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Gotland, Sweden

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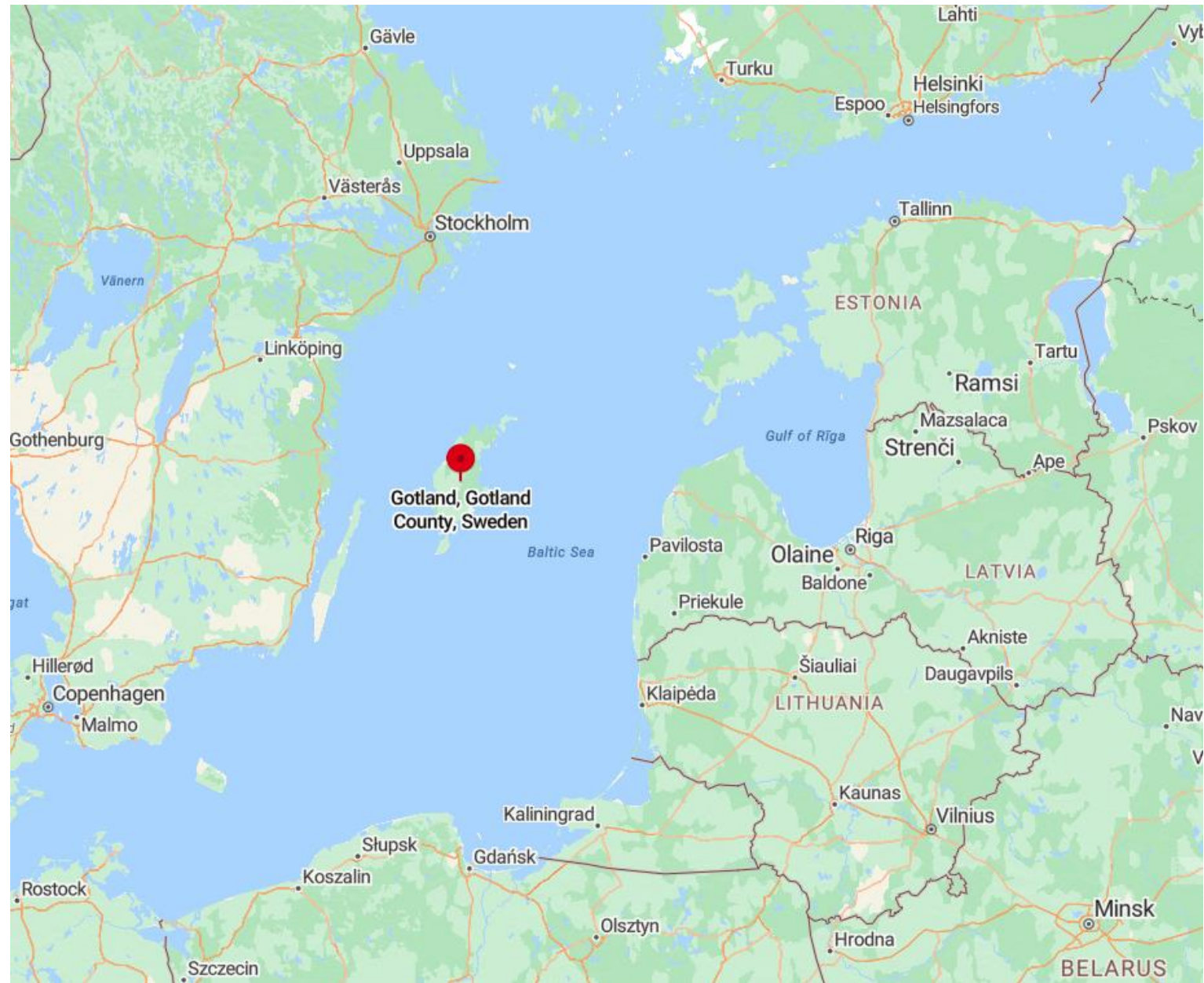
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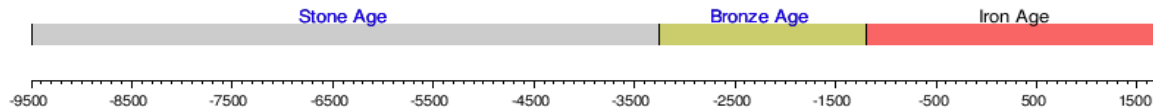
Gotland



