

Decorated Farmhouses of Hälsingland World Heritage **PALLARS**



ALLARS in Långhed in Alfta, with its two wings, is one of the largest farms in the whole of Hälsingland. The main farmhouse acquired its manor house appearance when the eldest son married the daughter of the richest farmer in the parish in 1853. It was then that the new house was built, despite the farm already being unusually large with many living spaces before the wedding. Pallars has many carved doors and porches – the one on the main farmhouse has a typical shape, but is much larger than on other farms in Hälsingland.

The Dal painter Svärdes Hans Ersson painted landscapes in the main building and in one of the wings there are distinctive paintings by the "blue painter", who was famous for using an expensive navy-blue pigment, which is found in many farms in the area. The paintings show various named places in Sweden, which is rarely seen on other farms in Scandinavia.

Pallars is privately owned and has been in the same family since the 17th century. The wings are shown in summer.





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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

The farmhouse website: <u>www.ovanaker.se</u> (in Swedish):

www.varldsarvethalsingegardar.se www.lansstyrelsen.se/gavleborg Gävleborg County Administrative Board

www.magasinhalsingegardar.se

The farmhouse Visitor Center www.varldsarvetgastgivars.se www.stenegard.com www.erik-anders.se www.edsbyn-alfta.se

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