

Getting here and advice about your stay

Entry requirements

Border controls On 4th January 2016, the Danish authorities increased border controls at the land border with Germany. If you are travelling to Denmark from Germany using the land border, you should make sure you have your passport with you.

On 4th January 2016 the Swedish authorities announced additional immigration controls when entering Sweden, including when travelling from Denmark to Sweden. This may cause delays to your journey and you should make sure you carry a passport or other valid identity document with you if you plan to travel from Denmark to Sweden. See: www.dsb.dk/kampagner/id-kontrol/id-inspection

Passport validity Your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay; you do not need any additional period of validity on your passport beyond this.

The Danish authorities have confirmed they will accept British passports extended by 12 months by British Embassies and Consulates under additional measures put in place in mid-2014.

Visas You do not need a visa to enter Denmark. As a British passport holder you can stay as a visitor for up to three months. For longer stays, you should apply for a residence permit.

Greenland and the Faroes are not members of the European Union. You do not need a visa to enter for tourism, but you should get a work and residence permit before entry if you intend to live and work there.

UK Emergency Travel Documents UK Emergency Travel Documents are accepted for entry, airside transit and exit from Denmark. Your Emergency Travel Document must be valid for the proposed duration of your stay.



Travel advice

Local travel Public transport is generally of a very high standard. You can buy bus, train and metro tickets at train station kiosks and some supermarkets.

There are outlets across many Danish cities that hire out quality bicycles for a reasonable fee.

Ferries are available to transport you to Denmark's many islands.

Image courtesy of Alex Underwood

Road travel Road conditions in Denmark are good and driving standards are fairly high. In 2013 there were 192 road deaths in Denmark (*source: UK Department for Transport*). This equates to 3.4 road deaths per 100,000 of population and compares to the UK average of 2.8 road deaths per 100,000 of population for the same year.

Always wear seatbelts. You must drive with dipped headlights at all times and they should be masked with special European opaque material available from most garages in the UK and Ireland. It is now law in Denmark to indicate before changing lanes on a motorway. You should carry a warning triangle in case of breakdowns.

Driving offences committed in Denmark may be reported to the UK authorities. Sanctions for speeding have become tougher. Those caught driving 100 km/h in a 50 km/h zone or past road works with a 50 km/h restriction may immediately lose their licence.

You must give due consideration to the many cyclists present in Danish cities. Cyclists often have the right of way. It is particularly important that you check cycle lanes before turning right. See the European Commission, AA and RAC guides on driving in Denmark for more information.

Other travel There has recently been considerable disruption to rail, road and ferry transport between Denmark and Germany. If you are travelling by road, train or ferry, allow additional time, be vigilant and follow the instructions of local authorities. Check

with local media, your carrier, ferry operator Scanlines at: www.scandlines.com and Danish State Railways (DSB) at: www.dsb.dk/om-dsb/in-english for more information.

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Safety and security

Crime Crime levels are generally low, but the tourist season attracts pickpockets and bag-snatchers in crowded areas around Copenhagen, especially at the central station, Nørreport Station and on the main shopping street called Strøget. Keep your personal belongings, including passports and money, secure. You should also keep an eye on luggage, including in the overhead baggage compartment, when travelling on trains to and from the airport. There has been an increase in incidents where belongings have been stolen. Pickpockets are also known to operate in Kastrup airport.

The areas of Christiania and Nørrebro in Copenhagen are generally trouble-free, but there have been occasional disturbances and confrontations with the authorities. In Nørrebro there have been a number of instances of violence between biker gangs and minority groups, which have included stabbings and shootings. While these incidents are mainly gang related and localised you should take extra care in these areas, particularly late at night.

Do not get involved with drugs of any kind. Although Denmark is generally a liberal society, drug use is illegal and laws are enforced. You will not be treated more leniently than residents. Drug dealers can receive heavy sentences. Anyone found in possession of illegal drugs deemed to be for personal consumption will often receive a police fine of DKK 500.

Whale meat is available in The Faroe Islands but importing it into the UK/EU is illegal under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. Any importation of whale meat to the UK/EU will result in seizure of the goods, possibly a fine of up to £5,000 and a custodial sentence.

Terrorism There is a general threat from terrorism. Attacks could be indiscriminate including in places frequented by foreigners. On 14th and 15th February 2015, two shooting incidents occurred in the Østerbro and Krystalgade areas of Copenhagen. Two civilians were killed, five police officers were wounded and the suspected perpetrator was shot dead by Danish police. The Danish authorities consider both incidents to have been linked and terrorist-related.

There is considered to be a heightened threat of terrorist attack globally against UK interests and British nationals, from groups or individuals motivated by the conflict in Iraq and Syria. You should be vigilant at this time.

However, around 150,000 British tourists visit Denmark every year. Most visits are trouble-free.

If you need to contact the emergency services call 112.

Health Visit your health professional at least four to six weeks before your trip to check whether you need any vaccinations or other preventive measures. Country-specific information and advice is published by the National Travel Health Network and Centre on the TravelHealthPro website: www.travelhealthpro.org.uk/locations/denmark and by NHS (Scotland) on the fitfortravel website: www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations/europe--russia/denmark.aspx

Useful information and advice about healthcare abroad is also available on the NHS Choices website: www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/Pages/Healthcareabroad.aspx

If you are visiting Denmark you should get a free European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before leaving the UK. The EHIC is not a substitute for medical and travel insurance, but it entitles you to state-provided medical treatment that may become necessary during your trip. Any treatment provided is on the same terms as for Danish nationals.

If you do not have your EHIC with you or you have lost it, you can call the Department of Health Overseas Healthcare Team (+44 191 218 1999) to get a Provisional Replacement Certificate. The EHIC will not cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, so you should make sure you have adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation.

The EHIC is also valid in the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

If you need emergency medical assistance during your trip, dial 112 and ask for an ambulance. If you are referred to a medical facility for treatment you should contact your insurance/medical assistance company immediately.

[Source: FCO Travel advice/gov.uk]

Travel insurance Take out comprehensive travel and medical insurance before you travel. See FCO Foreign Travel Insurance: www.gov.uk/guidance/foreign-travel-insurance

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FCO Travel Advice If you are travelling to Denmark for business, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) website has travel advice to help you prepare for your visits overseas and to stay safe and secure while you are there.

For advice please visit the FCO Travel section pages on the gov.uk website: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/denmark

Bribery and corruption

Bribery is illegal. It is an offence for British nationals or someone who is ordinarily resident in the UK, a body incorporated in the UK or a Scottish partnership, to bribe anywhere in the world. In addition, a commercial organisation carrying on a business in the UK can be liable for the conduct of a person who is neither a UK national nor resident in the UK or a body incorporated or formed in the UK. In this case it does not matter whether the acts or omissions which form part of the offence take place in the UK or elsewhere.

The UK government takes a very serious view on bribery and corruption, and any UK company considered to be involved in corrupt practices will feel the full weight of the law bear down on them under the UK Bribery Act 2010. The UK Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) has published a number of documents on their website. See: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-energy-and-industrial-strategy for assistance in this area.

British nationals have been arrested for possessing counterfeit currency. Avoid changing money anywhere other than banks or legitimate bureaux de change.

[Source: BEIS, FCO Travel advice/gov.uk]

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