



The Brucebo and W.B. Bruce Fine Arts Scholarships

Dear holder of this year's scholarship,

We are so happy to welcome you to Själsö and the beautiful island of Gotland! In this letter we will give you some practical information that you may find useful during your stay.



Your house at Själsö. Photo: Sara A. Tremblay.

Your house and equipment

Your house includes its own kitchen, bedroom, washroom (with shower and washing machine) and studio space, and is equipped with all the basic household necessities. Bed linen and towels are included, as well as basic cleaning supplies. There is also a high speed internet connection. During your stay you have access to a bike so that you can go into Visby and elsewhere on your own. If you lack something of importance or if anything breaks, please contact Tom Sandström, our caretaker.

Location

Your address is: Själsö, Själsövägen 12, 622 76 Visby. The house is located approximately 6 kilometers north from Visby, the only town on the island. If you want to go to Visby you take the hill up to the big road and then go right. The big road takes you all the way to Visby. Själsö is a small fishing village, there are no shops but a nice bakery located next door to your house. Your house is one of three houses for scholars, situated a couple of meters from each other.

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Transport

If you get tired of biking public buses are going in to and out of Visby a couple of times every day. More information is available at <http://www.gotland.se/kollektivtrafiken>. There are several car rental firms in Visby. The cheapest option is to “rent a wreck” at <http://www.mickesbiluthyrning.se/>. Avis and Hertz are other options.

Shops

Food: The nearest grocery store is located 6 kilometers from the house, on the main road to Visby. It is called ICA Kometen (address Siriusgatan 2). The cheapest store is either Willys (address Skarphällsgatan 8) or ICA Maxi (Follingboväg 70). They are located a bit further away, approximately 8-9 kilometers from Själsö.

Art supplies: Since the art supply shops on Gotland have a very limited selection of articles we strongly recommend you to pre ship any special material that you need to use. Please contact Tom Sandström regarding this. Ridelius in the central part of Visby old town sells paint, brushes etc. (address S:t Hansgatan 24). There are several art shops online that deliver to Gotland in a few days, they are usually cheaper. One webshop is <https://konstnarernas.se/>. If you want any other material such as metal, wood, gypsum etc. there are several bigger hardware stores in Visby. The cheapest is Byggmax (address Färjeleden 5), the one that has the biggest selection is probably Snicken (address Österbyväg 30).

Pharmacy: You can buy prescription-free medication in most grocery stores. Prescribed medicine is to be found in pharmacies. There are several pharmacies in Visby, the biggest Apoteket Liljan is located on the address Österväg 7.

Liqueur: In Sweden light beer up to 3.5% is sold at the grocery store. Stronger beer, wine and liqueur are only sold in a special shop called Systembolaget (address Österväg 3C). Systembolaget is closed on Sundays.

Brucebo museum

As you probably already know, Brucebo was the home of William Blair Bruce and Carolina Benedicks Bruce. Part of their home is a museum today and you are more than welcome to visit it. Please give us a call or e-mail to set a time. More info (in Swedish) is to be found on www.brucebo.se.



The Brucebo museum. Photo: Hedda Rabe.

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