



Islandshästförening 1997

NORDIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022 ICELANDIC HORSES

Åland Islands

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- Located in the Baltic Sea, between mainland Finland and Sweden.
- Åland is a well known tourism region
- Total area: 13 517 km², of which 1 527 km² land area
- Longest distance on the main Island: 50 km
- Nearly 30 000 inhabitants
- Main language: Swedish (A Swedish-speaking part of Finland)
- The archipelago of Åland islands is unique with 6 700 islands, 60 of those are inhabited.
- Apple paradise, over 70 % of the apples produced in Finland come from Åland islands.



Åland Islands - Handmade

Local food sourcing - sustainability - providence are integral elements on Åland Islands.

Åland is a small island with a big heart and a lot to offer. We are especially proud of our locally produced products.

We have local farmers and craftsmen, as well as international companies. This is what makes Åland islands unique.



Álenskur islandshästförening r.f.

Álenskur islandshästförening, the local Icelandic association on Åland was founded in 1997.

The association works to increase the interest for Icelandic horses in Åland Islands, and arranges a number of activities for their members around the year.

In Åland Islands we have around 850 horses today and the Icelandic horses make up 200 of these.



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Ålands Hästsportförening r.f.



- Founded in 1936 as Ålands Hästavelsförening
 - The purpose was to promote breeding work with cold-blooded trotters, with great results.
- In modern time the cold-blooded had to step aside to much faster warm-blooded trotters, and today Åland islands has several successful breeders.
- Ålands Hästavelsförening changed name to Ålands Hästsportsförening to welcome all disciplines under the same roof.
 - Trotting, ponytrot, dressage, showjumping and icelandic horses.
- The association has 260 members who are either active in one of the various equestrian sports, are horse owners or just want to be involved and support equestrian sports in general



Åland islands - a meeting point for events

Åland Islands has hosted several championships and big events in different sports and disciplines.



Around 3 000 competitors, 25 islands took part in 14 sports around Åland Islands



Nordic Championships Kallblodstrav - 2016
Finnish Championships Icelandichorse - 2005, 2013
Finnish Championships showjumping - 2009
Nationell Dressagecompetition - 2014



Every year on the fall Skörde festens vännar r.f. hosts Skörde fest with open farms. Around 18 000 people travel round Åland where about 6 000 of those travels to Åland for this event.

And many more events:

