



## **2017 Blackford Family Trip to Sweden**

Peggy Blackford (daughter of Vanja Margit [Bengtsson] Steele)

Bret Blackford (son of Peggy) & wife Michelle Blackford with children Cora, Neva, and David

Sheri Blackford (daughter of Peggy and sister of Bret)

## **Stockholm to Karlstad**

3 hr 30 min (306 km)

**Arrive** Stockholm June 4

**Depart** Stockholm to Forshaga June 9

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| Frövigatan 20<br>Stockholm, Stockholms län 124 70<br>Sweden<br><a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Mr1kDL5Kmx42">https://goo.gl/maps/Mr1kDL5Kmx42</a> | KULLAGATAN 6 Hus samt stuga/friggebod<br>Forshaga, Värmlands län 667 33<br>Sweden<br><a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Pax9fJpoz8K2">https://goo.gl/maps/Pax9fJpoz8K2</a> |
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**Karlstad to Oslo** (side trip to Tanumshede to see rock carvings)

2 hr 47 min (213 km)

**Arrive** Forshaga June 9

**Depart** Forshaga to Oslo, Norway June 13

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| KULLAGATAN 6 Hus samt stuga/friggebod<br>Forshaga, Värmlands län 667 33<br>Sweden<br><a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Pax9fJpoz8K2">https://goo.gl/maps/Pax9fJpoz8K2</a> | Sørenskia 75 202<br>Oslo, Oslo 0194<br>Norway<br><a href="https://goo.gl/maps/eUazFF6unNz">https://goo.gl/maps/eUazFF6unNz</a> |
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## **Oslo to Mora**

4 hr 45 min (325 km)

**Arrive** Oslo, Norway June 13

**Depart** Oslo to Mora, Sweden June 15

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| Sørenskia 75 202<br>Oslo, Oslo 0194<br>Norway<br><a href="https://goo.gl/maps/eUazFF6unNz">https://goo.gl/maps/eUazFF6unNz</a> | Lasarettsvägen 32<br>Mora, Dalarnas län<br>Sweden<br><a href="https://goo.gl/maps/M5RLrEQomB92">https://goo.gl/maps/M5RLrEQomB92</a> |
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**Mora to Arlanda** (side trip to Sigtuna)

3 hr 47 min (322 km)

**Arrive** Mora, Sweden June 15

**Depart** Mora to Arlanda, Sweden June 18

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| Lasarettsvägen 32<br>Mora, Dalarnas län<br>Sweden<br><a href="https://goo.gl/maps/M5RLrEQomB92">https://goo.gl/maps/M5RLrEQomB92</a> | Connect Hotel<br>Lindberghs Gata 10, 195 61<br>Arlandastad, Sweden<br><a href="https://goo.gl/maps/ocFZzKMkv2n">https://goo.gl/maps/ocFZzKMkv2n</a> |
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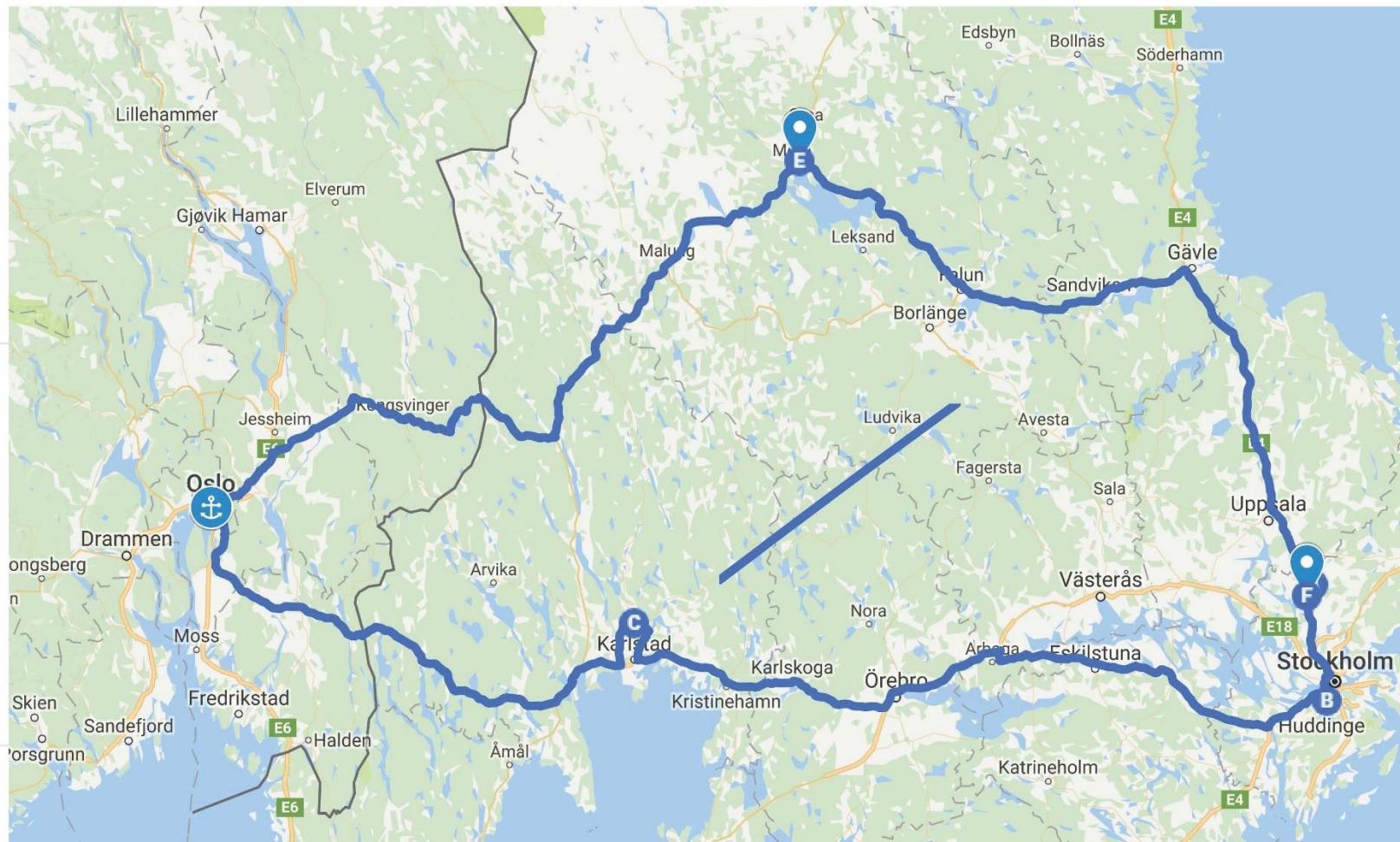
## Scandinavia

