Curious about life in Skellefteå?
This is what it is like.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE AS A SKELLEFTEBO. HOMES, FAMILY LIFE, LEISURE AND CAREERS. FACTS AND FIGURES. STORIES AND IDEAS. IN SHORT, EVERYTHING.
Helping you get here.

Are you fed up with not living in Skellefteå? Are you wondering whether moving here is the right step for you right now? Good, because we are planning on helping you get here. Obviously there are a lot of things to consider when you are thinking about making the big decision of moving to a new town. Will we find a nice place to live? What is the childcare like and will we find fun leisure activities? Can I find an exciting and fulfilling profession? Here you will find the answers to your questions.
"In the summer it is so green that we can hardly see the houses on the other side of the river."
Where the river makes life flow

Marlene Dunder looks out on the river and sighs a little.
– There certainly is something special about water. Almost like fire. Incredibly calming and you never get tired of looking at it.

Marlene and Emil found the house at Norra Tuva in Skellefteå just over five years ago. They were heading home from a boat trip when they passed the house by the river and said to each other: ‘We should live here.’ A while later they found out that the house had been put on the market for sale.
– The viewing was on my birthday, the 2nd of June, and it was the first and last viewing we went to. Initially we never dreamed it would become our house, but a week later we were proud home owners. I remember it as a very strange feeling, says Marlene.

A country retreat close to town
Marlene is originally from Kalix, but she has studied and worked in Stockholm for a few years, both as a skin therapist and a massage therapist. When she was offered the chance to buy a company in Skellefteå, she accepted and moved up here.
– I had lived in Skellefteå earlier and knew I really liked the town.

For the past nine years she has run the company Vila Hudvård at Dunder och Book in the centre of Skellefteå. And she loves living in the house by the river, together with Emil and their two children.

Sauna sessions and river dips
– There is such a rural atmosphere here, with horses on the farm next door and boats sailing by on the river. And yet we can cycle into town in just 20 minutes on a lovely bicycle path.

Marlene says there are plenty of families with children in the area and a generally lovely atmosphere. Once in a while they meet up for joint barbecues. And the river is always an important part of life.
– We often go for a dip in the river after we have been in the sauna. It is rarely warm, but it is refreshing and the currents are not particularly strong.

Good for the soul
Marlene believes living by the river is important to the entire family.
– You become more peaceful as a person by living in such tranquil and quiet surroundings. It is incredibly beautiful in the spring when the ice breaks up, and very colourful in the autumn. And in the summer it is so green that we can hardly see the houses on the other side of the river.

FACTS
Name: Marlene Dunder
Family: Partner Emil Bjurman and children Noah and Elis
Works: Authorised skin therapist at Dunder och Book
Lives: Norra Tuva
Thoughts on living in Skellefteå:
A cozy little town full of wonderful people and plenty of opportunities.
You will be there soon

How long does it actually take to get to various places in Skellefteå, estimated from the centre of town? Here are the facts and figures.
cycle to giant ice creams in 21 minutes
walk to campus in 7 minutes
drive to ski tracks in 4 minutes
drive to the airport in 20 minutes
by car 17 minutes
Homes

Big or small? Old or new? Centre of town or rural idyll? There is every chance of finding the right home at the right price in Skellefteå.

THE TOWN OF MY DREAMS
If you are hoping to live in the heart of Skellefteå, there are many areas with different characteristics to choose from. Quiet villa areas, practical flats and newly built terraces, perfect for families with children who need lots of space. What they all have in common is quick and easy access to everything the town has to offer.

THRIVING COMMUNITIES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY
If you would rather live further away from town, but still would like access to all amenities, there are many villages within a comfortable commuting distance. Byske, Lövånger, Burträsk, Kåge, Boliden, Bureå and Jörn are all good examples of neighbourhoods outside the centre of Skellefteå that offer every amenity necessary for practical living.

