

## Land of the Midnight Sun:

### Midnight Cup

## Kolsva International Cricket Tournament and tour of Sweden.

June 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2003

### *Invitation to this prestigious event.*

We cordially invite you to attend our Midnight Cup at the Kolsva International Cricket Tournament in the land of the Midnight Sun – Sweden.

We ask you to notify your membership, family and friends about this event and discuss the possibility of you participating.

We offer two 7 day/6 night packages for your touring party.

The package includes 3 games of cricket including 1 final, entertainment, regional tour of central Sweden, 3 days in Stockholm – one of the Worlds most beautiful cities.

Look at our webpage to get a feel of what is install for you. [www.guttsta.com](http://www.guttsta.com)  
We will be putting a “Midnight Cup” Tour page up by mid September. You will be notified when that is ready to view.

Please send any correspondence to [jasonbeer@minmail.net](mailto:jasonbeer@minmail.net) and [staffan.lageson@swipnet.se](mailto:staffan.lageson@swipnet.se) regarding this very unique opportunity.

### **What you get for your money:**

- Return flights from a London airport. (probably Stansted)
- All transfers to and from airports in Sweden.
- 6 nights accommodation – 4 in central Sweden and 2 in Stockholm.
- All meals when not in Stockholm: 11 meals(dinner on the first day(Thursday), all meals on 2nd, 3rd + 4th days, breakfast on the 5th day(Monday)
- 3 matches of cricket(2 preliminary matches and 1 final)
- Balls, umpires, scorers, trophies and prizes
- A half day tour of the Västmanland region
- 2 party's at the host club including entertainment.
- A dinner at a castle and disco/pub/night club evening in an historic city.
- A free evening at your main accommodation town.
- Transfers from accommodation to all locations on itinerary.
- Gold pass for 3 days in Stockholm – free travel on all trains, buses, ferries, free entry to 100's of museums and most main attractions.
- Plenty of free time is allowed for so you are not just a group of sheep herded around.
- Local knowledge and tips of what and when to do things.

All insurances for you personal travel, injury insurance and any other are your sole responsibility.

Everything will be included except your meals in Stockholm, drinks and any other purchases you wish to make. Discounted drink packages will be available (More info on those to interested parties). Snacks at the ground will be available and tea and coffee will be provided free.

So your total costs should not be much over the package price. Enabling you to budget accurately.

The following prices are preliminary. Final prices will be provided to interested parties in October. However, the following prices are very unlikely to be exceeded and likely to be reduced.

Package A is for Hostel/Backpacker accommodation.  
Package B is for Hotel accommodation.

- **Package A** costs 6675skr (est. £460) per person based on dorm accommodation and shared facilities.
- **Package B** costs 8455skr (est. £585) per person based on twin share at Hotels.

All groups must be a minimum of 12 people. No maximum. All groups are encouraged to bring family and friends. The tour has been designed to have cricket as a focus for 3 days but with plenty of activity to make it a holiday of great interest and experience for all. You can enter more than one team if you wish.

Each group can only choose 1 package. (Only 1 type of accommodation permitted for a whole touring party.)

Groups not planning to come from London must organise their own flights to Sweden. Contact us and we can discuss transfers and the appropriate price reduction.

### **Selection of the 4 lucky participating tour parties:**

There are only 4 slots available for teams. The first 4 teams to pay the first deposit will be entered.

If several teams pay at the same time, teams that have previously been in contact with us about touring will get preference. Otherwise teams will be selected from a hat.

A team that chooses to pay the full amount will get preference above all others. A reserve list will be made to replace teams that miss subsequent payments. You will be notified of your ranking.

Teams that fail to make subsequent payments will only receive refunds if another team takes up their place. A percentage will also be charged to cover the costs of the changes. This may be very substantial as flights may not be refundable as well as additional costs.

### **Interested parties and payment plan:**

October 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Expression of interest to be received. (No payment required.)

October 31<sup>st</sup> Thursday – 50 % deposit to be paid. This will secure accommodation and hotel bookings, ensuring best rates that we have budgeted prices on. Full payment will happily be accepted at this point if you wish, thus giving you highest preference for a place.

