



Crayfish Swedish style

Serves 4

Day 1:

2 kg crayfish, fresh and alive (or go to Totally Swedish in Marylebone and buy frozen cooked crayfish with prepared stock.)

6 l water

1 pint lager

2 cups salt

1tbs sugar

1 large bunch of fresh crown dill

Bring the ingredients for the stock to boil and leave it to simmer for 5 minutes. Turn up the heat and add the crayfish. Boil for another 5-6 minutes, then put the crayfish and the stock in separate bowls and place in fridge or similar to cool down. When chilled, pour the stock onto the crayfish and leave in fridge over night.

Freeze your snaps bottles (such as Aquavit and/or Vodka)

Day 2, before serving:

Remove half the stock and the old crown dill and serve the crayfish cold in a large bowl placed in the middle of the table, decorated with fresh dill.

Serving essentials are soft sourdough bread/dark rye bread, butter and mature Präst or Svecia cheese – have a look at our “retailer page” to see where it is stocked in London. (If you can’t get hold of Nordic cheese, matured cheddar will do). A homemade potato and cheese pie is also suitable and will make it a more filling meal.

Enjoy the crayfish with beer and the chilled snaps – we normally serve the latter in small glasses on foot. And don’t forget the singing.

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Snaps songs

Since most songs are in either of the Nordic languages and based on tunes that are typically Nordic, it has proven hard to find snaps songs that work well over here... Below you find three to start with:

Tune: When I am 64

When we get drunker losing our minds
many beers from now,

Will we still be having us a real good time?

Whiskey, Gin and a bottle of Wine.

So fill up your glass now, get drunk as a skunk
don’t say you want no more!

WE are the singers, we are the swingers,
join us, you won’t get bored!!

Tune: Popeye theme song

We are little bumblebees, bzz bzz

We are little bumblebees, bzz bzz

We are little bumblebees, who like to take it,

We are little bumblebees!

Ingmar Bergman (no tune, just say the words before drinking)

Silence. Action.