



# Sweden

Sweden shares the Scandinavian Peninsula in Europe with Norway. It is one of the largest countries in Europe as far as its area is concerned, but not many people live in large parts of it. Over half the nation is forest, and part of it even lies inside the Arctic Circle. Because of this, there are times during summer when the sun never sets on this part of Sweden, earning it the nickname "Land of the Midnight Sun." This area is also where the Sami people lived, who used to be called Lapps by those outside Sweden.

The Gulf of Bothnia and the Baltic Sea are on its eastern coast. Its western coast borders the Kattegat, which is a small sea, and the Skagerrak, which is a strait that connects the North Sea to the Kattegat and then the Baltic Sea. This is an extremely important area for shipping. The nation is ruled by a constitutional monarchy and headed by a king or queen.

Most of Sweden's people live in the southern part of the country in the cities of Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmö, Linköping, Örebro, Uppsala, and Västerås.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Sweden! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? A little over half of the people in Sweden believe in Jesus, but there are many that don't understand yet that Jesus loves them. The country has freedom of religion, but some people are slowly starting to care more about everyday things than they do following Jesus or telling others.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Sweden? Here are a few things you can pray for. You can add more prayer requests to the list as you think of them!



Pray that people will have Bibles to read in whatever language they speak.



Pray for the people living in Stockholm, Helsingborg, Gothenburg, and Lund, plus every city and town to believe in Jesus.

