

Grebbestad in northwest Sweden plays host to the annual Oyster Opening championships



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Grebbestad, Sweden The best oysters in the world?

WHY GO NOW?

The title of the world's best oysters is one fiercely fought over, but Sweden's Bohuslän coast has as good a claim as anywhere – the ice-cold waters allow for slow growth, giving an intense flavour. On 2 May, the annual Nordic Championship in Oyster Opening begins at Grebbestad, the home

of Swedish oysters. Competitors come from across the fjords to battle it out in the oyster-shucking contests (no cutting the meat, please, and certainly no drawing blood). Learn to shuck, go on an oyster safari around the wild oyster beds off-shore or just gorge yourself on the resulting oceanic delicacies.

HOW DO I MAKE IT HAPPEN?

- KLM Royal Dutch (klm.com) and Air France (airfrance.co.uk) both fly to Gothenburg from Heathrow from £135.
- There are good travel links from Gothenburg to the Bohuslän coast: the E6 motorway runs north all the way to Oslo if you

wish to hire a car. Trains leave for Tanum station, a five-minute bus ride away from Grebbestad, every two hours; journey time is two-three hours (resrobot.se).

- The TanumStrand Hotel is a peaceful, friendly place overlooking Grebbestad harbour. (£140; tanumstrand.se). ▶