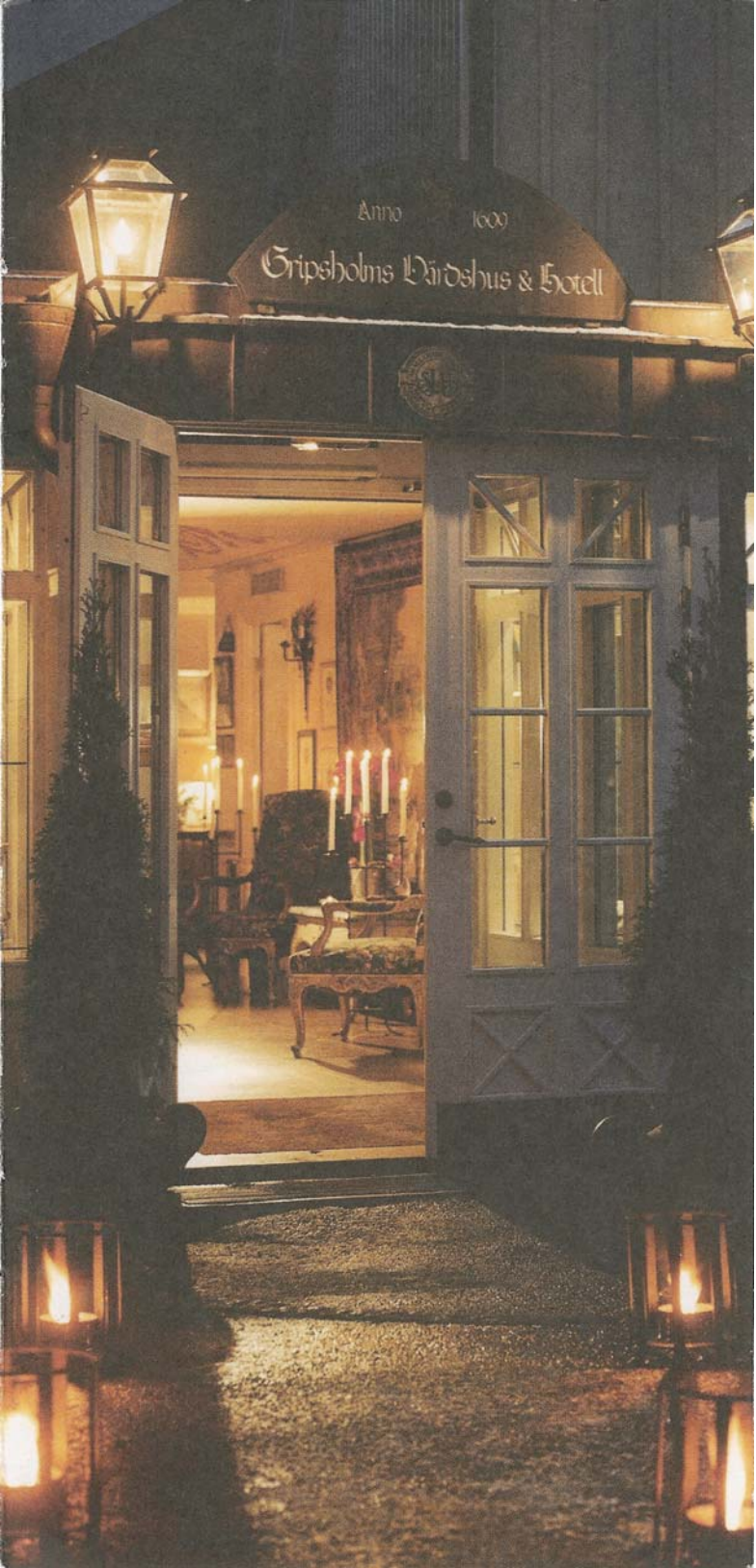


Anno 1609

Gripsholms Vårdshus & Hotell



WELCOME TO SWEDEN'S OLDEST INN

On February 13th 1609 Jochim Smock was granted the first innkeeper's licence. The inn has been operating ever since that date.

