

Act two:

Ingrid flew to Stockholm in October 2019 first to open a Swedish bank account. Two days later she took the commuter train to Upplands Väsby where she met with Thore Lundström & Ulla Barthelson, to see the apartment and so much more. Thore was "Good Man" for Karin, hence handled all her financial affairs. During the flight Ingrid read about buying property in Sweden, what information she needed, what questions to ask before committing herself to buy. Thore & a real estate representative responded to my many questions. Ingrid and Thore took the "golden handshake" in front of the real estate representative. No real estate loan as we purchased directly from the family.

Ingrid bought the apartment with the promise to send a deposit ASAP and pay the remainder after the first of the New Year. Due to moisture damage in the bathroom wall, the whole bathroom had to be renovated, before the purchase could be finalized. A cut in the price was agreed upon and Ingrid could at this point upgrade the bathroom. Thore offered to supervise the work. Thore & Ulla would become our closest neighbors and dear friends throughout this process.

Thore also serves on the Board for the HSB complex. After agreeing to buy the condominium the three of us went to look & select marble for (floor & walls), toilet, shower door, washbasin, light fixtures etc. This was going to be the most luxurious bathroom ever, with warm floors & warming towel rack. It took several months to complete the work, and the result is fantastic. According to Swedish rules we paid income taxes for all the workers, etc. Ingrid also ordered new beds, linens & pillows to be delivered some months later.

We must also tell you that we visited Karin at the apartment during our first trip together to Sweden in the summer of 1999. The only thing Ingrid remembered of the apartment was the very large glassed in balcony. The unit is small just 68 m sq. than we had hoped for but the large balcony 17 m sq. is magnificent. During warmer months it extends the living area. Shelving in the storage areas came in handy for Ingrid's craft materials and to keep clothing not in use and all the "extras".

More information to follow!