

Sightseeing ÖLAND Monday May the 28<sup>th</sup> 2012

*World heritage, glass exhibitions and Royal parks*

- 09.0 Guide will meet with bus from your hotel.
- 09.30 Short morning-walk on the "Stora Alvaret", the famous limestone plain, which is a quite unique type of landscape, known for its abundant plant life – dependent on the land being trampled, grazed and kept open. The Öland rock-rose has here its only habitat in the whole world. To many visitors the yellow ocean of the Öland rock-rose at the end of May, beginning of June, is the very embodiment of the "Stora alvaret". At this time also some of the orchids are flowering, together with species from southern Europe and Siberia ...  
(High-heeled shoes should be avoided! Otherwise no problems)
- 10.30 A visit to "Paradisverkstaden" – The Paradise Work shop – very appreciated for its ceramics, displayed beautifully in an impressive and interesting architecture.
- 11.30 "VIDA" Museum is waiting – a more than 2000m<sup>2</sup> building in glass, concrete, iron and wood, opened in 2001. Two wings are devoted to the work of Ulrika Hydman and Vallien and Bertil Vallien. Contemporary Swedish art from the extensive Rasjö art-collection. Silver jewellery and glass objects are for sale in its shop.
- 12.15 Lunch at the "Halltorp Gästgiveri", highly recommended restaurant for good food and nice environment.
- 13.40 Royal garden walk within the area of the Royal summer palace, Solliden, where the Swedish Royal family spends a good deal of the summer.
- 14.50 Now we open a door to The Arabian Nights – glass designed by Kjell Engman – breathtaking exhibition at the "Ekerum Art Hall". Also international as well as national paintings and sculptures.
- 15.20 Himmelsberga – Öland Museum for cultural history, arts and crafts. Preserved buildings from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries with interiors and equipment.  
Refreshments in a traditional setting will end the tour

WELCOME to a tour with windmills, hundreds of limestone-walls, linear villages, grazed land, cultivated land and coastal lands.