

About Gothenburg and Pedagogen

GOTHENBURG has been characterized by commerce, ocean trade and international contacts ever since the city was founded in 1621. It is a vibrant city with a charming and relaxed atmosphere. It has a great reputation as a clean, green and safe city with a friendly welcome for visitors. The compact city centre, built around the canals, offers everything a big city should and all within easy walking distance.

PEDAGOGEN, which hosts FACULTY OF EDUCATION, was built on rediscovered original fortifications from the old fortified city. Pedagogen is situated within the old moat Vallgraven in the city centre of Gothenburg, within walking distance to the main culinary sights of Gothenburg – *Feskekörka* fish market hall and *Saluhallen* market hall. Some of the most popular attractions in Gothenburg is not far from Pedagogen: the *Got*

henburg Opera House

, the

Museum of World Culture

, the

Gothenburg Museum of Art

and the amusement park

Liseberg

. If possible, also take the chance to visit the beautiful Gothenburg archipelago – trams, buses and ferries will take you there.

Getting to Gothenburg

Airport Information

Twenty-five kilometres east of the city, Landvetter airport (+46 (0)31 94 10 00; www.landvetter.lfv.se) has

direct flights to European cities including Amsterdam (KLM), Brussels (SN Brussels), Copenhagen (SAS), Frankfurt (Lufthansa and SAS), Helsinki (Finnair, Blue1 and City Airline), London (SAS), Manchester (City Airline), Munich (Lufthansa), Oslo (Wideroe) and Paris (Air France).

Göteborg City Airport (+46 (0)31 92 60 60; www.goteborg-airport.se), some 15km north of the city at Säve, is used by Ryanair for budget flights to London Stansted, Glasgow and Frankfurt.

Read more: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/sweden/gotaland/goteborg/transport/getting-there-away#ixzz2LKmN1XYy>

Visas & Letters of Invitation

Consular information for foreigners traveling to xx can be found at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website:

No visa required for citizens of EU countries, USA, Canada and Latin America. No visa required for citizens of most European countries, some exceptions are: Russia, Ukraine and Moldova.

To learn if you will require an entry visa into xxx please visit the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority website at:

Please apply for your visa well in advance of your journey.

General Information for your Stay

Timezone

The local time in Gothenburg is GMT+1 hour.

For more detailed information, please visit: <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=291>

Weather

See forecast for current information: [Weather forecast for Gothenburg](#)

Currency, Credit Cards and Exchange Rate

The currency unit in Gothenburg is the Swedish Krona SEK

1 EUR = 8.4481 SEK

1 USD = 6.3149 SEK

There are some on-line currency converters available, please take a look at:

<http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>
<http://www.google.com/finance/converter>

Major credit cards are widely accepted throughout Sweden (some restriction may apply to American Express).

Please note! In order to pay or withdraw cash with your credit card it requires that you have a card with chip and PIN (Personal Identification Number). The older magnetic-stripe cards won't work.

You can get cash with your Visa, MasterCard, Maestro or Cirrus card at any "Bankomat" or "Utagsautomat" ATM.

Taxes

There is a Government tax and Goods & Services Tax in hotels.

Tax-free shopping

If you reside outside the European Union (EU), you are entitled to a tax refund on your purchases. In Sweden, as in most European countries, Value Added Tax is included in the sales price on the tag.

Tax Free Shopping by Global Blue is a simple system that puts cash in your hand when you leave the EU. You get refunds of up to 19% on your purchases. The minimum purchase is SEK 200.

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Banking hours

Monday-Friday 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Thursday 10.00 am – 4.00/5.30 pm

In some cities banks may stay open until 6 pm. All banks are closed at weekends and on public holidays. Banks at airports, ports and main railway stations are generally open longer.

Shopping hours

Monday-Friday 9.30 am - 6 pm

Saturday 9.30 am - 2/4 pm

In larger towns, department stores remain open until 7.00 pm or longer. Some are also open on Sundays between approx. 12 noon and 4.00 pm. Shops generally close early the day before a public holiday.

Business Hours

- Bank Hours: In general, banking hours are 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday and 9:30 am to 11:30 am on Saturdays
- Office Hours: Most offices are open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays.
- Shop Hours: Shops are generally open from 10 am to 9 pm from Monday through Saturday. Most are open on Sundays.

Electricity

The normal electric current in Sweden is 220 volts AC in 50 cycles, and plugs and sockets may differ from those in other parts of the world, so travellers should bring adapters or transformers for electrical appliances such as hairdryers and shavers.

Some hotels and shops in larger cities can supply adapters

Electronic equipment: Laptop computers that are made to work on both 110 and 220 volts can be used in Sweden with an adapter. For laptop computers working on 110 volts only, transformers are also necessary.

Other Useful Information

Tour

General tourist information about Gothenburg can be obtained from official websites of the Gothenburg Tourism Board:

<http://www.stb.gov.sg>

<http://www.yoursingapore.com>

Dress

During the summer the weather in Sweden is mild and pleasant. Pack casual summer clothes, like a few medium-weight sweaters, a light jacket or raincoat. An overcoat might be necessary in September.

Comfortable, low-heeled shoes are important, not only for the countryside, but also for sightseeing along cobblestone streets in Gothenburg.

Swedes like fashion. However, they avoid standing out in glitzy attire and will never abandon their jeans for too long. In the restaurants and for business, a jacket and tie are expected for gentlemen. Trousers are acceptable for women on any occasion, including business.

Tipping

- A service charge is automatically included in most Swedish hotel bills. Tipping for special services provided by hotel staff is fine, but is not expected and is simply a matter of personal taste.
- At restaurants, a service charge is included in the bill, but a small gratuity is expected for evening meals.
- Taxi drivers should be given a few extra kronor.
- Porters and cloakroom attendants often charge fixed fees. Doormen at hotels and restaurants are tipped modestly.