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### BALTIC SEA VISITED ISLANDS/SPITS (55+30 COMING)




*The criteria for an island is that it is inhabited or has a special character (f.ex. a lighthouse islet) and it is accessible by car over a bridge or a causeway and can be reached by a public or other scheduled boat. There are also three sand based spits on the list.*

#### FINLAND (39+23)

HAILUOTO FINLAND 1965/2021   
The northernmost island of the Baltic Sea and third-largest island in Finland in the Botnic Bay.


HELSINKI CITY ISLANDS (10) FINLAND 1958, 1961, 1969-75, 2017, 2023   
KORKEASAARI (1958), KATAJANOKKA ISLAND (1961), LAUTTASAARI (1969), SEURASAARI (1970), KULOSAARI (1970), KUUSISAARI (1970), LEHTISAARI (1970), LAAJASALO (1977), JÄTKÄSAARI (2016) are the largest city islands of the City of Helsinki, the Capital of Finland accessible by a bridge. VIAPORI or SUOMENLINNA (1969), is an inhabited historical fortress island just outside the city centre of Helsinki and reached only by a ferry in the Gulf of Finland.


HELSINKI ARCHIPELAGO (1+2) FINLAND 2017/2023   
ISOSAARI (2017), KAUNISSAARI (2023) and VALLISAARI (2023) are the most important outer public islands accessible by a public boat.

ÅLAND ARCHIPELAGO (4+6) FINLAND 1987, 1993, 2009, 2023     
Ahvenanmanner or FASTA ÅLAND (1987) is the main island of the autonomous region in the Swedish speaking Åland archipelago with the capital town of Mariehamn. There are eight other municipal islands in the Åland archipelago. FÖGLÖ (1993) by ferry from Mariehamn and ECKERÖ (1993) by bridge. There are ferry connections from Kustavi in the main land of Finland to the municipal islands of BRANDÖ (2023) and further to VÅRDÖ (2023) and KUMLINGE (2023) and to the Fasta Åland. From there by ferry to the municipal island of SOTTUNGA (2023) and back to Fasta Åland there over the bridges to the municipality islands of LEMLAND (2023) and LUMPARLAND (2023). MARKET REEF (2009) is the westernmost small island of Finland and it is divided between Finland and Sweden. To this lighthouse island there is a small motorboat access from the Åland island of Eckerö.

KASKINEN (1) FINLAND 1988   
It is the smallest island town in Finland located by the western coast of Finland in the Botnic Bay.

VYBORG ISLANDS (2) FINLAND/RUSSIA 2009    
A special boat visit from the Russian Vyborg to the island of MALAY VYSOTKI (RAVANSAAI was leased to Finland from Russia until 2014) via S-ISLAND of Russian Vyborg bay.

TURKU ARCHIPELAGO (9+5) FINLAND 2012-2016, 2023   
It is, the biggest archipelago in the world by the number of islands of 50,000 in the Turku Archipelago Sea. It consists of the capital island PARAINEN a town surrounded by sea with four former municipality islands on the Archipelago Ring Road: NAUVO, KORPPOO, HOUTSKARI with MOSSALA and INIÖ plus the islands of NORRSKATA and JURMO. BJÖRKHOLMEN (2020), near Parainen and accessible by a car ferry. LUONNONMAA, OTAVA, LIVONSAARI, VELKUA and VELKUANMAA are the islands, which belong to the city of Naantali.

UTÖ (1) FINLAND 2016   
It is a remote island in the Archipelago Sea and belongs to Pargas municipality. It is the southernmost year-round inhabited island in Finland. It has a famous lighthouse.

KÖKAR (1) FINLAND 2016   
This very remote island is located in the Åland archipelago and accessed by a ferry from Korppoo island of Parainen.

KVARKEN ARCHIPELAGO (2) FINLAND 2021   
RAIPPALUOTO is the fourth largest island in Finland and BJÖKÖ is the westernmost Finnish island by car both located in Merrenkurkku (Kvarken) in the Botnic Bay between Vaasa in Finland and Umeå in Sweden. It has UNESCO Heritage Site.

KIMITOÖ (1) FINLAND 2021 

Kemiönsaari is an island and municipality in the southwestern archipelago. It is the second largest island in Finland.

**BENGTSKÄR (1)** FINLAND 2021 


It is an island 25 kilometres southwest of Hanko, and part of the municipality of Dragsfjärd. This rocky island can be reached by ferry from the village of Kasnäs. Bengtskär Lighthouse on the skerry is the highest one in the Nordic countries.

**PORVOO ARCHIPELAGO (2)** FINLAND 2022 

An around year inhabited group of islands with mainly Swedish speaking inhabitants and accessed by a ferry. PELLINKI is the largest and EMÄSALO second largest island and they both belong to the city of Porvoo and are located in the Porvoo archipelago in the Gulf of Finland.

