



The food

In every Danish kitchen you will find dark bread. Meatballs, potatoes, pork and licorice are also typical Danish food. Even though you can buy all kinds of food in Denmark, you need to prepare yourself for food different from what you are used to. When you come to Denmark, you will become a part of a family and a workplace. Therefore, your host family and your project will introduce you to the Danish food that they normally eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner at home as well as at work.



The weather

A Danish summer is unpredictable. You can experience rain, sunshine, warmth and coldness on the same day, and you never know what to wear. The rest of the year, you need a jacket and warm clothes. The winter is long, and most years we get a lot of snow and rain, and the temperature is low. But in Denmark we have a saying: "There is no bad weather, only bad clothing".

The language

Our language is Danish, and during your stay, you will attend a Danish class to learn the language. Today, most people also learn English, but small children do not yet. A part of your stay in Denmark is to learn about the Danish culture, which also includes the language. Therefore, it is important that you are engaged and want to learn. Your host family and the project will also play a big part in helping you understand the language.



Transport and costs

You have a lot of possibilities, when you want to travel inside the country. We have public buses that travel often, many families own a car, and the big cities are filled with taxis. But one of the things that characterize Denmark is our bicycle culture. A lot of people ride the bike to school or to work every day in all kinds of weather. Most roads have a bicycle path that allows people to ride safely. One of

the reasons why people ride the bike instead of taking the bus or driving the car is the high prices. Denmark is an expensive country regardless the product.





No projects in Copenhagen

Many people know Denmark for our capital, Copenhagen, but unfortunately, there are no projects in the city. Most projects are outside the Danish cities, where it is easier to find a host family. But Denmark is much more than Copenhagen and you can learn and experience just as much in small areas as in the big cities. You can always visit the places you want to see in your spare time.



The Danish Aliens Act

It is important for us to be able to offer you the best journey you can get, but even though we do our best, it also depends on how engaged you are as a volunteer in the project. We expect the volunteer to want to learn and to be prepared for the stay.

According to the Danish Aliens Act, a foreigner can get a residence permit as a volunteer in order to work with social and humanitarian projects. E.g. if the volunteer only can work in the kitchen because of lack of qualifications, the work is not social or humanitarian, which means that we are breaking the law. Therefore, we reserve the right to make a Skype-conversation with the volunteers before the final selection to ensure that the volunteer knows and understands the Danish conditions and the type of project he or she will be working with.

Our expectations

We expect you to be curious about the country and the culture. Show us that you care, and that there is a reason for you choosing Denmark. Be prepared for a life in a Danish culture, food, language and weather. Read the information we send you about the project and get to know the area.

Take initiatives in the family and at work. Show your host family that you want to be a part of the family, and that you want to learn about their traditions and everyday life. Tell your workplace about yourself and your ideas and show them that you want to get to know them too. We look forward to letting you in, but we also want you to want to be let in.

