



# Shivering in Sweden

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Heading to Sweden to try my hand at skiing and experience some Scandinavian hospitality.

I took a Ryanair flight to Stockholm - fine for a no frills airline. No seat reservations mind, so its first in, first served and chaotic.

Luckily we had pre-booked a bus ticket to get into Stockholm city, as people who didn't book were stuck at the airport for the night because the coach was full and it was the last one for the night.

We stayed at Hotel Hansson, a 4 star hotel, which included breakfast but neglected to inform us about renovations on our level.

We found Stockholm to be very expensive to stay, eat, drink, sightsee and get around so I wouldn't advise staying too long. You can also be caught out paying 4 times the amount for a taxi ride if you don't pre-negotiate the price with them – we found this out the hard way.

We visited the Vasa Museum to see a restored sunken boat and did a sightseeing tour on a coach. Due to it being winter there wasn't much else on offer for tourists.

Caught a train an hour west of Stockholm to a friend's place and was very impressed with the trains. Each carriage had toilet facilities, the seats were very comfortable and all had fold out tables, lots of storage space and were warm.

Stayed the night at our friends farm and drove up to the ski village Orsa-Grönklit ( 6 hours north of Stockholm). We rented a cabin at the ski resort and were able to ski from our door - bonus! The cabin slept 10 people and had a sauna, which was great after a long day of skiing. We skied for 3 days which was really enjoyable, as they catered for all levels of skiing.

