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PLEASE VISIT us – our tourist office is ready to welcome you all year round. The Sigtuna Tourist Office can be found at Stora gatan 33 in Sigtuna town. Here you can book guided tours and get help to plan your visit.

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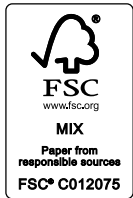
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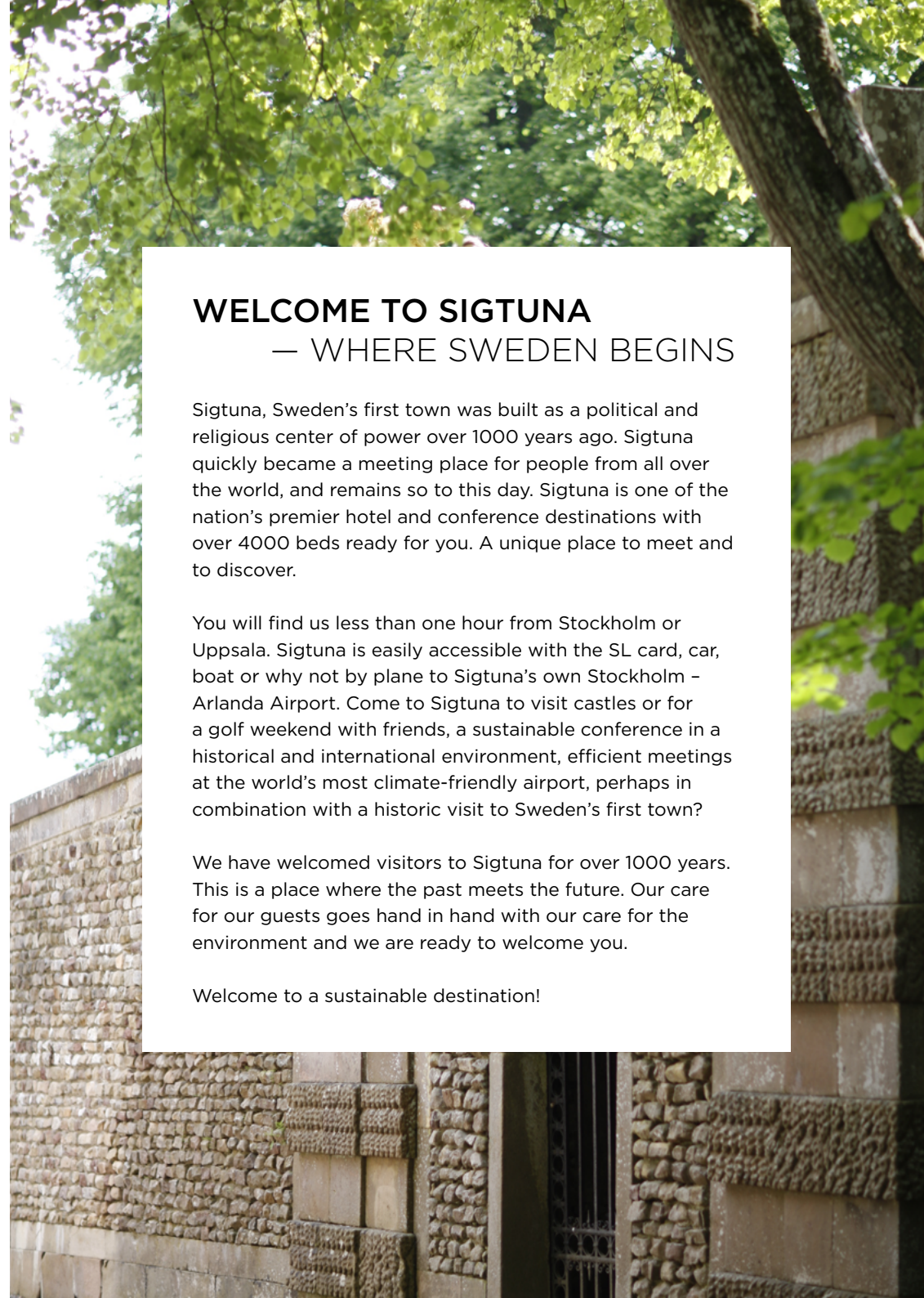
WELCOME TO SIGTUNA — WHERE SWEDEN BEGINS





Sigtuna, Sweden's first town was built as a political and religious center of power over 1000 years ago. Sigtuna quickly became a meeting place for people from all over the world, and remains so to this day. Sigtuna is one of the nation's premier hotel and conference destinations with over 4000 beds ready for you. A unique place to meet and to discover.

