

## Going to Denmark

### Your arrival in Copenhagen:

You will arrive in Copenhagen Airport where you will be met by representatives from University of Southern Denmark. The transportation from the airport to Odense will be by train. The trip takes about 1½ hour and will probably require that you change trains on the way.

### Transportation:



### Train:

The transportation system in Denmark is well-functioning and provides a wide ranging network of public transportation - busses and trains – both inside the cities and across the country. Public transportation is not cheap, but it is the cheapest option.

For more Info: <http://www.dsb.dkOm-DSB/In-English/>

### Bus:

Bus number 40, 41 and 42 runs from the bus/train station and stops at the university. The journey takes a approximately 15 to 20 min.

A bus ride inside Odense will usually cost around 17DKK (2,13JD). If you are traveling regularly by bus you can save money by buying a 10 tour clip ticket.

For more info: <http://www.fynbus.dk/wm141234>

### Taxi:

Taxis in Denmark are very expensive – try to avoid using them.

A 2JD taxi ride in Amman would cost around 160DKK (20JD) in Denmark.

In case you need it – here are the numbers for the 2 taxi companies in Odense:

Odense Taxa: +45 66154415

Odense Mini Taxa: +45 66122712

### Language:

Danish is the official language in Denmark, but almost everyone speaks English at least to some degree, and you will not have any trouble getting by in Denmark with English.

### The weather:

The fall in Denmark is usually quite cold and windy. Expect rain at any time. The average temperature by day in October is 9 degrees Celsius. While the night can be chilly and the temperature can fall to 0 degree.

Bring warm clothes and something to keep the wind and rain out. To check the local weather in Odense see the following link :

[http://www.dmi.dk/eng/index/forecasts/forecast\\_for\\_funen.htm](http://www.dmi.dk/eng/index/forecasts/forecast_for_funen.htm)





Read more online about Denmark at:

[www.visitdenmark.com](http://www.visitdenmark.com)  
[www.djuco.org](http://www.djuco.org)  
[www.denmark.dk](http://www.denmark.dk)

**Nature:**

The nature in Denmark vary widely from forests, lakes, streams and large corn fields. The beauty and harshness of the nature depends on the seasonal weather.



**Clothing:**

Denmark is a liberal country and you can pretty much wear whatever you like. Because of the season we advise you to bring warm clothes like good shoes or boots, a warm jacket, gloves and a hat.

**Women and headscarves:**

About 4% of the Danish population are Muslims and some of them wear headscarves, so the picture of a Muslim woman wearing a headscarf is very familiar to the Danes. But still, they are a minority and you may experience curious looks and questions.

**Money:**

The Danish currency is the krone (DKK) which is divided into 100 oerer.  
 1JD equals approximately 7,99DKK  
 1DKK equals approximately 0,125JD  
 Please check with your bank to get latest rates.

**Living expenses:**

In general Denmark is an expensive country to live in. Some things are a bit cheaper than in Jordan, some things are the same but most things are more expensive.  
 Here are a few examples:

0,5 l Coca Cola :	16 dkk (2 JD)
Shawarma sandwich:	25 dkk (3,12JD)
1,5l Pepsi:	25 dkk (3,12JD)
A pack of cigarettes:	37 dkk (4,63JD)
1l milk:	7 dkk (0,5JD)
Meal at a cafe:	150dkk (19 JD)

Large American coffee:	25 dkk (3,12JD)
Pizza:	50 dkk (6,25 JD)
Burger King Menu.	60 dkk ( 7,5 JD)
MacDonald's Menu	60dkk (7,5JD)

**ATM:**

You will find ATM machines all over Odense and most stores, restaurants and cafes accept Visa and Master cards.

**Food and water:**

Denmark has developed an international cuisine, where you can find restaurants serving anything from Arabic to Chinese to Italian and so on.



A traditional Danish food is 'open faced sandwiches' which is made with dark bread and usually eaten for lunch with different toppings.



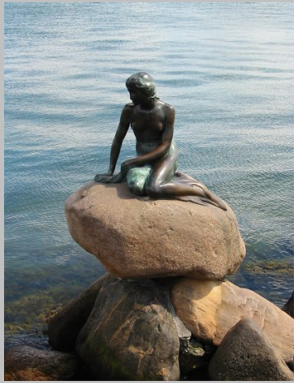
You can easily drink tap water in Denmark. Everyone drinks it and bottled water is expensive (0.5 l for 1.5JD)

**Smoking:**

Denmark is very strict when it comes to smoking. It is prohibited almost everywhere: cafes, restaurants, schools, public buildings and most likely also at the hostel where you will be staying. Some places have small 'smoking-rooms' but if not you have to go outside to smoke.

