

CELEBRATE 400 YEARS OF GOTHENBURG

JUNE 2 – SEPTEMBER 3



A SELECTION OF
THE EVENTS DURING
THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

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Gothenburg is celebrating its 400th anniversary, and invites you to the anniversary celebrations on June 2 – September 3, 2023.

This is all part of an urban development journey based on Gothenburgers' ideas and thousands of initiatives, which are now culminating in a fantastic celebration for all.

We will begin with Gothenburg's Anniversary Festival on June 2–5.

The anniversary programme then continues around the city, and will be rounded off with a grand finale weekend on August 31–September 3.

Let's celebrate Gothenburg together and make memories to last a lifetime!



GOTHENBURG'S ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL JUNE 2 – 5 AT FRIHAMNEN

Open to all, with free entry.

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The summer begins with a festival in Frihamnen. This four-day event will include music, entertainment, culinary experiences, hands-on activities and much more. Several stages will host everything from pop music, comedy and symphony orchestras to contemporary circus, dance bands and rock. The Swedish Ship Götheborg begins the festivities with a salute on Friday, June 2, followed by an opening concert featuring the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra and well-known performers. On June 4, Gothenburg's birthday will be celebrated with activities at the harbour baths in the park Jubileumsparken, a royal visit, a gala performance by the Göteborg Opera and a full evening of Way Out West.

FRIDAY JUNE 2, 3 PM – 11 PM, **SATURDAY** JUNE 3, 10 AM – 11 PM,
SUNDAY JUNE 4, 10 AM – 11 PM, **MONDAY** JUNE 5, 11 AM – 11 PM

You can easily get to Frihamnen by taking a bus to Frihamnsporten, walking, cycling or taking the electric ferry from Stenpiren straight into the festival area.

PROTOTYPING GOTHENBURG



Photo: Happy Visuals

Throughout the summer Prototyping Gothenburg will turn the city into an exhibition, focusing on a sustainable transition. Join us for workshops, discussions and plenty of activities relating to how we are transforming and building a sustainable city. Initiatives and solutions will be on show, in the form of prototypes along a route from Frihamnen, across the bridge Hisingsbron to Gothenburg Central Station, and onwards to Kronhuset. Visit the Transition Lab and the marine allotment in Frihamnen, taste seaweed bread, cycle with an architect and play Poo Basketball – if you dare! At the end of August, Prototyping Gothenburg will move out into the city with activities in locations including Bergsjön, Hammarkullen and Frölunda.

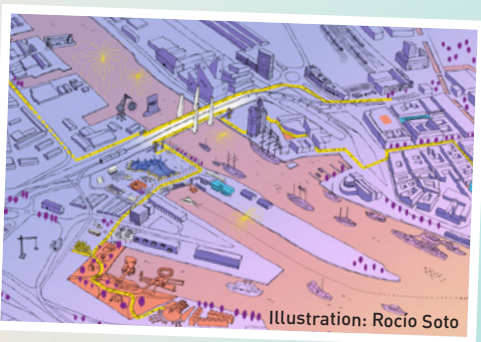


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ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTS

Many products have been produced to celebrate Gothenburg's anniversary. Find out more here!



THE ANNIVERSARY COMPASS

MAY - SEPTEMBER'S



BÄLTESPÄNNARPARKEN

At the Anniversary Compass in the park Bältespännarparken, you can meet experts who will help you navigate the 400th anniversary celebrations programme. We'll be getting a head start on May 27, and the small stage will be filled with exciting events almost every day. For example, there will be Persian dancing and fashion shows, a concert by Åsa Fång, a festival of functionalism, children's theatre, a canine fashion show, literary discussions, a clothes swap day and much, much more.

For opening hours, see goteborg2023.com

GÖTHEBURG'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION



BÄLTESPÄNNARPARKEN

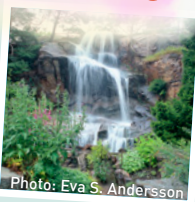
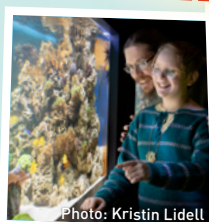
In the park Bältespännarparken and on the square Milleniumplatsen, you can see a large outdoor exhibition showing what we have achieved together for the 400th anniversary. Here, you can read about why we are celebrating, how the ideas have become reality and a wide range of anniversary initiatives. You will also find plenty of tips and inspiration on how to experience the anniversary celebrations around the city.

ROYAL VISIT



On June 4, Their Majesties The King and Queen will be visiting Gothenburg. In the morning, the King and Queen will travel by horse-drawn carriage from Götaplatsen, along Kungssportsavenyn to the square Gustaf Adolfs torg, where the King will give a speech. During the afternoon, they will take part in the 400th anniversary celebrations in Frihamnen. This year King Carl XVI Gustaf celebrates 50 years on the throne, and there will be a photo exhibition on the square Gustaf Adolfs torg until midsummer.

