How to travel to Åland and spend the nights at a local hotel:

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For tickets and hotels there are two ways of booking:

For anyone who wishes to have help, please turn to Viking Line
 (booking.aland@vikingline.com) for ferry tickets and hotels in Mariehamn, Stockholm,
 Helsingfors or Åbo. We recommend you contact Viking Line. You need to be prepared to give the following information: name, date of birth, contact information, nationality.
 What's important is to know that when you book via Viking Line
 (booking.aland@vikingline.com), if you then wish to change anything in your booking it must be done 24 hours prior to departure, or you'll lose your tickets. Please pay attention to the fact that Viking Line's office is open Monday-Friday from 9 am to 12 noon only.

An alternative way is booking all above over the Internet and at any time be able to change or annul anything over the Internet.

We also would like to notify you that when the hotel booking pages declare the hotels are filled, it's most always not true. It's worth to insist or then turned to the Viking Line for this or directly to the hotel! (booking.aland@vikingline.com)

Viking Line

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Traveling to Åland via Stockholm:

Depending on at what hour you are landing at Arlanda, Stockholm's Airport, you might wish to stay a night or two to visit Stockholm. It is a wonderful city with a lot to see. To then have the opportunity to take the ferry from Stockholm to the Åland Islands, because the ferry ride (6 hours) on a big ferry with all its amenities offers you a stunning ride through the long, narrows leading in to Stockholm from the open sea. We think it is an unforgettable visual delight to do at daylight.

We recommend you take a taxi to the Viking Line ferry terminal because it will prevent you from getting lost.

Traveling to Åland from Finland:

In case you choose to travel from Finland you can book tickets with Viking Line (booking.aland@vikingline.com) to the ferry that departs from Åbo (Turku) about 8.30 am.

Please note that Helsinki Airport, Finland's major airport lies north of Helsingfors (Helsinki). You may take the rapid train in to Helsingfors (Helsinki) and there change to the train to Åbo (Turku). If possible, we recommend you book an overnight at the Åbo port hotel, Seaport Hotel (<u>https://www.hotelseaport.fi/</u>, <u>seaport@hotel.seaport.fi</u>) – you can book via Viking Line. It gives you less stress as you only need to cross the dock right into the Ferry Terminal at that sight. And that's the morning ferry (the Viking Glory) that will take you from Åbo to Mariehamn where you step off, because the ferry will continue to Stockholm, so you need to be very alert, as it will not stay there for many minutes. But the journey will give you a spectacular view of Finland's western archipelago (5.5 hours).

Here are your contacts:

Hotels at Mariehamn:

Hotel Cikada (<u>http://www.cikada.aland.fi</u>) (for English, please click English flag in the left upper corner)

Park Alandia Hotel (<u>https://www.parkalandia.com</u>) (for English, please click /En/ in the right upper corner)

Hotel Pommern (<u>https://www.alandhotels.fi/sv/hotell-pommern</u>) (for English, please click "English" in the right upper corner)

Hotel Savoy (<u>https://www.alandhotels.fi/en/hotel-savoy</u>) (for English, please click "English" in the right upper corner)

Hotel Adlon (<u>https://www.alandhotels.fi/en/hotel-adlon</u>) (for English, please click "English" in the right upper corner)

Hotell Esplanad (<u>https://www.alandsresor.fi/sv/hotell-esplanad</u>) (for English, please click "English" in the right upper corner)

Gästhem Kronan / **Guesthouse Kronan** (<u>https://www.kronan.ax/</u>) (for English, please click English flag in the right upper corner)

Gästhem Neptun / Bed & Breakfast Neptun (<u>https://www.gasthemneptun.com</u>) (for English, please click English flag in the right upper corner)

Airbnb: might be an alternative you might like to choose. Please look into this address <u>https://www.airbnb.se/mariehamn-sub-region-aland-islands/stays</u> where you might find an alternative to a hotel.

The following two are <u>not</u> in the center of Mariehamn. You will need to be willing to make a brisk walk of about a mile, or rent a bike:

Strandnäs hotell (<u>http://strandnashotell.ax/</u>) (for English, please click "language" in the right upper corner)

Solhem Pensionat (http://www.pensionatsolhem.ax/pensionat-solhem-pensionatet-vid-havet)

If you happen to get into a panic, you can always e-mail us for assistance: <u>emi.inst@aland.net</u>.

Remember: **1.** Most of the hotels have a sauna – if you get up early enough or you have booked it for the evening. We recommend it.

2. Some hotels also do feature a swimming pool. In the (early) evening a dip might be enjoyed, and if it is on your menu take the right gear for it. Only if you know how to swim!

Please circulate this information to everyone interested you know.