- A Stockholm Arlanda Airport
- B Frövigatan 20
- C KULLAGATAN 6
- D Lasarettvägen 32
- E Lindberghs gata 10
- F Sørengkaia 75

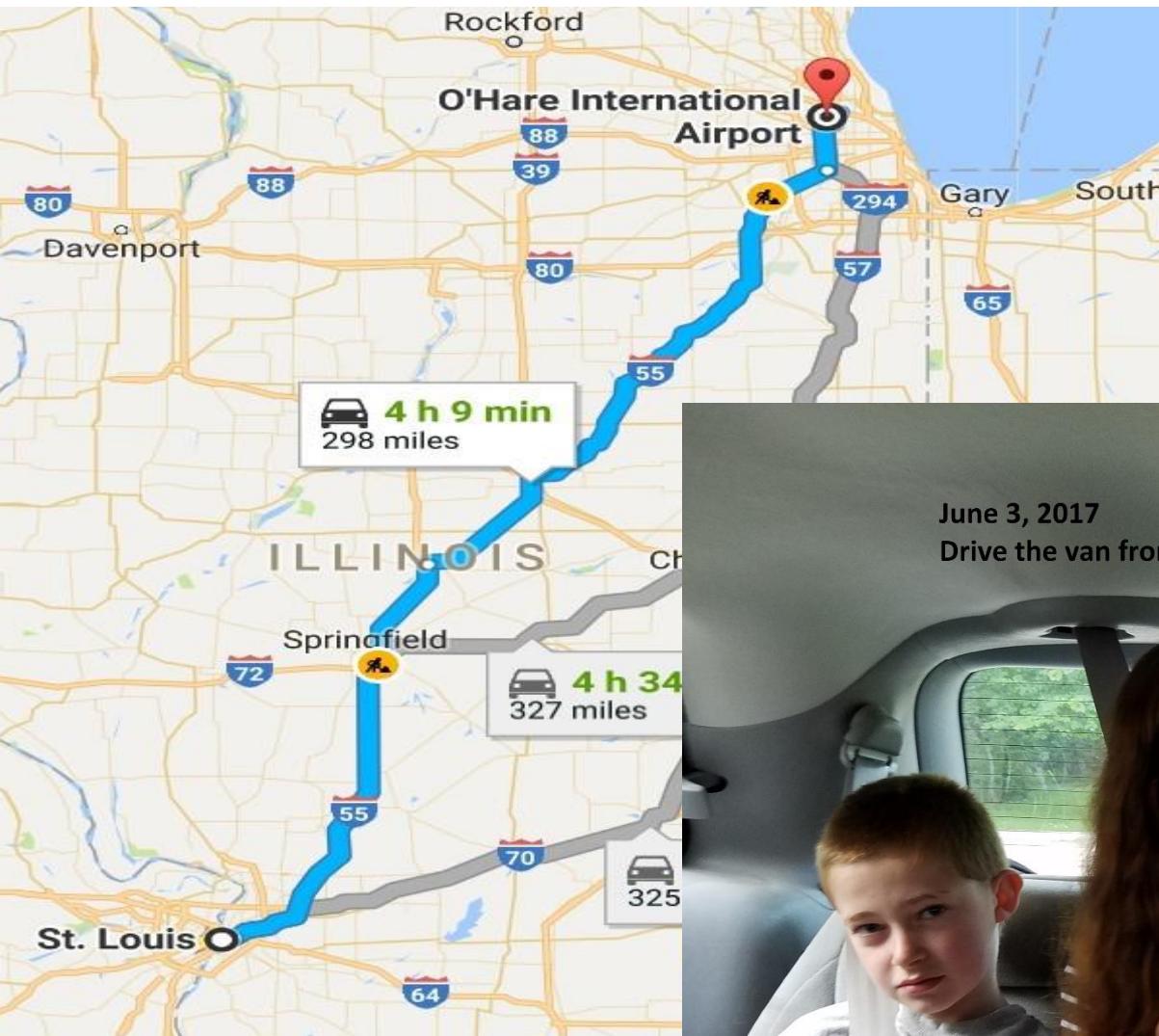
Directions from Stockholm Arlanda Airport to Lindberghs gata 10

