

Sigtuna

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Welcome to Sigtuna – the first town in Sweden!

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The town of Sigtuna dates all the way back to the 970s when it was erected by Eric the Victorious, making it the oldest town in Sweden that is still around today. The first Swedish coins were struck here in around 995. The street network, church ruins and the abbey all date back to mediaeval times. The town is also home to a beautiful town hall from the 18th century, low wooden buildings from the 19th century and leafy gardens from the turn of the 20th century.



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1. Drakegården House

The beautiful Drakegården House from the 18th century has been used as both a tavern and a private residence. Today it is home to the Sigtuna Tourist Office. You can buy souvenirs and find information here.

2. Sigtuna Town Hall

The little town hall in the Stora Torget Square is the smallest one in Sweden. It was built in the middle of the 18th century and housed both a council chamber and a prison. The council chamber was used for council meetings where decisions were made on all sorts of matters, big and small. Today, the town hall is a part of the Sigtuna Museum. It is also a popular wedding venue.

3. Örtagården Herb Garden

The little Örtagården – or herb garden – was set up in memory of the brothers who worked at the Dominican Convent in Sigtuna during the Middle Ages and their knowledge of cultivation and medicinal plants.

4. St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's Church is the oldest brick building in the Mälaren Valley. It was built by Dominican brothers in the 13th century and used as an abbey until the reformation in the 1530s. Today, it operates as a parish church and is open to visitors on a daily basis.

5. St. Olof Church Ruins

St. Olof church ruins are one of three preserved mediaeval church ruins in Sigtuna. Wall remains beneath the church suggest that an even older church once stood here. The church is believed to have been built at the turn of the 12th century.

6. St. Lars Church Ruins

Ruins from the mediaeval church for the Sigtuna town parish. Like other stone churches in the area, it was in use up until the reformation, and then left to decay.

7. Belfry

The wooden belfry from the year 1608 was completely destroyed by a fire in 2016. It has been rebuilt from old drawings and plans.

8. St. Pers Church Ruins

Ruins of a mediaeval church built around the year 1100, most likely by the king.

9. Sigtuna Museum

Sigtuna Museum is located in the centre of town, on what was likely the site of the first royal estate. The museum houses a unique collection of archaeological treasures from the late Viking ages and early mediaeval period.

10. Sigtuna Culture House – Plåt Pelle's House

This beautiful culture house was designed by Evert Milles in 1917. Art and handicraft exhibitions are put on display here.

11. Lundström Family Home

In this middle-class family home, time has stood still since the turn of the 20th family. This is where the Lundström family lived and ran their "godtköpshandel" – a shop where you could buy everything from fabrics to groceries. The home is a part of the Sigtuna Museum.

12. Tant Brun's Coffee House

This traditional café is close to world famous. It is situated in the oldest wooden house in Sigtuna. Here you can find newly baked bread and a wide variety of sandwiches and pastries. Tant Bruns Kaffestuga is one of the oldest cafés in Sweden and offers a unique historic setting, with a cosy garden.

13. The Sigtuna Foundation

The Sigtuna Foundation was set up by Manfred Björkquist in around 1910 and has for many years been a cultural and spiritual meeting place with a broad programme. It holds talks from visiting authors, lectures, musical performances and much more. The Sigtuna Foundation also houses a library with a large press archive.

Rune stones

Our runic inscriptions are the oldest in the Swedish language and no other town boasts as many as Sigtuna. You can find ten complete stones and around twenty fragments. The rune stones were erected in the 11th century in memory of relatives.

Stora Gatan Street

Stora Gatan is the oldest preserved street in Sweden. The original street lies hidden under thick layers of debris, which in some parts are as deep as three metres below the current street. Stora Gatan was the backbone of the mediaeval settlement's town plan – a town plan that we can still see traces of today. Here you will find unique shopping and many restaurants and cafés.

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Viby Village

Just a few kilometres outside of Sigtuna lies the old crofter village of Viby. Viby is an unchanged klungby town (meaning that the houses are spread out in a disorganised way). The village looks almost the same as it did two hundred years ago when it was populated by tenant crofters under the Wenngarn royal estate. Today, Viby is a national listed site.

Wenngarn Castle

Wenngarn Castle is a castle with a long ancestry. The current building was designed by Magnus Gabriel De la Gardie in the 17th century. The castle retains many features from his time, such as a unique chapel, which is one of the best-preserved castle chapels from the time of the Swedish Empire.