- Paf Open Beachvolley
- Tall Ship Race
- Alandia Cup
- Rockoff



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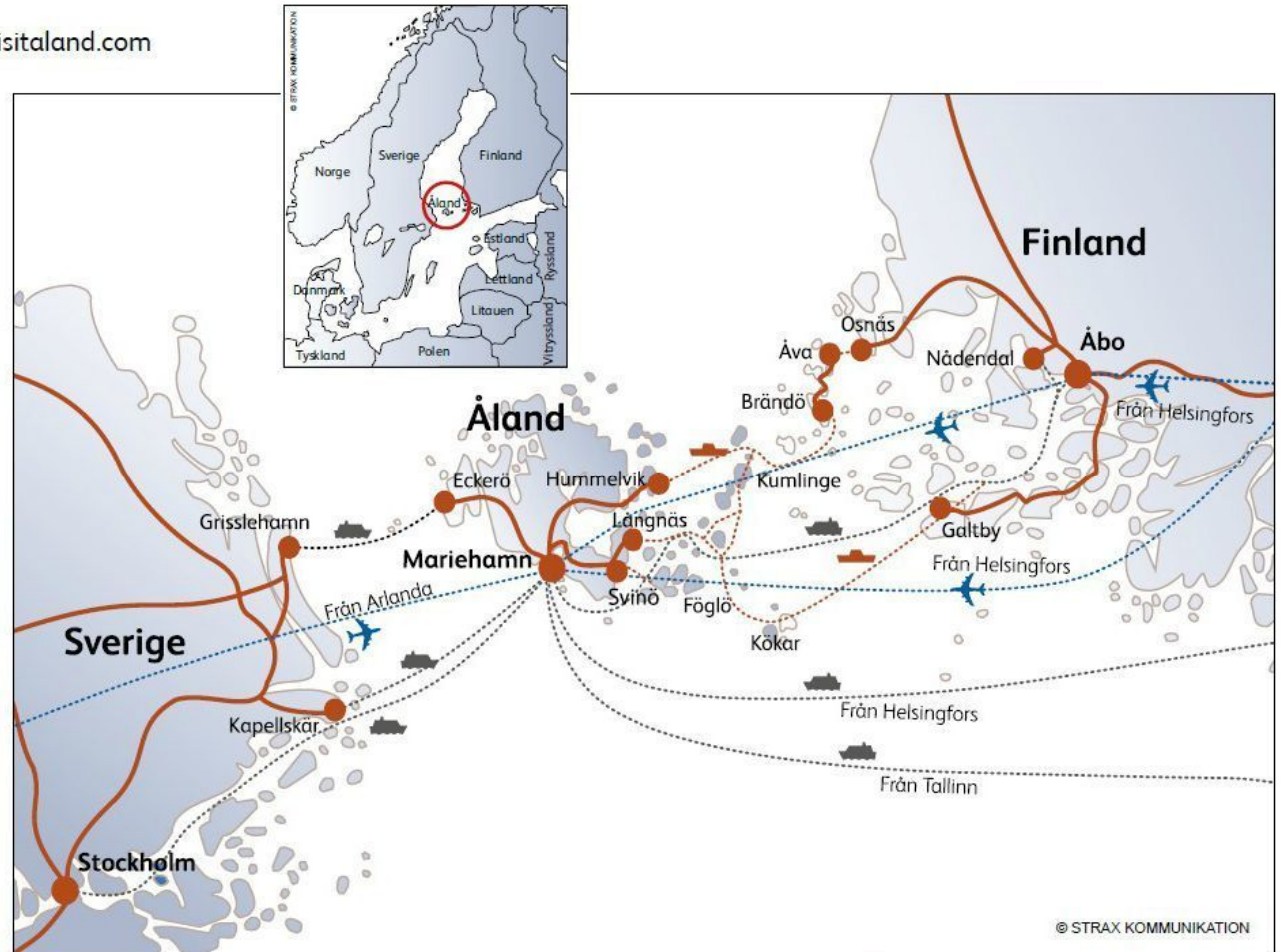
We have the **knowledge** and **capacity** to host big events on the Åland islands. The location in the middle of the Baltic sea provides good conditions to make the Nordic Championships a meeting place for icelandic horse lovers from all of the nordic countries.

Welcome to Åland - A pearl in the middle of the Baltic Sea!



Travel

- Daily connections to Åland from Finland and Sweden
- The shortest ferry ride takes about 2 hours from Sweden.
- During your travel with the ferry you can enjoy tasty food, tax free shopping and entertainment on board.
- Flight from Arlanda (SE), Helsinki (FI) and Turku (FI) takes about 30 - 45 minutes. Airport is just 5 minutes by car from the city of Mariehamn.



source: <https://www.visitaland.com/en/travel/>

Competition facility - basic information

Ålandstravet competition facility are well adapted for bigger competitions and events. With 88 horse boxes, paddocks, facilities for volunteers, secretariat, soundsystem over the whole competition facility, café with serving rights and stands for the spectators.

During 2020 - 2021 Álenskur has hosted a Leader projekt and received Leader funding for the construction of a combined sport - and gaedingakeppni and pace track. The project made it possible to host bigger championships on Åland islands, such as the Nordic Championships.

It is possible for Álenskur islandshästförening to apply for event contribution up to 40 % from the Government of Åland as well as appoint a project leader part time.



Ålandstravet - Competition facility

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| 1. Stable, 30 boxes | 14. location built stands, serving area and grill |
| 2. Outside stable, 20 boxes | 15. possible to put up portable stands |
| 3. Stables, 14 boxes | 16. Paddocks |
| 4. Stables, 16 boxes | 17. Paddocks |
| 5. Stables, 8 boxes | 18. Paddocks |
| 6. Competition track, with new sport, gaedingakeppnitrack | 19. Public entrance |
| 7. Pacetrack | 20. Market area |
| 8. Warm up area, dressage and sporttrack | 21. Food stands / area |
| 9. Warm up area | 22. One parking area for the public, that also will have shuttle traffic from close by parking areas. |
| 10. Warm up area on the race course | 23. Parking area for horsetrainers |
| 11. Collecting ring | |
| 12. Stable café, volunteer food | |
| 13. Totohall, restaurant. Secretariat och speaker facility. | |





Combined sport and gaedingakeppni and pace track next to warm up sport track. It is possible to put stands on both sides of the tracks. The fence associated to the new oval track will be mounted in august 2021.

