

GOTLAND DEFENCE MUSEUM GUIDE

ARMY DIVISION



One museum – two locations!

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



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 1.8km 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. Main building

Three floors of exhibits, cafe, restaurant, gift shop, restrooms.

2. Military armored vehicles

Exhibit of armored vehicles used on Gotland.

3. South warehouse

4. Military vehicles

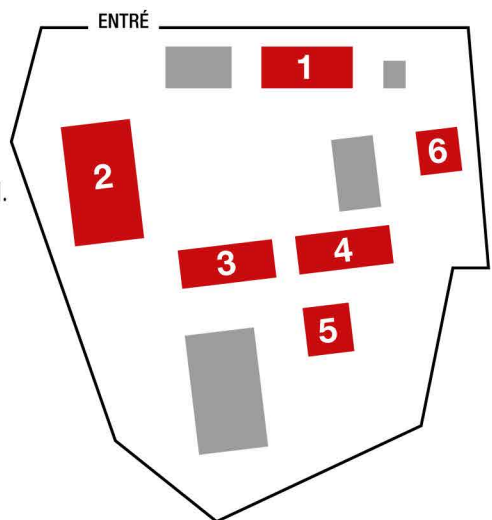
Military vehicles on wheels.

5. Battlefield building

Vehicles and artillery.

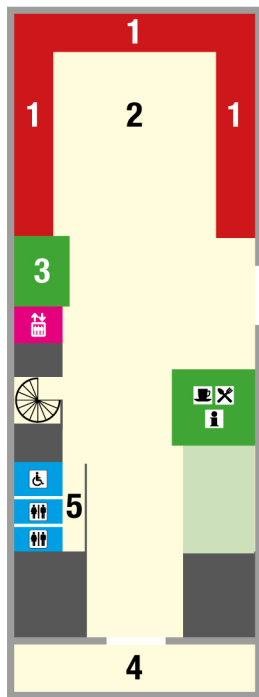
6. Combat support building

Two stories of artillery and air defense.



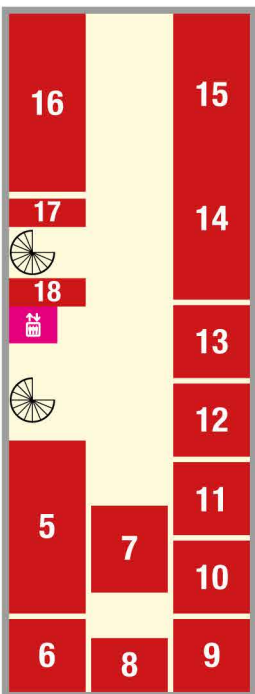
MAIN BUILDING – GROUND FLOOR

1. Collection of various items from previous regiments on Gotland: P 18, A 7, Lv 2, KA 3
2. Cafe and restaurant
3. Gift shop
4. Patio
5. Restrooms

ENTRANCE

MAIN BUILDING – SECOND FLOOR

5. 19th century and before
6. 1808, the Russian occupation
7. Gotland National Conscription 1811-1891
8. World War I 1914-1918
9. Defense Reviews
10. Lv2
11. P 1 G
12. Military encampments
13. Fortifications 1939-1945
14. World War II 1939-1945
15. Small arms
16. Cold War, DC3
17. Combat armed units on Gotland
18. Decommissioning 2000-2005





MAIN BUILDING – THIRD FLOOR

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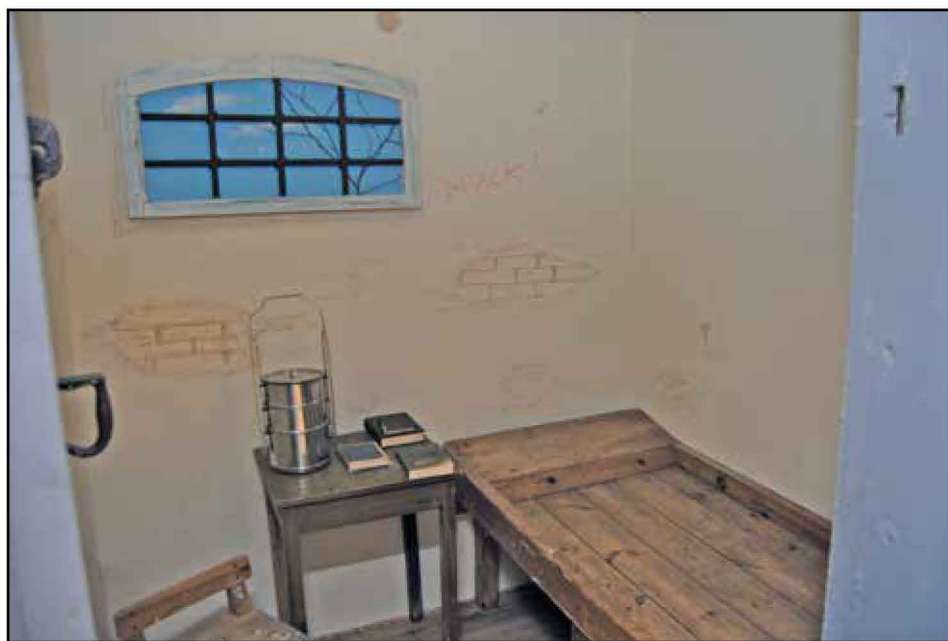
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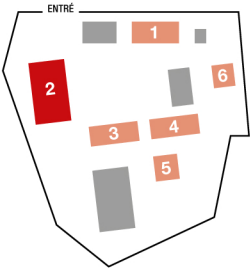
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- 20. Music in the military
- 21. Field kitchen
- 22. Auditory, War burial duty
- 23. Lager Lingen
- 24. United Nations
- 25. Military Confinement
- 26. Tingstäde fortress
- 27. Voluntary organisations
- 28. Barracks
- 29. Storage office
- 30. Communication exhibit



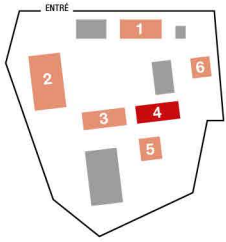




2. MILITARY ARMORED VEHICLES

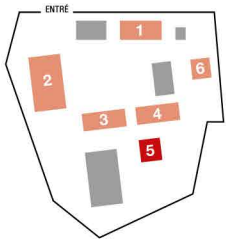
Explore battle tanks, anti-tank gun vehicles, armored personal carriers and terrain vehicles that served the island from World War II until the regiment P18 was decommissioned in 2005.





4. MILITARY VEHICLES

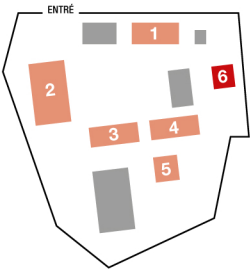
An exhibit of 12 wheeled military vehicles including motorcycles, used from the World War II onwards.



5. BATTLEFIELD BUILDING

Examine artillery pieces from the 19th and 20th centuries, a combat vehicle from World War II and a long range air-raid defense spotlight.





6. COMBAT SUPPORT BUILDING

You can find artillery pieces used on Gotland between 1860 and 1940. Explore a detailed miniature model of the regiment A7 as well as an exhibit of Tof-ta firing range training field and Blåhälls encampment. You can also find anti-aircraft guns and missiles from the 1930's onward.

