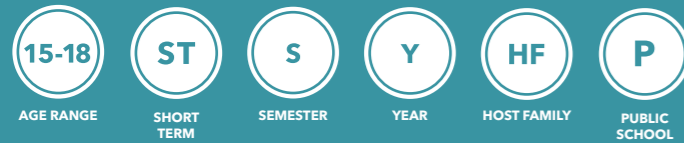


SWEDEN CLASSIC



THE SCHOOL

Public schools in Sweden are free and consist of nine years of compulsory education for children aged 7 to 16. The three year high school is optional, but most students choose to add this to their studies. The grading system in Sweden is comprised of six different levels, A - F, A being the highest and F being a failing grade. Swedish students go to school Monday through Friday, and classes generally start at eight and finish at around three or four o'clock. Teachers usually combine lectures with study-group work or projects.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Full Zapp application
- Good health
- Good grades (minimum C average)
- Good knowledge of English
- Skype interview before acceptance

THE CULTURE

Swedish teenagers are generally good English speakers but are also a bit shy, so be prepared to take the first step to initiate a conversation. Your students should ask them what they do in their spare time, on weekends etc. and ask if they can join them. It can be challenging to make friends with Swedes because of this, but the friends you make are real friends and not just superficial acquaintances.

HOST FAMILY

Equality between men and women is highly valued, and it is common for mothers and fathers to split parental leave evenly. Most Swedes have a good general education and are well-informed about current events in the world. Immigration has transformed Sweden into a multicultural country, adding new ideas, types of food and traditions to Swedish life.

SPORTS

Sporting activities take place after school, in the local community, and will have to be arranged by the student and the host family whilst in the host country. Soccer is a big sport amongst both boys and girls and handball is also very popular in many Swedish communities.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All exchange students to Sweden are invited to participate in several excursions during the year. The excursions give students opportunities to make friends from all over the world while experiencing new and exciting parts of the Nordic countries. The excursions vary from year to year and the prices depend on what is included. Information and invitations will be sent by email after arrival in the host country.

COUNTRY INFORMATION

The country offers vast wilderness, lakes, forests, mountains, and a wide-stretched coast line. This is where Astrid Lindgren, (ABBA) and many famous musicians, authors, and actors were born. Swedish history dates back to the Vikings, although people have resided in the area for thousands of years. The country is about the size of California and spans around 2,000 kilometres from the southernmost point to the northern border. The three biggest cities are the capital Stockholm, Gothenburg (Göteborg) located on the west coast, and Malmö which is close to Denmark.

Area: 450,295 square kilometres

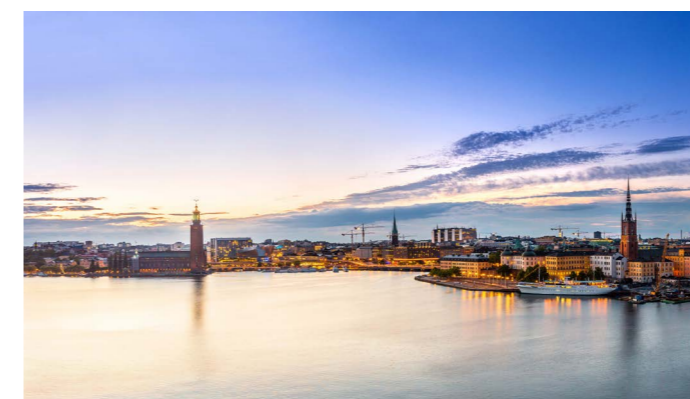
Population: 10 million

Capital: Stockholm

Language: Swedish

National holiday: 6th June

COUNTRY MAP



Age criteria:
15-18 years old

Starting months:
August and January

Language requirements:
Good English Skills

Visa:
Mandatory - extra fee apply

Preparation course:
STS Welcome Camp extra fees apply

School year: August - May/June

School day: 8:00 - 16:00

Subjects: Mandatory and optional subjects

Optional trips: Options to join trips during the year