

If driving a car in Sweden, one should be aware that the laws against driving under the influence of alcohol are not only extremely strict, but are diligently enforced by the police.

Passports

Holders of valid Canadian passports do not require visas for visits which do not last longer than three months. A passport should always be kept current. Also, it is always advisable that a proof of citizenship and information such as when the passport was issued, where and its number should be kept in a safe place in case the passport is stolen or lost.

Health Insurance

Sweden has a comprehensive, modern and sophisticated health care system which is offered free to its citizens. However, foreigners must pay for health services. Visitors from Canada will be reimbursed from their provincial health plans, but only up to scheduled amounts normally allowed for the services if they were provided in Canada. The costs for similar services provided to foreigners in Sweden may or may not exceed the scheduled amounts. Therefore, it is always useful to purchase out-of-Canada supplemental health insurance to avoid the possibility of having to pay the additional costs.

Customs

Visitors may bring into Sweden duty-free, 200 cigarettes or 250 g of tobacco, one litre spirits, one litre wine and two litres of beer. Medicine may be brought in, if for personal use, and narcotics, if accompanied by a medical certificate and personal use is not to exceed five days.

Hotels

There are good hotels in all of the large towns. Provincial and county hotels are less elaborate, but always clean. Motels on the outskirts of most large towns provide good value for persons travelling by car.