

Copenhagen Identity Card

History: Founded in 1167 by Bishop Absalon (1128 - 1201).

Latin Name: "Hafnia", the Latin word for Harbour, was its first name. Later the city was more specifically named "Merchant Harbour", in medieval Danish "Købmannehavn", which then in turn became "København" (Copenhagen).

Language: The official language is Danish. However, most visitors will find communication easy as the Danish population's English language proficiency is amongst the highest in Europe.

Size: The Greater Copenhagen region covers an area of 2.862 sq km. Copenhagen is 35 square miles/91 square kilometers.

Population of the city: 1,700,000 of which 600,000 live in the city center.

Most ancient buildings:

Part of Brønshøj church, c. 1200.

Konsistoriet (the University), c. 1420.

Helligåndshuset (house of the Holy Ghost), c. 1475.

Tower of Sct. Nicolai church, 1591.

The geographic position (Toldboden):

55° 41' N, 12° 36' E

Elevation: 16 feet/5 meters

Electricity: 230 volts, 50Hz, standard two pin plugs

Time Zone: GMT/UTC +1

Country Dialing Code: 45

Currency: Danish Kroner (DKK). 1 Euro is 7.45 DKK.

Water: Tap water is completely safe to drink throughout Denmark

Weather: Denmark's weather is quite mild. Denmark has a temperate climate, the mildness of which is largely conditioned by the generally westerly winds and by the fact that the country is virtually encircled by water. The winters are not particularly cold and the summers are mild. In the light summer months of June to August, the average daytime temperature is 66°F (19°C) and in the coldest month of February the average is 34°F (1°C).



Copenhagen Coat of Arms

FAST FACTS ABOUT DENMARK

- Population: 5.5m
- Area: 43,098 sq km
- Government type: Constitutional monarchy
- Legislative branch: Unicameral parliament (or Folketing), 179 seats (including 2 from Greenland and 2 from the Faroe Islands). Members are elected by popular vote on the basis of proportional representation to serve four-year terms
- Head of state: Queen Margrethe II
- Head of government: Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen (April 2009)
- Religions: Predominantly Evangelical Lutheran, but also Roman Catholic, and Islam
- Key industries: Biotech / pharma, med tech, IT / telecom, service and tourism
- Largest companies: A.P. Møller/Mærsk, TDC (former Tele Danmark), Carlsberg, FLS Industries, Danisco, Novo Nordisk, J. Lauritzen Holding and ISS

Fun Facts

- The Little Mermaid is made of bronze, and it stands only 165 centimetres tall and weighs 175 kilos.
- The Copenhagen citizens pedal more than 1.13 mill. kilometres a day.
- Copenhagen has the fastest and cheapest airport-to-city-centre rail link of any European capital – it takes just 13 minutes.
- Copenhagen is the main Cruise Port of Scandinavia.
- The Michelin Guide has confirmed that Copenhagen is *the number one food-lover's destination in Scandinavia*.
- Copenhagen has the longest pedestrian street, called Strøget, in Europe.
- Denmark is now the country in Europe with the most breweries per capita.
- The Danish monarchy is the oldest in the world and the Royal family live in Copenhagen.
- Copenhagen has 2000 free cycles for visitors: the city bikes.
- In Copenhagen Harbour the water is so clean that you can swim in it.
- Copenhagen has its own sand beach in the middle of town: Amager Strandpark
- Copenhagen is northern Europe's largest festival city.



Denmark is the World's least corrupt country

Rank	Country	CPI 2007 score *
1	Denmark	9.4
1	Finland	9.4
1	New Zealand	9.4
4	Singapore	9.3
4	Sweden	9.3
6	Iceland	9.2
7	Holland	9.0
7	Switzerland	9.0
9	Canada	8.7
9	Norway	8.7

Source: Transparency International, October 2007

The Danish Flag

