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**The Rival Hotel** south of Mariahissen is another magical place. Red velvet seating, old movie photographs hanging on the walls, gold details and dimmed lights reign all throughout the building, giving it a sultry, almost cinematographic feel. All this is for a good reason, as the hotel houses a cinema in what used to be an old theatre next door. There’s also a café and a bistro upstairs, emanating a similar charm. As I later found out, The Rival Hotel is owned by Benny Andersson, a member of ABBA – which would explain the photo of the group hanging over my hotel bed! One of my favourite memories of Stockholm is waking up to the sight of the sun-drenched square outside The Rival, with townhouses towering over the trees. Magical!

