



*World Heritage*  
**KRISTOFERS**



HÄLSINGE  
GÅRDAR



**T**he old building at **KRISTOFERS** in Järvsö is unique with its many well-preserved rooms. The farm has been in the same family for fourteen generations and the farm is still used for agriculture and forestry today. The interior was decorated by the famous folk painter Anders Ädel with imaginative flower paintings done by hand.

The farm is Hälsingland's oldest two-storey farmhouse. It was built in the beginning of 1807 and the exterior is almost completely unchanged. The shape of the decorative porch is typical of Järvsö, together with the low panelled front door with a wrought iron door handle.

The building gives an idea of how individual rooms and entire houses were originally used for festivities, which was common in Hälsingland at that time. The current decor dates back to the 1850s. A variety of colours, techniques and patterns were used in the different rooms. In order for guests to get a clear sense of approaching the festivities, they are first met by simple stencil paintings in the hallway, and then more imaginative painting further into the house. In the festivity room the decorations blossom in full. This is where the most important mealtimes at festivities were held, such as wedding dinners.

Kristofers is privately owned and can be visited in the summer by pre-booking.





*Gästgivars*



*Bommars*



*Jon-Lars*



*Bortom Åa*



*Pallars*



*Erik-Anders*

## WORLD HERITAGE IN BRIEF

A world heritage site is considered to be unique in the world and therefore important to all of humanity. World heritage sites are designated globally by UNESCO following nomination from member states. When a site is added to the World Heritage List, the member state must maintain it for posterity.

The farmhouses of Hälsingland were inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List as "Decorated Farmhouses of Hälsingland" for the folk building and interior art; that ordinary farmers built such large houses with so many and large rooms solely for the purpose of festivities. In Hälsingland, more decorated interiors are preserved than elsewhere in the world.

### *THE SEVEN WORLD HERITAGE DECORATED FARMHOUSES OF HÄLSINGLAND*

**Erik-Anders** i Asta, Söderala | **Jon-Lars** i Långhed, Alfta | **Pallars** i Långhed, Alfta | **Gästgivars** i Vallsta, Arbrå | **Kristofers** i Stene, Järvsö | **Bommars** i Letsbo, Ljusdal | **Bortom Åa** i Fågelsjö, Los



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.varldsarvethalsingegardar.se](http://www.varldsarvethalsingegardar.se)

### The farmhouse website:

[www.kristofers.se](http://www.kristofers.se) (in Swedish)

### The farmhouse Visitor Center

[www.stenegard.com](http://www.stenegard.com)

[www.varldsarvetgastgivars.se](http://www.varldsarvetgastgivars.se)

[www.ol-anders.se](http://www.ol-anders.se)

[www.erik-anders.se](http://www.erik-anders.se)

### UNESCO World Heritage Centre - World Heritage List [whc.unesco.org/en/list](http://whc.unesco.org/en/list)

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