

LIFESTYLE and ENVIRONMENT

Living in and around Filipstad has one great advantage. You are always close to everything – work, school, doctor, children's day-care, leisure, business – everything you need for modern living. That's partly why choosing Filipstad means a more wholesome lifestyle.

More choice, less stress

Filipstad offers the opportunity for a better quality of life, whatever your age. You can find the type of accommodation that suits you and your tastes. Wherever you want to live in the region you will find the cost of accommodation very favourable. That's especially true for families, who will find their income goes a little further. However you choose to live, you will always be close to both town and countryside. Most people would find it difficult to live 5 minutes from work, leave their children at day-care on the way to work, park easily in the town centre, visit friends during their lunch break, go shopping on the way home and live just 10 minutes' walk from a lake and ski slope. In Filipstad you can manage this, and not get stressed. Our environment creates an invaluable quality of life.

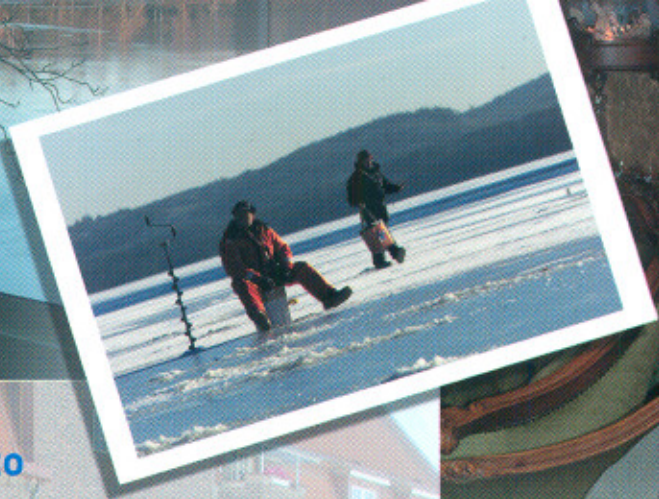


Families

Urban and Jenny Eriksson are a young couple with two sons, Martin, aged 5, and Viktor, aged 6 months. Both Urban and Jenny grew up in Filipstad and are very happy in their large house and garden at Kalhyttan. Having children, it's great to be so close to the school, day-care centre and activities such as ice hockey, swimming and indoor hockey. Urban and Jenny live in a quiet area, midway between forest and town. Urban, who works for a growing business that makes auto parts, enjoys riding his scooter when he's off work. He says Filipstad is perfect for his lifestyle. Jenny says it's nice to have friends and relations close by, it gives her a feeling of security. There are plenty of local events to attend, too – the Filibjur week, cultural arrangements, etc. "It's important to feel at home," says Jenny.

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A place to retire to

Bert and Hjördis Persson are retired teachers who live in a beautifully located house next to lake Daglösen. Unlike other retired couples who often move into the town to be near relatives, Bert and Hjördis chose a place that gives them everything they want, beautiful scenery, peace and quiet and lots of recreational activities. They both say that Filipstad has an extraordinary amount to offer people of their age. "There isn't time to do everything I want to do, unfortunately," says Bert. Orienteering is his favourite activity, but he and his wife also love cross-country skiing. Hjördis has competed in the local Tjejvasan race for over 10 years and trains every winter on the high-quality tracks that Filipstad ski club prepare at Kalhyttan ski centre. In the summer they like to swim in the lake and row their boat that is moored by the beach.

Filipstad is special, say Hjördis and Bert, because of the variety of the countryside and because they like the neighbourhood so much. The central location in Scandinavia also suits them. They are not far away from children and friends in Karlstad, Örebro, Göteborg, Stockholm and Oslo.

Small town life

All the best aspects of small town life can be found in Filipstad. Vivianne Hermansson, who lives in the town centre in a late 19th century apartment block, agrees. In the centre of the town she is close to everything – chemists, cinema, swimming pool, shops and work. She doesn't need a car. Vivianne is active in several clubs and has attended courses on bark weaving, pottery and carpentry. She lives a simple life close to the centre of events. When the great Oxhälja market arrives she invites her friends and family to sit on her balcony, where she grows her plants and herbs, to enjoy the buzz of the huge crowds. She also has a garden where the apple trees provide the perfect ingredient for a newly baked pie and cream! "It's not hard to enjoy yourself in Filipstad," says Vivianne.

There is a wide variety of accommodation available in Filipstad. A housing company, Stiftelsen Filipstadsbostäder, helps people find apartments and homes in the town. If you are thinking of moving here, please visit the municipality's website, www.filipstad.se

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