POPULAR TOURIST DESTINATIONS CELEBRATE 100 YEARS



When Gothenburg turned 300, several institutions were formed which have made the city more attractive, enjoyable, wise, and dynamic ever since. Liseberg amusement park, Gothenburg Botanical Garden, Gothenburg Museum of Art, the Maritime Museum and Aquarium, and Göteborg Natural History Museum are some of the attractions celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. This summer, you are invited to join the special anniversary programme!

For example, Göteborgs Konsthall is hosting a festival on June 9–11, and Gothenburg Botanical Garden and Göteborg Natural History Museum will be celebrating their joint birthday on July 8.

LIBRARIES AND CULTURAL CENTRES CELEBRATE



Photo: Hans Ekstrand

**BERGSJÖNS
KULTURHUSVÄG 4C**

The city's newest cultural centre in Bergsjön is a colourful, playful anniversary initiative. It is a meeting place for all Gothenburgers, and this summer's programme is extra special – just like at the city's other cultural centres. Several libraries are also hosting anniversary celebrations.

EXPERIENCE GOTHENBURG IN NEW WAYS



Photo: House of Vision

Discover a new side to the city on a guided tour or a walk. During Gothenburg's Anniversary Celebrations, there will be an even bigger and broader range of activities than ever before. Learn more about the historic city centre, follow in the footsteps of emigrants and find out about the urban developments taking place in the city. Or discover Gothenburg along a 23-kilometre art trail and learn about 400 green years through 17 inspirational gardens. Take in the surroundings along a walking trail, or come on a musical walk in the footsteps of composer Lasse Dahlqvist.

400 YEARS OF HISTORY



The summer will feature all manner of activities and events for those with an interest in history. Discover the historic city centre around Kronhuset and the canal Stora Hamnkanalen on a virtual walk in a 3D environment. Learn about the history of Gothenburg through four exhibitions at the Museum of Gothenburg. Or find out more about the fortified city on a guided tour.



This is the length of the art trail between the cultural centres Blå Stället in Angered and Röda Sten in Majorna. The trail features street art by local, national and international artists. There will also be plenty of art experiences during the anniversary celebrations. In the summer, Eriksbergshallen will present an exhibition about the exclusive British street artist Banksy, Konstspidemin will take over Gothenburg Botanical Garden, Gothenburg Museum of Art will have an exhibition about the Gothenburg Colourists, and Göteborgs Konsthall will offer an insight into the city's contemporary art scene – to mention just a few.

THE RAIN PLAYGROUND



**RENSTRÖMSGATAN,
AT NÄCKROSDAMMEN**

Photo: Marie Ullnert

Messy play tables, extra deep puddles to jump in and roofs shaped like large lily pads to shelter under. The rain playground at Näckrosdammen is a particularly fun place to play when it rains. The playground is part of the anniversary initiative Rain Gothenburg, which has a vision of making Gothenburg the best city in the world when it rains. You can also discover poetry on more than a hundred manhole covers around the city that are part of the initiative.

SWIM IN THE CITY CENTRE



**THE PARK
JUBILEUMSPARKEN
IN FRIHAMNEN**

Photo: Marie Ullnert

The new harbour baths in the park Jubileumsparken has two saltwater pools and a freshwater pool that will be open all year round from June 2. You can also try sailing, play in the playground and enjoy the greenery of the park. Or why not take a dip from Sweden's longest bathing pier in Askim? The 259-metre bathing pier has been created in response to Gothenburgers' requests for more meeting places and opportunities to get close to the water.

EXPLORE THE GOTHENBURG ARCHIPELAGO



There are plenty of ways to get out into the Gothenburg archipelago. Boat trips to different islands depart from Stenpiren every day. This summer, there will also be nine special anniversary cruises on the M/S Kungsö. The southern car-free islands of the archipelago can also be reached from Saltholmen. You can take the road ferry to the northern islands from Lilla Varholmen on Hisingen.



HISTORIC SHIP FESTIVAL AT ERIKSBERG AUGUST 26 – 27

The docks at Eriksberg bring us close to the water and keep our cultural heritage alive. The historic ship festival takes place on the last weekend in August, with a magnificent Sail of Parade, open ships and activities on the quayside for all ages.



Photo: Peter Kvarnström



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GRAND FINALE WEEKEND

AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 3

Gothenburg's Anniversary Celebrations will be rounded off with a grand procession – the Jubilee Parade. The parade will pay tribute to the 400-year-old city, making its way from the square Gustaf Adolfs torg to Götaplatsen on Saturday, September 2. The same weekend also sees the Gothenburg Culture Festival, the popular Ö-Festen on Ringön and the Göteborgsvarvet Marathon. At the same time, Frihamnen Days and a whole host of other activities will take place.

THE ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME

DAY BY DAY

Throughout the summer, the city will be bustling with activities and experiences. **See the programme on the anniversary calendar here:**



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