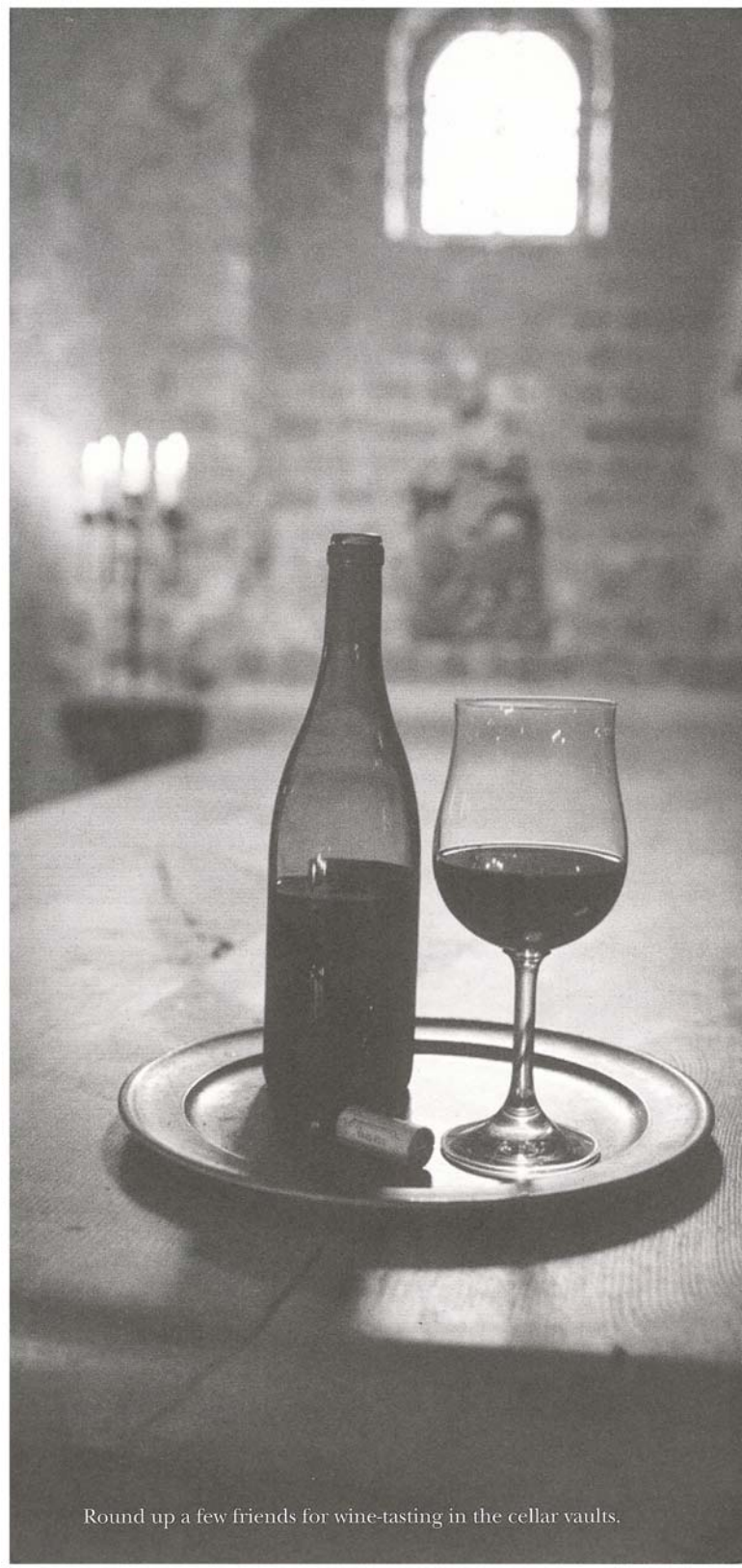
Through the centuries many famous guests have visited the inn. One of them was King Karl IX. He usually travelled on horseback, and used to stop overnight right here at Gripsholms Vårdshus.

