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Did you know, that...

Sweden is the second most forested country in Europe?

Approximately 69% of Sweden's territory is covered by forests, making it one of Europe's leaders in forest cover – just behind Finland, where forest cover is even higher, at around 73%. The forests are mainly located in the north and inland, where they form extensive pine and spruce stands, while the south is covered with mixed forests and cultivated land. This high proportion of forests also contributes to the low population density – given the size of Sweden, it is home to only around 10 million people, with most concentrated in the south and around large cities such as Stockholm, Gothenburg, and Malmö.

there are almost 100,000 lakes in Sweden?

The total area of Swedish lakes is approximately 40,000 km², which represents about 9% of the country's total area. To give you a better idea, all the lakes together cover approximately the same area as the whole of Switzerland or the Netherlands.

Sweden is a world leader in green technology and renewable energy?

Sweden is one of the world leaders in environmental technology and the use of renewable energy sources. More than half of all electricity in Sweden comes from renewable sources, primarily hydroelectric power plants, which make use of the country's thousands of lakes and rivers, and nuclear power plants, which, although not renewable, produce electricity with minimal CO₂ emissions.

Welcome to Sweden!



Sweden is home to many inventions and Nobel Prize?

Thanks to his wealth, Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel, who invented dynamite, established the Nobel Prize, which continues to recognize the world's greatest innovations and contributions to science, literature, and peace. Other Swedish inventions include the three-point seat belt and the first implantable pacemaker.

in northern Sweden, you are much more likely to encounter a moose than a human being?

There are approximately 300,000–400,000 moose living in Sweden. In the north of the country, which has an extremely low population density, you are much more likely to encounter a moose than a human being. Moose are also one of the most common traffic hazards.

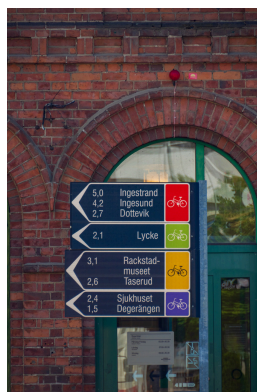


Top 5 interesting facts about Arvika



- 1 Arvika has a rich musical tradition and is also known for its musical instrument manufacturing. In 1923, the [Ingesund College of Music](#) was founded here, which is now part of Karlstad University. The school teaches classical, jazz, and traditional music. The city is also closely associated with music through various festivals. Between 1992 and 2010, the annual Arvika Music Festival was held here, attracting music groups from all over the world. However, the musical tradition now continues with [Arvika Hamnfest](#), held on the second weekend of August this year.
- 2 Arvika lies on the shore of Kyrkviken Bay, which is part of [Lake Glafs fjorden](#). Despite its name, today it is only a freshwater lake. However, around 7500 BC, Glafs fjorden was a real fjord in the inland sea of Ancylussjön. Its origin is reflected not only in its name, but also in its long and narrow shape, which is typical for fjords.
- 3 Around 1900, the [Rackstad Colony](#) was founded in Arvika. It was a group of painters, sculptors, and craftsmen who lived and worked around Lake Racken. Their work was influenced by national romanticism and the beautiful local nature. Rackstadmuseet preserves the legacy of the Rackstad Colony. The museum showcases works by artist such as Gustaf and Maja Fjaestad, Björn Ahlgrensson, Fritz Lindström and many others.
- 4 Thermia has its roots in Arvika, where it was founded in 1923. As a result, the town has become a center for technological innovation in the field of heating and renewable energy. Thanks to Thermia, Arvika has become an important industrial town. The company has provided employment opportunities for local residents and contributed to the development of the local economy.
- 5 [Arvika Konsthall](#), an art gallery in Arvika, serves as an important center for contemporary art. Every year, approximately 7–10 exhibitions are held here, presenting works by renowned artists as well as children and teenagers. However, the gallery is not only focused on visual arts – it also regularly hosts music events, workshops, and themed evenings that support the cultural life of the city.

Thanks to Thermia, Arvika has become an important industrial town



Enjoy Arvika!

Take a piece of Arvika home

Discover Arvika through its charming shops and boutiques – from handmade crafts, delicious teas and high-quality coffee to original and timeless home decorations and unique local treasures that reflect the authentic character of the city.

If you like shops with tradition and craftsmanship, stop by [Arvika Konsthantverk](#), where you will find unique handmade products – ceramics, jewelry, decorations, and textiles. Every month, there are also exhibitions featuring the latest works by local artists.

