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Welcome to Finspång

A guide to help you get settled

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Welcome to Finspång

Welcome to our community! We are happy that you are here. Finspång is a place where people from many backgrounds come together, and where everyday life is close, safe, and easy to navigate.

Here you will find good opportunities for work and housing, reliable services, and nature just around the corner. At the same time, larger cities are always within reach.

This folder gives you the information you need as you settle in: schools, childcare, healthcare, leisure, culture, and much more. We hope you will feel at home and join us in shaping a vibrant and forward-looking Finspång.

Johan Persson,
Municipality manager



We are here for you

Finspång municipality provides essential services such as schools, libraries and elderly care. We also ensure that water, sewage and roads work smoothly. Our mission is to make everyday life function for everyone living and working in Finspång, all year round.

On our website, you will find information and e-services that may be useful as you settle into your new everyday life.

You can always get in touch if you have any questions. Feel free to follow us on social media to stay updated on what is happening in Finspång.

Together toward the future

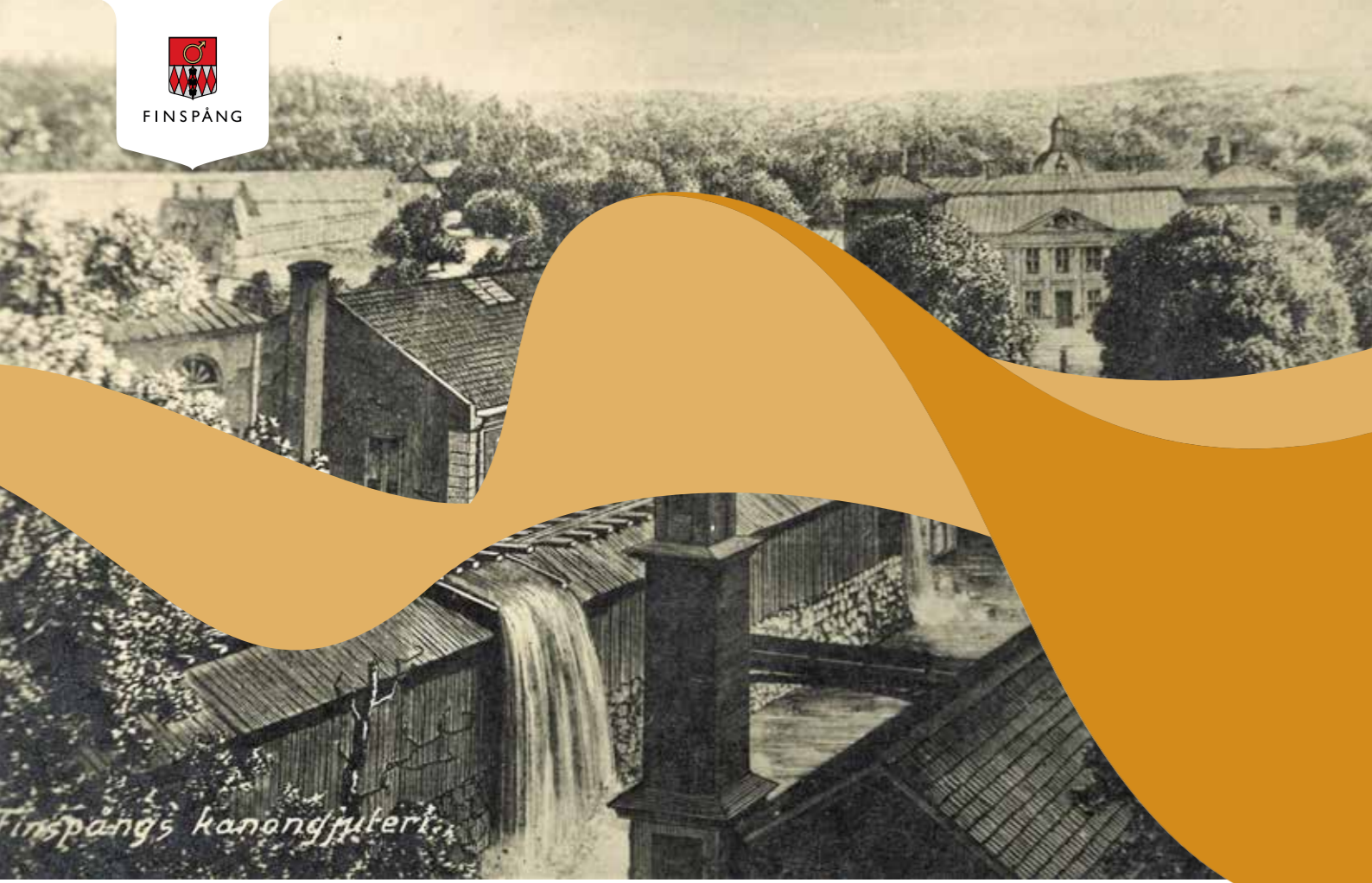
Our vision is to create development and well-being through collaboration, openness, and fresh thinking. We welcome new perspectives and new residents with open arms, knowing that a diverse and curious community drives innovation and growth.

