



Denmark Travel Guide

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Nyhavn, Copenhagen

“Denmark is like a secret little place with its own special language.”

helena Christensen

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Top Five Destinations In Denmark

1. **Copenhagen** is Denmark's vibrant capital city and the country's cultural and financial center. Fantastic Nyhavn and intriguing Christianshavn are major draws for visitors. Drop down into one of many classic bars in Nyhavn for a beer. The city is full of Dutch Renaissance architecture and medieval churches. It has fantastic restaurants, buzzing nightlife, and great shopping.
2. **Odense** Is the charming birthplace of Han Christian Anderson. This was also the haven for worshippers of the Norse Gods. The city is full of vibrant colors and a strong sense of community. Many sites to visit include Funen's Abbey, the 11th Century Saint Canute's Cathedral, and the Viking Castle.
3. **Aarhus and its environs** have Iconic sites, a lively music scene, pristine beaches, castles, and twisted forests. This eighth-century fortified Viking settlement was a trade center for centuries due to its strategic location. It is famous for its music festivals. The old town area has beautifully preserved houses and is lovely to stroll through. The 13th-century Aarhus Cathedral is well worth a visit.
4. **The wild and untouched Northern shores**, Beautiful windswept seaside, buried churches, and dramatic nature.
5. **Kronborg Castle** is the magnificent 13th-century home of Shakespeare's Hamlet in the town of Elsinore. It is dramatic in both architecture and setting.

Did you know?

Denmark Stats

- Population: 5.8 million
- Capital City: Copenhagen
- Currency: Danish Kroner (DKK)
- Government type: Parliamentary Constitutional Monarchy
- Monarch: Margrethe II
- Prime Minister: Mette Frederiksen
- Ethnic groups: Danish (includes Greenlandic (who are predominantly Inuit) and Faroese) 86.3%, other 12.7% (largest groups are Polish, Syrian, German, Iraqi, and Romanian)
- Languages: Danish, Faroese, Greenlandic (an Inuit dialect), German (small minority)
- Religions: Evangelical Lutheran (official) 74.7%, Muslim 5.5%, other/none/unspecified of less than 1% each Roman Catholic, Jehovah's Witness, Serbian Orthodox Christian, Jewish, Baptist, Buddhist, Mormon, Pentecostal, and nondenominational Christian 19.8%
- U.S. State Department Risk Level: 1
- Terrorist groups: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps/Qods Force (2019)

- GDP 348.1 billion Rank 16th
- Denmark averages 171 days of precipitation in either rain or snow.
- There are 7,314 miles of Denmark's coastline.
- Denmark is the world's fifth-largest importer of food despite its small population.
- The diverse economy has a mixture of agriculture, tourism, and energy.
- Denmark's inventions include Google Maps, the loudspeaker, Lego bricks, dry cell batteries, and insulin.
- Major trading partners: Germany, Sweden, the U.K., the US, Netherlands, Norway, and Japan.
- Life Expectancy 81.2 years of age.
- The literacy rate is 99%.

Funs facts

- Denmark is the world's biggest consumer of meat per capita.
- The Denmark flag is the oldest in the world, and it was created in 1219.
- Named one of the happiest countries on earth multiple times.
- A word that reflects the Danish soul, Hygge, is about creating a cozy feeling of togetherness, well-being, and a warm atmosphere.
- The Danish alphabet has three additional letters.
- The Danish Monarchy is the oldest continuing monarchy in the world.
- Danish pastry originated in Austria. It was brought there by relocated Austrian bakers who replaced Danish bakers when they went on strike.
- Bike culture is prevalent and considered a safe and effective mode of transport. Denmark has 12,000 km of bike paths and lanes. 75% of Danes continue to bike in the winter, and 50% bike to work daily.
- Danes are the world's highest consumers of coffee.
- Soccer is the national sport.
- The two oldest amusement parks in the world reside in Denmark. Walt Disney visited Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen and was so inspired he created Disneyland.
- Shakespeare's famous play Hamlet at Elsinore Castle, which is modeled on Denmark's Kronborg Castle
- On Denmark's Faroe Island, the population of sheep is twice that of humans.
- Denmark is the biggest producer of minks.
- Hans Christian Anderson of fairy tale lore is the most famous Dane author.