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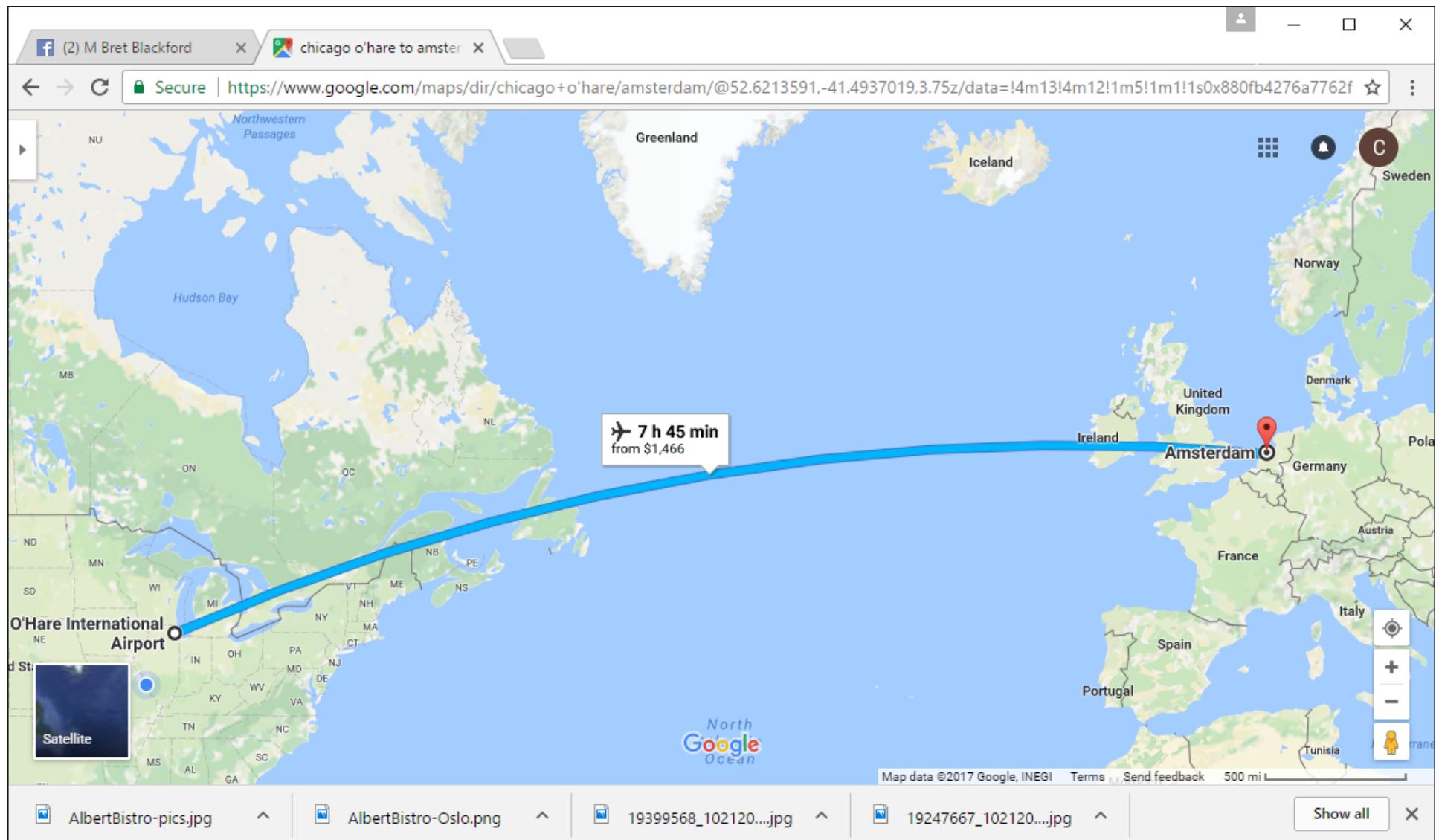
Trip to Sweden and Norway - summer 2017



**Day 1 – June 3, 2017** 1<sup>st</sup> we pack 7 people in the van and drive 4 hours from St. Louis to Chicago, O' Hare



**Day 1 – June 3, 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> We fly Delta DL 9383 from Chicago to Amsterdam (about 9 hours)**



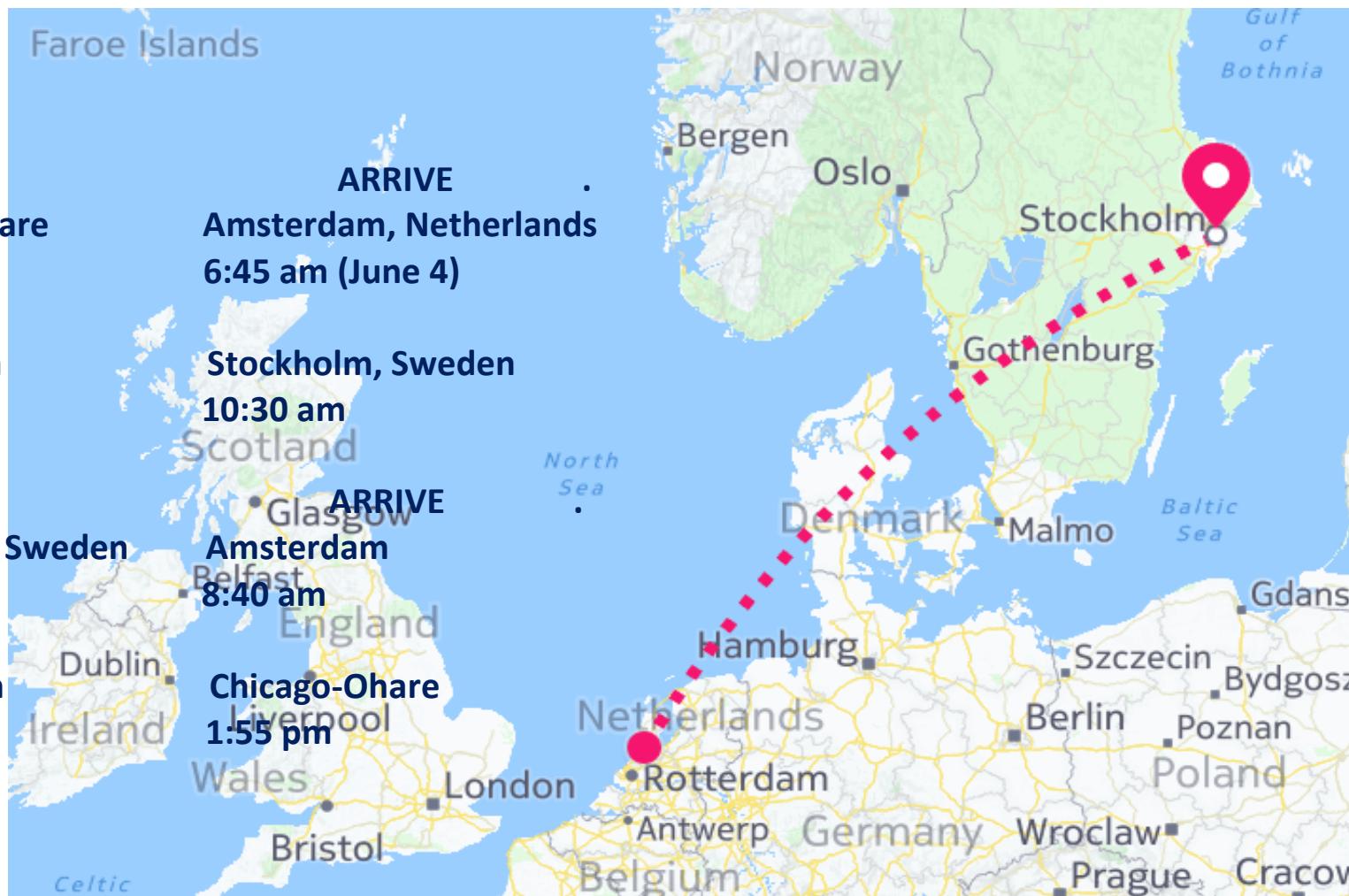
**June 3, 2017**  
**Delta flight DL 9383**  
**From ORD > AMS**  
**Depart Chicago 4:00 pm,**  
**Arrive Amsterdam 6:45 am**



