

VÄLKOMMEN

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DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Sweden is a big country with a long coastline and 10 million inhabitants;
- only 2.6 people per km² live in northern Sweden, while in the capital, Stockholm, the ratio is 2,500 people per km²;
- Sweden has 350,000 elks, 290 municipalities and 5 minority languages;
- the most popular sport is football but it is Sweden's national ice hockey team that has won the most medals in international competition;
- parents in Sweden are entitled to share 480 days of parental benefit with 90 days reserved for the father;
- all Swedish children are familiar with Pippi Longstocking, who was the inspiration for Lisbeth Salander in Stieg Larsson's Millennium series; and
- Spotify, the Swedish music streaming service, has around 180 million users.



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LEARN SWEDISH

Open up the door to Nordic society and culture.

WHY SWEDISH?

Literature, film, music, design, the draw of nature, as well as the focus on sustainability and gender equality. Alfred Nobel, Crown Princess Victoria, Zlatan 'Ibra' Ibrahimović. Yes, indeed, there are plenty of reasons for learning Swedish!

The best way to gain a closer understanding of a country's culture and society is to learn its language. Even if you only plan to work or study in Sweden for a short while, having a basic knowledge of Swedish is important. Learning the language not only makes it easier to interact with people in Sweden, but also teaches you a lot about the country itself. And once you've grasped Swedish, you can passively understand Norwegian and a little Danish as well. So you get two extra languages for free.

WHERE TO STUDY SWEDISH

You can study Swedish in many countries. More than 225 universities in some 40 countries offer Swedish language studies – see the Swedish Institute website for addresses. A Swedish embassy near you can also guide you to available evening courses. If you prefer to study Swedish online, you can sign up for *Learning Swedish*, a free beginner's course with the option of paying for tutorial support.

si.se/en

swedenabroad.se

learningswedish.se



Swedes say **HEJ** when greeting one another.



and drink loads of coffee when they **FIKAR**.

Swedes always watch **VÄDERLEKSRAPPORTEN**



and they **CYKLAR** whenever they can.



WHAT DO SWEDES DO?

Swedes also love being out in **NATUREN**



Swedes **BADAR BASTU** when the rest of the world talks about saunas.

After a long, dark winter, Swedes sit in **SOLEN** as soon as it comes out.