THE QUIET COUNTRYSIDE
Skellefteå is surrounded by towns and smaller communities in picturesque environments. If you are looking for an idyllic life in the countryside, you have every opportunity of finding what you’re looking for here. In addition, the distances are so short that you can often combine rural living with working in the urban parts of Skellefteå. www.skelleftea.se/landsbygd

LIFE BY THE SEA
Skellefteå is a special place in many ways. Not least considering how easy it is to find a home by the sea. If you have a desire to live near the sea breeze, you should have a closer look at what the town can offer.

FINDING A PLACE TO LET
If you’re looking to rent a home in Skellefteå, there are several ways to go about it. The municipal company Skebo is Skellefteå’s biggest housing cooperative, with approximately 7,000 flats located in most parts of the municipality. Apartments to let can be found at skebo.nu. In addition there is a large number of private landlords, which are listed at www.skelleftea.se/hittabostad

BUILDING SOCIETIES FOR MORE CHOICE
If you wish to live in a flat that you own and are in charge of, there are building societies in most parts of Skellefteå municipalities. There are many interesting alternatives and enjoyable environments both for those who wish to live close to the town centre and for those who would rather live further afield. Near the sea, near the forest or near the town? It is up to you.

THE PRICE OF THE VILLA IS RIGHT!
The selection of villas and terraced houses in Skellefteå makes it easy to find a practical and enjoyable place to live, regardless of your age. You can either find somewhere in the middle of town, or at a suitable distance from town. And considering that villa prices are below SEK 10,000 per m², there is a good chance of finding the perfect home.

BEFRIEND AN ESTATE AGENT
The easiest place to find your dream home is to contact one of the many estate agents in Skellefteå. They are totally on top of what’s on offer and will help you make the right decision. At www.skelleftea.se/hittabostad there is a list over estate agents in Skellefteå. It is a good idea to start there.
BUILDING YOUR OWN
Many people dream of building something completely from scratch. Whether you are looking for a permanent residence or a holiday home, there is still plenty of available land for sale in interesting neighbourhoods, both centrally and in the surrounding villages. Or why not by the sea or near a lake? Land for sale can be found on www.skelleftea.se/hittabostad

LIVING IN A SUSTAINABLE WOODEN TOWN
Skellefteå has a long tradition for wooden construction, and is Sweden’s leading town within sustainable, environmentally friendly construction. The combination of the region’s forests, world-class research and some of the country’s foremost wood industries has made it natural for Skellefteå to drive the development in this sector. Skellefteå municipality has chosen to support a sustainable development by actively ordering the construction of wooden buildings. This covers everything from wooden blocks of flats and public buildings, to wooden bridges and Sweden’s first retail area built entirely in wood.
"The preschool is situated just at the edge of the forest, which makes it a marvellous playground."
The art of maximising the children's intake of fresh air

Skellefteå resident Björn Elvå was born at Öland but waxes lyrical about his children’s childhood environment:
– It can hardly be improved on. I think we have a lovely “Bullerby Children” atmosphere here in Skellefteå.

When Björn Elvå met Skellefteå girl Jenny ten years ago, he quickly made a life-changing decision. He quit his job and moved to her home town.

The optimum environment for all children
– I didn’t have another job lined up here, but it has worked itself out very nicely, says Björn.

Ten years on he is still working as an air freight forwarder, and says he hasn’t regretted moving for a second:
– I love the atmosphere in Skellefteå and it has been very easy to get to know the town. Besides, it is the perfect environment for us as a family with young children. It is close to the wilderness and there are plenty of opportunities for fishing and other outdoor activities.

The forest is the best playground
Together Björn and Jenny have the children Minna, who is five, and Loke, who is almost one. The youngest is at home with Björn, who is on paternity leave, and Minna goes to preschool near their home at Stämningsgården.
– The preschool is situated just at the edge of the forest, which makes it a marvellous playground that you really want to look after. The staff make sure the children spend a lot of time outdoors and it is obvious that they benefit from it. Minna’s face lights up when she tells us what they have been doing in the forest, says Björn.