**Day 1/2 – June 4, 2017 4<sup>rd</sup>** We fly Delta 9610 from Amsterdam to Stockholm, Sweden (about 2 hours)

**Flight Information:**

| DATE       | DEPART            | ARRIVE                 |
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| June 3     | Chicago-Ohare     | Amsterdam, Netherlands |
| Delta 9383 | 4:00 pm           | 6:45 am (June 4)       |
| June 4     | Amsterdam         | Stockholm, Sweden      |
| Delta 9610 | 8:30 am           | 10:30 am               |
| DATE       | DEPART            | ARRIVE                 |
| June 19    | Stockholm, Sweden | Amsterdam              |
| Delta 9283 | 6:30 am           | 8:40 am                |
| June 19    | Amsterdam         | Chicago-Ohare          |
| Delta 9382 | 12:25 pm          | 1:55 pm                |



**Day 1/2 – June 4, 2017** 5<sup>th</sup> we take the Arlanda Express train to Central Station, where we take the metro train (T-Bana) to **Hagsätra** station. We then walked about 5 minutes to our apartment:

Frövigatan 20, Stockholm, Stockholms län 124 70, Sweden



**Day 2 – Our first meal in Sweden was sandwiches. We could walk to the ICA grocery store in about 5 minutes.**

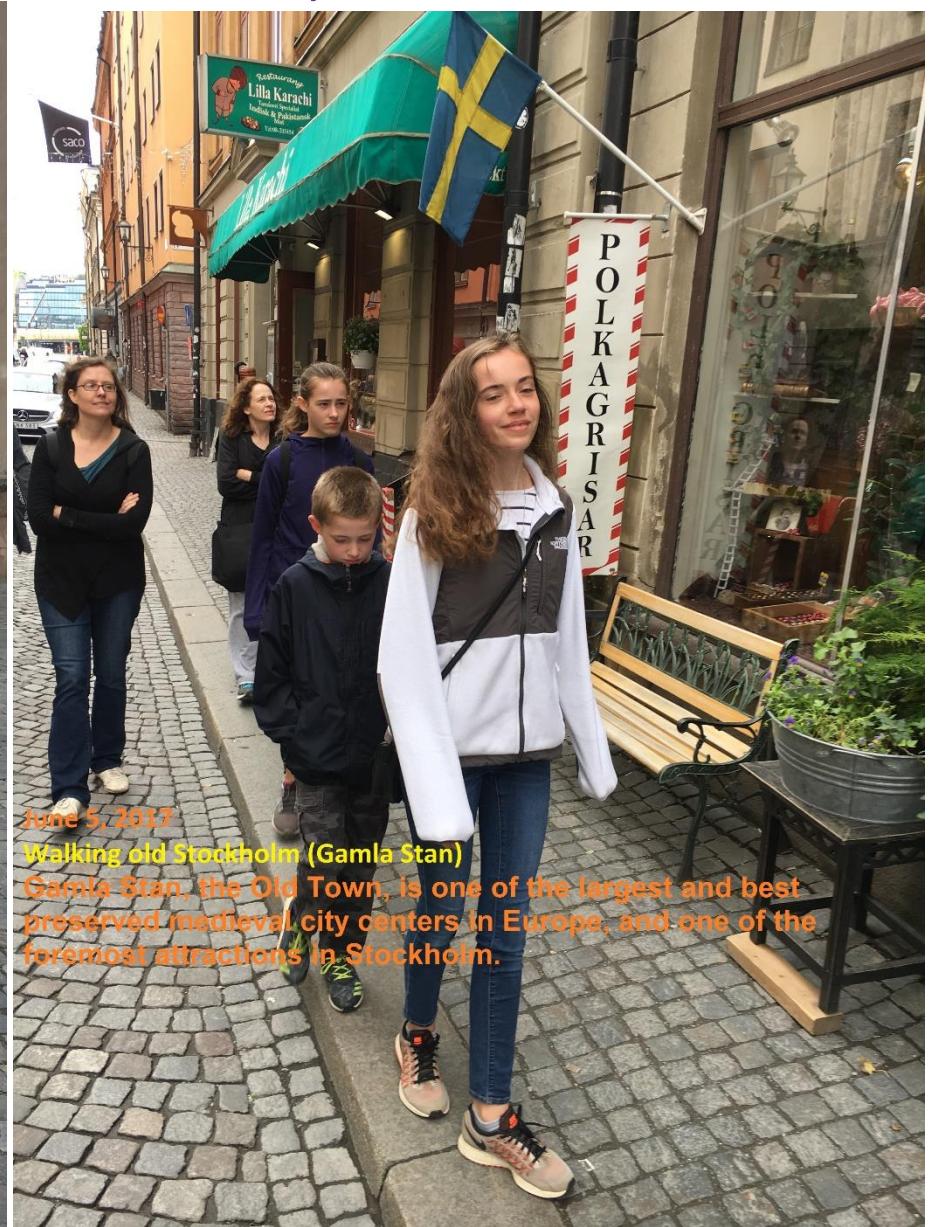




June 4, 2017

First meal in Sweden (Stockholm)  
Sandwich items from the  
**ICA Supermarket Hagsätra**  
(about a 5 minute walk from the apartment)

## Our first trip in Stockholm was to the old town, or Gamla Stan



**Gamla Stan**, the Old Town, is one of the largest and best preserved medieval city centers in Europe





June 5, 2017  
Cora and Michelle in Gamla Stan





June 5, 2017

**The Royal Palace** (*Kungliga slottet*) is the official residence and major royal palace of the Swedish monarch (the actual residence of King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia is at Drottningholm Palace). Stockholm Palace is located on Stadsholmen, in Gamla stan in the capital, Stockholm.