As Finspång evolves toward a dynamic and sustainable future, we invite you to take part in shaping it with your ideas, your ambitions, and your everyday life. Welcome to a place where you can build, contribute, and feel at home.

Room to grow

Finspång is an inviting community in the heart of a vibrant region. Small enough to feel close and safe, yet connected to the opportunities of larger cities.

Here, quality of life is shaped by nature on your doorstep, short distances to work, school, and services, and a sense of belonging.



A proud industrial heritage

Finspång has a long and unique history shaped by iron production and industry. The name appears in documents as early as the late 1300s, but the place began to grow in the 1500s when the Swedish Crown established a royal ironworks. At that time Sweden needed weapons, tools, and export goods, and Finspång became an important site for producing cannons and wrought iron.

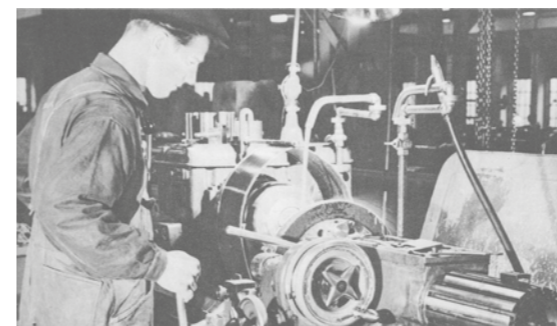
The location was ideal: strong waterpower from the falls, forests for charcoal, and good transport routes toward the harbour of Norrköping. Skilled workers and entrepreneurs from other European countries, especially the Netherlands and the Walloon regions, were invited to modernize production. They brought knowledge that shaped Finspång into a community built around the ironworks.

Shaping a community

For centuries, Finspång developed around its iron industry and the estate at Finspång Castle. The historic ironworks area reflects the close relationship between production, craftsmanship, and everyday life. From cannon casting to ironworking, this industrial legacy reveals the forces and skills that shaped Finspång's character over time.



Finspång Castle seen from the garden. Colored copper engraving by Johannes van den Aveelen, 1715.



From iron to high tech

Today, the old ironworks area in central Finspång is recognised as a nationally significant cultural site. Buildings from the 1700s and 1800s show how the community once looked and tell the story of cannon casting, ironworking, and early industrial life. This preserved environment helps explain how Finspång became the town it is today.

Where past meets present

For new residents, Finspång offers both a rich cultural heritage and a modern industrial future. The old ironworks environment is easy to visit, and it provides a meaningful introduction to how the town grew through craft, innovation, and cooperation across borders. This combination continues to shape Finspång today, as a diverse and forward-looking community.



The Siemens headquarters in central Finspång.

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Municipality and services

Finspång is a welcoming Swedish municipality where democratic decision-making and reliable public services shape everyday life. The municipality provides essential services such as schools, social support, elderly care, and functioning water, sewage, and roads.

These responsibilities are carried out through close cooperation between elected politicians and skilled employees. Our aim is to offer a safe, inclusive environment where everyone can influence local matters and feel part of the community.

Guided by the *UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, the municipality works for long-term sustainability to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure inclusive development for all.

With the 30/35 growth goal - reaching 30,000 residents by 2035 - Finspång is evolving through new housing, strong employment, and active collaboration.

Development and openness

Our vision expresses what we strive to be as a community: *"Finspång is an attractive municipality in a vibrant region, where we create development and quality of life through collaboration, openness, and forward-thinking."*

Industrial strength

Finspång has a long industrial history from the late 1500s and is known as the cradle of Swedish industry. With companies like Siemens Energy, Gränges, and Hydro, it remains a strong global industrial hub.

Connected living

The municipality borders three cities with over 100,000 inhabitants each, meaning the offerings of larger urban areas are always within reach. Its location also makes commuting easy, whether you work at a major company in Finspång or in a nearby city.

Local democracy

Residents elect the municipal council every four years. The council sets the direction for Finspång and appoints committees and the municipal executive board to manage key decisions.



Photo: Christian Ekstrand

Collaboration, curiosity, and shared development create a community where you can feel included, contribute, and thrive.