- Sweden's largest island but smallest province located in the Baltic Sea.
- Population 61,000
- The Town of Visby, population 23,000
- Popular vacation destination for Swedes



History of Gotland



People have been living on Gotland for over five thousands years

- **Stone age** (around 6000-1800 BC).
- Graves from the **Bronze age** (1800 – 500BC) ship tumulus and cairns.
- As a memory of the **Iron age** (500 BC– 1050 AD) picture stones.
- **Viking age** (800 – 1200), Visby becoming a merchant center

- 1288 King Magnus III of Sweden put down conflict with Germans
- In 1361, Valdemar Atterdag of Denmark invaded Gotland
- Teutonic Knights conquered the island in 1398, then sold it to the Danes
- After 1449 ruled by Danish Governors
- The island has remained under Swedish rule since 1645, Treaty of Brömsebro
- In April 1808 Russians invaded Gotland (The Finnish War) but were defeated later that year.

Gotland Begins here



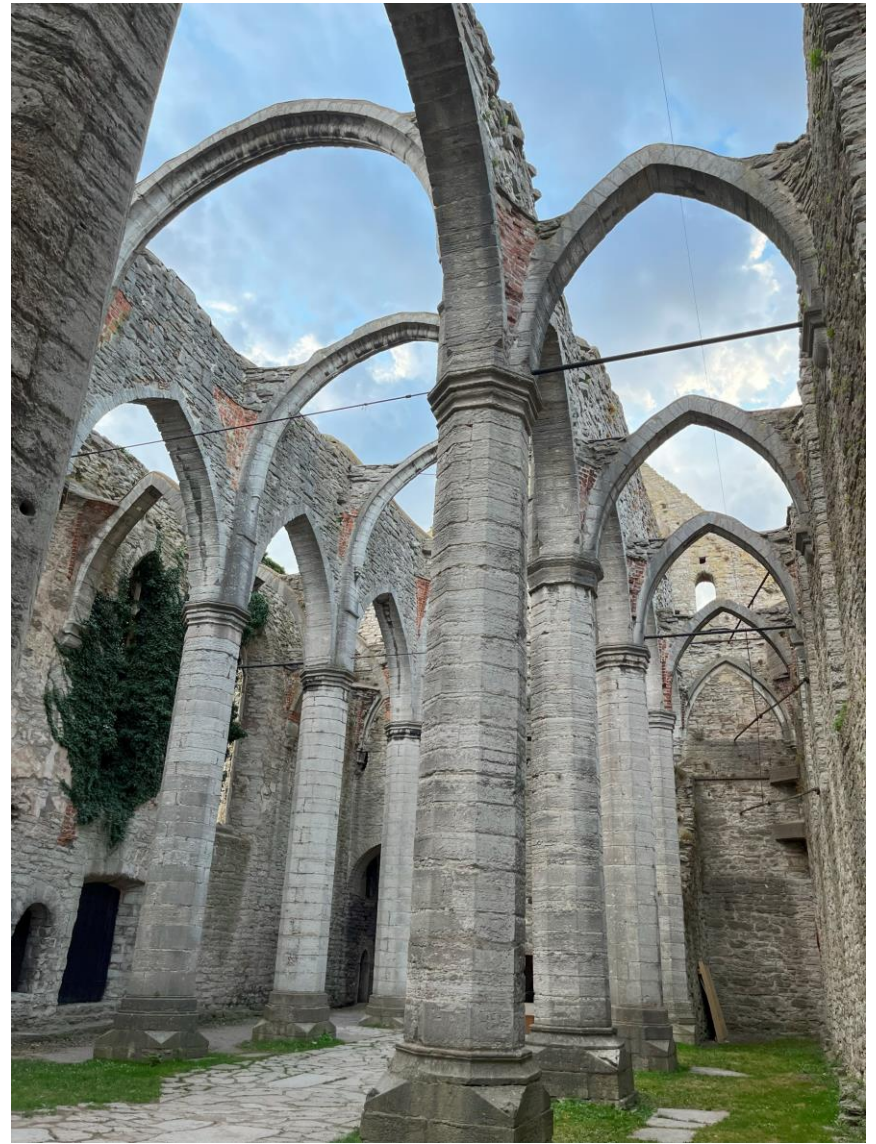


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skitsnack**TM
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och galna sanningar?



