



Captain Antares Hazelton, of 36.6m Pure Bliss, reveals the joy of transiting one of northern Europe's inland waterways

58°28′31.8″N 16°25′04″E

Having spent the majority of my career navigating the high seas, one of my fondest memories in yachting was discovering the 102nm Göta Canal. Built in the 10th century, it meanders through rolling fields and delicate birch groves, linking a number of large lakes and rivers in the centre of Sweden to provide a route from Gothenburg, in the west, to Söderköping on the Baltic Sea. The superyacht we transited the canal with was the largest to have made the trip, with a 6.7m beam. The 66 locks and bridges allowed just centimetres of clearance and kept the crew busy. Pure Bliss is available for charter with Camper & Nicholsons, camperandnicholsons.com



Edge carefully through narrow sections of the canal, which weaves through fields and birch groves

Nature walks, spectacular sunsets and visiting castles by superyacht are all highlights of the passage

Exit the canal in

Gothenburg and

discover Sweden's stunning west coast archipelago