If we do not get 4 teams entering, the tournament will be cancelled and full refunds given.

The following dates may be varied. Exact dates will be provided to interested parties in October.

January 31<sup>st</sup> Friday – A further 25 % payment will be required. This will secure all other activities that will need pre booking. Full payment of the balance will happily be accepted.

March 31<sup>st</sup> Monday – The final 25 % payment will be required. This will cover all running costs of the event.

Payment details will be provided to teams expressing interest in October.

Payments must be made in Swedish krona.

If your club does not wish to participate but one or more of your members do, we will take names of individuals that wish to participate and make playing elevens if we do not get 4 clubs to enter. Send your details to: [jasonbeer@minmail.net](mailto:jasonbeer@minmail.net) and [staffan.lageson@swipnet.se](mailto:staffan.lageson@swipnet.se) Clearly state in the Subject bar "Midnight Cup".

## References:

We appreciate you would be a little apprehensive about sending hard earned cash to a strange cricket club in a foreign land.

We have references from several people who are members of the Tasmanian Cricket Association in Australia, the Western Province Cricket Association in South Africa, The MCC, The European Cricket Council and our local regional government council tourist board.

These people have personally visited us on previous tours held over the years.

Please feel free to contact any or all of these to satisfy any suspicions you may have.

A list will be provided to teams expressing interest.

## About the Midnight Cup and tour of Sweden:

This event is intended to provide a 3 fold benefit to our clubs mission whilst providing a special experience for the tour parties.

We have called the event the Midnight Cup, not because we play at midnight(not cricket anyway), but because the daylight never really leaves us at this time of the year! However an impromptu social game could be had at this hour.....

Guttsta has been hosting cricket teams from all around the world for over 7 years. Recently it has become clear that there is strong demand from around the world to play cricket in the unique location of Sweden. Instead of conducting 4 – 8 separate events we have decided to pool all interested parties and our resources into one big event.

Previously we have run events at cost or either side of that. We have determined that we will use this event as our main fund raiser for the year. Money earned from hosting an event of this kind will be ploughed back into improving our facility and developing cricket locally. We are not funded by the Swedish Government as cricket is a non sport in Swedish terms.

We have priced the tour to make it extremely good value for participants but ensure we can grow with the profit gained. Currently all monies we gain are direct from members. Holding an event of this sort will provide a catalyst to attract people to cricket, raise their awareness of cricket in the region and hopefully increase our social and playing membership.

We hope you will support our initiative based on our objectives and the very unique value package you have access to.

## The competition:

4 teams.

Match 1 - A v B (Friday morning)

Match 2 - C v D (Friday afternoon),

Match 3 - winner match 1 v loser match 2 (Saturday morning),

Match 4 - winner match 2 v loser match 1 (Saturday afternoon),

Match 5 - Consolation Final - loser match 3 v loser match 4 (Sunday morning),

Match 6 - Final - winner match 3 v winner match 4 (Sunday afternoon)

A window of 4½ hrs for each match will be open. This ensures games will not have to start too early in the morning or finish too late in the day. Even though play is possible from 2 am until 11pm each day! This enables a lunch break between matches for officials. It also ensures players are not over taxed playing 3 games in 3 days whilst mixing in festivities!

Games will be played on artificial surface. Either a Flicx pitch or coconut matting will be used. We could have prepared a grass strip but its standard can not be guaranteed as we do not have the necessary equipment and ground staff.

The MCC on their tour here 3 years ago told us we have one of the best grounds in Europe and one of the most picturesque. It also has many of the elements of Sweden characterising the ground.

The tournament will be a 30 over a side match format. This ensures games are of an aggressive and exciting nature. Helping to promote cricket as a sport of interest in the region. We may propose a varied format to the interested parties at a later stage. If a unanimous decision on format is not reached it will be a 30 over a side competition.

Showers are available at the ground to prevent the need of going back to the accommodation to prepare for dinner and the outings.

