

# Sweden

**Capital City:** Stockholm

**Population:** 9.960.487- 22 people per km2

**Size:** 450.295km2

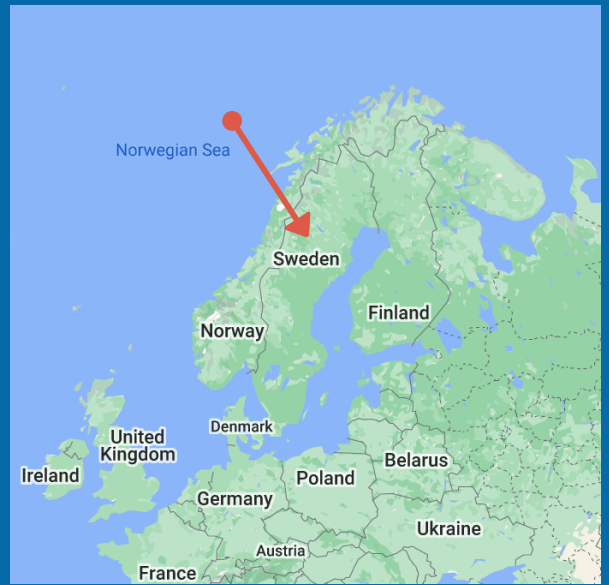
**Language:** Swedish

**Climate:** temperate climate / 4 seasons

**Natural Resources:** copper, gold, hydropower, iron ore, lead, silver, timber, uranium, and zin

**Currency:** SEK - Swedish Krone

**Bordering Countries:** Finland, Norway, (via bridge) Denmark



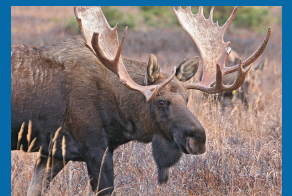
## FLAG



The blue represents justice, loyalty, truth, vigilance and perseverance. The yellow or gold color used on the cross is a representation of generosity.

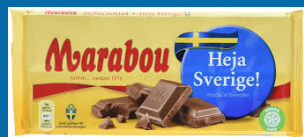
## ANIMALS

- Moose
- Deer
- Lynx
- Fox



## FOOD

- Crayfish
- Knaeckebroard (crisps bread)
- Meatballs
- Marinated Salmon with dill potatoes
- Polkargris
- Marabou Chocolate



## FAMOUS FOR

- IKEA
- Spotify
- Vovo Saab
- Minecraft
- H&M
- Ice Hotel
- Nobel Prize
- Red wooden houses



## FUN FACTS

**IKEA** is the an acronym for the founder's initials (Ingvar Kamprad), the farm on which he grew up (Elmtaryd), and the farm's town (Agunnaryd) – was founded in 1943.

### Why are most houses red?

The red color, known as Falu röda, allows the wood to breathe and to release moisture quickly. The minerals of this natural color preserve the wood and it helps to last longer. It goes back to a mine in the city Falun when this colour was a by product of the mine and a cheap way to paint houses.

## CELEBRITIES

- ABBA ( 🎵 )
- Roxette ( 🎵 )
- Stieg Larsson
- Zlatan Ibrahimović
- Greta Thunberg
- Avicii ( 🎵 )
- Ingmar Bergman
- Astrid Lindgren

## HOLIDAYS / TRADITIONS

**Midsummer** - takes place in June and is a celebration of the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. It is one of the most celebrated holidays in Sweden. A maypole is created and raised during the day, which people gather around to dance and sing.



**Lucia** - one of the biggest celebrations on December 13th, which was the shorfes day of the year (winter solstice). celebrated by a girl dressing in a white dress with a red sash round her waist and a crown of candles on her head.



**Christmas** - The main celebration, with a tree, traditional Christmas food in buffet style and the exchange of gifts takes place on Christmas Eve, 24th Dec.