Area Facilities - Horses

- 88 boxes and possibility for more tent stables on the area
- Stable area is close - walking distance to the warm up- and competition track with market place.
- Separate stables for quarantined horses is possible at the facility
- Sport track and dressage paddocks for training and warm up
- Warm up trail close by
- Competition track is open daily for training



Stables

We have 5 stables on the competition facility, with possibility to put up tent stables for more boxes.



We also have the possibility to use one of the stables as quarantine stable for horses imported from iceland.



Boxes from the
facility

Water posts close to
all ground stables,
inside or just 20
meter walk.



We want to make a
safe and spacious
environment for the
horses and riders.

Tent stable



It is possible to put up tent stables up to a total of 246 boxes. Álenskur has asked for a price offer for tent stables from the company Mobilboxen.

Tent stables could for example be placed as shown in the map on the left.

Shower stalls



Ålandstravet has eight shower stalls on three locations on the stable area.

And water spots on two places.

Paddocks



Today we can offer some smaller paddock areas, these spaces are on the Ålandstravet facility close to the stables.

We will examine the possibility for more areas for the horses where riders can build their own paddocks close to the stable area.



Area Facilities - Teams

- Offices near the competition track, stables and market place
- Own parking area
- Speaking and sound system
- Teams catering area

Area Facilities - Audience

- The audience have their own parking areas which will be separated from riders and horses
- It is possible to use stands on east side of the track and also possible to put up temporary stands on both sides of the competition track
- VIP area
- Food
 - We will book food trucks, and open for small cafés and restaurants that will offer different options of food for our guests.
- Shopping
 - We will make a opportunity to have a market place open with shopping.
- Restaurants, shops, mall and grocery store close to the competition facility.





Area Facilities - Volunteers

- Volunteers will be served food (breakfast, lunch and dinner) with the help of catering in their own building at the competition track, the stable café.
- Volunteers catering / resting area



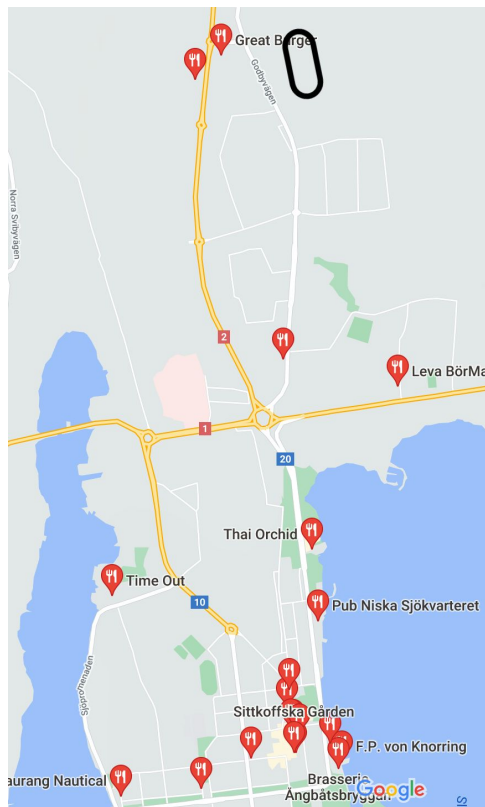
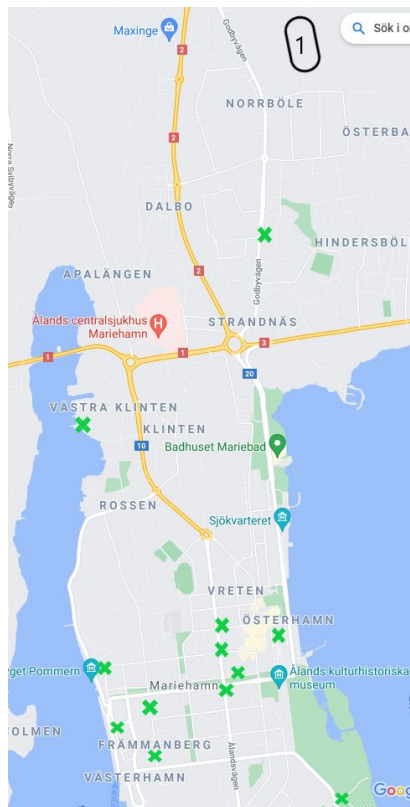
Area Facilities - Security

- There will be 24 / 7 security services
- First Aid
- There will be proper security announcements and plans made

Area Facilities - Press

- There will be suitable area for press (tent or other)
- Electricity will be available

Accommodation, service and restaurants



- Close to Ålandstravet there is a wide range of accommodations and restaurants.
- Grocery stores and shopping center close by (the closest within 1 km) from the competition facility
- Within 5 km from the competition facility you can find hotels and restaurants.
- Ålenskur has contacted Visit Åland who confirms that the hotels have capacity which is possible to reserve for the Nordic Championships 2022.

