

## Getting to Haparanda Sandskärs Bird Observatory

During the month of July you can get from the mainland to Sandskär by taking a regularly scheduled boat from Haparanda harbour (*Haparanda Hamn* in Swedish), south of Nikkala. For staff members the bird observatory has chartered boat-trips from Staffans near Sangis, normally on Saturdays.

The observatory director is responsible for making boat-trip reservations between the mainland and the island for observatory staff. All other travel arrangements are up to each individual. Since it is preferable to coordinate the boat trips, arrival and departure dates should be agreed upon with the observatory director before reservations are finalized.



## Boat from the mainland to Sandskär

### ***Haparanda Hamn – Sandskär***

In July, the boat *Bosmina* makes regular trips from Haparanda Hamn (Nikkala). For more information, go to <http://www.bosmina.bd.se>. Reservations can be made at the tourist information office in Haparanda by dialling +46 (0) 922-120 10 or online from the home page. There are trips on Wednesdays-Fridays and on some Saturdays and Sundays. The number of places is limited.

Leaving Haparanda Hamn: 8:30 am

Arriving in Haparanda Sandskär, Kumpula: 10:30 am or 11:00 am

Leaving Haparanda Sandskär, Kumpula: 3:30 pm

Arriving in Haparanda Hamn: 5:00 pm

### ***Staffans – Sandskär***

The chartered trips for bird observatory staff are normally made on Saturdays. The schedule is determined in cooperation with the travellers and the transportation provider. If the weather is bad, the schedule may change. Advice for those who arrive by bus: You book your trip to

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Sangis. Food for the stay at Sandskär can be ordered in advance from Coop Nära Sangis and be picked up after arrival. Transport from Sangis to Staffans can normally be arranged with another staff member or with the skipper.

## Getting to the boat

### ***Haparanda C – Haparanda Hamn***

No regular buses coincide with the boat's schedule.

### ***Luleå – Sangis – Haparanda, Boden – Sangis – Haparanda***

For schedules, go to <http://www.ltnbd.se/>.

Most buses to Haparanda also stop in Sangis, at the bus stop by main road E4. You can take line 20 or line 100. A one-way ticket from Luleå to Sangis costs 112 SEK and the travel time is 1 hour 50 min.

## Long distance travel Stockholm – Sangis – Haparanda

Times subject to change.

Connections and travel planner: <http://www.resplus.se/>

### ***Train, Plane and Bus Combos***

#### **Option 1 (fastest, most expensive)**

**Train (X2000 Stockholm – Sundsvall) + Bus (Länstrafiken bus 100 Sundsvall – Haparanda)**

**Travel time: approximately 14 hours**

<http://www.sj.se/>, <http://www.ltnbd.se/>

#### **Option 2**

**Night train (Stockholm – Luleå) and bus (Luleå – Haparanda or Stockholm – Boden) and bus (Boden – Haparanda)**

**Travel time: 16 to 18 hours**

<http://www.sj.se/>, [http://www.ltnbd.se](http://www.ltnbd.se/)

Recommended connections:

Friday: Night train 10094 (SJ) leaving Stockholm central station at 6:12 pm, arriving in Luleå at 6:55 am Saturday

Saturday: Bus 20 leaving Luleå bus station at 8:30 am, arriving in Sangis at 10:20 am (Haparanda at 10:50 am)

Saturday: Bus 20 leaving Sangis at 4:35 pm, arriving at the Luleå bus station at 6:35 pm

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Saturday: Night train (SJ) leaving Luleå at 8:03 pm, arriving at Stockholm central station at 9:07 am

### **Option 3 (cheapest, no transfers)**

#### **Tapanibuss (night bus)**

Schedule and reservations: <http://www.tapanis.se/>

Departures: Wednesday (not after 16 August), Friday and Sunday  
Leaving Stockholm at 6 pm, arriving in Haparanda at 8:35 am (you can get off and on at Sangis, but this should be booked in advance)

Departures: Tuesday (not after 16 August), Thursday and Saturday  
Leaving Haparanda at 5:40 pm, arriving in Stockholm at 8:30 am

Cost: Stockholm – Haparanda, one-way: 600 SEK; return: 950 SEK

### **Option 4 (airplane and bus)**

Stockholm – Luleå with SAS <http://www.sas.se/> or Norwegian <http://www.norwegian.no/sw23898.asp>

Airport bus from Luleå airport (Kallax) to Luleå bus station  
Bus (Länstrafiken) to Sangis or Haparanda

Norwegian arrivals in Luleå:

Friday: 8:15 am, 4:40 pm, 8:20 pm  
Saturday: 11:40 pm

SAS arrivals in Luleå:

Friday: 9:35 am, 10:20 am, 1:25 pm, 2:40 pm, 7:05 pm, 10:25 pm  
Saturday: 9:30 am, 1:05 pm, 3:40 pm

Norwegian departures from Luleå:

Saturday: 8:00 am, 12:10 pm  
Sunday: 2:00 pm, 5:50 pm, 7:35 pm

SAS departures from Luleå:

Saturday: 8:10 am, 11:45 am, 3:40 pm  
Sunday: 1:05 pm, 3:50 pm, 7:35 pm

Flight time: 75 minutes

## **By Car**

### **To Haparanda Hamn, Nikkala**

Road south from E4 about 20 km east of Sangis and about 9 km west of Haparanda. The road sign says both Nikkala and Haparanda Hamn. Just follow the road until it ends (about 5 km). At Haparanda Hamn, you will find a parking lot and toilets. The site is looked after by the boat club. Nikkala has an ICA grocery store and a recycling station.

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## **To Staffans**

Road south from E4 in Säivis about 7 km east of Sangis. The last part of the road is blocked off by a barrier gate. You will need to make arrangements with Rune Lindqvist to have the gate opened.

## **Accommodations**

### ***Sangis***

Sangis campground. There are rooms and cabins.

Haparandav. 2, 952 72 Sangis

Phone and fax: +46 (0) 923 67 10 42

E-mail: [sangis.camping@telia.com](mailto:sangis.camping@telia.com)

Web site: [www.sangiscamping.se](http://www.sangiscamping.se)

### ***Haparanda***

Suggestion: Youth hostel located close to the bus station

Strandgatan 26, 953 31 Haparanda

Phone: +46 (0) 922-611 71

E-mail: [vandrarhemhaparanda@telia.com](mailto:vandrarhemhaparanda@telia.com)

Web site: <http://www.haparandavandrarhem.se/>