Photo: Robert Davidsson, Finspångs kommun

Living, housing and building

Finspång is a place where finding a home means gaining both comfort and quality of life. Here you live close to forests, lakes and calm surroundings while everyday services, schools and workplaces are always within easy reach.

Housing in Finspång offers a safe, welcoming environment with a strong sense of community, making it easy to feel at home

from day one. Our strategic location, just two hours from Stockholm and well connected to the entire region, makes it simple to enjoy nature without losing access to city opportunities.

Whether you want to rent, buy or build your own home, Finspång offers flexible options to help you settle in and create a life that suits you.

Wake up close to nature in Finspång. Here, forests, lakes and open landscapes are part of everyday life. Small communities and countryside living offer space to breathe, build and belong without being far from work and services.

Photo: Sofia Hellestedt



Renting a home

To rent a home, you can contact *Vallonbygden*, the municipal housing company in Finspång, or reach out directly to other private landlords. Vallonbygden manages around 2,000 apartments across the municipality. You apply through each landlord's website, and you may need documents such as proof of identity, income, and employment.



Photo: Nattawan Jayawan, Mostphotos

Building a home

If you want to build, you can buy a plot on the open market or apply for municipal plots offered in different areas. Plots are allocated by queue order, and some are available for direct purchase.

You can manage the construction yourself or buy a turnkey home from a housing company. Local builders and agencies can guide you through the process.

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Buying a home

You can search the open housing market for homes to buy. Real-estate agents' websites list current properties and can guide you through the process.

When buying a home in Sweden, there are practical and legal steps to consider, such as applying for a title registration after the purchase. Your real-estate agent will help explain these requirements to ensure a smooth process.



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Arriving somewhere new is about more than an address. It is about feeling at ease, finding your rhythm of life and creating a place that feels like home. In Finspång, nature, community and everyday life come together, giving you the space and freedom to settle in, grow, and truly belong over time.



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Working in Finspång

Finspång is a vibrant place to work, offering diverse opportunities for career growth and meaningful employment. The municipality combines world-leading industrial companies with cutting-edge technology, a dynamic small business environment, and a supportive municipal workforce.

Whether you are seeking a career in high-tech industry, entrepreneurship, or public service, Finspång provides a strong foundation, strategic location with excellent regional connections, and a high quality of life that balances work, community, and nature.



Photo: Siemens Energy

Industry and specialist careers

Finspång hosts globally leading industrial companies with advanced technology and specialist expertise who offer challenging and rewarding jobs in engineering, manufacturing, research and development. Working here gives you the chance to contribute to innovative projects, develop your professional skills, and build a meaningful career in an international context.

Entrepreneurship and smaller businesses

Finspång has a strong climate for small businesses, with many local companies contributing to a dynamic and supportive community, with well-established forms and opportunities for networking both between companies and with the municipality. Its strategic location, good transport links and regional market access create good conditions both for working in smaller firms and for starting your own.



Photo: Evelina Lindberg



Photo: Christian Ekstrand

Working for the municipality

Finspång municipality is one of the largest employers in the area, offering diverse roles in education, healthcare, social services, administration, culture and management. Employees experience an open, inclusive workplace focused on development, responsibility, and service, with flexible opportunities for students, temporary staff, and career growth across sectors.

In Finspång, schools are a top priority. We aim to give children the best start in life by providing quality schools and childcare. All preschools and schools follow the Swedish national curriculum, which ensures every child's right to knowledge, development and equal opportunities. Our learning environments are safe, stimulating and adapted to each child's needs.

We focus on well-educated teachers, high-quality materials, and ensuring that all students get the tools to thrive in the future. Integrated after-school activities support a safe and engaging everyday environment for all.



Schools and education

Compulsory school and after-school care

Finspång has several municipal primary schools and one independent school. All primary schools offer after-school care. Many of the schools are located in central Finspång, while others are in smaller surrounding communities.

If you recently moved here, you can apply for a school placement through the municipality's online e-service, or by paper form if you don't have an e-ID.

Upper secondary school

There are two upper secondary schools in Finspång: *Bergska Gymnasiet*, that offers several national study and vocational programs as well as introductory programs, and *Curt Nicolingymnasiet*, a non-profit independent school owned by local industry and the municipality of Finspång. The school offers four programs including Industrial Technology, Electricity and Energy, Technology and Health and Social Care.

Special education

Finspång offers adapted compulsory education (grades 1–9) at *Nyhems-skolan* for students with intellectual disabilities, based on assessment and diagnosis. The school follows a nine-year curriculum.

Adapted upper secondary education includes four-year national programs as well as individual programs. Adults over 20 can apply for adapted adult education with courses from compulsory and upper secondary levels.

