

Book about Sweden



Geography

Sweden is a quite cold country in Europe with four seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter. We have a cold winter since Sweden is one of the most northern countries in Europe.

Sweden belongs to Scandinavia with four other countries; Iceland, Norway, Denmark and Finland. These five countries (including Sweden) are the most northern countries in Europe. Sweden border on Norway and the two seas Skagerrak and Kattegat in the western area, in east we border on Finland and the seas Östersjön and Bottenviken, in south Sweden border on Denmark.

The language we speak in Sweden is Swedish but we also learn English and either Spanish, French or German at school.

The Saamis are an indigenous people live in the north of Sweden and their mother tongue Lappish. Many saamis are living in Finland too, so some of them speak Finnish. Sweden is a pretty big country according to the area in Europe.

Of whole forty nine countries in Europe Sweden is the fifth biggest. In the whole world there are about two hundred countries and to the area Sweden is approximately the sixty:th biggest.

Sweden has a small population compare to the area. there are about twenty people per square meter.

Sweden is divided into something called "landskap" in Swedish. It's like the states in USA but without own laws. We who live in Gothenburg also live in the "landscape" Västergötland.

The Swedish area is 449 964 square meters and the population is about 9,5 millions. The Swedish flag is blue and yellow. It's a blue background with a yellow cross.

Text: <http://www.wikipedia.org>

Swedish climate

Sweden is a very oblong country. The distance from north to south is 1574 km. Swedens area is 450 000 km². Sweden is the third largest country in Western Europe. About 9,5 million people live in Sweden but only 21 people live per square meter. Sweden has a low population density.



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Sweden has a temperate climate except the northern parts of Sweden. In Sweden we have four seasons. Swedish climate is depended on the Gulf Stream, which makes Sweden warmer and drier than it would be otherwise.

In south of Sweden you can find a oceanic climate. The water (Gulf Stream) evens out the temperature so the winters are relatively mild and the summers are not very hot. In the central parts of Sweden has a humid continental climate. The temperature is more extreme than on the coast. It also rains more. The northern parts has a subarctic climate.

The temperatures varies a lot. In the south the average temperature is 20 to 25 °C in the summer and an average temperatures of -4 to 2 °C in winter but in the north parts it's alot cooler. An interesting face is in the north of Sweden in the summer the sun never goes down. **(Midnight sun)**

Agriculture

Know when you know more about the climate you probably can guess that the agriculture varies depending on where you live in Sweden.

Historically Sweden was depending on holding a life stock as crops couldn't grow all year. Nowadays we can import food and doesn't have to starve to death or migrate.

The south of Sweden is most suited for growing cereal. In the rest of Sweden is better suited for holding livestock and forestry.

System of government



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Sweden is a democratic country. We have an election every 4:th year with different political parties with different opinions. Every one that is over eighteen has the right to vote on the partie that they want to represent Sweden for the next four years.

Sweden has a written constitution consisting of four different laws.

The 1810 Act of Succession (*Successionsordningen*)

The 1949 Freedom of the Press Act (*Tryckfrihetsförordningen*)

The 1974 Instrument of Government (*Regeringsformen*)

The 1991 Fundamental Law on Freedom of Expression (*Yttrandefrihetsgrundlagen*)

The constitution is harder to change than all the other laws.

The first one is the form of government and it stands for that we must have a prime minister and that we must have elections every fourth year.

The second one is succession, and it stands for that the first born child to the king takes over the throne when the king dies. It's also about how we choose are prime minister.

