect on your journey and enjoy the serene palace grounds before your final evening in Sweden.

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DAY 15: DEPARTURE

Transfer to the airport for your journey home, taking with you unforgettable memories of Gotland and Sweden.

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