**Tentative Itinerary** (the times may change slightly and events switched between days, but this is what you will be getting):

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of June:**

12.20 GMT - depart airport London (probably Stansted)  
15.30 CET – arrive to airport Sweden (probably Västerås)  
15.45 – bus to accommodation  
16.30 – arrive and settle into accommodation  
16.30 – 20.00 – free time  
20.00 – dinner  
21.00 – free time

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June:**

06.30 – 10.00 - breakfast  
08.00 – pickup morning playing teams and other interested parties.  
08.40 – toss for first match  
09.00 – Match 1 start.  
10.00 – drinks  
11.00 – innings change  
11.15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> innings start  
11.30 – pickup of 2<sup>nd</sup> match playing teams and other interested parties.  
12.00 – lunch begins for non playing people.  
12.15 – drinks  
13.15 – match closure(showers available at the ground)  
13.40 – toss for 2<sup>nd</sup> match  
14.00 – lunch is stopped being served  
14.00 – Match 2 start  
15.00 – drinks  
16.00 – innings change  
16.15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> innings start  
17.15 – drinks  
18.15 – match closure(showers available at the ground)  
19.00 – bus to Örebro  
20.00 – dinner at the castle  
21.00 – free evening - disco/pub/night club evening  
23.00 – first bus back to accommodation  
23.45 – first bus arrives back to accommodation  
01.15 – last bus back to accommodation (late comers will have to catch a public bus back Saturday morning – directions and info will be provided!)  
02.00 – 2nd bus arrives back to accommodation

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June:**

06.30 – 10.00 - breakfast  
09.00 – pickup morning playing teams and other interested parties.  
09.30 – Morning Tour group from ground.  
09.40 – toss for first match  
10.00 – Match 1 start.  
11.00 – drinks  
12.00 – innings change  
12.15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> innings start  
12.30 – pickup of 2<sup>nd</sup> match playing teams and other interested parties.  
13.00 – lunch begins for non playing people.  
13.15 – drinks  
13.30 – Morning Tour Group return.  
14.15 – match closure(showers available at the ground)  
14.40 – toss for 2<sup>nd</sup> match  
15.00 – lunch is stopped being served  
15.00 – Afternoon Tour Group leaves.  
15.00 – Match 2 start  
16.00 – drinks  
17.00 – innings change  
17.15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> innings start  
18.15 – drinks  
19.15 – match closure(showers available at the ground)  
19.30 – Afternoon Tour Group returns.  
20.00 – dinner at the ground  
21.30 – entertainment  
23.00 – first bus back to accommodation  
23.30 – first bus arrives back to accommodation  
01.30 – last bus back to accommodation  
02.00 – 2nd bus arrives back to accommodation

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June:**

06.30 – 10.00 - breakfast  
09.00 – pickup morning playing teams and other interested parties.  
09.40 – toss for first match  
10.00 – Match 1 start.  
11.00 – drinks  
12.00 – innings change  
12.15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> innings start  
12.30 – pickup of 2<sup>nd</sup> match playing teams and other interested parties.  
13.00 – lunch begins for non playing people.  
13.15 – drinks  
14.15 – match closure(showers available at the ground)  
14.40 – toss for 2<sup>nd</sup> match  
15.00 – lunch is stopped being served  
15.00 – Match 2 start  
16.00 – drinks  
17.00 – innings change  
17.15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> innings start  
18.15 – drinks  
19.15 – match closure(showers available at the ground)  
20.00 – dinner at the ground  
21.00 – trophy and prize presentations  
21.30 – entertainment  
23.00 – first bus back to accommodation  
23.30 – first bus arrives back to accommodation  
01.30 – last bus back to accommodation  
02.00 – 2nd bus arrives back to accommodation

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of June:**

06.30 – 09.00 – Breakfast

09.00 – Bus to Stockholm

11.00 – arrive at Stockholm accommodation

11.00 – free time

We will provide a list of recommended things to do and when to do them. You will also have you Stockholm Gold Pass – enabling you to do almost anything for free for 3 days. Remember, the daylight never goes away!

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of June:**

06.30 – 10.00 – Breakfast

Free time

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of June:**

06.30 – 10.00 – Breakfast

Free time

20.00 – bus from Central Station to the airport.

21.45 – depart to London

22.55 GMT – arrive at London (probably Stansted.)

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best regards

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PS: If you know any other club or person who may be interested please forward them this information.