Another one was King Gustav III and his entourage, who occasionally lived at Gripsholm Castle. It is believed that the king was extremely fond of the good food produced at the inn. Not least of all the venison steaks from the game reserve that still exists today.

The writer and composer Bellman was also a regular guest. He even had a room named after him.

In the summer of 1989 the inn was reopened following painstaking renovation and extension work. During this work the foundations of the old Carthusian monastery Pax Mariae were found, dating back to 1493.

Would you like to breathe in the air of the 15th century? Visit our WINE CELLAR. Here you will find the remnants of the monastery walls and two wells.



Round up a few friends for wine-tasting in the cellar vaults.



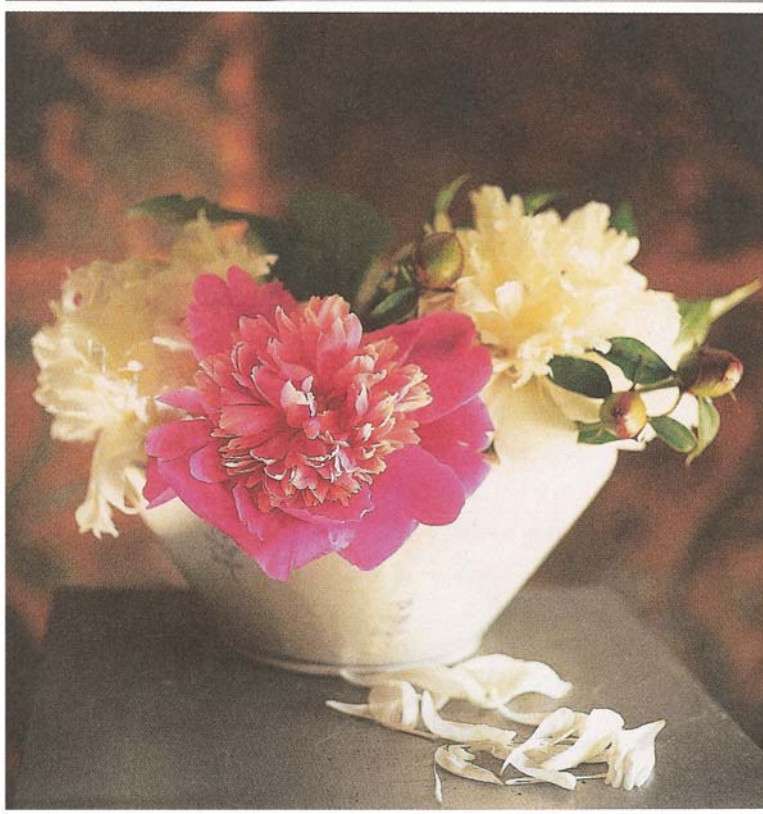
HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF CULTURE

It is the setting, the sum of all the parts that gives Gripsholms Vårdshus its irresistible charm. Genuine Swedish craftsmanship combined with exclusive materials create a cosy, peaceful atmosphere.

Our 45 rooms are all individually furnished. No two are alike; hand-made French tiles in the bathroom, genuine rugs, heated floors, antiques and hand-painted motifs on the walls. Most rooms have breathtaking views over Gripsholm Bay.

If you choose one of our 11 suites the stay will be especially memorable; the Kristina Suite has a bathroom with a jacuzzi and an 18th century tiled oven right next to it.

We have united past and present with care. All rooms have a minibar, cable TV, hairdryer, radio as well as bath and shower. The cultural setting dating back hundreds of years has been adapted to everything that our modern era has to offer in terms of comfort.



THE SETTING IS JUST THE SAME AS IT WAS 400 YEARS AGO

During the renovation work in 1989, more than hundred wooden logs, that had been felled in the winter of 1507, were found. These logs now form the ceiling panel in our bar, "SMOCKSKA RUMMET", named after the very first innkeeper. Enjoy a hot toddy in front of the open fire after a long walk in the Royal deer garden.

Dinner is served in the DINING ROOM. The view is magnificent and the cuisine first-class. If you prefer something a little simpler there is the tap room - "SKÄNKRUMMET".