Security develops naturally
Without hesitation, Björn lists a number of benefits to living in Skellefteå with children, compared to other places he has lived further south.
– Obviously it is great that the children can walk to school on their own even when they are young. There is something lovely about small-scale living, people recognise each other and we know who most people are. This is something we really appreciate and we notice that the children get a sense of security from that, he says.

Björn also has positive experiences from his dealings with Skellefteå municipality:
– Everything has gone so smoothly and it is noticeable how easy it is to deal with an appropriately-sized municipality. They don’t make things so complicated, and everything feels straightforward and honest.

FACTS
Name: Björn Elvå
Family: Partner Jenny Larsson and children Minna and Loke
Lives: Stämningsgården
Why Skellefteå is a good place for families with young children: Close to nature and plenty of outdoor activities. The small scale gives the children a sense of security while growing up.
For the family

Skellefteå is much appreciated by families with young children who find it a place where it is incredibly easy to make life work.

**SKELLEFTEÅ FOR CHILDREN**
If you ask a family with young children what the best part of living in Skellefteå is, they are likely to reply that “it is a great place to grow up”. And it is very difficult to counter this argument. Being so close to everything and all the picturesque playgrounds are just a few of the factors that make Skellefteå a town for children. Not to mention all the opportunities provided from preschool to upper secondary school.

**GO EVERYWHERE BY BICYCLE**
Thanks to the relatively short distances and the great bicycle paths it easy to get around in Skellefteå, even for children. As there is no need to cross busy intersections, children and adults alike can go anywhere they like by bicycle.

**A SAFE PLACE WITH LOW CRIME RATES**
Skellefteå is without a doubt one of the country’s safest places to grow up. Year on year, statistics show that the crime rates in Skellefteå are lower than the country average. In other words, it is a place where children and adults alike can relax and enjoy their day-to-day routines.

**ENJOY EVERY SEASON IN NATURE**
White winters and bright, warm summers. Here in Skellefteå we take it for granted, but the fact is that it is a privilege to have access to virgin nature and being able to enjoy snowy winters. Not least for the children. Learning to ski and participating in various outdoor activities all year round becomes a natural part of childhood. Surely you could grow up in worse conditions than that?

**PLAYGROUNDS AND BATHING SPOTS**
Skellefteå has prioritised making the municipality a place where children can thrive and develop. With recently refurbished playgrounds and specially adapted bathing spots there are numerous opportunities to enjoy a stimulating and memorable childhood.

**PRESCHOOL SERVICES**
- **Preschool.** A pedagogical service for children from 1-5 years of age with parents who are working or studying. The purpose is to promote the children’s learning, and caring for the individual’s well-being and development. Read more at [www.skelleftea.se/forskola](http://www.skelleftea.se/forskola)
- **General preschool.** Children aged 3-5 have the right to attend general preschool for free for 15 hours per week. The service mainly follows the academic year and takes breaks during the school holidays.
- **Open preschool.** A meeting place for parents and children aged 0-6, with singing, story time and creative activities. The minimum age is 3 months. [www.skelleftea.se/oppnaforskolor](http://www.skelleftea.se/oppnaforskolor)
- **Independent preschool.** As a parent you can choose between a municipal and an independent preschool. Information about the preschools can be found at [www.skelleftea.se/fristaendeforskola](http://www.skelleftea.se/fristaendeforskola)
- **Pedagogic care.** Pedagogic care is offered in certain catchment areas as an alternative to preschools or recreation centres. The service can be offered in both municipal and private family daycare centres.
RECREATION CENTRES
Recreation centres are offered to pupils from 6 years of age that are attending preschool, until the spring term of the year in which the pupil becomes 13 years of age.

Youth club. Open service for children aged 10-12. Offers a varied range of activities within culture, creativity, sports and exercise, from the end of the school day until 5 pm.

PRIMARY SCHOOL
Preschool class. From the autumn term when your child turns six years of age, the child can start preschool class, which is free of charge and covers up to 20 hours per week.