You will find us less than one hour from Stockholm or Uppsala. Sigtuna is easily accessible with the SL card, car, boat or why not by plane to Sigtuna's own Stockholm - Arlanda Airport. Come to Sigtuna to visit castles or for a golf weekend with friends, a sustainable conference in a historical and international environment, efficient meetings at the world's most climate-friendly airport, perhaps in combination with a historic visit to Sweden's first town?

We have welcomed visitors to Sigtuna for over 1000 years. This is a place where the past meets the future. Our care for our guests goes hand in hand with our care for the environment and we are ready to welcome you.

Welcome to a sustainable destination!



<p>970 Sigtuna town is founded</p> <p>995 First coin is made</p>	<p>1054 <i>Ingegerd</i>, first female saint, <i>Saint Anna</i>.</p> 	<p>1100s First stone churches are built.</p>	<p>1200s First bricks produced in Mälär valley.</p> <p>Stockholm becomes the political centre.</p>	<p>1311 Sigtuna's official seal is created.</p> 	<p>1400s Albertus Pictor decorates Odensala church with biblical paintings.</p>	<p>1500s Reformation, the convent is torn down.</p>	<p>1600s Skånelaholm, Skokloster, Rosersberg and Wenngarn castles are built.</p> <p>1697 Husby school opens.</p>	<p>1700s Steninge Palace and Sigtuna Town Hall are built.</p> 	<p>1866 The main northern railway line opens.</p>	<p>1917 Sigtuna Foundation is established.</p> <p>1962 Arlanda Airport opens.</p> 	<p>2023 Sweden holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Sigtuna municipality hosted several meetings at Scandinavian XPO.</p>
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SIGTUNA HOLDS a millennium of memories. Around 970 AD, King Erik the Victorious declared a town to be built to form a new kingdom, ruled by one God and one King. Christianity was new to the Nordic people, who now had to leave the Norse gods behind. Sigtuna became Sweden's first town.

Erik traded land plots for loyalty. Tradesmen and landowners became his allies. Their plots in Sigtuna were gifts that increased in value as Sigtuna developed into a trading hub with international flair.

The town's original street plan is largely preserved to this day. When walking on Stora gatan, you literally walk 3 meters on top of the original main street.

COSMOPOLITAN

Around 1000 AD, Sigtuna town had 1 000 inhabitants. Discoveries show trade with Byzantine, Russia, Poland, Ukraine and the Middle East. Some guilds were represented on a permanent basis. They all shared knowledge and craftsmanship as well as cultures and languages with each other.

FIRST COIN

Olof Skötkonung, son and heir to King Erik, ordered Sweden's first coins to be minted here. He brought silver and coin masters from England. The first Swedish coins have King Olof on one side and a cross on the other. The Latin letters "OLOF REX SVEVORUM" (OLOF KING OF

THE SWEDES) frame the picture. During 995-1030 AD, over 2 million coins were minted here.

FIRST FEMALE SAINT

Olof's daughter, Ingegerd, became a powerful woman. She married the emperor Jaroslav. During their reign, Kiev's Sophia Cathedral was built. She was an advisor and peacekeeper in what is now Ukraine and Russia. She later became an Orthodox saint, St. Anna.



Learn more about Sigtuna's history at Sigtuna museum or at DESTINATIONSIGTUNA.SE

CHECK IN TO SIGTUNA

Sigtuna has always been a natural place for meetings and the hotels in Sigtuna are something special. Just one hour from Stockholm or Uppsala you will find us — one of the nation's premier hotel and conference destinations.

Whether it is about a large conference or a cosy weekend for two, you will find a wide variety of accommodation to choose from. The hotels in Sigtuna and around Arlanda are ready to take care of you and give you that little extra.



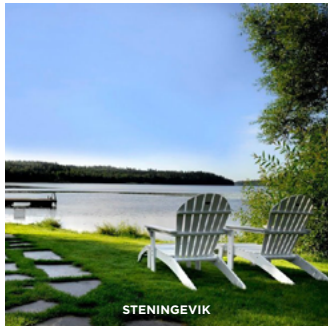
1909 SIGTUNA STADSHOTELL



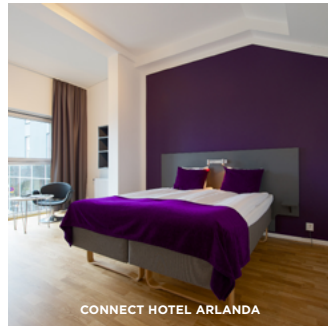
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In the Sigtuna area there are no less than five castles and palaces for you to discover: Skokloster Castle, Skånelaholm Castle, Steninge Palace, Wenngarn Castle and Rosersberg's Palace – one of ten Royal palaces. They each offer a unique historic atmosphere, making for an enjoyable excursion for both history enthusiasts and those looking for a nice day out in the beautiful countryside.

