



Vasaborgen – Guided tour of Renaissance ruins at Uppsala Castle

The ancient 16th-century ruins of Uppsala Castle have been witness to some dramatic events, and, of course, have their very own castle ghost...

The oldest part of Uppsala castle, known as Vasaborgen, was built in 1549 by King Gustav Vasa. At the time it was northern Europe's most modern defence fortress. Over the years, Vasaborgen has been rebuilt on several occasions. By the time of the Great Fire in 1702, Vasaborgen was a beautifully-decorated white Renaissance castle.

Murders and ghosts

The shocking Sture murders were committed here in 1567, and prisoners were locked away for life in the Bayliff

Dungeon. The daughter of Gustav Vasa, Cecilia, still wanders the ruins, causing disturbance.

Enjoy a guided tour

Today, Vasaborgen is a ruin covering 7,000 square feet and three floors where you can enjoy historical guided tours and ghost walks. Your guide will regale you with exciting tales of power and murder and myths from ancient Uppsala and Swedish history. Vasaborgen's mission is to make history exciting. We believe that pride in your origins and history awakens curiosity about other cultures. We also believe that knowledge of history helps us avoid repeating mistakes from the past.

Activity facts

Type of company: Museum with guided tours

Location: In central Uppsala, by Uppsala castle

Duration: 1 h

Season: Year-round for group bookings. Summer (June-August) for FIT, regular guided tours in English at weekends

Target group: Active travellers interested in history. Families with teenagers

Min/max no. of participants: Groups of 1-50

Level of activity/previous knowledge required: Warm clothes in winter
Comfortable shoes. No previous knowledge required
Language: Swedish, English.
Guidings in German and Russian on request.

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