June 5, 2017  
Bret and Michelle in the  
**The Royal Palace**  
(*Kungliga slottet*)



June 5, 2017  
Cora, Neva, and Boo in the **The Royal Palace**  
(*Kungliga slottet*) located on Stadsholmen, in Gamla  
stan in the capital, Stockholm.



June 6, 2017

### ***Skansen Museum in Djurgården & Skeppsholmen***

The world's first open-air museum, Skansen was founded in to provide an insight into how Swedes once lived. You could easily spend a day here and not see it all. Around 150 traditional houses and other exhibits dot the hilltop – it's meant to be 'Sweden in miniature', complete with villages, nature, commerce and industry.



June 6 – Skansen



June 6 – Ferry to Skansen



June 6 – Vasa Museum



**June 7 – Changing of the Guard**



June 7, 2017 – the Cathedral



**June 8, 2017  
Cora at the Royal Armory**

**June 6, 2017  
Cora at the Royal Armory**

June 7, 2017 – Cora and Neva go shopping in Stockholm with aunt Boo .



June 7, 2017  
Cora & Neva explore Stockholm with Aunt Boo



June 7, 2017  
Cora & Neva explore Stockholm with Aunt Boo  
Here Cora finds some groovy pants

## June 8, 2017 – Drottningham Palace (by ferry)



June 8, 2017  
Boo & Neva on ferry to Drottningholm Palace



June 8, 2017

Neva and Boo at Drottningholm Palace



June 8, 2017

Bret & Michelle  
Drottningholm Palace





June 8 – dinner at Polpetto in Stockholm

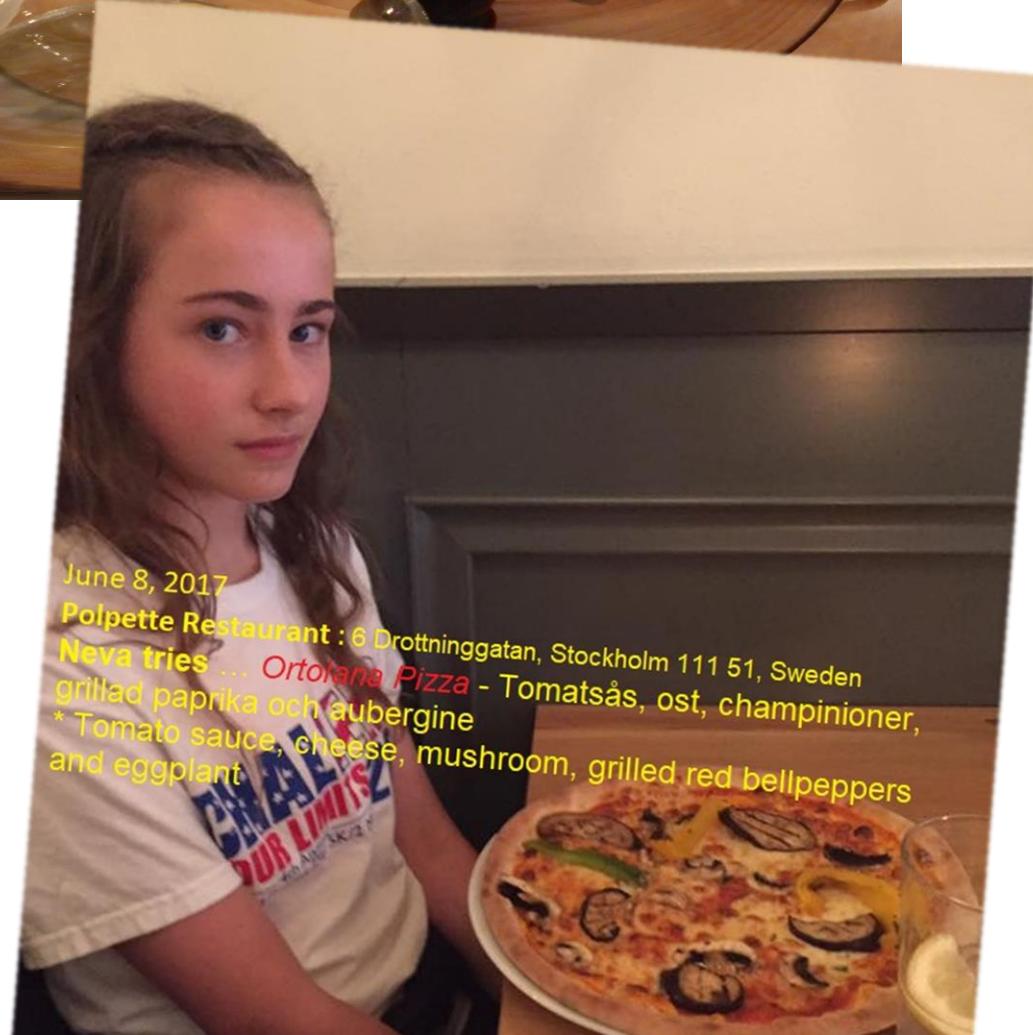




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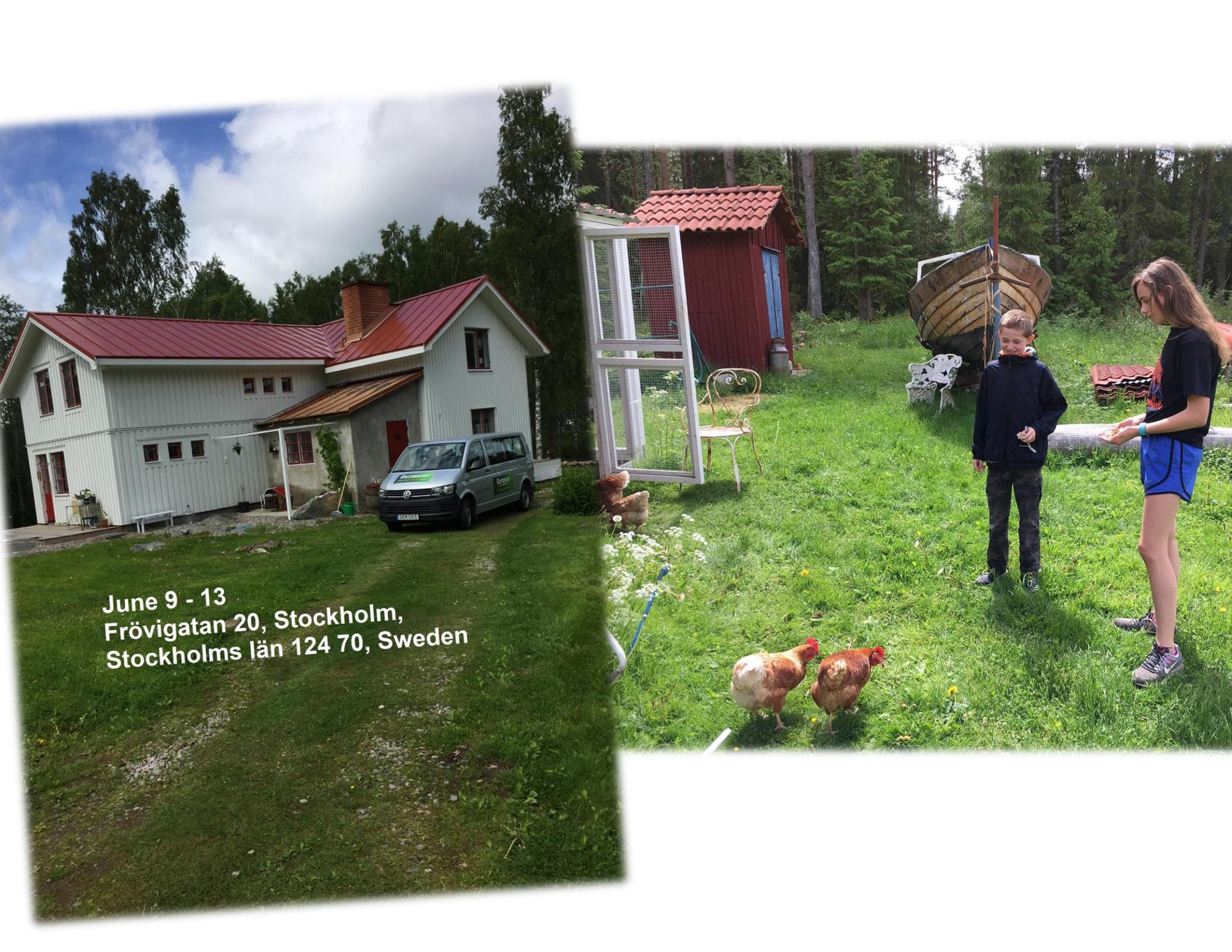
Polpette Restaurant : 6 Drottninggatan, Stockholm 111 51,  
Sweden

June 8, 2017  
Polpette in Stockholm



June 9, 2017 – Travel to Forshaga, but first Bret, Cora, and Neva run the E18 Loppet in Karlstad





June 9 - 13  
Frövigatan 20, Stockholm,  
Stockholms län 124 70, Sweden



June 19, 2017 – Grandma Margit Vanja [Bengtsson] Steele’s house in Stormon, Sweden



June 19, 2017

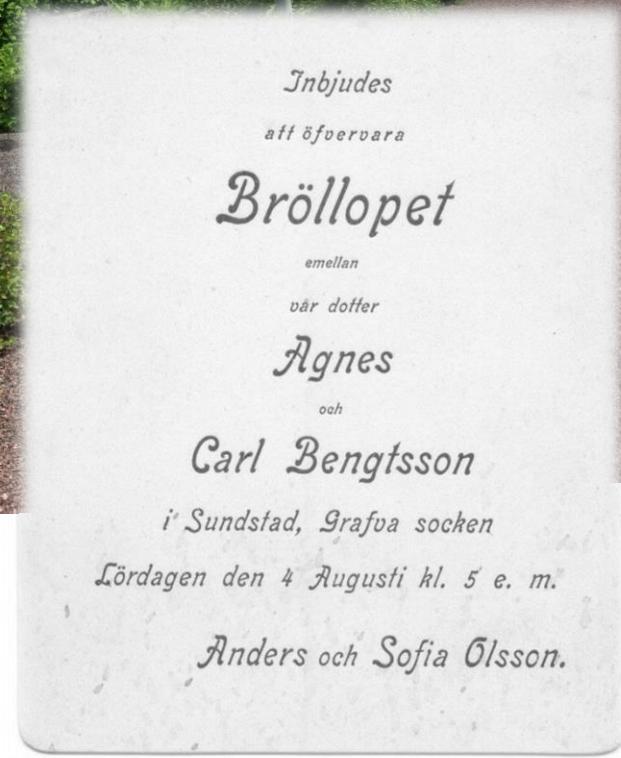
Visit Stormon, Sweden (outside of Forshoga) to see the house where Margit Vanja [Bengtsson] Steele was born. Margit's picture is held by daughter Margaret Blackford.

