

# DENMARK CLASSIC



## THE SCHOOL

The Danish education system provides access to primary school, secondary school, and most forms of higher education. Attendance at "Folkeskole" is compulsory for a minimum of 9 years, and a maximum of 10. All college education for Danish students is free thanks to the tax system. Following graduation from Folkeskolen, there are several other educational opportunities: Gymnasium; Higher Preparatory Examination (HF), Higher Technical Examination Programme (HTX) and Higher Commercial Examination Programme (HHX). As an exchange student in Denmark you will attend grade 10 or Gymnasium grade 1 or 2, depending on your age and available spots at the schools.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Full Zapp application
- Good health
- Good grades (minimum C average)
- Good knowledge of English
- Skype interview before acceptance

## THE CULTURE

Denmark took the top spot on the United Nation's World Happiness Report (life-satisfaction) in, 2013, 2014 & 2016 and came in third in the 2015 report.

## HOST FAMILY

Most exchange students find the Danes very relaxed and easygoing, but you should not let this fool you; they do have a temper. Danish teenagers have a lot of freedom. Your host parents will therefore expect you to be a responsible person who can make sensible decisions. They will also expect you to keep your word and prove trustworthy. Be prepared for sarcasm as most Danes tend to be rather sarcastic and they are very fond of irony.

## SPORTS

Sporting activities take place after school, in the local community, and will have to be arranged by the student and the host family whilst in the host country. Danish people like to consider themselves active people. Soccer is a big sport amongst both boys and girls and handball is also very popular in many Danish communities.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All exchange students in Denmark are invited to participate in several excursions during the year. The excursions vary from year to year and the prices depend on what is included. Information and invitations will be sent by email after arrival in the host country. There are smaller activities around Denmark that students can join for a small fee simply to ensure that they get to see all of the beautiful country and get to know the other students.

## COUNTRY INFORMATION

Denmark is the southernmost country in the Nordic region. The country consists of many islands, more precisely Denmark has 444 islands, but only 76 of them are inhabited. Denmark is small, densely populated and surrounded by lovely beaches with a total area of 42,924 km<sup>2</sup> and a total of 5.731 million inhabitants. Denmark's capital, Copenhagen, is located on Denmark's largest island; Zealand. Hans Christian Andersen is known beyond Denmark for his fairy tales, such as The Emperor's New Clothes, The Little Mermaid, and The Ugly Duckling.

**Situated:** Northern Europe, Scandinavia

**Area:** 42,924 square kilometres

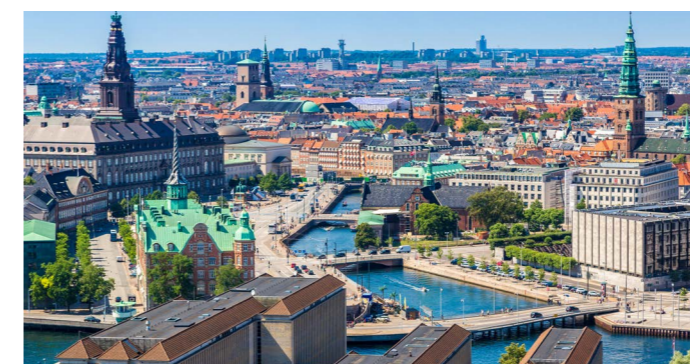
**Inhabitants:** 5,73 million

**Capital:** Copenhagen

**Language:** Danish

**National day:** 5<sup>th</sup> June

## COUNTRY MAP



**Age criteria:** 15-19 years old

**Starting months:**  
August and January

**Language requirements:**  
Good English Skills

**Visa:** Mandatory for NON- EU citizens. Most students can travel into the country without a visa and apply from here.

**Area choice:** In Denmark you are never far away from a city, as the country is pretty small. There

is a good infrastructure and it is safe to travel.

**Preparation course:**  
STS Welcome Camp, extra fee apply

**School year:** August - May/June

**School day:** 8:00 - 16:00

**Subjects:** Mandatory and optional subjects

**Optional trips:** Options to join trips during the year