NOBLE SIGTUNA



Steninge Palace



Skokloster Castle



Skånelaholm Castle



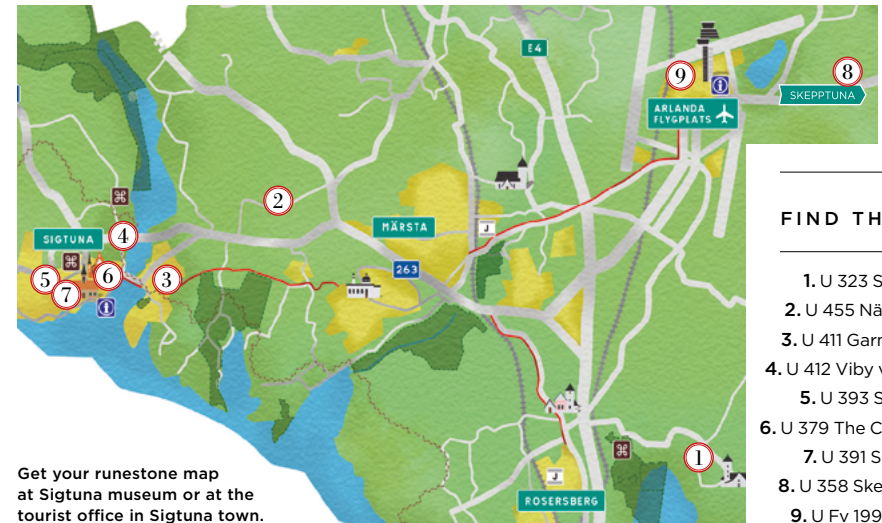
Wenngarn Castle



Rosersberg's Palace

Read more about the castles and palaces on page 13t.

You can find the locations of the castles and palaces on the map on page 10-11.



Get your runestone map at Sigtuna museum or at the tourist office in Sigtuna town.

FIND THE RUNES

1. U 323 Skånelaholm
2. U 455 Näsby, Odensala
3. U 411 Garnsviken, Norrtälje
4. U 412 Viby village/Rosendal
5. U 393 Sigtuna town
6. U 379 The Church of St. Mary
7. U 391 Sigtuna town
8. U 358 Skepptuna church
9. U Fv 1992;157 Arlanda

IN SEARCH OF RUNES

NO OTHER place in the world is as rich in runestones as Sigtuna. It is hard to say exactly how many there are, but it is likely somewhere around 15 and 25 runestones. Counting even small fragments unearthed, well over 40 have been documented just in Sigtuna town. The number rises to 170 when including the whole municipality.

Visitors are sometimes surprised when advised to look for runestones near the many early Christian churches (built of stone in the 12th and 13th centuries). “Weren’t the Vikings heathens?” Not many know that the majority of all runestones are Christian. The cross on the stones indicates just that. Most of the stones were put up in memory of deceased family members and intended to be seen by others. They are to be found where people congregated or passed by.

The churches that came later were built on those sites, too, and runestones proved to be quite good building material. If you find yourself at Arlanda airport don’t miss the chance to have a look at the runestone located in the walkway between terminal 2 and 3.



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ACCOMMODATION

- 1. 1909 Sigtuna Stadshotell
- 2. Connect Hotel Arlanda
- 3. Herresta Lada
- 4. Hotell Kristina
- 5. Kämpasten
- 6. Radisson Blu Arlandia Hotel
- 7. Rosersbergs Slottshotell
- 8. Sigtuna folkhögskola
- 9. Sigtunahöjden Hotell & Konferens*
- 10. Sigtunastiftelsen Hotell & Konferens
- 11. Steningevik Konferens
- 12. Stora Brännbo Konferens och Hotell
- 13. Quality Hotel Arlanda XPO
- 14. Scandic Arlandastad

- PUBLIC BEACH
- GOLF COURSE
- NATURE RESERVE
- POINT OF INTEREST

- POINT OF INTEREST**
- 22. King Nordians grave
 - 23. Sigtuna town
 - 24. Viby village



SIGHTSEEING

SIGTUNA TOWN

Sigtuna is Sweden's first town, established in the 970's by **King Erik the Victorious**. It was both a political and a religious center for centuries. The town's main artery, Stora gatan, remains the same as it did 1000 years ago. In the year 995, Sweden's first coin was made here, ordered by **King Olof**, son of King Erik who founded Sigtuna. Learn more about the town by picking up a free town map at the Sigtuna Tourist Office at Stora gatan 33.

