

The King represents Sweden during both incoming and outgoing state visits, building personal relationships between the countries. The visits are planned in consultation with the Government. King Carl XVI Gustaf usually makes two or three state visits abroad each year.

When he is prevented from performing his duties as Head of State, one of King Carl XVI Gustaf's three children assume the duties of a temporary regent – Crown Princess Victoria, Prince Carl Philip or Princess Madeleine, in that order.

King Carl XVI Gustaf is known for his commitment to the environment. He also promotes Sweden's cultural heritage, for example by granting the public access to the royal palaces with their collections and parks.