

## LET'S GO EXPLORING SWEDEN (del 1)

Camping by tent (tält) mobile home/campervan (husbil) or caravan (husvagn) is very popular in Sweden. A caravan or campervan are great economical ways to see the country. There are plenty companies that hire them out. Swedes will put up for a season on one site for months at a time. They will go off to work & return to the campsite on a Friday evening. Many will use their campervan in winter & park up at a ski resort for a week or month.

A lot of Swedes also own a summer house (sommarstuga/fritidshus) usually by a lake somewhere. The sommarstugor are usually very basic. They don't all have plumbed in water, toilets or sewage. They use lake water or wells & build composting toilets. Not all have electricity either. They enjoy going back to basics & switching off to the hubbly bubble of the tech world & day to day stresses.

Are there any vacancies?

> Finns det några lediga platser?

» Jag, det finns 3 platser. Vilken tid kommer du?

» Nej tyvärr är vi fullbokade fram till onsdag.

Can I plug my campervan/caravan into electricity?

> Kan jag ansluta min husbil / husvagn till elen?

Are there showers and toilets?

> Finns det duschar och toaletter?

How much is it for a night / 2 weeks /month?

> Hur mycket kostar det för en natt / 2 veckor / en månad?

Are there any discounts for a month?

> Finns det några rabatter på en månad?

Can we hire bicycles?

> Kan vi hyra cyklar?

Are there any boats / kayaks we can hire?

> Finns det några båtar / kajaker vi kan hyra?

Fritidsluft = outdoor leisure

What time do we check out and leave?

> Vilken tid måste vi checka ut och lämna?

Is there a shop/restaurant on site?

> Finns det en butik och restaurang på plats?

Can you recommend places to visit near by?

> Kan du rekommendera platser att besöka i närheten?

Can I get a bus from here and where can I buy a ticket?

> Kan jag få en buss från här och var kan jag köpa en biljett?

Can we fish on the lake and do we need a permit?

> Kan vi fiska på sjön och behöver vi ett tillstånd?

## LET'S GO EXPLORING SWEDEN (del 2)

So camping isn't your thing, the hotels are to a very good standard. There are some B&B places similar to England.

In Sweden they have Vandrarhem. These are hostels, you rent a bed usually a bunk bed in a room (dormitory style) that can be either mixed sexes or single sex. Check before booking. They usually have communal lounges & some have access to a kitchen. Normally shared bathrooms. They are a cheap way to have a short stay in a town. Great if backpacking or on a budget & a good way to meet interesting people. Usually no booking or cancellation fees.

Hotels are plentiful. They will as most do weekend or midweek deals. If you ask they may also give a discount if you book direct if you say how much the online booking sites charge. This is because they actually get less if you use a booking site as they pay a fee for the booking. I've had some very nice rooms booked this way, especially if booking a room on the day.

Do you have a single / twin / double room available?  
> har du ett enkelrum / tvåbäddsrum / dubbelrum tillgängligt?

Is breakfast included?  
> Ingår frukost?

What time is breakfast?  
> När är det frukost?

Is room service available?  
> Finns rumservice tillgängligt?

Are there any leisure facilities?  
> Finns det några fritidsanläggningar?

\*\*\* Some hotels provide basic business facilities that customers can use. A bit like an Internet cafe where you pay as you go.

Is there a printer I can use?  
> Finns det en skrivare jag kan använda, snälla?

Pool = simbassäng / pool  
Sauna = bastu  
Steam room = ångbastu  
Gym = gym

What time is check out?  
> Vad är tiden för utcheckning?

Can you please call a taxi?  
> Snälla kan du ringa mig en taxi?

Where can I buy a Stockholm Card / Göteborg Card / Malmö Card?

> Var kan jag köpa ett Stockholm-kort / Göteborg-kort / Malmö-kort?

These are discount cards for 1,2 or 3 days giving free travel on buses, trams & trains, within a set area or district. Also a discount on some ferries plus discounts or free entry into museums & galleries. In Stockholm it gave a discount into the Royal Palace too. They are well worth it if you're going for a long weekend break.