

We are located in southern Sweden, halfway between Stockholm and Copenhagen, Denmark. Holsby is situated in the community of Holsbybrunn, about eight kilometers outside the city of Vetlanda. We offer shuttle pick-up from the train/bus station in Vetlanda. We do not offer airport pickups.

All travelers requiring pickup from Vetlanda must notify the school of the time of their arrival in Vetlanda.

Directions

If you are arriving from outside Europe, the best airport destinations are Stockholm (Sweden) or Copenhagen (Denmark). From here you will have to take a train or bus to **Vetlanda**. When booking flights, find one arriving no later than 14:00 (2 p.m.). If you arrive after 15:00 (3 p.m.) you may miss the last train of the day to Vetlanda and will have to spend the night. The same is true when leaving Holsby. Don't make flight reservations for any earlier than 12 noon. Early afternoon is recommended.

If you have to spend the night in Stockholm or Copenhagen: <http://www.hostels.com/en/index.html>.

You may have found that the nearest airport to Holsbybrunn is in Jönköping (pronounced "yonshopping"). This is not the best option. You have to fly through Stockholm or Copenhagen regardless, and this airport has bad bus/train connections.

Train Connections

You can find train departures and arrivals, and buy your train tickets online by going to www.sj.se (Swedish train company's website). It is convenient to buy the ticket ahead of time, but be aware if your plane is delayed and you miss your train, you will lose your money. You can also wait and buy a ticket when you get to the station.

On the website, choose "In English" at the top; then type in Arlanda (Stockholm's airport) or Kastrup (Copenhagen's airport) as the "From" and Vetlanda as the "To" destination. Select the time and date, and it will show you when the trains leave. Make sure to give yourself at least 1.5 - 2 hours from the time the plane arrives until the train departs. If you are under 26 years of age choose "Youth". You will then be given a choice of train departures and prices.

If you have a Visa, Master Card, or Eurocard with a "3-D Secure" password, you **may** be able to buy the ticket online and pick it up at the train station at the airport. Visa calls this new password "Verified by Visa" and Master Card calls it "Master Card Secure Code." However, unless you have a card issued in one of the Scandinavian countries, they may block your purchase. SJ is very restrictive in what cards they allow to be used on their website. Once you have arrived on campus you can buy train tickets through us because Holsby has a business account with them.

From Stockholm, you will notice that you have to change trains at the Central Station and again in Nässjö (pronounced "nesh-uh"). From Copenhagen you will have to change at least in Nässjö and most likely one more time before that. For the last leg of the trip, Nässjö to Vetlanda, there might be a bus instead of a train. If you will travel by bus, the ticket will say "Länstrafik, buss..." followed by a number. If you will travel by train, the ticket will say "Länstrafik, tåg..." followed by a number.

The cheapest tickets are released for sale 90 days before departure and prices are lower the earlier you buy them. Youth (under 26) can buy cheap "Last Minute" tickets at the automated ticket machine at the

train station. To do this you have to have a credit card with the 3-D Secure password. If you don't have this kind of credit card, you can also buy regularly priced tickets at the ticket counter. The risk with this option is that the train may be full and the prices might be higher.

If you are able to purchase your train tickets online, you can pick them up at the Copenhagen airport's ticket counter or automated ticket machine. (See picture.) At the Arlanda airport in Stockholm you can print them out at a ticket machine. There are also ticket offices and automated ticket machines available at most train stations. You will need the booking number given at the time of your purchase.



Flying with RyanAir

RyanAir flies into either Göteborg Landvetter (Gothenburg) airport, Copenhagen Kastrup or Stockholm Skavsta airport. Skavsta is actually not located in Stockholm but outside a town called Nyköping (pronounced "nee-shopping"). From these airports you will take an airport bus to the central station for train connections.

To search for train options, you also use the website www.sj.se. Type Nyköping or Göteborg as the "From" location and Vetlanda as the "To". Do not book a flight arriving later than 14:00 (2pm) or you may not be able to catch the last train of the day.

Contact

Should you need to contact us by phone during your travels, the following numbers apply:

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