

ASIAQ1

Practical information



Swedish currency

The **krona (SEK)** is the official currency of Sweden.

It is also possible to pay by **credit or debit card** in most shops, restaurants, hotels and public transportation ticket offices and/or machines. Credit card purchases may require a pin code.

Stockholm weather

The Stockholm weather in May is mild to warm and with lots of bright sunshine. In the evenings, it may feel chillier so bring a jacket. The days are long in May; the sun rises around 4 in the morning and sets around 21.30.

Language

Swedish is the national language but most people speak good English.

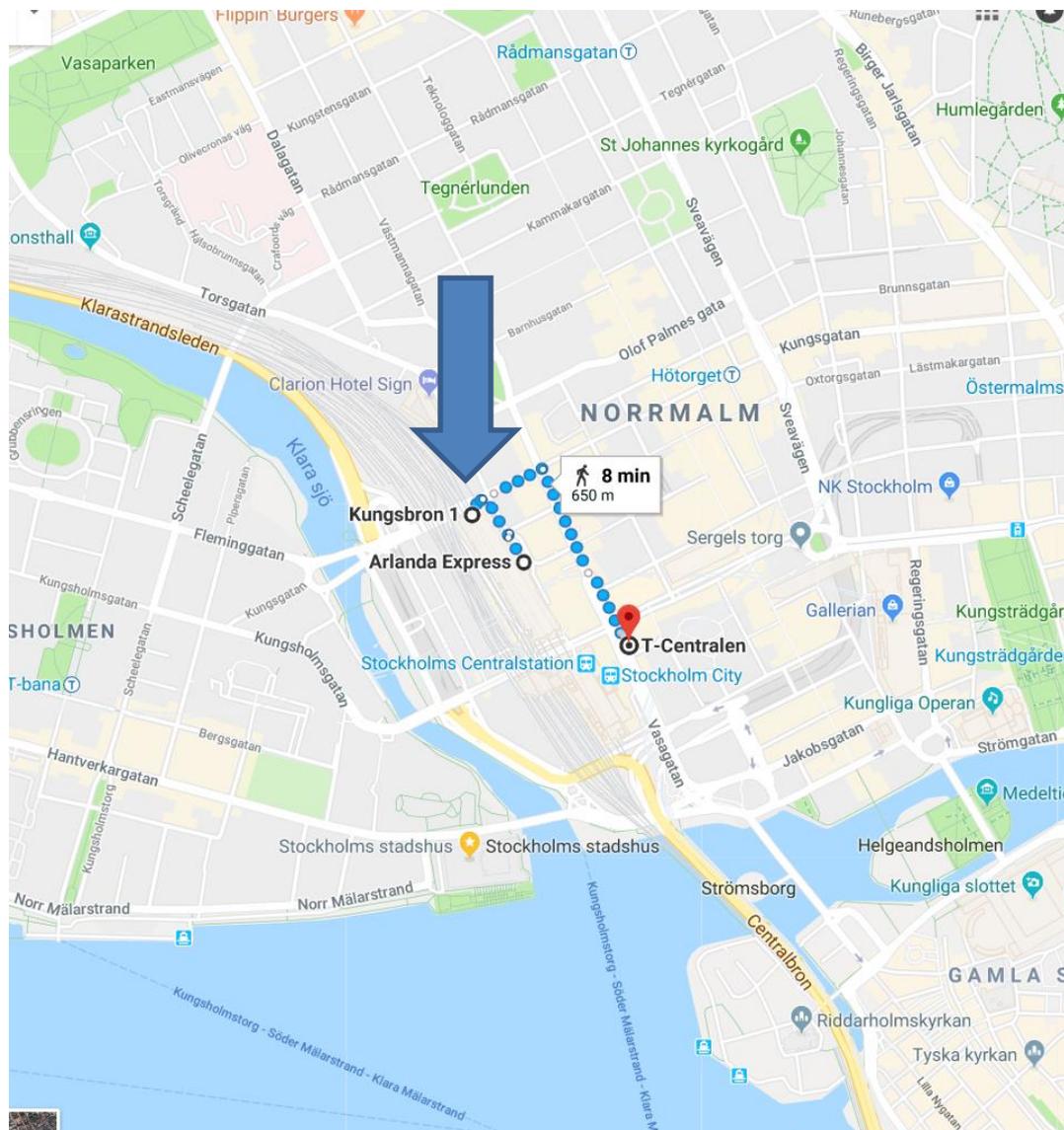
Comfort Hotel Xpress

ASIAQ1 participants are booked at Comfort Hotel Xpress. It is located at Kungsbron 1 in the city centre, next to railway and subway stations.

<https://www.nordicchoicehotels.com/hotels/sweden/stockholm/comfort-hotel-xpress-stockholm-central/>

The hotel has free Wi-Fi. Breakfast is not included but available for purchase. And we start the workshop days with coffee/tea and a sandwich.

