



International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians IFFR Scandinavian Section

Welcome to Linköping, the Aviation Capital of Sweden, and the Scandinavian Sections Annual Fly-In, August 9 – 12 2018



Linköping didn't just see the dawn of Swedish Aviation in 1911, when the Army set up its first Flying Corps that later became today's Armed Forces Helicopter Flotilla at the neighboring Malmen Airfield. Today it also harbors the gem of Swedish Aviation Industry in the form of SAAB Aircraft, which we will be visiting as part of your stay. In fact, on your arrival you will touch down at ESSL / Linköping City Airport which is a part of the SAAB Aviation complex. (www.linkopingcityairport.se)

General information

Participation Please note that we need your completed Registrations Form no later than Thursday June 21. SAAB Aircraft needs 8 weeks, due to summer vacations, to complete their compulsory Visitors Security Check. So please be sure to register early since we need to provide SAAB with your personal details at that time. The SAAB complex is a classified area with strict entrance regulations.



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Hotel We suggest that you stay at the “Elite Stora Hotellet”, in the absolute city centre (www.elite.se/en/hotels/linkoping/stora-hotellet).
Make your reservation directly with the hotel by telephone +46 13 12 96 30 or by e-mail: reservations.linkoping@elite.se. State our reference code “IFFR” and you will get a negotiated rate of SEK 990 for a twin bedroom and SEK 700 for a single, including breakfast, VAT and wi-fi. The rates are applicable for a limited number of rooms and valid until July 12 so please be sure to make your room reservation early. To be safe: book now and cancel your reservation later in case of bad weather. You can cancel your reservation until 1400 hours on the day of arrival without any charges.

Arrival information

You may arrive on your own wings, there will be no landing or parking charges courtesy of the airport, or by KLM which operates a direct flight from Amsterdam (but be sure to book your KLM-flight early as it is always fully booked). Or you might fly to ESSA / Stockholm-Arlanda and take the two-hour train ride to the meeting.

ESSL is a fully equipped IFR airport. For details please refer to the Swedish AIP which you can find at <https://aro.lfv.se/Editorial/View/IAIP?folderId=44>.

A Prior Permission Request (PPR) is always necessary for landings at ESSL. This can most easily be obtained through the local Aeroclub. Please visit their webpage www.lfk.se. Unfortunately, it's in Swedish but you can find the application form by pressing the black box marked “ESSL” in the upper right-hand corner. There you will also find all the necessary information regarding arrival and departure should the control tower be closed. (see under “visitors”). The tower may be temporarily closed due to slow commercial traffic during the summer vacations.

Refuelling is best done upon arrival. The aeroclub can provide 91/96UL and 100LL, and the airport can provide Jet A1 by truck. They both accept most common credit cards but not cash.

The aeroclub is also hosting a fully equipped and certified aircraft repair shop should you be unlucky and in need of technical support or repairs.

Upon arrival you will also receive an entry code for the airport gate that may be useful when you return to your aircraft on Sunday.



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Program

Thursday August 9th, Arrival Day

Please try to arrive at the Aeroclub between 1200 and 1500 hours. The Club is hosting a BBQ-lunch for all of us, and they are also planning for a seminar at 1500 by a representative of LFV (www.lfv.se/en). LFV is the national provider of air traffic control services and is running a joint-venture with SAAB on the development of remotely controlled aerodrome control towers. At 1600 we will leave by bus for our downtown hotel.

In the evening we will go for a short walk to the City Hall where we will be officially welcomed to Linköping by the City Mayor. Afterwards we will go for a guided tour of the surrounding city, during which you will get to know some of Linköping's history from medieval times until to today. The tour will end at a nearby restaurant for dinner where you will have ample time to meet with all your old and new IFFR-friends.

Friday August 10th, Exploring Linköping

Perhaps you think that SAAB is a producer of cars? In fact, their name is an abbreviation of "Swedish Airplanes Ltd". They once started as an airplane factory and later became a producer of family cars and commercial trucks and buses. The Ford Motor Company acquired the car business – and you all know what's happened next.



Our Friday morning will be spent with them, now a global producer of various technical solutions ranging from military defense to civil security (www.saabgroup.com). Our focus will of course be on their aeronautics business and the details of what we will be able to see



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will depend on what's going on in their factory on that particular day. Surely, they will also try to sell you one or two of their JAS 39 Griffon Fighter Aircrafts, but that's up to you to decide.

Your entrance to the facilities is depending on receiving a security clearance, hence the need for some early and additional information in your IFFR Registration Form.

You also need to prove your identity at their entry gate by means of either a valid passport or a European Union Identification Card. This also applies to participants from any of the Nordic countries. Please be sure to bring one!

A driver's license will not do (unless you are a Swede), and neither will your pilot's license.



The visit will end with a light lunch at their premises before we proceed to the Gamla Linköping ("Old Linköping") Open-Air Museum (www.gamlalinkoping.info/en).

The museum was started in the 1940-ies for the preservation of old city buildings that was destined for demolition. Today, it consists of nearly 100 buildings and its purpose is to give a modern-day glimpse of what it was like to be living in Linköping in the mid 19'th century. Don't be frightened if you find yourself in the middle of an ongoing bank robbery. The "town" is populated with actors that really are trying to make you feel being in that era.



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The visit will end with a traditional “fika-pause” in their 17th century inn - one of the numerous coffee-brakes that Swede’s regularly treats themselves to during the day, to the astonishment of many foreign visitors. A genuine Swede always has a cup of coffee going throughout the day.