Denmark Map

Good to know before you go

- Tipping is not needed in Denmark, as it is included in your bill. It is not customary or expected. This includes restaurants, cab drivers, porters, bartenders, and other service workers. Credit cards are accepted everywhere.
- Overall, the clothing is stylish and well-kept. They are casual dressers, often wearing jeans and comfortable shoes. Women do wear dresses often, and nylon stockings remain trendy.
- Do not jaywalk in Denmark, or you will be fined. Danes are rule followers, which is why their society is so organized.
- Driving is easy in Denmark with normal rules of the road. Just be very careful with bicycles!
- Before getting on a bike in Denmark, become familiar with the norms. There is a bike traffic issue, which can overwhelm visitors. Practice first!!
- The life of a Dane is often defined by three words: simplicity, politeness, and equality.
- Danish people don't give much value to possessions or high income. The simple life is the essence of the Danes.
- Greetings in Denmark are polite with a handshake. The Danes consider initiating a conversation with them while riding public transportation to be disrespectful.
- Women and Men are equal in Denmark. They receive equal compensation.
- Danes are happy and peaceful people.
- The Danes are very private people, and the unspoken rule of privacy is always to be respected. If you walk by a home with open windows, do not peer inside; it is viewed as very rude.
- They pay the highest taxes in the world for their healthcare, social services, and unemployment.
- Denmark has a deep folk music history. The arts are essential to their lives, and many concerts and music programs are available for travelers.
- The Danes are known for their Folklore and storytelling. You will be richly rewarded if you can engage them to share a story.
- Denmark has a heavy seafood and meat diet.
- The Danes prefer to be left alone and would appreciate it if you left their dogs alone, too. Admire from a distance.
- The weather can be harsh, and even summers never get that hot. Plan layers even for summer travel.
- Most Danes speak excellent English.
- Spirits are expensive in Denmark. Beer is the most popular drink.
- Most restaurants and tourist sites do not allow smoking.
- It is a very safe country.

Denmark Essential Info

U.S. Consular Emergency

The 24-hour number from a U.S. Phone is 1-888-407-4747

Outside of U.S., 011-202-501-4444

U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen

Address: Dag Hammarskjolds Alle 24
2100 Copenhagen
Phone +45 3341 7100
Emergency after hours +45 3341 7400

US Consulate in Nuuk

Address: Postboks NR 552
Nuuk 3900 Greenland
+299 38 41 00

Emergency Numbers

GENERAL 112
Police 114

Country Code

+45 Denmark
+299 Greenland
+298 Faroe Islands

Time Zone

UTC+1

Driving

Right side

Adaptors

“Standard” Euro plug
Type C or F

Tourism Office

<https://visitdenmark.com>
New York Office usa@visitdenmark.com

When to travel to Denmark

Denmark is a top-rated destination for tourists. It is the happiest place to live on earth, so why wouldn't you want to be there? It also rains (rarely snow) every other day of the year, so weather can be an issue if you don't plan for it. During the peak tourist season, July & August can be crowded. May and September can still have nice weather but with fewer crowds.

Summers stay mild but may get chilly or feel like there is no summer. June is the driest month of the year. Days are long, and you will see everyone outside. Winter months are the low season, but the

Christmas markets and festivals draw many visitors; keep that in mind. The noted “Hygge” indeed does occur in winter, and Danes just cozy up in their home for the short, cold days.

Overall, Denmark can be a year-round destination if you plan accordingly.

- Summer 54-72°F (12-21 °C)
- Spring 34-61°F (1-16 °C)
- Fall 39-62°F (4-17 °C)
- Winter 30-39°F (-1-4 °C)

Our Favorite Denmark Resources

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Travel Books/Guides

Our trip to Denmark was during a two-week trip to seven different countries. What we can pack is limited, and it had to have bang for the space required. These guides served us well in planning and during our travels.