Primary school. The regular primary school covers grades 1-9. The children usually begin in first grade at seven years of age, but they may also start at six. www.skelleftea.se/grundskola

Special school. Accepts pupils aged 7-16. The municipality has four special schools, but it is also possible for pupils to remain in their local schools and follow the special school's curriculum. www.skelleftea.se/sarskola

How to choose or change schools. Pupils are offered a space in the catchment area they live in. The pupil may choose another school, but are then not entitled to school transport.

School transport during primary school. Pupils in preschool or primary school are entitled to school transport, free of charge, from their home to the school if the distance is great enough. Read more at www.skelleftea.se/skolskjuts

UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL
Skellefteå has four municipal upper secondary schools: Anderstorpskolan, Balderskolan, Kaplanskolan and Naturbruksgymnasiet. www.skelleftea.se/gymnasium

The upper secondary special school utilises individual curricula which are offered at Anderstorpskolan, Balderskolan, Kaplanskolan and Naturbruksgymnasiet. www.skelleftea.se/gymnasium

INPUT FROM PUPILS AND PARENTS
Many of the municipality’s schools have school boards, which are advisory forums for discussion in which the principal is given the opportunity to hear the views of the parents, pupils and staff.

SKELLEFTEÅ KULTURSKOLA
Skellefteå kulturskola is one of the ten biggest schools for music and performing arts in the country, and is present in every primary school in the municipality from the second grade onwards, until the third grade of upper secondary school. The school offers singing and string, wind and guitar orchestras/ensembles. Activities such as singing, instrument-playing, piano and violin are popular groups. Skellefteå Kulturskola was one of the first in Sweden to make dancing in the schools compulsory. The school also has a theatre school and a woodwork club. www.skelleftea.se/kulturskolan

FAMILY CENTRES
The family centres are meeting places for children and parents with access to open preschool, children’s welfare, social services and church activities. The family centres’ goal is to strengthen the social network around children and parents. They wish to encourage adults in their roles as parents and offer the children a pedagogical service. More information about the family centres can be found at www.skelleftea.se/familjecentraler
Moving home kickstarted Moa's career

– Being an architect in Skellefteå allows me to contribute to gradually improving the town. Both in big and small ways. Also, the employment market seems to be fairly stable here, says Moa Öst.

Already at age ten, an idea formed in Moa Öst’s mind. Inspired by a cousin, she decided to become an architect, although she barely understood what that meant. Today, just over 20 years later, she has worked as an architect for five years. After studying in Lund and Seville, it was in her home town Skellefteå she entered the business, at Nilsson & Sahlin where she worked in the summers.

– It was quite a good period for the construction sector, and just like several of my fellow students I was offered a job as soon as I had taken my exam. But unlike many of those who found jobs further south in Sweden, I didn’t become unemployed when the trend turned, says Moa.

Skellefteå is a stimulating environment
The opportunity to work in a relatively stable employment market is just one of the many benefits of working in Skellefteå, says Moa:

– It is also very practical logistically speaking to live and work in a suitably-sized town. My place of work is just a five-minute walk from home, and the town centre is just two minutes away. And the 10 km track up at Vitberget is just ten minutes away.

Moa believes the town’s size offers her greater opportunities to work with many different types of projects, which challenges her as an architect and offers her a very interesting career.

“Much more than drawing buildings”
– It feels as though my knowledge expands here. That is important, as being an architect is such an interdisciplinary profession. In order to create environments and buildings, you need to understand how people behave. It covers everything from drawing buildings for good outdoor environments and the complexity surrounding that, to furniture and detailed construction, says Moa.

Shaping her career in her home town
Moa says she hasn’t thought much about what her dream project would be.

– However a new travel centre or theatre would be very exciting to help create. Something big, which will influence the town. There is much beauty to build on. Such as the town’s inheritance of wooden buildings, and the well-preserved 1950s style town that I think Skellefteå is.

FACTS
Name: Moa Öst
Works: Consultec Arkitekter
Family: Husband and two children aged 1 and 3
Lives: In a small house at Norrböle
Hobbies: Playing, singing, dancing and exercising
Longs for: Family and friends who live in other parts of the world.
"My dream is to draw something that will make a difference in people's day-to-day lives."