Afterwards you will have some time on your own – perhaps for a walk in the city center, or to do some shopping.

The evening will be spent on a trip on the Göta Canal and the adjacent Lake Roxen.



The idea of a canal was born out of anger at the heavy duties exacted by Denmark for using the Great Belt for shipping. Mr Baltzar von Platen started construction on the Göta Canal in



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1810, and by 1832 the entire canal was completed. It is built mainly by Swedish soldiers and Russian prisoners-of-war. The Göta Canal is by far one of the biggest construction projects ever undertaken in Sweden. Measuring 190 km in length, with 58 locks, the canal stretches from Sjötorp on Lake Vänern to Mem on the Baltic Sea – providing a water-way through Sweden from the Baltic to the North Sea (www.gotacanal.se).

We will board M/V Wasa Lejon that is moored in the canal, and after passing a series of locks we will cruise on the lake Roxen and enjoy a light dinner of shrimps and salad (www.rscl.se). In case you have any dietary restrictions concerning seafood, please let us know in advance.

Saturday August 11th, Excursion to Vadstena



This will be a day of travels in time.

We will start by a one-hour bus ride through the countryside of East Gothia to the small village Vadstena. Situated on the shore of Lake Vättern, the second largest lake in Sweden – and by far the deepest, it was a natural stop-over in the 11th century for pilgrims en-route to Trondheim in Norway. In the 13th century it saw the birth of Mr Birger Jarl, who in fact became the nation's first "prime minister" of sorts. His name was Birger and his title "Jarl", which in fact is the same word as the English "Earl". His great-great-great-granddaughter Birgitta founded a monastery and built herself a church – completely outsized for that small village – and later became Sweden's only Saint, canonized by the Pope in Rome despite Sweden being part of the Protestant Christianity. Being such a small place - but of such importance – no wonder that the King of Sweden decided in the 16th century that he needed to build a thoroughly fortified castle to protect the land from the evil Danes.

Today it's a small village that has kept much of its charm of the 18th and 19th centuries, (www2.visitostergotland.se/vadstena). We will go for a guided tour of the village and visit some of its historic buildings. The tour will end with lunch at a nearby restaurant and



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afterwards you will have some time on your own, perhaps for further explorations or for shopping in one of the many small boutiques, before we once more leave for Linköping.

After returning to Linköping you will be on your own for a couple of hours, before it's time to put on your best party mood for the evening Gala Dinner!

There will be a short bus ride to the nearby Malmen Airfield where the Air Force Museum is located (www.flygvapenmuseum.se). There we will be met by our guides who will take us for a tour of the collections before we will enjoy our dinner, not in the restaurant as usual, but among the historical aero planes in the exhibition hall.



It will be great fun with lots of food and drink, the annual presentation of the winner of the Nordic Aviation Trophy, inspiring speeches by our Big Dane and others - and much more. Plus, of course, the friendly warmth of your fellow IFFR Rotarians.

Sunday August 12th, IFFR Scandinavia section Annual Meeting and goodbyes

Unfortunately, a brief visit always turns out to be just that: too brief. By Sunday it will already be time to say good-bye. The Scandinavian Section will meet for their Annual Meeting, while everybody else are free to explore the city once more before going home.



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Suggestions for an extended stay

When in Sweden, why not extend your stay and visit Stockholm, the capital of the country?

Leave your airplane in Linköping and use the 2-hour speed train instead. The landing fees of any of the major airports near Stockholm will likely exceed the train fare anyhow. You can go for the day, or stay a couple of nights.

There are plenty of hotels available in the city and you can reach them all by subway or taxi. But if you decide on a taxi – check the anticipated cost for the ride in advance. There are no fixed fee and lots of taxi drivers at the train station prey on tourists, so be sure to check a few of them before entering any cab.

Why not pay a visit to the Vasa Museum (<https://www.vasamuseet.se/en>)? There you find a salvaged Man-of-War that sank on its maiden voyage in 1628. It's a must if you enjoy maritime history. And just next to it you will find the Liljevalchs Arts Exhibitions (<http://www.liljevalchs.se/english/>). Skansen, the world's oldest open-air museum, is a 5-minutes walk from the Vasa Museum. Showcasing the whole of Sweden with houses and farmsteads from every part of the country (www.skansen.se/en). The Museum of Modern Arts is also just a short taxi ride away (www.modernamuseet.se/stockholm/en).

If you have an entire day to spare you can go for a cruise to the Drottningholm Palace (www.kungahuset.se/royalcourt/visittheroyalpalaces/drottningholmpalace) onboard one of the few remaining steam ships (www.stromma.se/en/stockholm/). The vessels are moored within walking distance from the train station and will take you for a lovely trip on the Lake Mälaren. The palace is today the home of the Swedish Royal Family.

When returning to Stockholm you'll also be within walking distance of Gamla Stan ("the old city") where you can find the Royal Castle, the medieval remnants of Stockholm and lots of popular restaurants for dinner.

For shopping you can start at Riksdagshuset, the Parliament Building, a 15-minutes walk from the train station, and proceed along Drottninggatan ("the Queen's Street") where you'll find most of today's most popular retailers, or perhaps visit the more exclusive NK department store at Hamngatan ("the Harbour Street") located a few hundred yards away.

If you need any further information on your stay in Linköping, or for visiting any other part of Sweden: don't hesitate to give us a call and we'll be happy to be of assistance!

Looking forward to meet with you!

And once again: don't forget your passport or EU ID!