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SIGTUNA MUSEUM

Welcome to Sigtuna museum to take part of stories of seal hunters, Vikings, ruins and flight towers.

Stora gatan 55, Sigtuna
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SIGTUNA TOWN HALL

Sigtuna Town Hall is probably the smallest town hall in Sweden, perhaps even in Europe. It was designed in the 1740s by mayor Erik Kihlman and is, with its baroque interior, a popular wedding venue. For wedding reservations and information, please contact Sigtuna Museum. Free admission.

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LUNDSTRÖM'S HOME AND MERCANTILE SHOP

In the bourgeois home of Lundström time has stood still since the early 1900s. Here lived the Lundström family who ran the 'good purchase trade'. At the shop, you could buy everything from fabric, buttons, paper, cigars and umbrellas to food such as pork, herring, syrup, coffee and canned goods. Lundström's home is part of Sigtuna Museum and is open during seasons and for guided tours.

Stora gatan 39, Sigtuna
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THE MAYOR'S RESIDENCE

This functionalist villa has well

preserved interior from Sigtuna's last mayor Gustav Dahl, who lived here. The villa is open for visitors. Part of Sigtuna Museum.

Borgmästarvägen 2, Sigtuna
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RUNESTONES

No other town boasts as many runestones as Sigtuna. In the town itself there are 15 to 25 stones. In the municipality, you can find more than 170 inscribed stones. Runestones were erected mainly during the 11th century and are often raised in memory of someone who once lived in the area. Some stones tell of voyages. Many end with a prayer, 'God, help his soul'. The stones were usually placed where many could see and read them. They

could be found by bridges, along narrow passages and close to homesteads. Pick up a map showing the locations of the runestones in Sigtuna town at the Tourist Office.

VIBY VILLAGE

A couple of kilometres outside Sigtuna town you will find the old crofter's homestead, Viby. The buildings have been left untouched for over 200 years. Generations of crofters have lived and worked here, often under harsh conditions and considerable poverty. Viby village is preserved by the Swedish Heritage Board. There is a cosy café, open on weekends. The farm also has sheep, goats, chickens and cats.

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MÄRSTA CENTER

A district center with a perfect distance to Arlanda as well as to Stockholm and Uppsala. After the new opening in 2017 it can now really be called a center - with a lovely mix of shops for everyone. Here you can find everything you could possibly need to make your everyday life easier.

For opening hours and information about stores, see *MARSTACENTRUM.SE*

RORSBERG'S PALACE

This royal palace was built by **Gabriel Bengtsson Oxenstierna** in the 1630s. Here you can find some of Europe's best preserved Empire interiors. The palace has a beautiful English park and a café, restaurant and a hotel. Guided tours in English.

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KUNGLIGASLOTTEN.SE

SKÅNELAHOLM'S CASTLE

The 17th century manor house is known for its numerous and diverse collections of everything from fine arts to cigars. Guided tours in English can be booked before your visit.

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VITTERHETSAKAD.SE

SKOKLOSTER CASTLE

Welcome to the 17th century, Sweden's Age of Greatness, and to one of the most evocative and astonishing milieus in Europe. Here you can find magnificent collections of crafts, unique paintings and a large armoury. Open for groups by appointment all year.

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SKOKLOSTERSLOTTEN.SE/EN

WENNGARN CASTLE

Each period with its counts, dukes and landlords have left their marks on Wenngarn since the 12th century, when a dispute of heritage was described in Sweden's oldest preserved letter. Owners such as Swedish king **Gustav Vasa** and **Magnus Gabriel De la Gardie** have contributed to the way the castle looks today. Wenngarn is packed with exciting historical



anecdotes and contains one of Sweden's best-preserved castle chapels, dating from Sweden's Age of Greatness. Guided tours are held on weekends.
WENNGARN.SE

STENINGE CASTLE AND VILLAGE

In Steninge you will find the beautiful Steninge castle from 1705 by famous Swedish architect Nicodemus Tessin the younger. There is a lovely baroque park and a historical stone barn, Stenladan. Inside Stenladan you'll find shops, a restaurant and a cafe in a beautiful historic setting. From mid-November until Christmas, Stenladan hosts an indoor Christmas market.