Relaxing at Bryggargatan. Moa Öst and her colleagues at Consultec A&K can be found behind what is arguably Norrland's best restaurant. The architecture uses a combination of the local resources wood and granite.
For your career

With a strong trade and industry and an exciting campus, many people's career dreams have been fulfilled in Skellefteå.

WORKING IN THE HOME TOWN OF ENTREPRENEURS
Skellefteå has been characterised by a strong entrepreneurial spirit ever since the early 1900s. The drive to look after the regional resources and skills in order to generate profitable business opportunities is a recurring theme in Skellefteå’s history. At the time, wood and ore processing formed the basis for the town’s success. These business areas are just as important in the 2000s, but now they are being developed thanks to modern technology. The strong drive from visionary entrepreneurs creates an employment market that has need of many different skills.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS SECTORS

IT companies. Skellefteå was already ahead of the development before the IT boom took off in Sweden. The IT sector is still very important to Skellefteå, with many successful companies that constantly require well-trained employees.

Creative industries. Skellefteå-based companies are being noticed all over the world for their work in film, advertising, the internet, computer game development and digital productions. Creative Skellefteå companies have been awarded prestigious international prizes and attract talents both from the rest of Sweden and the rest of the world.

Power production. Skellefteå Kraft is one of Sweden’s biggest power companies, and enjoys a leading position within the development of environmentally friendly energy production such as wind power, water power and bioenergy. The company is one of the area’s largest employers and requires everything from engineers and technicians to economists and assemblers.

Tourism. The large natural areas surrounding Skellefteå are a source of income for capable entrepreneurs who offer experiences and outdoor activities.

Mining. The Skellefteå region’s mining industry mainly produces copper, zinc and gold, and has a great need for qualified employees in a variety of areas. The mining industry employs a great deal of people and has played an important role in Skellefteå’s economic development.

Timber industry. With traditions spanning several hundred years, Skellefteå’s timber industry holds a strong position in Sweden and the rest of the world. This is an opportunity to find work within everything from industry leading wood processing companies with global markets, to the development of modern wooden buildings that form the basis for creating the sustainable societies of the future.

Manufacturing industries. Over time, the strong entrepreneurial spirit in Skellefteå has resulted in manufacturing industries within every possible field establishing themselves in the town.

ROOM FOR YOUR IDEAS
The Skellefteå region is known for encouraging new and innovative ideas that can be developed into successful business concepts. In other words, it is a great place for people who have ideas they believe in and would like to base an interesting career on.
AREAS THAT MAY EXPAND
If we try to look into the future, there are a few areas that might become particularly interesting for employers in Skellefteå.

Nursing. In this area there will be a need for everything from doctors and midwives to various specialist nurses. In other words, this is a great opportunity for those who are currently studying these topics.

IT. Skellefteå companies continue to be successful and future recruitment will mainly focus on software and system developers, test managers and IT architects.

Building and construction. This area mainly needs floorers and HVAC assemblers.

Hotels and restaurants. This industry is growing in Skellefteå and is in need of qualified chefs, bakers and confectioners.

Pedagogical work. Preschool teachers will be in demand, as will upper secondary school teachers of mathematics, natural science and vocational subjects.

Technology. Already there is a great need for engineers in a number of areas, including building and construction, electric power, machinery and geographical information systems (GIS).

CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES
There are two universities at the Skellefteå campus; Luleå University of Technology and Umeå University, as well as the state-run research institute SP Wood Technology. The activities at campus comprise research and education within the fields of wood processing, electrical power, computer games, new technology, nursing and social services. There are also technical colleges at the campus that offer educational courses developed in close collaboration with sectors that are in need of manpower. Read more at www.campus.skelleftea.se

ATTEND A FOLK HIGH SCHOOL
Those eager to study at a folk high school have three interesting alternatives that in addition to general studies also offer their own special courses:

Medlefors. Situated in picturesque surroundings in the centre of Skellefteå, focusing on health and wellness. Read more at www.medlefors.se

Edelvik. Situated in Burträsk outside Skellefteå, focusing on creative activities such as art and theatre. Read more at www.edelvik.se

Solvik. Solvik Folk High School is located in Frostkåge, just north of Skellefteå. Among the courses offered are art, Afro-American music traditions, and neuropsychiatric disabilities (NPF). Read more at www.solsvik.fhsk.se
"Imagine gliding ashore a completely untouched beach in your kayak. It is amazing."
A natural lifestyle.