The GUSTAVIAN BANQUETING HALL is on

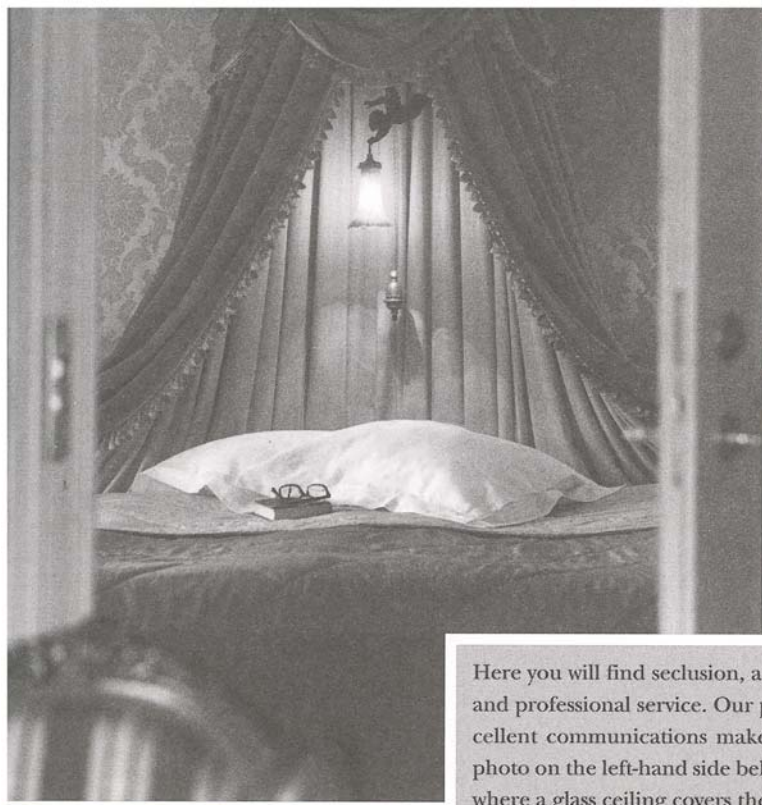
the next floor up. The banqueting hall has room for up to 100 guests. This is the venue for wedding receptions and all kinds of social events.

For smaller gatherings there are various smaller rooms to choose from. We serve breakfast on the veranda. From here you can see the castle towering over Gripsholm Bay in the early morning light.

The inn also has a sauna, gym, billiards room, solarium and massage room.

Gripsholms Vårdshus is unique. Now, just as it was 400 years ago.





Here you will find seclusion, a peaceful working environment and professional service. Our proximity to Stockholm and excellent communications make us even more attractive. The photo on the left-hand side below shows our Courtyard Room, where a glass ceiling covers the beautifully enclosed 18th century courtyard. Perfect for conferences and parties. As well as the Courtyard Room there are several conference rooms of various sizes. The whole inn is computer-friendly and there are ISDN connections in all conference rooms. The photos above show examples of our beautiful suites and a double room.



GASTRONOMIC DELIGHTS

A modern version of classical Swedish cuisine has become our trademark. According to the season, our menu includes pike-perch from Lake Mälaren and game from the forests of Södermanland. We always use the finest ingredients, whether preparing traditional dishes or specialities.

We celebrate the Swedish festivals with traditional hospitality. The whole building is decorated and tempting aromas drift out of the kitchen.

