Bright Start New Years Retreat

Sydkoster Island (West Coast Sweden) | 26 - 28 January 2024



The Location

The retreat takes place in West Coast Sweden's maritime national park which is almost tech and car free, a haven for lovers of nature & stillness.



Getting here

Make your way to Gothenburg*/Oslo and travel via train/bus/car to Strömstad station (2.5 hours). Walk to Norra Hamnen harbour (5 mins) and take the Kosterboat to Ekenas, Sydkoster (50 mins) where we'll collect your luggage and you'll collect your bicycle to cycle to your accommodation. During your time on Sydkoster you'll receive your own bike to get you around the island. We can also arrange a mini electric car rental or taxi. *Over-night Stenaline from Kiel connects with 11:10 train from Gothenburg Central station.



Accommodation

We are happy to include shared mezzanine accommodation at **Ateljé Lövås** for up to 5 people, as well as a small cottage for 1/2 people which is a 3 minute walk from the studio. Alternatively, you are welcome to rent affordable private cottages at **Bergdalen** which is a 1.6 km bike ride away.

All accommodations have kitchen to prepare meals at your leisure. There is a well stocked organic supermarket a 12 min walk/ 6 min bike ride away.



Mezzanine at Ateljén Lövås

Conveniently right next to the yoga studio, overlooking open fields, Ateljén offers simple, clean, comfortable accommodation with shared sleeping spaces and bathroom. Choose from the bright spacious mezzanine (single beds) or bedroom (bunk beds). *Please note that bedding hire is an additional 150 SEK at Ateljén.*



Ocean cottages of Bergdalen

Private cosy cottages are right on the ocean and offer stylish, modern accommodation. *Please note that bicycle hire will be an additional 100 SEK per day when choosing to stay at Bergdalen.*

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The Retreat

Celebrate 3 days of new years renewal, renovation and respite amidst a tranquil island haven. Breathe in fresh intentions and bathe in delicious yoga, movement, sound and conscious relating/journaling.

Explore traditional and creative intention setting practices and crafting, using tools to establish a healthy routine—to bring home an easy to use tool box of inspirational mini practices to keep you inspired, in the flow, upbeat and with clear intention on how to move forward in to a happier and more relaxed future and Self.





Indoors practice in Atelje Lovås Studio

A truly warm and cosy, light-filled space with underfloor heating and breathtaking views. The long established studio is equipped with mats, blocks, blankets and chairs.



Outdoors in Nature in your free time The inspiration continues outside where you can meet the trees, the sun, the rocks, the ocean and take respite on relaxed nature walks.



The Itinerary

Fri 26 January 2024

14.25 Boat departs from Norra Hamnen15.20 Arrive at Ekenas Harbour15:30 Check-in at your accommodation16:45 - 19:00 Intro & soft landing class

Sat 27 January 2024

9:30-12:00 Retreat time Free time & meals at your accommodation 15:30 - 19:00 Retreat time Free time & meals shared at Ateljen or at yours

Sun 28 January 2024

Pack and clean rooms 9:30 - 12:00 Retreat time 12:00 Shared lunch (to bring) 13:00 - 14:00 Closing circle & Farewell 14:40 Cycle to Ekenas harbour 15:20 or 17:00 Boat departs for Strömstad

All classes are optional, of course!



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Booking Terms

Please ensure that you fully read, understand and accept the conditions of our Cancellation Policy, Payment and Booking Terms when you book. This will include assuming full responsibility (including personal travel insurance, inclusive of Covid cover) for the duration of your stay which will cover loss or damage of personal belongings and any damages inflicted on yourself, on others, or on any objects. You will also need to detail any known medical or physical concerns for yourself and confirm that you are physically and mentally fit to undertake this retreat and that it is your responsibility to take care of your wellbeing.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations up until 6 months prior to retreat start are refunded in full, less a 2000 SEK deposit. Cancellations made between 6 months to 3 months prior to retreat start are refunded by 60%, less the deposit. For cancellations less than 3 months before retreat start, no refund is given unless we can fill your place. Should the venues not be accessible due Covid related matters, you will be offered a new retreat date and your payments will be transferred over to the new date. There will be no discounts or refunds for late arrivals, early departures, travel delays, illness, flight cancellations, unattended classes, or losses incurred due to natural disasters, pandemics or attacks. Please ensure you have appropriate insurance cover in place to cover yourself against any of these eventualities, including Covid cover. In the unlikely event of the retreat being cancelled by Imken Donde for any other reason, your payments made to Imken Donde up until then will be refunded in full. Any other costs such as flights, car hire or other are not refunded.



Cost

The Visitor

Included: The Retreat Accommodation Snacks, tea, coffee & water Crafting materials Bikes at Ateljen accommodation Luggage transfer from/to Ekenas

Excluded: Meals

Insurance

Cost 5200 SEK (ca. €450)

Book & Pay

A longer stay is possible (from 340 SEK per night) and highly recommended for you to explore our islands and enjoy peaceful explorations...

The Islander

Included: The Retreat Snacks, tea, coffee & water Crafting materials

Excluded: Accommodation Luggage transfer Bike hire Meals Insurance

Cost 3900 SEK (ca. €335)

Book & Pay

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