Many people dream of a richer life. Sven and Nandini in Ursviken do not. They have chosen to live one.

What would you say to reducing the amount of time you spend watching TV to just a few hours per week? And to instead fill your life with powerful experiences in forests and on waterways? It probably sounds as amazing as it sounds impossible. But Nandini Sjöström and Sven Burman are living proof that it is possible.

– We are out in nature more or less every day, often together with our daughter Minna. In the evenings we’re out and about with the dog. So we don’t switch on the TV very often, says Nandini.

The activities vary with the seasons
The type of outdoor activities they are pursuing changes with the seasons. In late autumn and early winter, before the snow settles on the ice, they opt for long-distance skating. During the winter they focus on cross-country skiing and scooter trips, both nearby and in the mountains, which are just a few hours away by car. The snow-free period from April to November is dedicated to kayaking, fishing and hiking. Sven explains:

– In spring, the paddling season often starts while it is still possible to go skiing, so it is easy to keep busy.

Focusing on enjoyment and experiences
Sven is convinced that their lifestyle affects them as people:

– Yes, it keeps us alert and gives us a richer life. Particularly as it is so easy to experience nature on your own. Beautiful fishing lakes and scooter trails. Everything is so accessible and yet so untouched. There are many islands you can camp on and sometimes you can find a completely untouched beach that can only be accessed from the sea. In addition, all the hiking trails are very well signposted and the municipality provides wood at picnic areas. There are also many enthusiast-run associations for climbing, kayaking and other outdoor activities.

Instagram campaign against ice hockey
Skellefteå is known as Sweden’s number one ice hockey town, however not everyone is fanatical about the sport. This includes Sven.

– During the latest play-off I uploaded photos to Instagram to show what I was doing when the match was on. Just as an alternative to the ice hockey hysteria. My friends are mad about ice hockey and they found it amusing to see me out in nature during an important match.

FACTS
Name: Sven Burman, Nandini Sjöström and Minna
Lives: Ursviken
Likes: Outdoor cooking
Outdoor activities we are not into:
Mountain biking, but it is on our to-do list.
Leisure

Skellefteå boasts a multitude of activities spanning cultural life, sports, entertainment and virtually everything in between.

CULTURE IN THE TOWN OF STORYTELLERS
Nordanå. Skellefteå’s cultural meeting place attracts thousands of visitors every year. Historical environments and verdant outdoor areas are popular both among locals and visitors.

Museums. Thanks to Skellefteå museum, Skellefteå Konsthall, Mejersamlingen and Museum Anna Nordlander, Nordanå is a popular destination all year round. The permanent and short-term exhibitions are all thought-provoking and memorable experiences.

Music and theatre. Skellefteå’s theatres combine local legends such as Torgny Lindgren, P.O. Enqvist and Sara Lidman with other Swedish and international masterpieces. The quality of the local music scene is proven by the receipt of awards such as “Music School of the Year” and “Pop Music Town of the Year”.

RESTAURANTS AND NIGHT LIFE
Skellefteå’s food reputation has been given lots of attention and praise over the past few years. Several successful and experienced restaurateurs combine international food with regional specialties, and this has enabled Skellefteå’s exciting restaurant selection to cater to all tastes and preferences. The proximity to the ocean and wilderness means that fish and game can be offered on seasonal menus. Read more at www.destinationskelleftea.se

Scooter and hiking trails. With 1,750 km of well-maintained snow scooter trails you can go pretty much anywhere, and enjoy everything from ski slopes and barbecue areas to fishing lakes and the sea. During the summer, the many hiking trails are a natural choice for experiencing untouched nature up close.

