



# DENMARK

**Capital:** Copenhagen

**Language:** Danish

**Population:** 5.7 million

**Time Zone:** EST plus 6 hours

**Currency:** Danish Krone (DKK)

**Electricity:** 230V. 50Hz

## Fun Facts

- Copenhagen holds a European Green Capital Award; 35% of its population ride to work or school by bicycle, it's canals are clean enough to swim or fish in, and the goal is to be CO2 neutral by 2025!
- Roskilde Music Festival of Denmark is the biggest music event in Europe.
- The Danish are the happiest people in the world, according to the 2016 United Nations World Happiness Report, and they have held the top spot for several years.

Small is beautiful—that's often the description Scandinavians give to their favorite holiday destination. The fairytale country of Hans Christian Andersen has a charm all its own, with colorful rolling landscapes, picturesque villages, and some of Europe's most splendid castles. Covering an area of approximately 16,500 square miles with a population of 5.7 million people, Denmark is almost completely surrounded by water—the Baltic Sea to the south, Kattegat to the east, the North Sea to the west, and Skagerak to the north. The highest point, Yding Skovhøj, is only 574 feet above sea level.

Denmark is also known as the land of many greats in design—Bang & Olufsen audio, Paul Henningsen lighting, and Royal Copenhagen porcelain. Music and culture are represented by composers such as Carl Nielsen and Hans Christian Lumbye. Famous authors include Hans Christian Andersen, best remembered for his fairy tales, and Karen Blixen with her famous book *Out of Africa*. The Danes are also known as humorous and fun-loving people. No wonder it is the homeland of pianist Victor Borge and the world-famous amusement park Tivoli Gardens. Today, many cultural establishments are financially supported by the Carlsberg Foundation, so one could say that the more Carlsberg beer is consumed, the better the museums!

## VISAS, PASSPORTS, AND OTHER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



Visas to Denmark are **not required** for U.S. citizens. If you hold a passport from another country, please check with your local consulate about requirements for travel to Denmark. All passengers traveling internationally are required to have a passport. Please carry proper identification (your passport) on you and do not leave it in your suitcase or hotel room.

European law requires you to carry your passport with you at all times.

## COUNTRY CODES



The country code for Denmark is 45. When calling to Denmark from overseas, dial your international access code (011 from the US/Canada) followed by the country code, area code, and phone number. Phone numbers in Denmark are eight digits in length. Dialing from the US/Canada: 011 45 + ##### #####.



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## CURRENCY

The currency throughout Denmark is the Danish Krone.

Bank hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Most banks stay open until 6 p.m. Thursdays.

1 DANISH KRONE (DKK) = 100 Øre

- Banknote denominations: 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000 Kroner
- Coin denominations: 50 Øre, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 Krone/Kroner

For the most current exchange rates, please go to our website at [globusfamily.com/currency](http://globusfamily.com/currency).

Credit cards are widely accepted by shops and restaurants in Denmark (mostly Visa and MasterCard). Most credit card transactions in Danish restaurants are subject to a transaction charge of approximately 3-5% of the total bill.



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## BUDGETING AND SHOPPING

The following budget guidelines are just approximate values or starting values for meals and are per person. Actual prices will vary widely by restaurant and city within a country but below are some averages as provided by our experienced personnel.

- The approximate cost of a soft drink/mineral water/coffee is 20 DKK.
- An average lunch consisting of a salad or sandwich and a soda or water starts at approximately 100 DKK.
- Dinner at a mid-range restaurant with dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage starts at approximately 250 DKK .

Please note that soft drinks and mineral water are often as expensive, if not more expensive than wine or beer.

All consumer sales include a 25% sales tax. Some of this tax may be refunded when leaving the country, so save your receipts.

Shopping specialties: Danish amber jewelry.



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## TIPPING

- Service charges are added to the restaurant bill and include tip. However, adding an additional 5-10% for exceptional service is appreciated.
- For taxis, 10% of the fare is acceptable, or round up if the tip has already been included.
- For hotel staff, an average tip is DKK 8-10.

A few coins will be needed for public toilets.



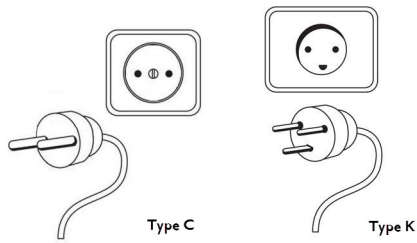
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## ELECTRICITY AND ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

### Outlets

Voltage for outlets is 230V. North American voltage is generally 110V. Therefore, you will need a converter for your travels. Adapters will be necessary to adapt your plug into the outlet but may not convert the voltage, so both devices are necessary.

The outlets in Denmark look like



## TEMPERATURES

Given the latitude, Denmark enjoys surprisingly mild weather. Rain falls mainly in the spring, while summers stay pleasant and winters are, well, wintry. Pack lightweight clothes with a few warm layers in the summer and fall. Rain gear is essential in spring. Bring warm clothes, heavy coats and boots for winter.

To help you plan, below are average low and high temperatures for Copenhagen.

### Copenhagen

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
28/35°F	27/35°F	31/40°F	36/49°F	44/59°F	51/66°F	55/68°F	54/68°F	50/62°F	44/53°F	31/44°F	32/38°F

To convert to Celsius, subtract 30, then divide by 2. While not exact, this simple formula will give a close estimation.



## FOOD SPECIALTIES

Typical Christmas dishes such as roast pork in brown gravy with sugar-browned potatoes, red cabbage and pickled pears, steaks, fried flounder, sweet pastries, and Carlsberg beer.



## A FEW WORDS OF THE LOCAL LANGUAGE

### Danish:

**Good morning:** God morgen, **Goodbye:** Farvel, **Good night:** Godnat, **Excuse me:** Undskyld, **Please:** Vær sa venlig, **Thank you:** Tak, **Where is...?:** Hvor er...?, **I don't understand:** Jeg forstar ikke, **I understand:** Jeg forstar, **Yes:** Ja, **No:** Nej, **1:** En, **2:** To, **3:** Tre, **4:** Fire, **5:** Fem, **6:** Seks, **7:** Syv, **8:** Åtte, **9:** Ni, **10:** Ti, **Mineral water (still):** Mineral vand (uden kulsyre), **Wine:** Vin, **Beer:** Øl, **Cheers!:** Skål!

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE COUNTRY INFORMATION

Additional country-specific information for U.S. citizens can be found on the U.S. Government's website [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). Here, you can find the most up-to-date information about destination descriptions, passports/visas, safety and security, transportation, travel local laws, alerts/warnings, vaccinations, and more. For citizens of other nations, we recommend you consult your local consulate for travel information, regulations, and requirements.

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