

GOTLAND DEFENCE MUSEUM

GUIDE

AIR FORCE AND NAVY DIVISION



One museum – two locations!

A unique military museum with exhibits from the Army, Air Force and Navy spanning from ancient times to today.

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Gotland defence museum will give you an overview of the military history for the Army, Air Force and Navy on the island, from ancient to modern times. The Army division of the museum is located in five buildings in the middle of Tingstäde. The main building has three floors with a large number of exhibits spanning from ancient times to today. In the buildings surrounding the square you will find exhibits of armored vehicles, tanks and other vehicles that served the military on Gotland, artillery and air defense systems as well as artillery pieces. The museum offers a cafe and a restaurant, a playground, information center and a gift shop with military items.

The Air Force and Navy division of the museum is located 1.8 km south of Tingstäde. This exhibit shows the development of the Coast Artillery on Gotland, equipment used and both fixed and moveable artillery from the end of the 19th century until today, including naval mines. You will be able to explore the fighter jet J35 Draken (The Dragon), the reconnaissance aircraft SF37 Viggen (The Bolt) as well as jet engines, helicopters and air surveillance equipment from the 1970's.

Gotland defence museum was completed 2008-2009 and opened to the public on July 11, 2009. The buildings were previously used as storage for the military on Gotland. The main building used to be a warehouse for grains. The area of the Air Force and Navy division was a forecastle of the fortress in Tingstäde. The origin of the exhibition items is mostly from previous military museums in Visby and Fårösund, Gotland.

1. Hangar

Fighter jets and helicopters.

2. Forward servicing area for fighter jets

J35 Draken (The Dragon).

3. Artillery exhibit

Fixed and moveable Coast Artillery pieces.

4. Naval mines

A variety of sensor and remotely triggered mines.

5. Skans IV Air Force

Air Force on Gotland during the 20th century.

6. Skans IV Navy

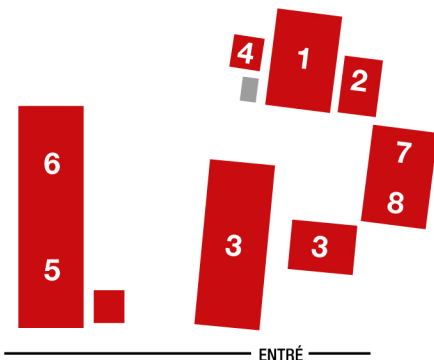
Navy and Coast Artillery on Gotland.

7. Hangar aircraft AN2

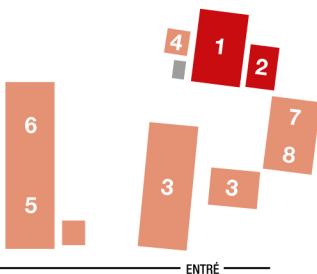
The escape from the Soviet Union.

8. Coast Artillery Hangar

Hangar Equipment used by the Coast Artillery during the 20th century.



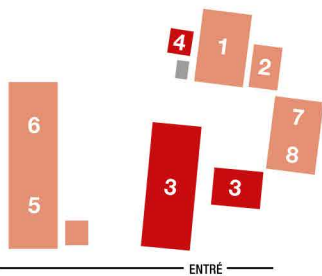




1. HANGAR – 2. Forward servicing area for fighter jets

Explore the reconnaissance aircraft SF37 Viggen (the Bolt), the fighter jet J35 Draken (The Dragon), helicopters, jet engines and an Air rescue exhibit.



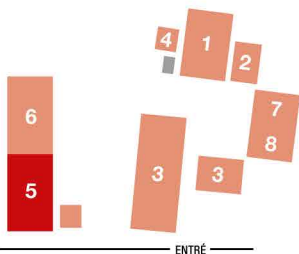


3. ARTILLERY EXHIBIT – 4. NAVAL MINES

Exhibit of fixed and moveable Coast Artillery on Gotland during 120 years. You can also examine naval mines used to prevent ships from entering narrow sea passages.



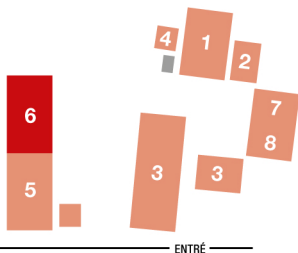




5. SKANS IV – AIR FORCE

An exhibit of the Air Force on Gotland during the 20th century. Explore flight instruments, an Air Force control and surveillance center, maps for an air defense command center as well as a radar station. Photo exhibit of aviation on Gotland.

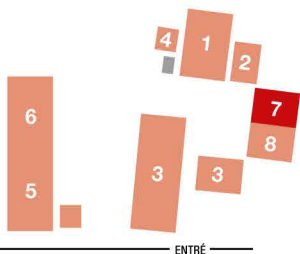




6. SKANS IV – NAVY

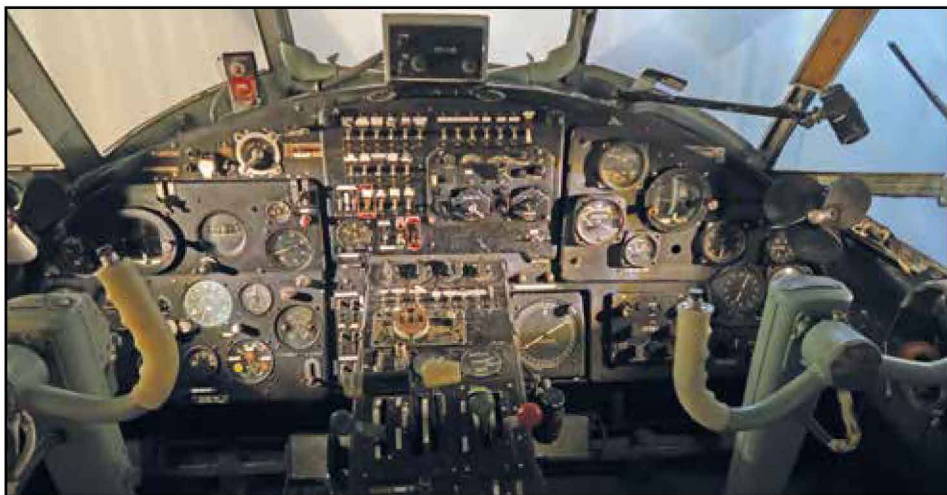
The history of the navy on Gotland, from Carls-wärð to KA3 regiment. This exhibit shows how it was possible to use the heavy artillery with both precision and endurance.

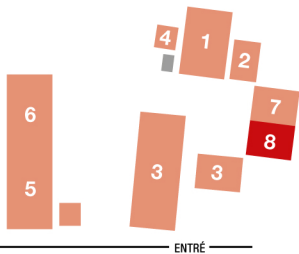




7. HANGAR – AN2

The escape from the Soviet Union. A display of the aircraft AN2 that Roman Svistonov used to escape from the Soviet Union in 1987, and eventually made an emergency landing with, in Östergarn on the eastern part of Gotland.





8. COAST ARTILLERY HANGAR

An exhibit of the material used by the Coast Artillery from World War II onwards. You can explore mortars and air defense as well as a field kitchen used by the Coast Artillery - complete with no less than two butter distributors!

