



KOTKA STAKES ON TOURISM

One of the business objectives approved by the City Council of Kotka is to enhance tourism. A tourism strategy has been drawn up for the city this year. The multi-purpose facility, swimming centre, fish research centre, aquarium and the hotel, physically integrated with each other, seems to be very attractive from the point of view of hotel business.

Kotka's main tourist attractions include the River Kymijoki, the sea, and the Maritime Festival. Nature tourism activities include fishing, rapids shooting, and the opportunities provided by the archipelago. The city's status as a passenger harbour needs to be intensified. The launching of the Wooden Boat Center is one example of a project which is apt to support the image of Kotka as a maritime city. The new hotel and the related multi-purpose facility would constitute a considerable "plus" to Kotka in this respect.

In the Kymenlaakso region there is not a sufficiently large single facility for extensive conferences and other events. The need for the new hotel in Kotka can be examined from the viewpoint of arranging conferences and tourism development. The hotel project has been prepared so that the entity will immediately encompass the existing sports attractions.

The hotel services should be also complemented by other tourist activities such as boating, fishing and shooting as well as golf, riding, tennis, sailing, canoeing and glider flying. Moreover an aquarium and a fish research centre will be constructed along with the hotel they would serve fishing and the related research on the Gulf of Finland and on its rivers. The centre and its aquarium could be used for presenting the fish species and biology in the Baltic Sea and inland waters.

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40TH NORDIC FILM DAYS IN LÜBECK

This is a special year for the Nordic Film Days Lübeck. Founded in 1956 by Rolf Hiller, a pharmacist and head of the local film club, the film festival, which soon became an annual event, is now taking place for the 40th time, from November 5-8.

The Nordic Film Days, known far beyond the borders of the beautiful Hanseatic

ture of Lithuania Juozas Sirvinskas, Intendant Jobst Plog of NDR, the Nordic Film Days' principal sponsor, numerous consuls and ambassadors as well as most of the film directors are among the many notables planning to participate in the event.

Artistic Director Andrea Kunsemüller is pleased with this year's programme: "We're able to present a broad spectrum of



Rasmus returns to his origins in the movie "Heart of Light"

city on the Trave, is the only film festival in Germany devoted entirely to Nordic cinema. Each year more than 100 films are shown in Lübeck – feature films, documentaries, shorts as well as children's and youth films – from all Baltic countries, supplemented by the Filmforum Schleswig-Holstein.

Liv Ullmann, the famous Norwegian actress and film director, is Honorary President of the festival and will of course be attending the 40th jubilee, where she will be honoured with a "Tribute to Liv Ullmann". The legendary producer Gyula Trebitsch, Swedish actor Erland Josephson, Danish film director Søren Kragh-Jacobsen, to whom a work survey is devoted, the Minister-President of Schleswig-Holstein Heide Simonis, the Vice-Minister for Cul-

linary excellent films from all the Nordic countries, films which reflect the latest trends in the cinema of these countries," she says.

Altogether an exciting four days of cinema with a jubilee celebration called "As Time Goes By...", a half a dozen parties, numerous prominent guests and thousands of fans who gather in the Hanseatic city of Lübeck to celebrate 40 years of Nordic cinema. The Nordic Film Days Lübeck is a successful example of four decades of cultural exchange in the Baltic region.

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BUSINESS DAYS IN LÜBECK

The city of Lübeck for second time hosts EU supported business days. More than 100 small and medium sized companies are expected to be involved in it!

Lübeck datalink LS is currently organising the second business days in Lübeck. Held for the first time in 1997 the business days always target a specific area of business. In 1997 more than 70 company managers from six Baltic Sea regions met to

discuss their cooperation prospects in the area of printing, graphics and paper.

The 1998 event targets the area of ecological building. Already now more than 80 company managers from the whole Baltic Sea have registered for the event which will be held in Lübeck-Travemünde, on 9-10 November 1998. Naturally all companies are welcome to participate in the event. More detailed information is available from the Lübeck business development corporation or at <http://www.datalink-ls.com>.