June 19, 2017 – Grandma Margit Vanja [Bengtsson] Steele’s house in Stormon, Sweden

Cora in original root cellar, Margit Vanja, Peggy Blackford (daughter of Margit)



The church where Carl Bengtsson and Agnus Olsson (parents of Margit Vanja) were married





June 10, 2017  
Midsummer meal prepared by cousins Ann & Peter Calen in  
Forshaga, Sweden



June 10, 2017  
Midsummer meal prepared by cousins  
Ann & Peter Calen in Forshaga, Sweden





June 11, 2017

Maria Calen

(daughter of Peter and Ann)  
and son Lucas



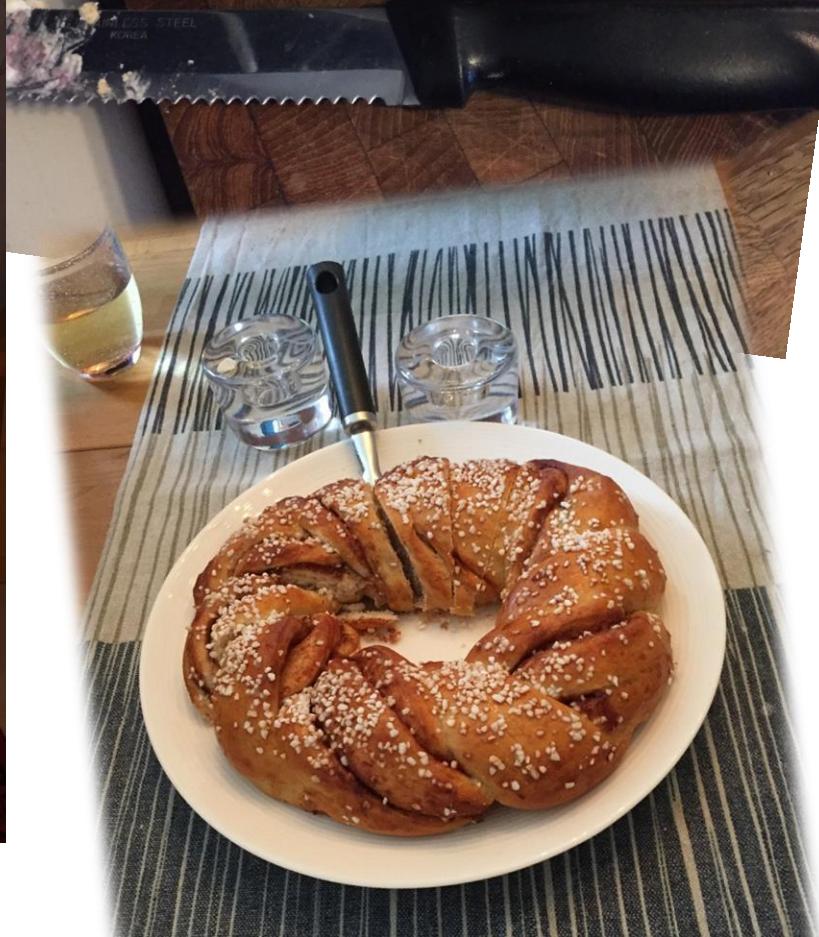




Diner in Forshaga with cousins Ann & Peter Calen







June 13, 2017 – Travel to Oslo, Norway but 1<sup>st</sup> stop at Tanumshede sweden



