

The cover features a photograph of a person in a hat sitting on a hillside, looking out over a winding dirt road in a desert landscape. A white SUV is driving on the road, kicking up dust. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a cloudy sky.

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



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). ►