

Some tips about Sweden!

Sweden tip #1 Don't ignore the line culture

Swedes love their line etiquette, and passionately adhere to it, even when there is no obvious line. Whether it's at the bus, or the ferry, travelers should use caution not to jump any lines and flout the line culture of Sweden.

Sweden tip #2 Don't wear shoes inside a Swedish home

For travelers fortunate enough to be invited into a Swedish home, it's important to remove shoes first. There is usually a place to put shoes near the door

Sweden tip #3 Don't forget a credit card with a pin

They don't always take cash in Sweden, and to use a credit card, a pin is often required. Transactions will go much smoother in Sweden if a pin is readily available with a credit card purchase.

Sweden tip #4 Don't bring euros

Sweden uses the Swedish crown, or the krona. Going back to #3, don't take a bunch of money from the ATM, as you'll most often use a credit card in Sweden, so you won't need much cash to get by.

Sweden tip #5 Don't ignore personal space

Swedes value their personal space. Unless you're in a crowd, you should never stand too close to people, even the cashier in a shop. And you definitely shouldn't sit next to somebody on a bus if there is an open seat for you elsewhere. This custom is pretty similar to culture in the U.S. and many other countries, so just be mindful of personal space.

Sweden tip #6 Fika a daily tradition

Fika is a favorite daily tradition in Sweden, where Swedes get together for a social break of coffee, sweets, and friends. Most people try to do this once a day, so be ready to participate if you want to make some new friends.

Sweden tip #7 Don't litter

Sweden is an extremely environmentally conscious country, so littering and failing to recycle properly is extremely frowned upon. If you can't find a garbage can the moment you need one, just hold on to your trash until you can dispose of it properly.

Sweden tip #8 Drink bottled water

Because the Swedes are so aware of the environment and cautious of pollution, you won't find many people drinking bottled water. Plastic water bottles make a lot of trash, so the Swedes prefer to drink water from the tap.