

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

WEATHER AND CLOTHING

The wonderful summer comes to Lund in June and stays until mid-September. Summer temperature lies approx. between +17 - 30 degrees Celsius. In the autumn, September - November, rain starts to fall and the temperature decreases to app. + 5 degrees but can go below 0 degree Celsius. In December winter arrives again and snow might start to fall. Since Skåne, the very southern part of Sweden, is very flat it is a good idea to bring windproof and also warm clothing to Sweden.

CURRENCY AND MONEY EXCHANGE

The Swedish currency is called “krona” (SEK) and “öre” (100 öre =1 krona). Bank notes are available in denominations of 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1,000 kronor, coins in 1, 2, 5 and 10 kronor.

Note that Euro is not used in Sweden.

It is possible to change money at exchange offices at Copenhagen Airport, Malmö Airport and the Central Railway Station in Copenhagen and Malmö as well as the Forex office opposite Lund Central Railway Station.

Most major credit cards, like VISA, are accepted in Sweden.

SWEDISH HEALTH CARE

Emergencies or life-threatening situations should always be directed to 112, the Swedish emergency number. For urgent medical care, you may need to visit the hospital. The Lund University hospital (Universitetssjukhuset), one of Sweden’s leading university hospitals, is conveniently located in the city centre.

ABOUT SWEDEN

Sweden is ranked among the top five countries in the world when it comes to providing higher education. It is a modern, safe and eco-conscious country with a great global reputation and one of the world's highest living standards. Home of the Nobel Prize, the world's most prestigious academic distinction, Sweden enjoys great international respect for innovative and creative thinking and for encouraging close cooperation between academia and industry. Lund University counts four Nobel laureates among its alumni.

Language

Standard Swedish, used by most Swedish people, is the national language. It has evolved from different Central Swedish dialects during the 19th century and it became well established in the beginning of the 20th century. Swedish is a northern Germanic language, spoken by almost 10 million people. Norwegian, Danish and Swedish people normally understand each other, but Finnish is completely different, with its roots in what are called the Uralic languages.

English is the unofficial second language in Sweden. Swedish children study English from the 4th grade and most foreign TV-shows and movies in Sweden are in their original language with Swedish subtitles. With 89% of the population fluent in the language, you can get by with English throughout the whole country. However, a basic understanding of the Swedish language is generally required if you plan to work in Sweden.

Religion

In practice, Sweden is a very secular nation, but the many church buildings across the country bear witness to a long historical presence of the Christian faith. 70% of the population in Sweden are members of the Church of Sweden, which is Lutheran. Around 160,000 Catholics are registered in Sweden and the Muslim community makes up the largest single group of non-Christians.

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT SWEDEN

Population: 10 million inhabitants

Capital: Stockholm

Life expectancy: Men 80,1 years, women 83,7 years

Form of government: Constitutional monarchy, with parliamentary democracy

Parliament: The Swedish Riksdag, with 349 members in a single chamber

Head of State: His Majesty the King, Carl XVI Gustaf

Head of Government: Prime Minister

Education: Nine years of compulsory schooling, but most pupils continue with a three-year upper secondary school. Around one third of all pupils go on to higher education at universities and colleges

ABOUT THE ORESUND REGION

The Oresund Region comprises of Skåne and eastern Denmark, with a total of 4 million inhabitants, 14 000 researchers, 190 000 students, 19 research parks and incubators and 17 higher education institutions. This makes the Oresund Region one of Scandinavia's most knowledge-intensive areas. Start-ups work side by side with well-known international companies, which have often chosen to locate part of their activities here in order to make the most of the region's unique dynamism and innovative expertise.

- The Oresund Region: one of the world's strongest research regions
- The highest concentration of highly-qualified workers in northern Europe
- 17 universities
- 190 000 students
- 14 000 researchers
- A hub for ideas, science and culture
- A large proportion of the business sector has its origins in research
- International airport (Copenhagen)

SKÅNE

Lund is situated in the region of Skåne, located in southern Sweden. In the early 17th century, Skåne was Denmark's most prosperous regions, it went on to become a well-torn area that was marked by war. In the middle of the century it became Swedish. After that they worked on making the population of Skåne Swedish, they had to provide the oath and accept new taxes and regulations that differed from Danish law.

Lund

The city of Ideas, with its 120.000 inhabitants, is a place where academia, business, culture and nature thrive. All within bicycle distance. The University campus occupies large areas of the city. Students and researchers, coming from over 130 countries, creates a truly international and vibrant atmosphere. Lund is a city of contrasts in which a thousand years of history meet the very latest in modern science. The city centre is small and picturesque, with many historical features such as the cathedral and the winding cobble-stoned streets.

Some innovations from Lund:

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| 1944 | The Tetra Pak tetrahedron | 2005 | Hövding – invisible bicycle helmet with airbag function |
| 1946 | The artificial kidney (Gambro) | 2007 | A1M Pharma – diagnosis and treatment of pre-eclampsia |
| 1953 | Diagnostic ultrasound | 2010 | SenzaGen – allergy testing without experiments on animals |
| 1966 | Bricanyl – asthma medicine | 2011 | cTrap – cloth that blocks toxic substances on humidity-damaged surfaces |
| 1967 | Nicorette – nicotine gum to quit smoking | 2012 | Orbital Systems – the world's most water-efficient shower |
| 1971 | Modern ventilator (ServoVentilator) | 2013 | Endodrill – instrument for cancer diagnostics |
| 1984 | Axis – printer and camera servers | 2015 | Uniti – electric city car |
| 1990 | Oatly – oat drink | | |
| 1991 | Proviva – probiotic fruit drink | | |
| 1993 | Qlik – software for data visualisation | | |
| 1995 | Bluetooth | | |
| 1997 | Precise Biometrics – fingerprint reader | | |



As one of the oldest cities in Sweden dating back to 990, Lund is a city of contrasts where 1 000 years of history blend with modern knowledge and ideas. In Lund, you find the charm of a small picturesque, cobble-stoned city, side-by side with big city attractions such as services, shopping, restaurants and cultural events.

The University is a strong influence on Lund city, and several university buildings are located in the heart of the city. The combination of businesses, students and researchers from around the world has given birth to Lund's unique character. The Malmö region, including Lund, is the 4th most inventive region in the world. Sweden's first and most successful research park, Ideon, is situated in Lund, and the country's two largest research ventures, MAX IV Laboratory and the European Spallation Source (ESS) are located here.

Malmö

Malmö is Sweden's 3rd largest city with 303 000 residents and offers many interesting sights and places to visit; including the Turning Torso - the tallest building in Sweden located in the modern Västra Hamnen waterfront area, the Moderna Museet, Malmöhus Castle, Stortorget - the main square, built in 1536 and the trendy bars and restaurants in the charming Lilla Torg, built in 1592. Malmö also has many beautiful parks including Pildammsparken and Folkets Park. The annual Malmö Festival takes place in August and features top bands, dance, sport, international food stalls and other entertainment. There are also other events taking place in Malmö year round.

For more information, visit the Lund Tourism Center located at Botulfsgatan 1A, 223 50 Lund (<http://www.visitlund.se/en>).

Copenhagen, Denmark

Copenhagen is located less than 1 hour from Lund and 35 minutes from Malmö. Copenhagen is the capital of Denmark and the largest city in Scandinavia. Copenhagen Airport is a major international hub for air travel with plenty of worldwide connections. There are frequent train connections from Lund and Malmö to Copenhagen Airport. The journey from Copenhagen Airport to Lund takes approximately 35 minutes.