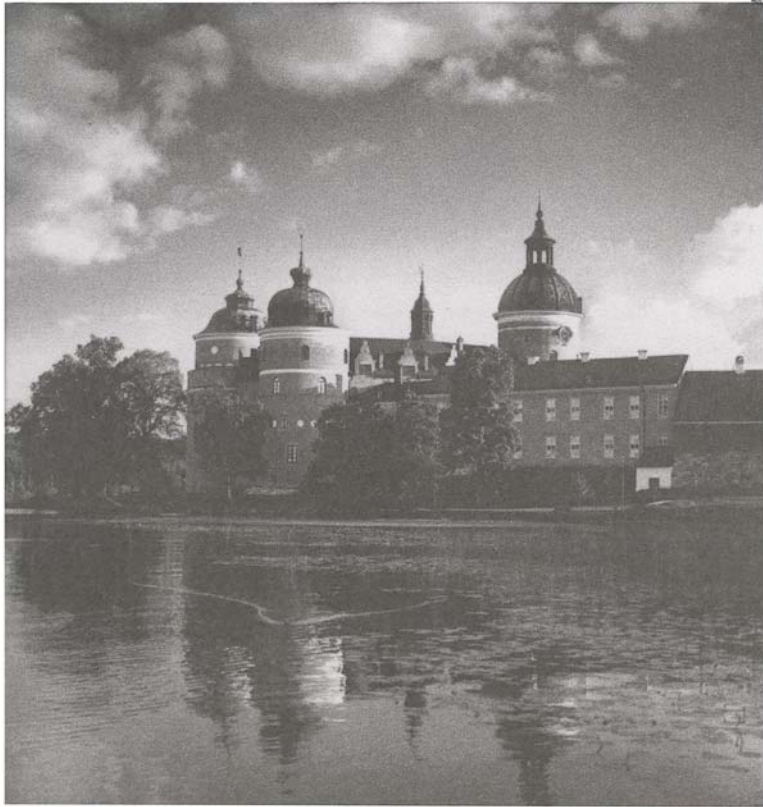
We are happy to share our knowledge of wines with our guests. Our wine cellar has a wide selection, with the emphasis on the classic Grand Crus. The inn's very own bakery

provides us with pastries and desserts. And to encourage our cuisine, inspire our staff and surprise our guests we invite high-profile gastronomic guests. It is our ambition to offer an unforgettable meal, and with our flexible, sensitive service we aim to exceed our guests' expectations.

During the daytime the sunshine floods into the glass-walled veranda. In the evening the candelabras are lit, creating an ambience over the carefully laid tables. You can breathe in the tradition, the 18th century and the gastronomic delights.

Welcome. For lunch or dinner. On your own or in the company of good friends.





MARIEFRED – A TIMELESS IDYLL

To many people Mariefred means GRIPSHOLM CASTLE and its history. But Mariefred is so much more. Wooden houses in soft, pastel shades. Apple trees with their twisted branches reaching over the pathways. Hollyhocks and cobbled pavements. The railway station with its pinnacles and towers. OLD-FASHIONED STEAM ENGINES that still operate. THE ROYAL DEER-GARDEN with its ancient oaks and free-roaming deer.

And the S/S MARIEFRED also sails here. One of the oldest steamers in scheduled service in the world. A coal-fired beauty, built around the turn of the century and sailing to Mariefred since 1903.

GRIPSHOLMS GOLF CLUB's challenging, high-class 18-hole course is only five minute's walk from the inn. If you do not have a Green Card you can spend an hour practising your pitching and putting.

A centre for modern graphics, GRAFIKENS HUS, has opened in Mariefred. Mariefred truly is an idyll – a timeless idyll.





Put down your suitcase inside the doorway. Breathe in the stillness and sense the air of history. A warm welcome to Sweden's oldest inn

HOW TO REACH US FROM ARLANDA AIRPORT

Only an hour's travel in a comfortable train with on-board service. There are connecting buses from Läggesta station to Mariefred. If requested we can pre-book a taxi direct to the inn.

THE BEST WAY TO REACH US FROM STOCKHOLM BY CAR

Take the E4/E20 to Södertälje. Continue on the E20 towards Göteborg. After about 30 km take road number 223 towards Mariefred.

Follow the signs to the centre.

BY TRAIN

From the Central Station (SJ) to Läggesta, journey time 37 minutes. There are connecting buses from Läggesta station to Mariefred. If requested we can pre-book a taxi direct to the inn. During the summer you can reach us by the steam train from Läggesta.

BY STEAMER

During the summer the steamer S/S Mariefred sails from the Town Hall jetty ("stads-huskajen") in Stockholm to Mariefred. Journey time approx. 3.5 hours.



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