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Holidays and public holidays

Visiting Sweden?

Exploring Sweden by motorhome is a wonderful way to experience its forests, lakes, and long summer days. But public holidays can mean both charm and challenge: lively midsummer festivals and traditional celebrations on one hand, and closed shops or crowded roads on the other. Our guide to Sweden's public holidays in 2026, 2027, and 2028 helps international travellers plan ahead — showing when to join the festivities, and when to travel just before or after for quieter routes and easier overnight stops.

Sweden Public Holidays 2026–2028

| Holiday (EN) | Holiday (SV) | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| New Year's Day | Nyårsdagen | Thu 1 Jan | Fri 1 Jan | Sat 1 Jan |
| Epiphany | Trettondedag jul | Tue 6 Jan | Wed 6 Jan | Thu 6 Jan |
| Good Friday | Långfredagen | Fri 3 Apr | Fri 26 Mar | Fri 14 Apr |
| Easter Sunday | Påskdagen | Sun 5 Apr | Sat 27 Mar | Sun 16 Apr |
| Easter Monday | Annandag påsk | Mon 6 Apr | Mon 29 Mar | Mon 17 Apr |
| May Day (Labour Day) | Första maj | Fri 1 May | Sat 1 May | Mon 1 May |
| Ascension Day | Kristi himmelsfärdsdag | Thu 14 May | Thu 6 May | Thu 25 May |
| Whit Sunday (Pentecost) | Pingstdagen | Sun 24 May | Sun 16 May | Sun 4 Jun |
| National Day | Sveriges nationaldag | Sat 6 Jun | Sun 6 Jun | Tue 6 Jun |
| Midsummer Day | Midsommardagen | Sat 20 Jun | Sat 26 Jun | Sat 24 Jun |
| All Saints' Day | Alla helgons dag | Sat 31 Oct | Sat 6 Nov | Sat 4 Nov |
| Christmas Day | Juldagen | Fri 25 Dec | Sat 25 Dec | Mon 25 Dec |
| Boxing Day (St. Stephen's Day) | Annandag jul | Sat 26 Dec | Sun 26 Dec | Tue 26 Dec |

Tips for International Travellers

- Closures: On 1 May, 6 June, Midsummer, and Christmas, expect widespread closures of shops and services.
 Stock up the day before.
- Midsummer (late June) ? Sweden's biggest holiday, with maypoles, dancing, and family gatherings. Campsites and aires fill quickly book ahead.
- Easter & Pentecost ? popular for domestic travel, especially to the countryside.
- National Day (6 June) ? parades and cultural events in Stockholm and Gothenburg.
- Best opportunities:
 - Midsummer ? join traditional celebrations in Dalarna or Skansen (Stockholm).
 - Christmas ? festive markets in Stockholm, Gothenburg, and Malmö.
 - All Saints' Day? candlelit cemeteries, a quiet and moving tradition.
- Travel strategy:
 - Arrive early at popular aires before locals head out.
 - Use holidays to enjoy cultural events, or travel just before/after for quieter roads.