Lonely Planet's Denmark (Country Guide)

This is a passport to the most relevant, up-to-date advice, the highlights Denmark has to offer, and what hidden discoveries await you. Sample Danish food, immerse yourself in Viking history, wander amazing castles, and stop by the home of Lego—all with your trusted travel companion. This travel guide provides detailed information to help you plan your visit to this amazing country. [Discover this travel guide here.](#)



Rick Steves Snapshot Copenhagen & the Best of Denmark

Full disclosure: We are huge Rick Steve's fans; it will be rare we do not recommend one of his wonderful guides. For a few days there, the Denmark version did an excellent job. We love his travel style and perspective. His off-the-beaten-path approach and independent travel philosophy match well with how we travel. The guides never disappoint. This book made the cut into our suitcase and was a fantastic resource. [Find this must-have guide here.](#)

Our favorite websites

1. [Denmark Tourism](#)

www.visitcopenhagen.com

2. U.S. Department of State: Bureau of Consular Affairs Denmark Country Info

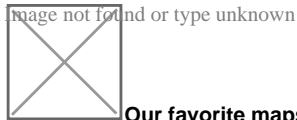
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[Denmark International Travel Information \(state.gov\)](#)

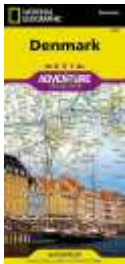
3. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Travelers Health Resource

This CDC travel resource provides essential health info for your specific destination. Using their tool, you can determine which vaccines, medications, and health advice recommendations are needed for Denmark.

[CDC's Travelers Health Page for Denmark](#)



Our favorite maps



Denmark National Geographic Adventure Map, 3329 Easy to read the map with practical

road and travel information. We enjoyed the National Geographic maps as they provided accurate details. It seems geared toward the adventure traveler, which we appreciate. Hundreds of points of interest are on this map, including our beloved Castles. Though we default to Google Maps, it was excellent for planning. [Find this essential map here.](#)

Our favorite apps

Copenhagen Travel Full city guide in your pocket. Click the A.R. button and turn yourself 360 to see what is near you to visit. Has offline maps.

Rome2rio: Trip Planner Trip and Holiday Organizer Enter any address, landmark, or city in the App, and It will instantly display all your travel options and booking info, along with accommodation providers and things to do. Find it on your local app store.

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Duolingo-Language Lesson Audio lessons that help improve your listening and speaking skills. Find on your local app store.

Learn The Danish Language – Drops Focus is a practical word that uses picture-enhanced learning. Great to practice before you go. Easy and fun.

Google Translate We often use this to practice the proper pronunciation of Danish words. As we always encourage, learning the basics of greeting and thanking people in the local language is essential. Google Translate was an easy app to use. If needed, you can enter text in English, and it will speak back in Danish to aid in communicating with locals. Furthermore, it came in very handy to translate text into images instantly.

