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## ICE DRIVER TRAVEL & INFORMATION GUIDE

This is your essential guide to visiting Ice Driver it includes options for travel from the UK, information on how to prepare for your visit and useful information on the climate in Sweden. All of the information contained in this guide is based on our own and customers experiences. If you are traveling from another country to Ice Driver, much of the information still applies, however if you require further information, just give us a call.

### TRAVEL OPTIONS

Our location in Sweden is 500 kms north of Stockholm. Your final destination to meet the Ice Driver crew is one of two locations:

#### Bracke

By express rail, the local town of Bracke and our hotel Bjorknasgarden (<http://www.bjorknasgarden.com>) is on our doorstep and we can collect you from there.

#### Ostersund / Are

Ostersund / Are airport is the internal airport you connect to from Stockholm if you are not using the train. It is the main ski resort airport in Sweden and has excellent reliability. The Ice Driver team will meet you upon your arrival, the transfer to the hotel takes around 45 minutes.

Please find below a range of travel options on the different ways of traveling to Ice Driver.



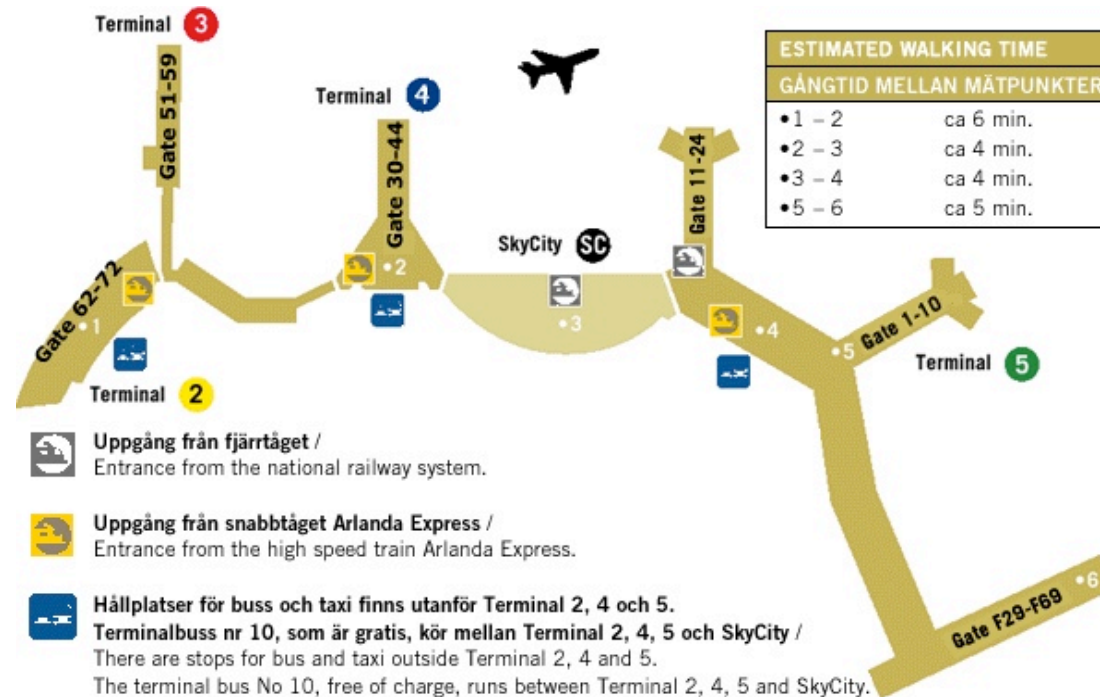
## Direct to Stockholm Arlanda Airport

This route is the most popular and the easiest to plan. There is a range of airlines all flying into Stockholm Arlanda.

Stockholm Arlanda Information

Their website is at: <http://www.arlanda.se/en/>

Terminal map:





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Flight operators into Stockholm Arlanda include the following:

Fly BMI from East Midlands, Leeds Bradford:

<http://www.flybmi.com/>

Scandinavian Airways from all London airports, Manchester, Edinburgh and Dublin

<http://www.flysas.com/en>

Budget airline Norwegian from Edinburgh and London Gatwick direct to Arlanda

<http://www.norwegian.com/>

British Airways fly from London Heathrow to Arlanda, plus you can book direct right through to Ostersund:

<http://www.britishairways.com/>

KLM fly from no less than 15 UK airports to Arlanda

<http://www.klm.com/travel/generic/index.html>

### **From Stockholm Arlanda - Your Onward Travel**

Once at Stockholm Arlanda there are two options:

A connecting flight to Ostersund / Are Airport with Scandinavian Airways, who fly several times per day. Alternatively, inside the terminal there is a railway station inside Sky City the shopping area, and you can catch a direct express train to the local station in Bracke.

You can book internal flights with Scandinavian and also book from the UK with British Airways:

<http://www.flysas.com/en>

You can book train tickets online using the Swedish Rail website. The destination town when booking is Bracke;

<http://www.sj.se>



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It's also very easy to simply buy tickets in Arlanda Airport. The only times when availability is a problem is on Swedish public holidays, when many Swedes head to Are, the biggest ski resort in Sweden, just 80 kms from us.