In the distinctive [Te Affär'n](#) shop, you will find a wide selection of teas, a selection of premium coffee, and delicious delicacies. Mugs, bags, and gift sets are also available – ideal as souvenirs or thoughtful gifts. If you are looking for inspiration or a stylish gift, stop by [Bruket Interiör](#), where you will find elegant decorations, lamps, rugs, tablecloths, and luxury kitchen accessories. If you love antiques, visit Arvika Blandningen and discover the charm of the past through unique vintage and antique



items. This shop offers a diverse range of products, from antique furniture and decorations to curiosities and original second-hand pieces with their own stories. If you enjoy fine cheese and gourmet flavors, make sure to visit Brie & Bekanta. They offer a wide selection of cheeses along with crackers, marmalades, olives, sweets, beverages and beautifully assembled gift boxes.

Don't forget to visit the family-owned factory with more than 100 years of history. Klässbols Linneväveri will enchant you with its high-quality linen textiles and home accessories. Since the 1970s, the shop has also been supplying the Swedish court with exclusive hand-woven table linens and decorative fabrics!



For a different experience of Arvika, visit the [local markets](#), which take place every Wednesday and Saturday in the town

center square! Here you will find fresh local products, handmade accessories, interesting decorations, and antiques.



Run or walk through Arvika!

Discover Arvika's architecture

Take a stroll through Arvika and discover its charming architecture. The walk will take you to the most interesting and beautiful buildings and places, carefully selected by antique dealer Terese Myrin. You won't miss the historic buildings, the majestic train station, the traditional bakery Nordells, or the iconic Holy Trinity Church from 1911.

Explore Public Art

Arvika is a town with a rich artistic tradition and history which you can discover around every corner. Be inspired by our tips and follow in the footsteps of the most interesting cultural monuments!



The Rackstadmuseet museum, which commemorates the famous [Rackstad Colony](#) of artists from the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries, is definitely worth a visit. If you like art, then be sure to visit the [Arvika Konsthall](#) city gallery, located in a former bank building from 1903. The gallery hosts regular exhibitions, as well as interesting workshops, music events, and themed evenings. In the heart of the city, you will find the [Arvika Bibliotek](#) library, which offers a rich collection of books, magazines, films, and music and is a pleasant place not only for reading but also for relaxation. The artistic atmosphere of Arvika is complemented by sculptures in public spaces, which you can discover while walking through the city.

Let's do some adventure!

Enjoy nature in the heart of Arvika! [Arvika Stadspark](#) is the perfect place for a relaxing walk or to unwind all year round. The park features a playground, outdoor gym, stage, fountain, and bird pond. The park is dominated by a large number of trees – more than 70 different species. Its dominant feature is a unique 82-meter-long pergola covered with grapevines, the longest in Northern Europe. If you love adventure and nature, don't miss the [Storkasberget](#) hiking trail, located close to Arvika. The trail is not long or difficult, yet it offers beautiful views of the town, surrounding forests, and Glafsforden.



Have some fun!

Not sure what to do tonight? Visit [O'Learys](#)! This restaurant is part of a well-known Swedish chain of American-style sports bars, combining sports broadcasts, a friendly atmosphere, quality food, and entertainment for all ages. Here you can enjoy burgers, grilled specialties, pizza, and refreshing cocktails. The venue also features bowling, shuffleboard, karaoke, and a gaming zone—so entertainment is definitely taken care of!

Want to try some local food and products in a different way than at a regular restaurant? Check out [Kulinarika Farm](#)—a unique food spot just a few miles from Arvika where taste meets nature! The restaurant also offers different food experiences and activities, including full-day barbecue courses led by experts.



How to spend your afternoon or evening to the fullest and have a lot of fun? Visit [Downstairs](#), where you will find modern bowling lanes, pool tables, darts, and the best burgers far and wide!

Do some sports!

Regardless of the season, Arvika offers a wide range of sporting activities.



Would you like to play POP tennis, basketball, floorball, or even pickleball? Visit [Arvika Sport Center](#) in the harbor area of the city with a beautiful view of Kyrkviken! The sports center with 12 modern courts offers a wide range of active leisure activities for children and adults, beginners and experienced players alike.

Treat yourself to some real rest and relaxation for your body and mind with [yoga](#) classes right by the picturesque Glafsforden lake. Arvika Kanot & Turistcenter also offers sauna facilities in a special relaxation room.

Discover the wild beauty of Värmland's largest nature reserve! [Glaskogen Nature Reserve](#) is the perfect place for anyone who loves nature, adventure, and relaxation. Covering almost 29,000 hectares, it offers endless forests, picturesque lakes, and diverse flora and fauna. The reserve offers over 48 km of hiking trails that will take you through unforgettable natural scenery.



Head out into the peaceful wilderness of the [Byamossarna Nature Reserve](#) and enjoy cross-country skiing in the picturesque surroundings of Värmland. The reserve offers well-maintained cross-country trails that take you past lakes, dense forests, and wetlands.