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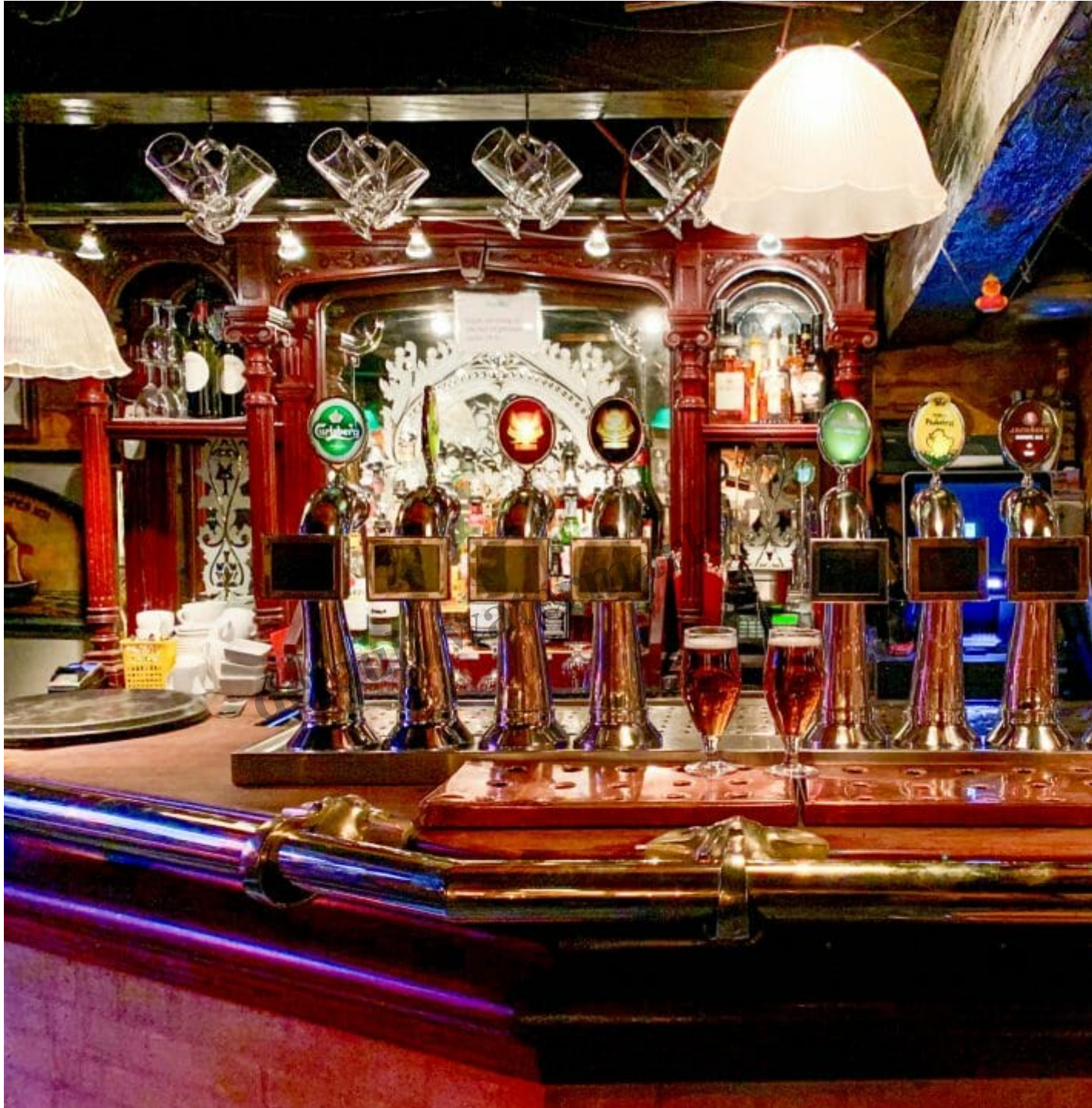
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[MedjetAssist](#)

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[Expedia.com](#)

Hotels, home rentals, BNBs, flights, and other transportation & tours

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[Vacation Rental By Owner \(VRBO\)](#)

Are you traveling with a family or having an extended stay at your destination?

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[VRBO](#) is now under the Expedia group's ownership, which many were worried about, but it hasn't panned out to be a concern. It is a massive network with access to all lodging forms should issues arise. Joelle has used VRBO for many years with her family and has had no problems with it.

[Viator](#)

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A global leader in ground transportation for travelers. They help hundreds of companies worldwide enhance their services and boost their revenue with our 5-star ride experiences and hassle-free automation.

Founded in 2015 in Athens, Greece, [Welcome Pick-ups](#) goes above and beyond the standard transfer service as the first company to deliver a holistic, in-destination travel experience. From the moment a traveler arrives at a new destination until they return home, Welcome accommodates all their travel needs (transfers, travel products, things to do, information) as the easiest, friendliest, and most personalized solution.

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