### **Ski Charter Flights**

It is possible to fly direct from the UK to Ostersund Airport, cutting out a Stockholm changeover. There are ski charter flights operated by Neilson Ski from Manchester and London Heathrow. You can book JUST the flight portion of that by going to:

<http://www.charterflights.co.uk/>

Or you can call our travel advisers Cleveland Holidays on 01642 232777. These flights are weekly, so you can plan a longer stay if you wish. Several guests have taken advantage of the break by booking a ski holiday with Neilson, and taking some time out to come to Ice Driver as we're just 80 kms from the ski resort of Are and we're happy to arrange transport with you. Full details on their website:

<http://www.neilson.co.uk/Snow-Sweden-At-a-Glance.aspx>

### **The Backpacker Route**

If you're traveling on a budget this is a route to consider. The cut price airlines such as RyanAir offer cheap flights to Stockholm from the UK and other European cities. However like most budget operators, they control costs by operating from the outer airports, Vasteras and Skavska, we have provided details below of how to get to Ice Driver from both of these outlying airports to complete your journey.

Ryanair operate into both Skavska and Vasteras from a variety of UK airports including Dublin, London Stansted, London Gatwick, Liverpool and Edinburgh their website link:

<http://www.ryanair.com/en/cheap-flights-stockholm-vasteras-sweden/>

Vasteras Airport info:

[http://www.travel-library.com/airports/europe/sweden/stockholm/stockholm\\_vasteras\\_airport.html](http://www.travel-library.com/airports/europe/sweden/stockholm/stockholm_vasteras_airport.html)



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Skavska Airport Info:

[http://www.travel-library.com/airports/europe/sweden/stockholm/stockholm\\_skavsta\\_airport.html](http://www.travel-library.com/airports/europe/sweden/stockholm/stockholm_skavsta_airport.html)

From either airport, take a coach transfer into Stockholm City Centre:

<http://www.flygbussarna.se/>

You can then take an express train direct to our door. Book train tickets online using SJ, the Swedish train network: [www.sj.se](http://www.sj.se)

Or take a transfer across Stockholm to Arlanda airport using the same system and a connecting flight to Ostersund with Scandinavian. The Arlanda Express from Stockholm City centre to Arlanda airport takes just 20 minutes.

### **The Private Jet Option**

We recommend NetJets, who can book you or your group a Hawker 800 and fly direct:

<http://www.netjetseurope.com/>

Several guests have used this route to Ice Driver, some flying direct from London City Airport to Ostersund. It is an expensive option but if you have a group of around six to eight executives it becomes more cost effective. For people who are short on time to spare away from business, but want to come to Ice Driver, then this is the premier route. We'll collect you from Ostersund Airport and return you for your departure.



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## **Traveling by Road**

It is possible to drive to Ice Driver. The Ice Driver team have done this in past years, detailed below are examples of routes.

### **Ferries**

Immingham / Hull to Gothenburg

Take the DFDS boat out of Immingham to Gothenburg.

The sailing is just over 24 hours,

You arrive at Gothenburg at 8.00am

It will then take the rest of the day to reach the Ice Driver location.

### **Harwich to Hook of Holland**

A Sea Cat to the Hook Of Holland gets you into mainland Europe

Drive across Denmark and into southern Sweden. A good place to take a break is the Anderstorp Raceway, a great 1980's Formula One circuit, with a good hotel in the local town.

It will then take the following day to reach the Ice Driver location.

### **Preparing your Car**

Our suggestions would be to take advice on anti-freeze content for overnight temperatures as low as -30c

It is not the law for non-Swedish registered cars to run winter tyres, though it is advisable. A good open tread winter tyre like the type becoming increasingly popular in the UK is preferable though not essential and if you have a 4x4 then as long as you haven't fitted a set of 20" chrome wheels, the tyres should be fine.

Daytime headlights are mandatory in Sweden and once clear of the cities, the roads are generally quiet. Watch out for the very long 60 tonne logging trucks when overtaking, they're longer than you think!



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## **PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP**

Our advice is to plan for Ice Driver as you would any winter holiday such as skiing. Here's a list of things to bring to get the maximum from your trip.

- Clothing - lots of layers that can be easily added and removed for driving.
- A warm hat and gloves
- Normal footwear for driving plus additional footwear with a gripped sole for general walking (please note racing boots such as Sparco can be worn for driving).
- Sunglasses for the glare from the lake.
- Sun cream and lip balm.
- If you're coming from the UK, obtain an E-111 card from The Post Office, this ensures free health care anywhere in the EU.

## **Video Cameras and Digital Cameras**

Our location is simply stunning in it's beauty, so bring you cameras. A couple of brief notes on cameras and photography:

- It's very cold, so keep your camera warm as the batteries will die quickly. However, keeping them in your pocket will bring them back to life quickly
- Bring lots of memory cards. Shoot first and worry about downloading later. The light changes quickly at this latitude and you don't want to miss that awesome sunset
- We're happy to let you take photographs of friends driving, but you must obey Ice Driver staff regarding suitable locations to stand
- We're happy to try and install your personal video camera to record your drive, but the final decision on suitability lies with the Ice Driver team

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