Ski lifts. There are many great ski slopes in the municipality, including Vitberget, Storklinta, Bygdsiljum, Bureberget, Klutmarksbacken, Röset in Lövånger and Kvarnerberget in Burträsk. There is also accommodation on offer at most of the skiing facilities.

WATCH SPORTS ALL YEAR ROUND
Ice hockey in the elite series. At Skellefteå Kraft Arena you can enjoy fast-paced and exciting ice hockey when Sweden’s top team AIK is playing a match. Choose between comfortable seats or amazing standing spaces where you can experience the magical atmosphere at Vastra Stå.

Football in the elite series. The football team Sunnanå SK play their matches at Norrvalla IP. Experience great matches when the Sunnanå women’s football team challenges big teams from all over the country.

Trotting. At Skellefteåtravet you can enjoy classic trotting all year round. Midsommartravet is a big public event, and many people bring their own comfortable camping chairs to enjoy the trotting beneath the never-setting sun.

BATHING AND SPORTS FACILITIES
Public baths. With eight public baths in the municipality, there is room for everyone, including families with young children, people who swim for exercise and aquarobics. Several of the public baths also have gyms and relaxation departments.

FRESH AIR – LIFE IN THE MIDDLE OF NATURE
Fishing. There are 1,500 lakes, five big rivers and 360 km of coastline. Regardless of what type of fishing you are interested in, you are likely to be able to enjoy it here. Our fishing guides include tips on where, when and how you can fish. www.skelleftea.se/fiske

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**Summer bathing.** There are plenty of cooling bathing options to choose from for locals who are feeling the summer heat. Havsbadet in Boviken is close to town and a popular alternative, as are the many lakes that are spread across the municipality. Not to mention Vitbergsbadet in the middle of town, and Kågebadet, both of which offer heated pools for children and adults.

**Book a sports hall.** When the municipal sports halls are not booked by various teams and associations, they are available for online booking by people who are keen to do some exercise.

**Skateparken.** This recently build activity park has quickly become a popular area for children and youths who enjoy skateboarding, inline skating, kickbikes and bicycling.

**Street basket and beach volleyball.** The public park area in Skellefteå has courses that the public are welcome to use if they wish to challenge each other to a match.

**WINTER SPORTS**

**Ski tracks at Vitberget.** There is a large track system at Vitberget, including a 2.5 km long track on artificial snow that is created every ear at Skellefteå skiing stadium before the real snow falls. The status of the ski tracks can easily be checked using the app 'My Skellefteå'.

**Mountains close by.** Skellefteå is just one beautiful car journey away from the mountain region and everything it has to offer. Cross-country and downhill skiing, Fishing and hiking. Fresh mountain air and untouched nature. Everything is just a few hours away from Skellefteå.

**ACTIVE ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS**

**Sports for thousands of children.** Skellefteå’s organisations and clubs keep thousands of children and youths active. Football, riding and indoor bandy are among the most popular sports, but ice hockey and taekwondo are also in demand. Read more about Skellefteå’s organisations and clubs at [www.skelleftea.se/foreningsregister](http://www.skelleftea.se/foreningsregister)

**The golf club.** Skellefteå Golfklubb, five kilometres away from the town centre, is one of the world’s northernmost 27-hole courses and in the summer it is open day and night.

**Disc golf.** The Bergsbyn course is definitely a world-class course, with its 29 challenging holes, a café, accommodation, a putting green and disc rental.

**Go karting.** Skellefteå Karting Arena is a top modern facility with karts for hire and a separate track for children.

**Riding schools.** Skellefteå Ridklubb is located in the centre of Skellefteå and was named Riding School of the Year in 2013. There are also riding schools in Ersmark and Gummars, and several active riding clubs, horse associations and driving clubs in the municipality.

