



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Denmark - Copenhagen

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Copenhagen (København)
- ✓ **Language:** Danish
- ✓ **Population:** ± 583.600
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 88,25
- ✓ **Currency:** Kronor (DKK – kr.)
- ✓ **Country code:** +45 (35)
- ✓ **Visa:** Schengen visa, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Emergency:** 112 (emergency), 114 (police)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** None



History Recap Over 1 Drink

12500BC: 1st hunters. 400-700: Beginning urbanization. 965: Christianity. 1015-34: England under Danish rule. 1379-1523: Kalmar Union (DN-Swe-Norway, Norway left in 1814). 1536: Reformation. Norway incorporated DN. 1600-'61: Absolutism (monarchy), until 1848. 1666-1917: Colonies in Caribbean. 1729: Greenland Danish province. 1849: Liberal June Constitution. 1914-'18: Neutral during WWI. '30s: Welfare state (social democrats). '39: DN signs 10-year non-aggression pact with Nazis. '40-'45: German occupation WWII. DN recognizes Iceland's independence. Founding membership UN. '48: Faroe Islands granted self-government. '49: NATO. '52: Founding member Nordic Council. '53: Single-chamber parliament elected by proportional representation. '59: Joins European Free Trade Association. '72: King Frederick IX dies, succeeded by Margrethe II. '73: EEC. '79: Greenland granted home rule. '82-'93: Schlueter prime minister. '85: Ban nuclear power plants. '93: Rasmussen prime minister. 2000: €. Bridge & tunnel: Link Malmo. '01-'02: Reducing immigration. '03: Helps invade Iraq. EU. '06: Cartoon depictions of Muhammed, Muslim protests & boycotts. '11: 1st female prime minister: Helle Thorning-Schmidt. '12: Gay marriage legalized. '14: Anti-immigration Danish Party wins election. '16: Controversy asylum-seekers policy.

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring												
Summer					best	months						
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 6m. Climate: Oceanic (Cfb).

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ **Sights:** Nyhavn, [Øresundsbron](#) (bridge), [Frederiks Kirke](#), [Grundtvigs Kirke](#), Kongens Have, [Cathedral](#), Gefionspringvandet (fountain), Little Mermaid statue, [Vor Frelsers Kirke](#), Frederiksberg Have (park), [Botanical Gardens](#), H.C. Andersen statue, Amager Strandpark.
- ☺ Visit the hippie state of Christiania & Jægersborg.
- ☺ Participate in a (tip-based) [Free Walking tour](#): Grand Tour, Christianshavn, Classical tour. Also Spanish.
- ☺ **Free museum:** [David Collection](#)... [Complete list here!](#)

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- 👉 **Castles:** [Rosenborg](#), [Christiansborg](#) (visit the [Tårnet](#) for free), [Amalienborg](#) (free: watch change of guard at 12 afternoon), [Kastellet](#). All free to see from the outside. *Most free under 18.*
- 👉 **Museums:** [Glyptoteket](#), [National Museum](#), [Thorvaldsens Museum](#), [Hirschsprungse Samling](#), [Arken Modern Art Museum](#), [Medical Museum](#), [Toeijhusmuseet](#), [Designmuseum](#). *Most free under 18.*
- 👉 **Sights:** [Rundetaarn](#), [Tivoli](#) amusement park, [Cisterns](#).

Budget Bites

⌘ **Big supermarkets:** Lidl, Aldi (*those 2 are the cheapest*), Rema 1000, Irma, Netto.

⌘ **Local food:** Smørrebrød (sandwiches), frikadeller (meatballs), flæskesteg (pork), kogt torsk (cod), leverpostej (liver), gule ærter (pea soup), sild (herring), tarteletter (puff-pastry), krebinetter (pork patties), stegt flæk (pork belly), pølse (hot dog), æbleflæsk (apple pork dates), wienerbrød (pastry). Have a look at Papirøen and [Torvehallerne](#) food halls.

⌘ **Go vegan:** Being vegan is ridiculously easy in Europe and also in Denmark. However, Denmark is VERY expensive and so is vegan food. Every bigger supermarket has an endless supply of vegan products and there are many vegan/vegetarian restaurants. Check them here: [Happy Cow – Copenhagen](#).

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☠ Europe in general, and also Denmark is very safe... but use your common sense like everywhere.

☠ Tap water is drinkable.

☠ The Danes are hot for (traffic) rules and whatever feels totally normal and acceptable for you could for them be a violation worth a heavy fine. Be careful.

☠ Boycott zoos or aquariums, like Copenhagen Zoo (Frederiksberg) and Den Bla Planet National Aquarium, where animals are held in captivity.

☠ If you're really on a budget, and have no money to spend... maybe Denmark is not the place for you, as except of Norway it's the most expensive country in Europe.

Next?

➔ In Denmark: Roskilde, Odense, Aarhus.

➔ International destinations close by: Sweden, Germany, Norway.

Sleep Cheap

❖ Hostels are very expensive in Denmark, but the cheapest option. Camping is a good option in the national parks. Find hostels [here](#). Check out [Air BnB](#).

❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

Festivals

☼ CPH Stage: Theatre, May.

☼ Copenhell: Heavy Metal, June.

☼ Roskilde: International Music Festival, June.

Full list [here](#).

Nights Best Spent

◆ Most bars can be found in Nyhavn, Vesterbro and Sank Hans Torv area of Nørrebro.

◆ Theatres: [Kongelige Teater](#).

Free-Riding?

■ Copenhagen is rather big and walking distances are long. However, sightseeing on foot allows you to see the more subtle details of town.

■ Copenhagen has a bike sharing system called [Bycyklen](#). The bicycles have GPS.

■ Trains in Denmark are operated by [DSB](#). Ticket prices are very high. There are trains to Copenhagen's suburbs, as well as to other cities all over the country. Without a train pass prices are almost double.

■ There's a rather extensive bus network Denmark in the city of Copenhagen, as well as all over the country. DSB operates the main bus lines, but cheaper buslines like [Eurolines](#) and [Flixbus](#) stepped into the market.

■ Airport: Copenhagen Airport / Københavns Lufthavne Kastrup (CPH).

■ Hitch-hiking is relatively safe, although not very common in Denmark. You can also use apps like [Blablacar](#) to get a cheap(er) ride.