

RIK-ANDERS in the village of Asta in Söderala parish has a mansion-style architecture with interiors inspired by the upper classes.

Inside the house, the rooms are in two rows and there is a grand room for festivities on the upper floor.

The large upstairs festivity room at Erik-Anders occupies the entire width of the house. The walls are divided into marbled panels with light blue stencil-painted borders. The festivity room was painted around the year 1850 by the famous Knutes family from Dalarna, a painter family who worked extensively in Hälsingland. The upper hallway has fine marbled walls in grey tones and mahogany furnishings. The farmhouse also has interiors from the 1920s and 1930s when the house was furnished for tenants.

Erik-Anders was named after Erik Andersson who built the farm in the 1820s. In the middle of the 19th century, one of his sons accompanied the religious leader Erik Jansson to Bishop Hill in America along with the so-called "Erikjansarna" movement.

Erik-Anders is today privately owned and open for visits in the summer. There is a hotel, cafe, shop and furniture exhibition and a garden that has been restored to as it was in 1920.





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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.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.varldsarvethalsingegardar.se

The farmhouse website:

www.erik-anders.se (in Swedish):

The farmhouse Visitor Center

www.stenegard.com www.varldsarvetgastgivars.se www.ol-anders.se www. erik-anders.se

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