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# Runes and rune stones in Uppsala + Uppsala Ghost Walk; Mediaeval horror and dark folklore beliefs - two guided tours around central Uppsala

#### Runes and rune stones in Uppsala 1 h

Immerse yourself in the exciting and tumultuous Viking times! Learn how to read and write the runic script. We walk among the rune stones near the Cathedral, where there are 16 rune stones within 200 m. You'll hear about the history of these stones, spectacular human destinies and all about the exciting Viking period.

Listen to accounts of long-distance Viking expeditions, tragedies and the destinies of strong women. Discover rune masters who couldn't spell, and people like the boastful Vigmund. Meet Gullög, the woman who built a bridge in memory of her dead daughter, discover treachery and valiant deaths on the battle field, and a son who died in his christening gown. Hear all about people's living conditions, and about rune stones that have been relocated and disappeared, lost in harbours and blown up.

#### Mediaeval horror and dark folkore beliefs 1 h

Join in Uppsala's own Ghost Walk; a horror tour focusing on Swedish history, dark folklore and evil vaesen and beings created through imprecations and black magic. Discover the undead of the Middle Ages and the danger of the elves' curses blighting you while walking the town's streets and alleyways. Learn protective magic, love tricks and hear Myrling's chilling cry. Hear all about Näcken's alluring, executions on gallows hill, and sudden evil death drowning in the clutches of the Sjörå, and more. We walk around the area close to Uppsala Cathedral and start outside the main entrance.

## **Activity facts**

Type of company: Sweden History Tours Guide Company / Tour operator. Location: In central Uppsala, by Uppsala Cathedral's main entrance. Duration: 1 h (possible to extend timewize, the Viking tour can include a package of that + 1h - 90min tour of Old Uppsala).

Season: All year around. Target group: Private individuals, Private groups and companies, Viking Age fans, Folklore and horror fans.

#### Min/max no. of participants:

2 / 80 (several tour guides available to spit bigger groups) Level of activity/previous knowledge required: Easy walking max 2km / None. Language: English, Swedish (German and French bookable by request).

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