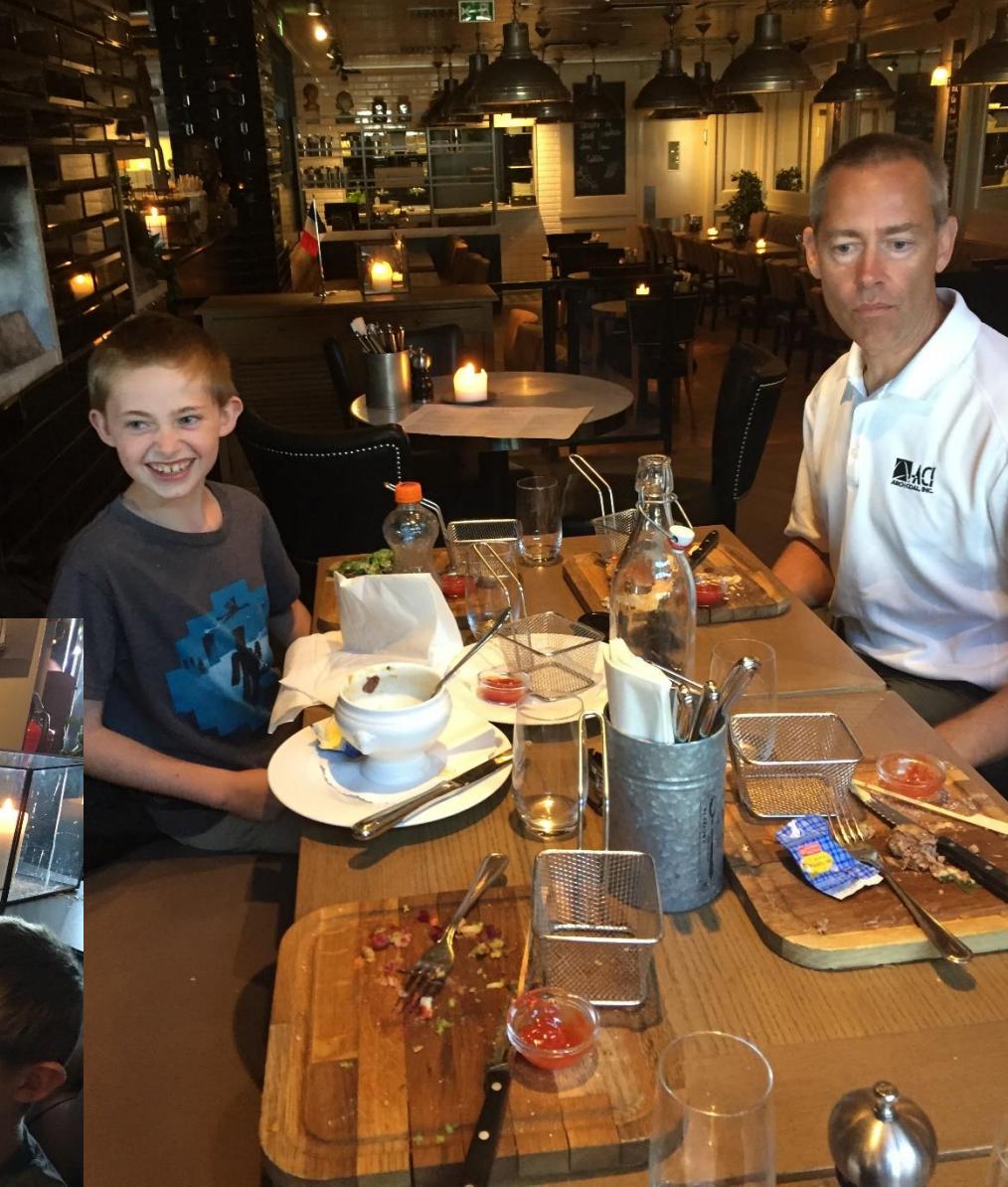


## June 14, 2017 – Ferry to Viking and Folk Museum





June 14, 2017 - Albert Bistro



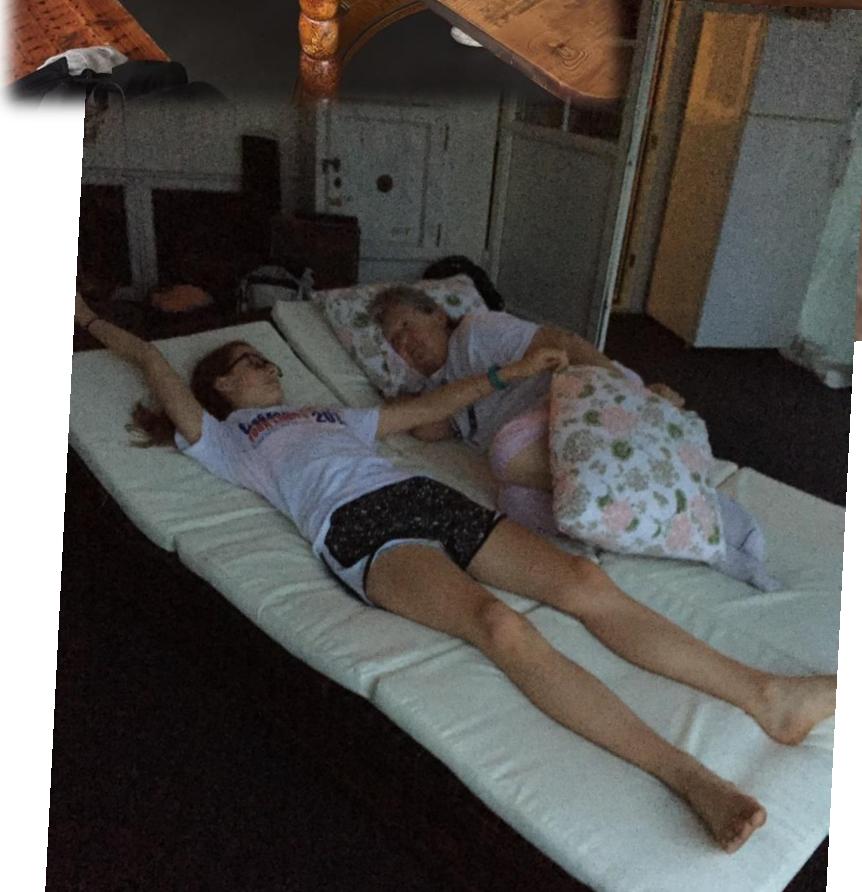
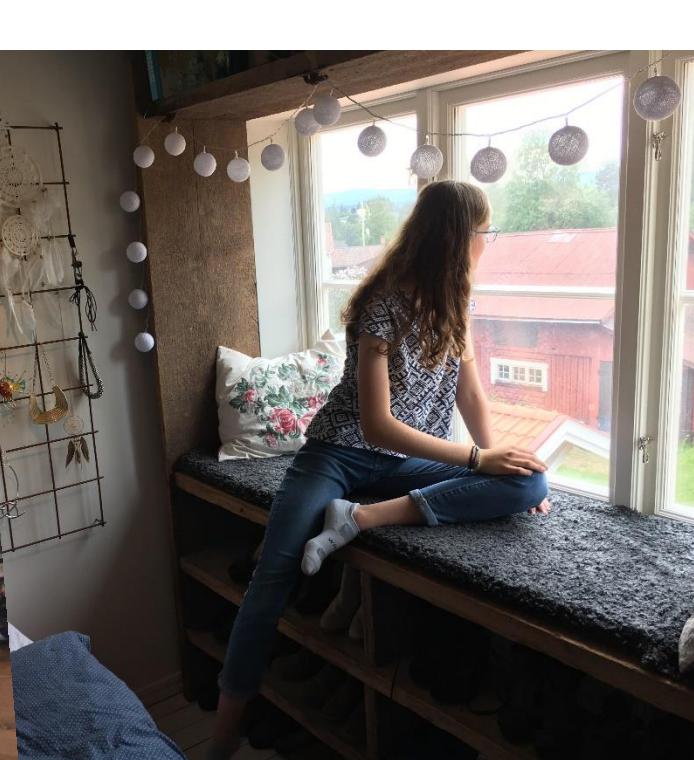
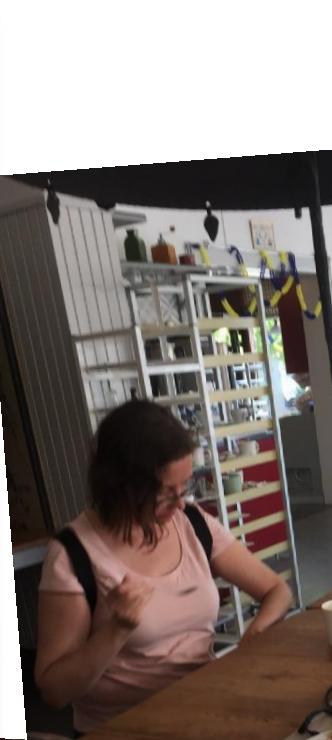
June 16, 2017 – Travel to Mora, Sweden





June 17, 2017 - David at Rattvik, Sweden





June 17, 2017  
Cora and Neva enjoy fika in Rättvik

# June 18, 2017 – Sigtuna – Sweden's oldest town