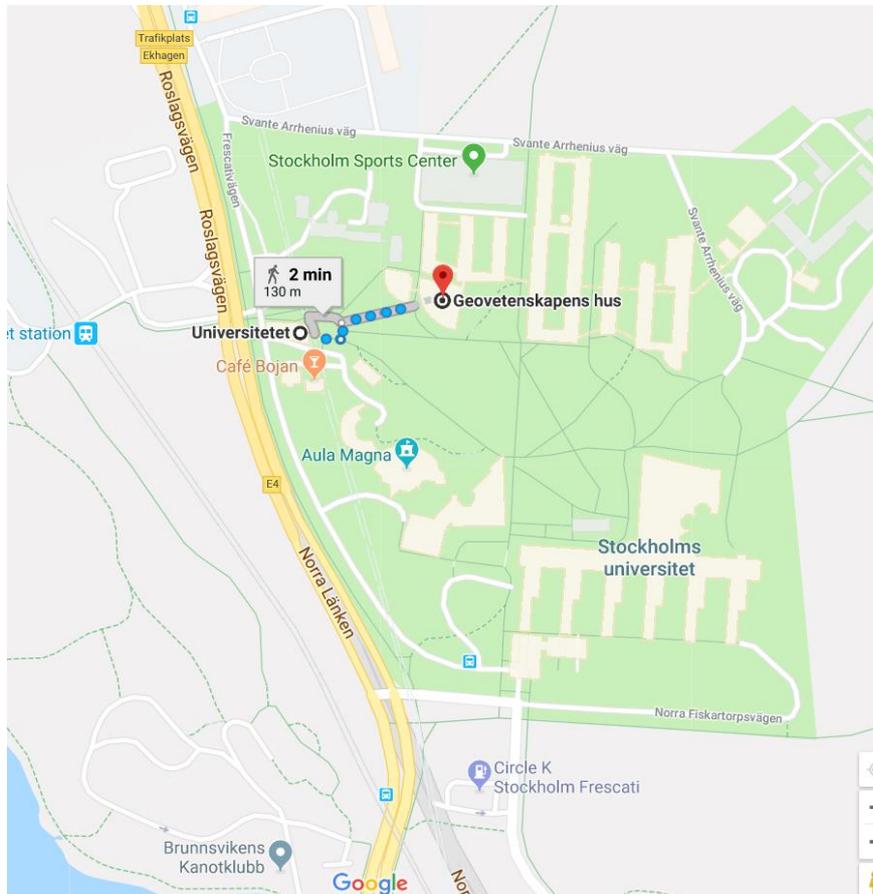
If you arrive from the airport by Arlanda Express it is two blocks to walk to the hotel.



This map also shows how to go from the hotel to take the subway at T-Centralen to the workshop venue at Stockholm University.

The University is on the **red line towards Mörby Centrum**, only four stops from T-Centralen. This takes less than ten minutes.

When you exit at the University subway stop, you walk only 130 meters straight where you find the green building called Geohuset.



Tickets

Traveling from Stockholm-Arlanda Airport to City Centre

The Arlanda Express

The Arlanda Express is an eco-friendly high-speed train that travels between Arlanda terminals and Stockholm city centre in 20 minutes. The platform is located below arrival terminals. Tickets can be purchased from machines that are located both on the arrival terminal and the platform.

Airport coach

Buses travel from Arlanda to City Terminal station, which is located just next to Central Station. Buses can be found outside the arrivals terminal (look for Flygbussarna signs). Flygbussarna buses take about 35-45 minutes to arrive in the city centre, and is less expensive than Arlanda Express.

Subway and buses in the city

The main public transportation service in Stockholm is SL. In order to travel with SL services you must purchase a ticket/travelcard **before boarding trains or busses**. Visit the SL website for more information: <https://sl.se/en/>

You can buy single-use travel cards for 24 and 72 hours, or load any type of travel card on an SL Access smart card.

You can purchase SL tickets at:

- Tourist Information at Arlanda Airport
- SL Access self-service ticket machines at subway and train stations (you need an SL Access card in advance to add your ticket to)
- Ticket offices at commuter rail stations (e.g., Central Station)
- SL Centre
- Ticket agents, such as Pressbyrå, Seven-Eleven and certain supermarkets. Ticket Machines accept credit card with pin codes.

Taxi services

Taxi fares in Sweden are not regulated, which means that prices can vary significantly between companies. **Ask for fixed price before using the taxi.** Most taxis can take you from Arlanda to city centre for around SEK 490-520. Always ask for a receipt when paying.

We recommend using TaxiStockholm, Taxikurir or SverigeTaxi.

Safety

Stockholm is a city with low crime rate, and both residents and tourists feel safe. The [2017 Safe City Index](#) ranked Stockholm as the third-safest city in the world with under five million inhabitants. However, like in all busy places, be aware of pick-pockets!

Welcome to Stockholm!

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