**KOTKA ARCHIPELAGO (4)** FINLAND 1975 and 2022 

Kotka city islands: KOTKA-ISLAND (1975), LUOTSI-KUUSINEN and MUSSALO (2022) belong to the city of Kotka and KAUNISSAARI (2022) is a popular summer island in the outer island of the Pyhtää municipality accessed by a ferry from Kuusinen harbour. It belongs to the wider Kotka archipelago in the Gulf of Finland.

**TAMMISAARI ARCHIPELAGO (1)** FINLAND 2023 

**JUSSARÖ (2023)** is the outmost island in the Tammisaari national archipelago park in the Gulf of Finland.

**UUSIKAUPUNKI ARCHIPELAGO (5)** FINLAND 2023 

**VOHDENSAARI, VYÖKKI, KAMMELA** and **HEINÄINEN** are the islands of the Velho-vesi Ringroad and **ISOKARI** is a remote lighthouse island with a public boat.

**RAUMA ARCHIPELAGO (2)** FINLAND 2023 

**KYLMÄPIHLAJA (2023)** light house island and **KUUSKAJASKARI (2023)** fortress island are the main islands with accommodation in the Rauma archipelago in the Botnic Bay.

**MERI-PORI ARCHIPELAGO (3)** FINLAND 2023 

**REPOSAARI (2023), KOOSHAAGA (2023) and ANTOORA (2023)** belong to the neighbourhood of Meri-Pori of the city of Pori in the Botnic Bay.

## SWEDEN (2+3)

**GOTLAND** SWEDEN 1984 

The largest island of the Baltic Sea.

**ÖLAND** SWEDEN 2022 

It is the second-largest Swedish island. It is located in the Baltic Sea just off the coast of Småland. It is separated from the mainland by the Kalmar Strait and connected to it by the 6 km long Öland Bridge.

**STOCKHOLM ARCHIPELAGO** SWEDEN 2023 

**WAXHOLM** is the first stopover on the boat trip to **SANDHAMN**, which is the largest and most remote larger island of the archipelago.


**VEN** SWEDEN 2023 

A small island in the Øresund strait.

## DENMARK (7+1)

**ZEALAND** DENMARK 1960 

The Sjælland is the main island of Denmark with the capital of Copenhagen in Kattegat of the Danish Straits.

**FUNEN** DENMARK 1960 

In the Danish Straits.

**JUTLAND PENINSULA/ISLAND** DENMARK 1960  GERMANY 1992 

Jutland Peninsula is divided by Denmark and Germany and the Kiel Canal (Nord-Ostsee-Kanal) 1992 goes through German part from the North Sea to the Baltic Sea and actually makes it an island.

**NORTH JUTLANDIC ISLAND** DENMARK 1960 

At the top of the Jutland Peninsula by the Skagerrak Strait in the North Sea/Baltic Sea and separated from the peninsula by a food in 1825.

**FALSTER** DENMARK 1961 

In the Danish Straits.

**LOLLAND** DENMARK 1961 

In the Danish Straits.

**BORNHOLM** DENMARK 2022 

is a Danish island in the southern part of the Baltic Sea, to the east of the rest of Denmark, south of Sweden, northeast of Germany and north of Poland.

**MØN** DENMARK 2023 

In the Danish Straits.


## ESTONIA, LITHUANIA AND LATVIA (5+1)

**MUHU** ESTONIA 2015 

Is the island accessed by ferry from the main land and by causeway to Saarenmaa

**SAARENMAA** ESTONIA 2015 

It is the largest island in Estonia in the Gulf of Finland, south of Hiiumaa island.

**HIIUNMAA** ESTONIA 2016 

It is the second largest island in Estonia and is part of the West Estonian archipelago in the Gulf of Finland.

**CURONIAN SPIT** LITHUANIA 2017 

It is a 98 km long, thin, curved sand-dune spit that separates the Curonian Lagoon from the Baltic Sea coast. Its southern portion lies within Kaliningrad Oblast in Russia , and its northern within southwestern Klaipėda County of Lithuania. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site shared by Lithuania and Russia.

**DAUGAVGRIVA** LATVIA 2023 

A fortress island in the Riga neighbourhood.

## GERMANY and GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (2)

**FEHNMAR** SAKSA 1961 

The harbour island of Puttgarten to the ferries from Rödby in Denmark. Bridge to the main land of Germany.

**SASSNITZ** GDR 1972 

Harbour island in German Democratic Republic (Germany 1989 ) by ferry from Trelleborg, Sweden.

**RUGEN** GDR 1972 

Next island before the main land of German Democratic Republic (Germany 1989 )

## POLAND (2)

**VISTULA SPIT** POLAND 2023 

Is an aeolian sand spit that separates Vistula Lagoon from Gdansk Bay. It is 70 m long and have a border with Russian Kaliningrad.

**HEL PENINSULA/SPIT** POLAND 2023 

It is a 35 km long peninsula out of Pomerania.