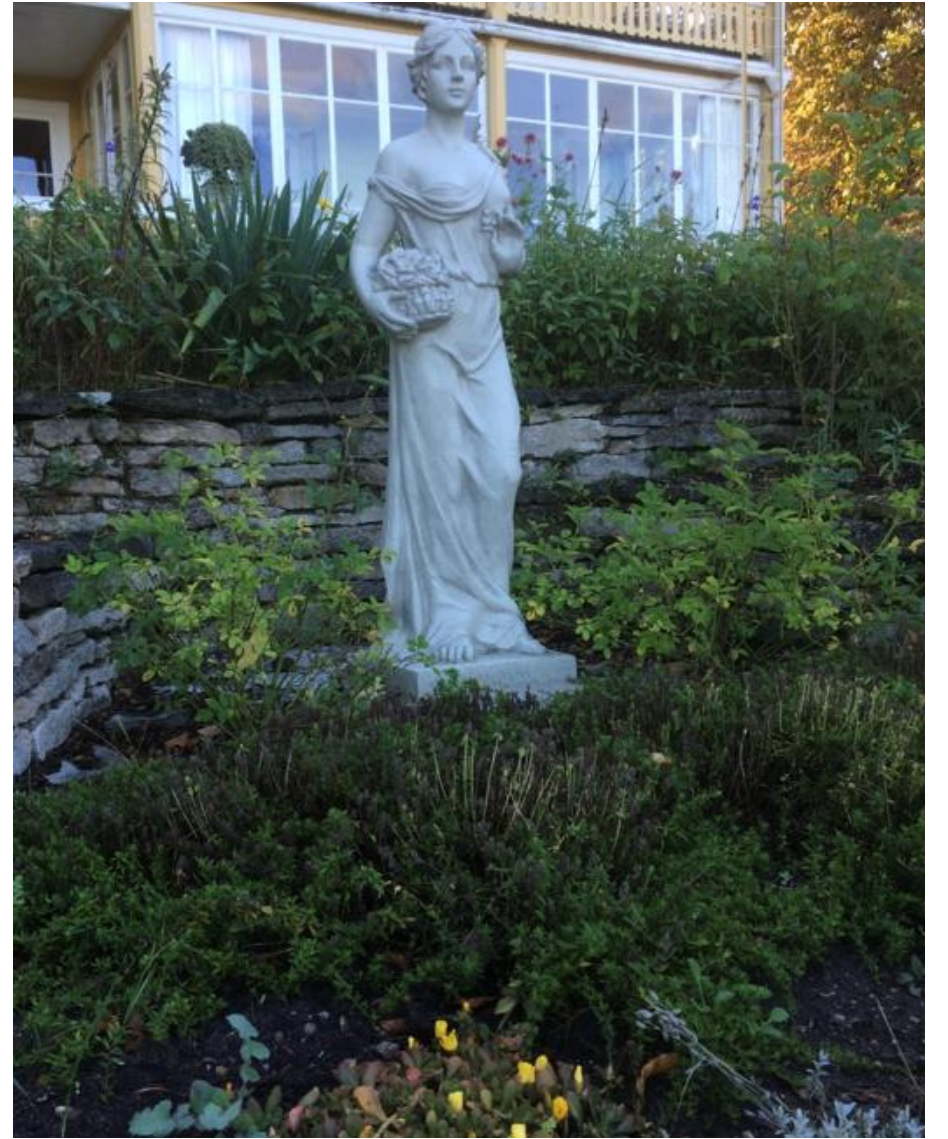
















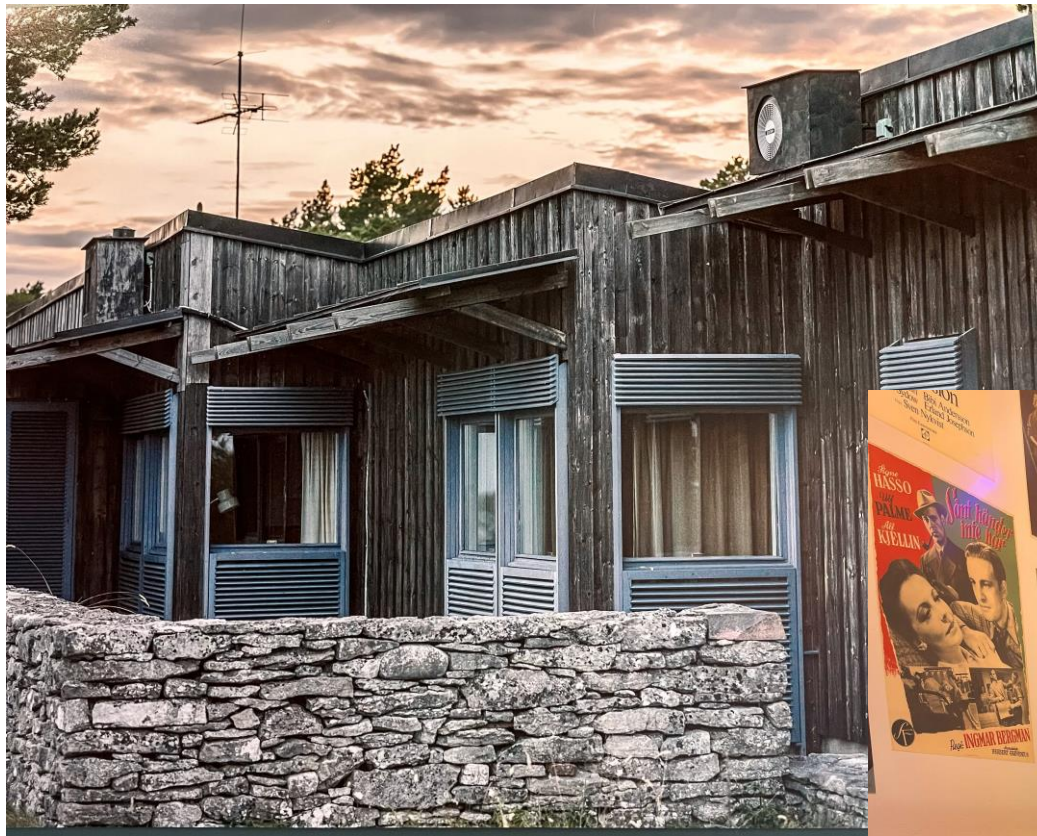


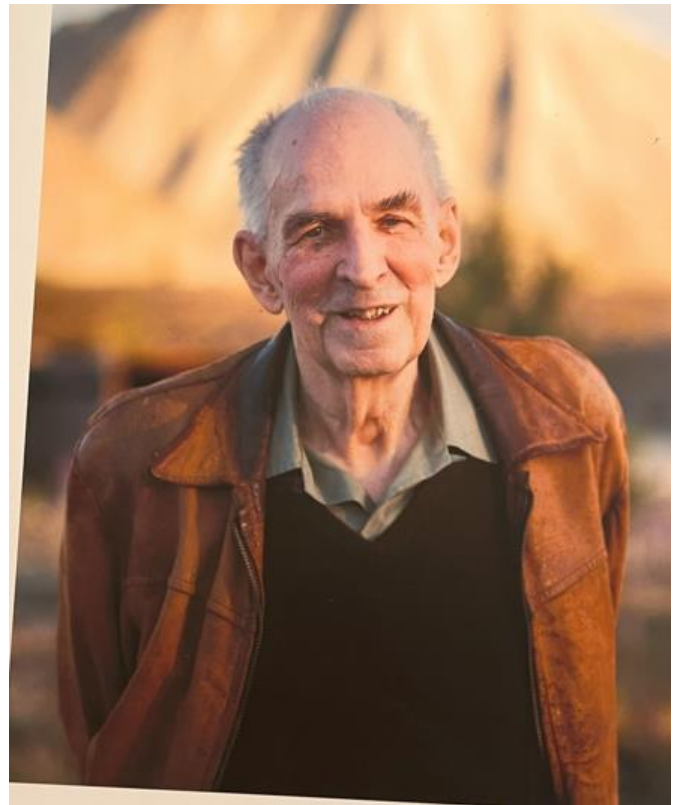


ografti Jan Eve Olsson, Statens historiska museum

ildstenar, senare runstenar, restes vid vägar
och broar. Runorna var nordbornas
riffspråk. Gotland hade en egen lag,
utalagen, och var organiserat i lokala ting.
Största beslutande församlingen, Alltinget,











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