**REACH THE WORLD FROM YOUR AIRPORT**

Skellefteå Airport is one of the ten largest airports in Sweden, and it is owned and run by the local residents. The airport serves an important function in the development of the Skellefteå region. This is partly due to the regular departures to Stockholm, which make it possible to work further south and to travel onwards to other destinations. But it is also due to the growing number of charter destinations that offer Skellefteå a direct link to the rest of the world.
Experience

Trästockfestivalen
Sweden’s biggest free-entrance music festival offers up live music every summer, with performances, food and much more during three lovely days at Nordanå.

Stadsfesten
Attracts up to 100,000 visitors each year and is one of Norrland’s biggest summer events. Food from all over the globe, music stars, fun fairs and a wonderful festival atmosphere.

Winter swimming
Prestigious winter swimming event. Since 2013, the Scandinavian Championship in winter swimming takes place in a hole sawn in the ice in the middle of Skellefteå.

Matfesteden
An annual public festival that promotes regional and international food culture. Attending Matfesteden is a tradition for the locals, who make sure to make a note of it in their diaries.

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Storytelling festival for a whole week
In Skellefteå, storytelling is a recurring theme in all creative expressions: on the theatre stage, in art exhibitions and museums, on the dance floor and on the music stage, in the library and in writers’ dens. Motivated by this, Skellefteå has proudly proclaimed itself the Town of Storytelling. We wish to build upon the region’s rich tradition of oral and literal storytelling.

Snow scooter competitions
Put on your warmest winter shoes and head out to some of the scooter competitions that often take place at Vitbergsbacken or Klutmark Motorstadion. During the past few years, national downhill championships have taken place here.

Summer theatre
Each summer, the well-renowned Västerbottensteatern moves outdoors to perform plays under the open sky. The performances are suitable for the entire family, and the plays are enacted in a unique spot at Nordanå.

Burträsksvängen
Burträsksvängen is a music festival that takes place in beautiful natural surroundings. The festival is a mixture of concerts by bands and folk singers, folk musician meets, activities for children and much more.

Nordsken gaming festival
Non-stop computer games and table games for three days. Tournaments and spontaneous matches at a festival for modern youth culture.
Church Weekend at Bonnstan
The church weekend is an old tradition that is still very much alive in Bonnstan’s chamber music scene. These days the main attraction is no longer the church, but the folk musician meets and the artists and craftsmen who sell their products.

Skellefteå Konsthall
People who are interested in art regularly visit Skellefteå Konsthall. The exhibitions display exciting art by both national and international contemporary artists.

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Nordanä ice rink
Skellefteå has its own ice rink, just like Central Park in New York. In the winter you can go skating to beautiful music at Svandammen near Nordanä.

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Christmas Market at Nordanä
A beautiful Christmas market with a genuine traditional Christmas atmosphere can be found at Nordanä in early December. In addition to market stands, there are also activities and experiences for the entire family.

Nordic Light Beach Soccer
One of Sweden’s biggest beach football cups, which includes national championship qualifying matches. Attracts thousands of visitors to Bovikens Havsbad each summer.

Markets
Local food producers fill their stands with goodies like vegetables, breads, mushrooms, fish, jams and honey. You can find them at the harvest markets in Lövanger, at Matfesten and at Möjligeternas Torg during the season. You can also visit the Burträsk winter market. It is a genuine winter market with crisp cold, snow, and fur-clad stallholders. The market stalls offer everything from winter shoes and traditional mittens to smoked reindeer fillets.

Summer exercise
Crossing the Bridges is a beautiful track you can enjoy at your own pace or in a race arranged by Skellefteå AIK Friidrottsklubb. If you prefer groups, you can get fit at one of Friskis & Svettis’ summer gym sessions that are held outdoors.

Joypeak
The family festival Joypeak covers a vast number of activities. Face painting, clowns, bouncing castles, flea markets and a café are just a few of the things you can experience at Ursviken in June.

Read more about what’s happening in Skellefteå at www.destinationskelleftea.se
Would you like to learn even more about life in Skellefteå?

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WATCH THE FILM
Malin Åberg and Pär Hultgren are one of many couples that chose to move back home to Skellefteå. Scan the QR code and watch the film about them here.