Source:

(Hotels, accommodation)

<https://www2.visitaland.com/en/accommodation>

(Restaurants)

<https://www2.visitaland.com/en/todo?filter=c%3D27631>

Guest harbour

Why not combine Nordic Championships with a boat vacation?

In Mariehamn, between 4 - 6 km from the competition facility, there are two marinas: ÅSS Marina on the west side of Mariehamn and MSF Mariehamns Seglarförening on the east side.

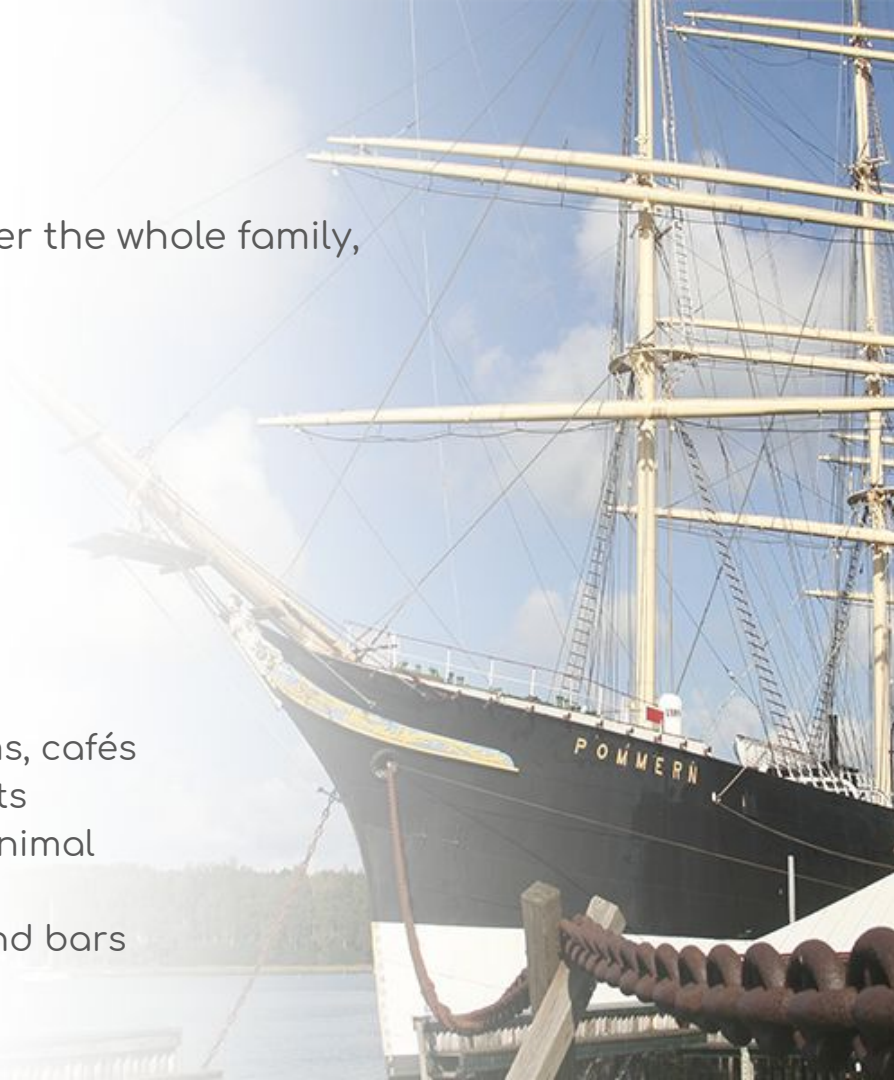
Both guest harbours have good service and facility, and just a walk from the centre of Mariehamn.



Åland Island - activities

Åland Island has a lot of different activities to offer the whole family, for exemple:

- Golf - 2 golf facilities on Åland Island
- Frisbee Golf - 16 courses around Åland Islands
- Football
- Cinema - In the centre of Mariehamn
- Cycling
- Hiking
- Museums
- Paddling
- Sailing
- Bath and swimming
- Beach volley
- Climbing
- Visit local farms, cafés and restaurants
- Käringsunds animal safari
- Restaurants and bars



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Photos and information of Åland islands:
Visit Åland -

<https://mediabank.visitaland.com/>

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