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STENINGESLOTTENBY.SE

CHURCHES

Sigtuna was established as a Christian community and during the Middle Ages there were no fewer than seven stone churches in town. Three are still standing as church ruins: St. Peter, St. Lawrence and St. Olaf, all built during the 12th century. Mariakyrkan, The Church of St. Mary, is the oldest brick building in the Mälaren Valley. It was built by Dominican friars during the 13th century. The church had an adjoining convent and was used until the Reformation in the mid-16th century. The church was built in a Gothic style and has stood for over 750 years. It is still used by the local congregation. The churches in Husby-Ärlinghundra, Norrsunda and Skånala were built



Photo: Oscar Söderlund



in the 12th century and are three of Sweden's rare churches with a tower in the East. Oden-sala Church was built in the beginning of the 13th century. Albertus Pictor decorated the walls with biblical motives in the 15th century. Haga Church has a beautiful baptismal font carved from sandstone and a thurible from the early 1200s. SVENSKAKYRKAN.SE/SIGTUNA SVENSKAKYRKAN.SE/MÄRSTA

DRAKEGÅRDEN

Dating from the 1700s, the beautiful Drakegården has served as both an inn and a private residence. Today, the Tourist Information Office is located here. You will find information about Sigtuna and receive help to plan your visit. There is also a gift shop with souvenirs and handicrafts. +46 (0)8-591 269 60 DESTINATIONSIGTUNA.SE

THE HERBAL GARDEN

The small herbal garden next to the Church of St. Mary's commemorates the friars who served in the Dominican convent in Sigtuna during the Middle Ages and their knowledge of cultivation and medicinal plants.

KULTURGÅRDEN

- PLÅT-PELLE'S HOUSE

The beautiful culture seat, Kulturgården, was designed by Evert Milles in 1917. It houses arts and crafts exhibitions.

SIGTUNASTIFTELSEN

(SIGTUNA FOUNDATION)

Sigtunastiftelsen was created by Manfred Björkquist in the 1910's. It has for many years been a cultural Christian meeting place favored by many authors. The library is famous for its collections of newspaper cuttings. +46 (0)8 592 589 00 SIGTUNASTIFTELSEN.SE

RUINS

St. OLAF'S CHURCH RUIN

St. Olaf's church ruin is one of three remaining medieval church ruins. Archaeological excavations have found that the church remnants of today rest on an even older church. The church was probably built around the turn of 1100.

St. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH RUIN

Ruins of a medieval church in Sigtuna town parish. It was, like the other stone churches, in use until the Reformation and was then left to dilapidate.

St. PETER'S CHURCH RUIN

Ruins of a medieval church built around the year 1100. The church was probably built by and for the king.

TRANSPORT

STOCKHOLM ARLANDA AIRPORT

Book a guided tour of the air traffic control tower at the airport. On a clear day, you can see all the way to Uppsala's Cathedral from the 83-meter-high viewing point. In the Arrival Hall at Terminal 5 you'll find Arlanda Visitor Center. +46 (0)10-109 10 00 SWEDAVIA.SE/ARLANDA

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Please contact Stockholm Arlanda Airport for further information. +46 (0)10-109 10 00 SWEDAVIA.SE/ARLANDA

AIRPORT BUSES

There are frequent bus departures between Stockholm Arlanda Airport, Märsta, Sigtuna, Uppsala and Stockholm. FLYGBUSSARNA.SE

BUSES

The local buses to Sigtuna town, 575 and 570, are synchronized with the commuter trains from Stockholm to Märsta. Buss 579 runs between Arlanda-Sigtuna-Bålsta. SL +46 (0)8-600 10 00 SL.SE UL buses provide services to Uppsala via Knivsta to and from Sigtuna town. UL +46 (0)771-14 14 14 | UL.SE

TRAINS

Frequent daily departures from the train stations in Märsta and Stockholm Arlanda Airport to the rest of Sweden. +46 (0)771-75 75 75 | SJ.SE

High speed trains between Arlanda and Stockholm depart frequently in both directions. +46 (0)771-72 02 00 ARLANDAEXPRESS.SE

COMMUTER TRAINS

The train journey from Märsta and Rosersberg to Stockholm takes about 40 minutes. Frequent departures from early morning until late evening. SL card is valid. There are also trains from Arlanda Central station to Stockholm and Uppsala (additional fee). SL +46 (0)8-600 10 00 SL.SE

TAXI

Sverigetaxi offers fixed prices from Arlanda to Sigtuna town as well as ecofriendly cars. +46 (0)20-20 20 20 (toll-free in Sweden) +46 0(8)-85 04 00 (from abroad) SVERIGETAXI.SE

BOAT

In the summer you can enjoy the waterways to Sigtuna town. You will find information about the different routes on STROMMA.SE.



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