Adult education

If you are an adult and want to study, you can turn to the adult education services in Finspång municipality. We offer programs tailored to different needs, including courses equivalent to compulsory and upper secondary school.

Swedish for Immigrants, *SFI*, is a basic Swedish language program for adults. You learn to speak, read, and write in Swedish and gain knowledge about Swedish society. Free of charge.

Childcare



Preschool

If you are working, studying or looking for a job when moving to Finspång municipality, your child is entitled to a preschool placement from the age of 1 to 5.

In Finspång, there are both municipal and independent preschools, as well as pedagogical care, which is an alternative to preschool or after-school care.

To get a preschool placement, you need to submit an application.



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Health, care and safety

In Sweden, responsibility for health and medical care is primarily shared between the regions and the municipalities, which together create a cohesive system of support for all residents and help ensure continuity throughout the entire care process.

The regions provide most medical treatment through hospitals and health centres, and various out-patient services, while the muni-

icipalities are responsible for specific types of care delivered in people's homes and in different forms of supported housing.

The overall aim is to ensure safe, accessible care for everyone, including senior citizens, people with disabilities, and those facing mental health challenges, with added emphasis on coordinated services and respectful, person-centred support.

Municipal health and medical care

The municipality is responsible for health and medical care in home nursing, special housing for older adults, and day programmes for senior citizens and people with

disabilities, ensuring that everyday support is adapted to each person's needs.

Within our local services, you will meet nurses, assistant

nurses, occupational therapists, and physiotherapists. Nurses are available 24 hours a day. Specially appointed medical leaders; a *Medical Officer for Nursing*

In case of emergency

Our municipality works in many ways to make Finspång a safe place to live and stay in. On our website you can read more about our crisis organisation, emergency services, crisis preparedness, information security and crime prevention work.

- For urgent or life-threatening situations, always call **112**.
- For medical advice when it is not an emergency, call **1177**, the national health service helpline.

Support is available for mental health needs, including counselling and treatment through regional care services.

and a *Medical Officer for Rehabilitation* ensure that all care is safe, high-quality, and follows national guidelines. Doctor services are provided through the regional health

service, not by the municipality, which means medical assessments are closely coordinated with regional care.

Health and medical care in Sweden is regulated by national legislation. Care is provided on equal terms for all residents, with a strong focus on safety, accessibility, quality and respect for individual needs. Cooperation between regions and municipalities ensures continuity of care.

Culture and leisure

Finspång offers a rich and varied range of leisure activities for all ages and interests. Whether you enjoy culture, nature, sports or social engagement, there are many opportunities to explore, participate and feel at home, both in the town centre and across the wider municipality.

Cultural heritage and historic environments

Finspång has a long industrial history dating back to the late 16th century and is often described as part of the cradle of Swedish industry. Heritage sites include Reijmyre glasbruk, the industrial landscape in central Finspång, Häfla hammarsmedja, and the church villages of Risinge and Regna.

The municipality works to preserve and develop cultural environments, with local heritage associations helping to share history and traditions.



Art and culture

Finspång municipality has an active cultural life, with art, performances and events. Kulturhuset Finspång, a central meeting place, offers cinema, theatre, concerts and lectures, and houses the municipal arts and music school Kulturskolan, a youth centre and a restaurant.

The municipality also manages around 1,150 artworks indoors and outdoors, with Kulturhuset as a hub for exhibitions and public art projects.

Nature and outdoor life

Much of Finspång municipality is rural, with forests, lakes and varied natural areas. There are many opportunities for swimming, fishing, hiking, paddling, and picking berries and mushrooms, as well as enjoying peaceful surroundings. Sweden's *Right of Public Access* allows everyone to experience nature responsibly.

The municipality has over 30 nature reserves, protecting valuable habitats and biodiversity. Some offer trails and picnic areas, while others provide a more wilderness-like experience.



Sports and active living

Finspång makes it easy to live an active life all year round. There are many opportunities for sports and exercise, including cycling, hiking, swimming, fishing, golf and activities at the multisport arena Arena Grosvad. In winter, why not try cross-country skiing and ice skating, even if winter sports are new to you.

The municipality also offers playgrounds, mini obstacle courses for younger children, disc golf, running tracks, gyms and much more, giving everyone the chance to stay active and enjoy the outdoors.



Associations, activities and events

Finspång has a wide range of associations within sports, culture, outdoor life, heritage and social activities, for all ages. Associations are an important part of community life and a great way to meet people and get involved.

Throughout the year, the municipality hosts cultural events, sports activities, exhibitions and family-friendly events, creating a lively and welcoming place for everyone.



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