Head out to enjoy winter fun at the picturesque [Rackstadbacken](#) ski resort. This nearby resort offers pleasant downhill terrain with one ski slope, ideal for beginners, families with children, or anyone who wants to enjoy relaxed skiing not far from the city.

Taste Arvika

Arvika and the surrounding Värmland region are a paradise for food lovers. Traditional Swedish dishes live side by side with modern culinary trends. Do not miss trying **köttbullar** (meatballs), **sill** (pickled herring), **pyttipanna** (a mix of potatoes, meat, and onions), or local breads like **knäckebröd**, often served with sweet and **tart lingonberry jam**. Dishes are made from fresh, seasonal ingredients, reflecting a simple, honest, and authentically Swedish approach to cooking.

Arvika offers a variety of culinary experiences for every taste

Arvika offers a diverse selection of restaurants and cafés where you can explore these flavors. [Anno 1815](#) combines classic Swedish cuisine with modern European influences. [Restaurang Häll](#) specializes in high-quality meats and grilled creations, from local steaks to wagyu, paired with a selection of sides and sauces you can customize. Both venues also offer inventive vegetarian options, making them perfect for anyone looking to enjoy Arvika's culinary diversity. For a livelier atmosphere, [O'Learys](#) is perfect for burgers, grilled dishes, and drinks. Pizza fans will appreciate [The Oven](#), offering authentic Neapolitan pizza baked in a wood-fired oven. The restaurant focuses on both exceptional food and warm service, creating a relaxed yet refined dining experience that highlights the art of pizza-making, following the standards of the Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletano. Craving Asia? [Kokoro Restaurang](#) brings the flavors of contemporary Japanese and Asian cuisine to Arvika. It specializes in fresh sushi, aromatic ramen soups, and colorful poke bowls that combine raw fish or tofu with rice and fresh vegetables.



Whether you're seeking traditional Swedish flavors or international specialties, Arvika offers a variety of culinary experiences for every taste. From relaxed lunches to elegant dinners, from cozy café treats to authentic pizza and fresh sushi, dining here is a delightful way to explore the local culture and hospitality.



NO FIKA, NO SWEDEN

Fika is a cherished Swedish tradition – a coffee break with a sweet treat or pastry, a moment to slow down and enjoy the present. It's more than just coffee; **it's about taking a pause, savoring freshly baked goods, and connecting with friends, family, or simply yourself.** In Arvika, this ritual is brought to life in cozy cafés and bakeries, where the aroma of coffee and pastries fills the air and invites you to relax.



[Nordells Bageri & Konditori](#) delights with a wide range of sweet and savory pastries, cakes, and excellent coffee in a friendly atmosphere. This traditional bakery and confectionery offers classic Swedish baked goods with local charm. [Elins Bakgård](#) is a charming café serving freshly baked breads, cakes, and light lunches, ideal for a classic fika pause. [City Konditoriet](#) offers delicious pastries in a stylish, retro-inspired setting, perfect for a relaxing coffee break.

Experience Arvika!

A walk from history to art

From heat pumps to classic cars

Arvika Fordonsmuseum is one of the oldest preserved industrial buildings in Arvika. In 1923, Thermia began manufacturing kitchen stoves, radiators, water heaters, and boilers here. Spread across 1,400 m², the museum offers insight into the history of a company that later became a pioneer in heat pump technology and also into an impressive vehicle collection. Highlights include a 1931 Mercedes 370 S Cabriolet, a 1903 Humber, a 1965 Gordon-Keeble, a 1953 Volvo PV Valbo Cabriolet, and the very first prototype of the Indigo 3000. You'll also find historic motorcycles, mopeds, sleds, and horse-drawn carriages.



The museum is open Monday to Saturday, 11:00–18:00. For the price of a single ticket (100 SEK), you get two great experiences in one.

Vintage charm, modern sound

As you stroll through town, you shouldn't miss the brick-red building with the glowing neon sign Palladium. Step inside and you'll discover the breathtaking interior of one of Sweden's oldest cinemas, built in 1925. The décor has been carefully preserved in its original style, while the cinema itself has undergone major technical upgrades—so you can enjoy excellent sound and comfortable seating.



If you have the time and the mood, take a look at the program—most films are screened in English—and treat yourself to a truly special movie experience.

Arts and crafts

A key part of Arvika's cultural scene is the Arvika Konsthall art gallery. In a building from 1903—originally intended as a bank—local and international artists exhibit throughout the year. Wander through the beautiful spaces and keep an eye out for the many subtle architectural details.



And if you'd like to support local makers, just a few steps from the gallery on Kyrkogatan you'll find the craft shop Arvika Konstantverk, marked by its original metal sign from 1924 above the entrance. You can pick up all kinds of small treasures—practical or purely for joy—from ceramics and fashion accessories to jewellery and home décor.



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