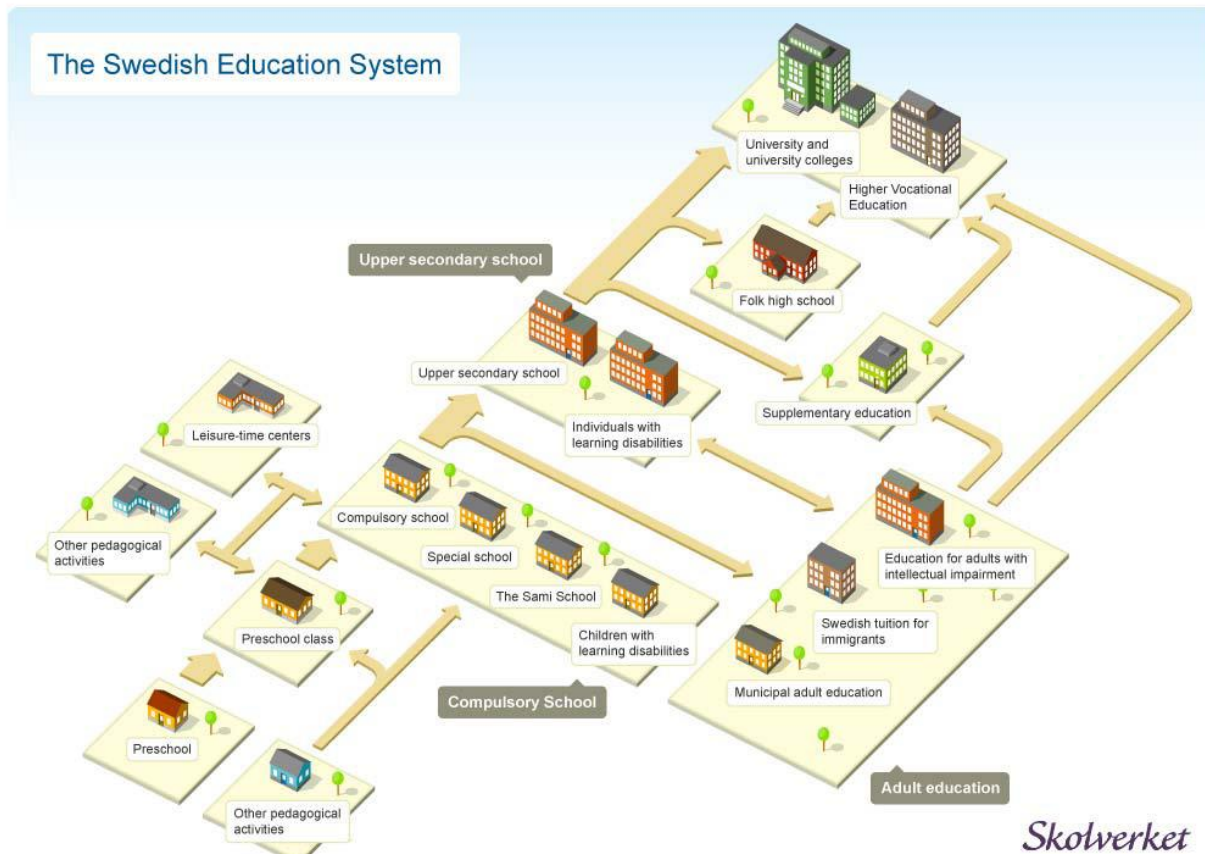
The third and the fourth is quite similar. They are the freedom of the press and the freedom of the speech. They are about that you have the right to think and say what you want as long as it doesn't hurt anyone in newspapers, on the radio, tv and so one.

Sweden has a king and a queen too. But they don't have any power, they just represent our country.



H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf; H.M. Queen Silvia

School system



In Sweden everyone has to go to school between first and ninth grade, from seven till sixteen years old. And when you're done with the ninth grade you can choose to go on with high school for three years, and almost everyone does that. But your grades matters, the higher grades, the more high schools too go to.

When the kids are six they can go to preschool. Everyone will be offered a place, but you don't have to go. But in pre-school you learn the basics like counting or a little spelling and reading. So almost every everyone chooses to go to preschool, even if you don't have to. And after pre-school you'll start first grade, in the age of seven, and that is when you're nine years of school just started!

The Primary school is from the age 7-9, grade 1-3, middle school is age 10-12, grade 4-6 and secondary school is from the age 13-15, grade 7-9. And when you are 16 you'll start high school, and you're done with high school in an age of 19.

And many people also going to a kindergarten, and that's from the age of one. There you can learn some letters, but that's not until you're four or five you start learning things in kindergarten. When you're one to three or four years old, you just play or draw. And then, when they are six they starts the "real" school.

