



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Denmark - Odense

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Copenhagen (København)
- ✓ **Language:** Danish
- ✓ **Population:** ± 197,500
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 304,3
- ✓ **Currency:** Kronor (DKK – kr.)
- ✓ **Country code:** +45
- ✓ **Visa:** Schengen visa, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Emergency:** 112 (emergency), 114 (police)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** None



### History Recap Over 1 Drink

12500BC: 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> 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 11m. Climate: Marine West Coast Climate (Cfb).

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ **Andersen walking route:** Birthplace - market square - workhouse - washing site - Andersen statue - prison - childhood home - cathedral - town hall - hospital - Odense Slot - church. *Download free app or [brochure](#).*
- ☺ **Sights:** Modern harbour and the area around the train station, Munke Mose Gardens, Andersen statues.
- Nature:** [Afgrunden Ved Vissenbjerg](#) & [Stige Ø](#).
- ☺ Some museums are free on Thursday evening. Your second visit to any museum in Odense has 30% off if you show the previous ticket.

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- 👉 **Castles:** [Broholm](#), [Valdemars](#), Hvidkilde, [Egeskov](#), [Søbysøgaard](#), [Nakkebølle](#), Estate, [Glorup](#), [Lykkesholm](#), [Hindsgavl](#), [Hesselagergaard](#).
- 👉 **Museums:** [H.C. Andersen Museum](#) (free under 18 – entrance [Childhood Home](#) included), [Møntegården](#), [Histotoriet](#) (for children), [Mediemuseet](#), [Brandts](#), [Gallery Galschiøt](#), Ladbykibet, [Bunker Museum](#), [Carl Nielsen Museet](#).
- 👉 Visit [Den Fynske Landsby](#) (Funen Village): 19<sup>th</sup> century village (free under 18).

## Budget Bites

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

⌘ **Local food:** Smørrebrød (sandwiches), frikadeller (meatballs), flæskesteg (pork), kogt torsk (cod), leverpostej (liver), gule ærter (pea soup), sild (herring), tarteletter (puff-pastry), krebnetter (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 – Odense](#).

## Mama Said

☠ 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 Odense Zoo and Terrariet, 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, Copenhagen, Aarhus.

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

## Sleep Cheap

❖ Hostels are very expensive in Denmark, but the cheapest option. (Wild) 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

☼ Iron Age Market: Culture, May.

☼ Tinderbox Music Festival: Music, Jun.

☼ H.C. Andersen Festivals: Culture, Aug.

## Nights Best Spent

◆ Most bars can be found in the center. Be sure to check out Carlsens Kvarter and Slagteriet.

◆ Theatres: [Odense Teater](#), [Fyrtøjet](#) (The Tinderbox children's theatre).

## Free-Riding?

■ Odense is a very compact town and all distances are at walking distance.

■ Odense has a bike sharing system called [CIBI](#) and the first 24 hours are free!

■ Trains in Denmark are operated by [DSB](#). Ticket prices are very high. There are trains to and from Odense. Without a train pass prices are almost double.

■ There's a rather extensive bus network Denmark in the city of Odense, as well as all over the country. A free bus circles through the center. 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.