

Travel with Kim & Chuck Goodling of Vermont Grand View Farm to Gotland Island, Sweden

June 2-10, 2019

Immerse yourself in a Gotland Tour Experience



Kim and Chuck Goodling of Vermont Grand View Farm, in cooperation with Milne Educational Tours, are offering eight days of exploring the Best of Sweden's Gotland Island, while enjoying a full immersion into farm life on the island. Kim became interested in Gotland's breed of sheep in 2014, when she began raising this unique breed of Swedish sheep on her own farm. Today, Grand View Farm is home to Vermont's only flock of Gotland sheep. She and Chuck traveled to Gotland in 2015 to learn as much as possible about the breed directly from the shepherds who raise them. Kim and Chuck are very active in promoting the Gotland breed in the United States, and now invite you to join them on the following program centered on successful and diversified sheep farms on

Gotland. With a local guide and interpreter, you will discover hidden treasures as well as well-known sights. Your trip will include visits with shepherds, artisans, family farms, and fiber mills while being immersed in the Swedish way of life, traditions, and food.



TRAVEL

8 Days / 7 Nights

\$3,500* per person

Trip highlights:

- Roundtrip transportation from Boston
- Special Guest Tour Hosts: Kim & Chuck Goodling
- Gotland Tour Guide to ensure all goes smoothly
- 7 Breakfasts, 5 lunches & 7 dinners
- 7 nights' farm stay accommodations at the Graute Farm
- Wool craft course at Sigsarve Farm
- Meet the Chairman of LRF Gotland
- Many Sheep farm and farm shop visits
- Tour and wine tasting at Gute Wingård
- Free time to explore Gotland & more...

Itinerary on reverse



Price includes: International airfare, daily breakfast, 5 lunches, 7 dinners, private tours and transfers with private local guide, 7 nights accommodations at Graute farm (shared occupancy), tourist & technical visits according to the program, Swedish VAT according to EU rules.

A deposit of \$350 per person due by November 1st to reserve a spot. Half payment due December 2, 2018 and Full payment due March 2, 2019. A minimum of 13 people is required or a surcharge will incur. Make checks payable to Milne Travel.

*\$3,500 per person double occupancy based upon a minimum of 13 paying. \$3,900 per person double occupancy based upon a minimum of 10 paying. Rates subject to change until group is confirmed. Air tax subject to change until ticketed.

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Departure – Sunday, June 2nd. Arrive at **Boston/ Logan Airport** by 2:30pm for our 5:30pm departure on Swedish Air to Copenhagen arriving at 6:33am on June 3rd.

Day 1 – Monday, June 3rd. Depart **Copenhagen** Airport at 9:00am and arrive in **Stockholm** at 10:10am. Depart **Stockholm** at 11:35am to arrive in Visby, Gotland Island at 12:20pm. Meet our bus and local guide for our transfer to the **Graute Farm**, our home for the week in Gotland. Get settled at the farm, meet the owners and enjoy a late cold lunch. Tour the farm before dinner including a barbeque of Graute Farm lamb and potato salad. (-/L/D)

Day 2 – Tuesday, June 4th. (Note: We will enjoy breakfast at the farm daily) 9:00am depart with our bus and guide on a tour of the southern part of the island. During the day we will visit: **Art shop Margus** in Hablingsbo and continue to the **Gotlands Spinneri** in Fardhem, and then to **Lamm och Bi**, home to one of Gotland's largest sheep farms and studio. We will stop in **Romakloster** where we will have time to walk around the monastery ruins. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant. At the end of the day we will stop in either a farmshop or a supermarket to buy tonight's dinner (included). Return to Graute Farm to meet with the **Chairman of LRF Gotland** to hear about farming in general and sheep farming in Gotland. (B/L/D)

Day 3 – Wednesday, June 5th. Start the morning with a visit to the **caves Lummelunda**. The caves cover more than 4 km in the limestone rock and shows impressive stalagmites and stalactites. The larger part of the cave was discovered by 3 boys in 1950. Continue along the spectacular coast and stop at scenic places, such as a medieval church and the popular Blue Lagoon (popular for swimming). Eat lunch at a local restaurant. Next we will visit **Risung's Gård**, a sheep farm of **400 ewes** along with their own farmshop. This farm specializes in raising a breed of dogs known as truffle dogs, Lagotto Romagnolo. They use the dogs for finding truffles on the island (www.risungsgard.com) Dinner arranged at Graute Farm. (B/L/D)

Day 4 – Thursday, June 6th. Today is the **National day of Sweden**. This national day of celebration is rather new. Enjoy a full day on your own to discover Visby and enjoy the National day of Sweden festivities and music. Lunch is on your own expense in Visby. We will end the day at a restaurant in Visby. Transfer back to Graute Farm after Dinner. (B/-/D)

Day 5 – Friday, June 7th. Enjoy some free time in the morning to relax or sleep in. Then we travel south and start the day with lunch served at a restaurant near **Havdhem**. After lunch we meet **Curre and Lotta Nicklasson at Sigsarve lamb**. During the visit we will hear about their sheep farming practices followed by a craft course where you will learn to work with Gotland wool and make a craft to bring home. Next we will visit the winery Gute Wingård, where we will hear about the winery and finish the tour with a small tasting of two of their wine products. On our way back, we will stop at a countryside restaurant for dinner. Back to Graute farm in the evening following dinner. (B/L/D)

Day 6 – Saturday, June 8th. Today is our free day – choose to stay on the farm or take the provided bus transfer to and from Visby, and/ or the beach. No guide or lunch is included this day. Dinner arranged along the return from Visby. (B/-/D)

Day 7 – Sunday, June 9th. Travel north to **Fårö** with our bus and guide, take the ferry from Fårösund (every 15 minutes). Discover the fantastic natural beauty and the famous sea stacks. During the day we will visit the **Ingemar Bergman Center** – for the film history lover. Lunch is included before traveling back to the mainland. Return to Graute Farm for your farewell dinner. (B/L/D)

Day 8 – Monday, June 10th. Breakfast and check out. Early departure from the farm to the airport. (B/-/-) Depart **Visby** airport on your Swedish Air flight at 6:40am arriving into **Stockholm** at 7:30am. Depart Stockholm at 9:55am to arrive in **Copenhagen** at 11:10am. Depart Copenhagen at 12:50pm to arrive into **Boston** at 2:55pm.

NOT included in the price: Gratuities to local guide and bus driver; Personal expenses; meals not included; Excess baggage fees; Meals as per itinerary; Travel Guard Group Travel Insurance (quoted along with booking), 5% surcharge if paying by credit card (check payments requested to keep low costs).

