

Interesting Facts about Sweden

- The official name of Sweden is 'The Kingdom of Sweden'. The official language of the country is Swedish.
- Sweden is situated in northern Europe, with its capital being Stockholm. Sweden is surrounded by Lake Mälaren on the west and the Baltic Sea on the east.
- Sweden is the 5th largest European country, in terms of land area, after Russia, Ukraine, France and Spain. Sweden has an area of approximately 449,964 sq. km.
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- All the Tsars of Russia till the last one, Nicholas II, were of Swedish Viking descent.
- Some of the greatest pop bands and singers are Swedish, viz. Abba, Roxette, Ace of Base, A*Teens, The Cardigans, Robyn, etc.
- Sweden has the highest number of McDonald restaurants, per capita, in Europe.
- The first ice hotel of the world was built near the village of Jukkasjärvi, in Kiruna district of Sweden.
- The Goths, the Suevirs and the Norsemen (Vikings) trace their origin back to Sweden, making it the homeland of the Germanic ethnicity and culture.
- Swedes have been known for a number of inventions, including astronomical lens, zipper, marine propeller, refrigerator, computer mouse and pace-maker.
- The Nobel Prizes were founded by Alfred Nobel, a Swede who invented dynamite in 1866.
- The favorite dish of Swedes usually comprises of meatballs, with potatoes and lingonberry sauce.
- A popular souvenir in Sweden is the road sign for moose-crossing. Surprisingly, a large number of these signs are stolen from Swedish roads every year.
- Sweden is popularly known as 'The Land of the Midnight Sun' and 'The Land of the Vikings'.