You have to go nine years in school, and the education is always free, and so is the school lunch. So once a day school service a lunch for all the kids.

The Swedish school doesn't have school uniforms. So the kids can wear any clothes they want. The Swedish school is free. But when you go in the first grade up till the high school you may have to pay if you lose your book or break something, for example a chair or a table.

You go to school five days a week, Monday to Friday. And then you're free Saturday and Sunday.

A typical day in school

We come to school at 8.00 am most of the days. But sometimes we could sleep a little bit longer and then we begin around 10 am.

On Fridays we begin at 8.10 am with arts and crafts for one hour and ten minutes, in that subject we work with wood or sewing. Then we have social studies and that starts at 9.25 and we have that for 100 minutes, in that subject we read about history, religion, geography and social studies. After that it is time for lunch, that is actually free in Sweden. After lunch we have break for 30 minutes and then we have Spanish, French or German at 12.00 pm for 50 minutes. In the sixth grade you choose which language you want to read, and that language you read up to ninth grade. After that we have English at 13.00 for 50 minutes and then the school day is over at 13.50.

The other subjects that we read other days:

Nature studies: In that subject we read about chemistry, physics, biology and technology.

Swedish: We read about how to spell words, grammar and stuff like that.

Math: We work with that like in every other country.

PE: In that subject we do like in every other country.

Rules in school

We don't have that many rules in school.

But you need to be on time and and bring your material.

We have the same rules as society, meaning zero tolerance for harassment, bullying and violence.

You cannot eat sweets or chew chewing gum in class.

You may not disturb the class.

You can use technology as long as it doesn't disturb the class.

You are not allowed play dangerous games.

You are not allowed to take pictures without asking the person you take a photo of.

Social activities.



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Here in **Möln dal** we have a museum and you can visit our famous leisure park Åby where you can go swimming or you can go and play football on the football fields behind all the buildings. Actually Gothia cup plays on its fields. And you can also go skating at our outdoor track or practice athletics

Many people is in some sport clubs, and some of them are Möln dals Football, Fässberg (football clubs with boys team) or Jitex (football club with women and girls team. Jitex's womens team is very successful) Besides football Möln dal also have a hockey team; Möln dals hockey, basketball team: Kvarnby basket and many many more clubs like athletics, rowing.

We also have a place called Aktiviteten where you and your friends can play bowling and many more things!

There are many different cafés where you can sit down and relax with a little refreshment. For example a frozen yoghurt bar that has the best frozen yoghurt even better than ice-cream!

We have Molndals center where we have a small mall there you and your friends can hang out.

The three best things about Sweden

1. Free Education and free healthcare.

This means all school in Sweden is free even the private ones.

This also means that the health care is free and dental care until the age of 21.

2. 480 days of paid parental leave. Which will be divided between the mother and the father (and swedish fathers are quite good at staying home with their children. (You are also allowed to be home if your child is ill and keep 80% of your salary)

3. Allemansrätt =The Right of Public Access gives everybody the freedom to roam the Swedish countryside. But there are some things you must keep in mind when you are out walking, camping, climbing, picking flowers or doing something else in the countryside. 55% of Sweden is cover with forest so it is enough for everyone.

In the swedish woods it grows a lot of mushrooms and berries. You can pick as much as you want. As long as they not are protected. And of course you can not disturb or destroy.

(Runners up...

Ikea, you now the big market there you can buy furniture and everything to your home. And it says that everyone has at least one piece of furniture from Ikea i all Swedish homes, and that a belive is true.

It was Ingvar Kamprad who came upon the idea of Ikea.

Zlatan, if you don't know who it is i will be really disappointed in you.
But anyway... It is one of the most skillful football players in the world)

The 3 worst things about Sweden

1. The weather. It's cold and rains a lot. Swedish rain doesn't behave like normal rain. It's like it's raining from underneath. It's cold. Did I mention that it rains alot...

2. Sweden democrats, a racist party got 13% of the votes in the last election. Not good at all.

3. Swedes like conformity, we don't want to stand out. We want to be different but in the same way as everyone else.

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