**Alcohol:**

Denmark has a liberal alcohol culture. You can buy alcohol in almost every supermarket, cafe and restaurant and you can expect to find alcohol at parties and social gatherings.



**Read more about Denmark:**

**Lonely Planet Guide to Denmark**

**The rough guide to Denmark**

### **Religion:**

The largest religion in Denmark is Protestantism – and about 82 percent of the Danish population are members of the Danish State Church: the Evangelic-Lutheran Church.

There is freedom of religion in Denmark so a wide range of other religious societies also exists. Islam is the second largest religion in Denmark (4%) while Catholicism, Buddhism, Baha'ism and Judaism have very small congregations (each less than 1%)



The large majority of Danish people does not go to church or consider themselves religious, so religion is not an important factor for most people in Denmark.

### **Mosque**

If searching for a mosque for pray, you have one close to the university on Ørbækvej 274 and one on Pjentedamsgade 31 , close to the train station and Danhostel, where you will be staying.

### **Shopping:**

If you are interested in shopping in Odense, there are many shops to visit. We recommend you to shop for groceries in Netto and Fakta since these are the cheapest. Otherwise grocery shopping is recommendable at the Bazar Fyn also. You can also find an arabic/oriental store close to DanHostel, near the train station.

In need for a larger selection you might want to pay Bilka a visit.



For clothing and presents you will find a broad range of products at the mall "Rosengårdcentret" and of course the pedestrian zone in Odense which also has a great selection of shops.



For more info:

<http://www.netto.dk/internet/nettodk/menu/main.nsf>

<http://www.fakta.dk/>

<http://www.bazarfyn.dk/Default.aspx>

<http://www.bilka.dk/>

<http://www.rosengaardcentret.dk/>

### **Internet:**

Wireless internet connection is available at the hostel, university and different cafes in Odense.

### **Phone:**

Mobile SIM cards can be bought in supermarkets and small kiosks – mainly from the three companies: Telia Talk, Lebara and CBB. It's a good and easy solution if you need a SIM card for your stay in Denmark.





**Dan Hostel**

# Accommodation

## **Accommodation:**

We have arranged for you to stay at Dan hostel.

It is a cosy hostel situated directly in the heart of Odense, just next to the bus/train station so you can easily get a bus to the University.

Breakfast will be served every morning between 7.30am and 9.00am. The food served will be a typical Danish breakfast including different kinds of bread, jam, cheese, fruit, coffee, the etc. You have to be aware that breakfast will be served as a buffet which also might includes products containing pork. The

staff at the hostel will gladly tell you which products contains pork and which doesn't.

The hostel also have a small kitchen you can use if you prefer to cook you own food. For more information about the hostel visit:

<http://uk.cityhostel.s-11.dk/>

# The university



## **The university:**

SDU was built in 1966 and it has five faculties: Faculty of engineering, Faculty of Health Science, Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Social Science. SDU is a big university with approximately 4000 researchers/employees and 20.000 students.

At the University you will find many good facilities like bookshops, pc-rooms, a cafe and three canteens. The canteens also functions as a meeting place for both students and teachers were you can talk and have study meetings. For more info:

[http://www.sdu.dk/?sc\\_lang=en](http://www.sdu.dk/?sc_lang=en)

The Center for Middle East Studies is located within the university. At the center you will find a meeting room, the secretary, and the DJUCO office.

The center for contemporary middle east studies is organised into 4 basic branches, such as:

- The Modern Middle East,
- Immigration-, Religion- and Cultural studies.
- Arabic Language Acquisition
- The Resource Centre

For more info:

[http://www.sdu.dk/Om\\_SDU/](http://www.sdu.dk/Om_SDU/)

[Institutter\\_centre/C\\_Mellemoest](http://www.sdu.dk/Om_SDU/Institutter_centre/C_Mellemoest)

# The City of Odense



Read more online about Odense at:  
<http://wikitravel.org/en/Odense>

## Downtown Odense:

Odense has a wide range of cafes, museums and shopping opportunities. Cafe's and shopping are mostly centered in down town Odense, but there is also a larger mall situated right next to the university along with Bilka, a CARREFOUR look alike.

Odense has a lively nightlife with many bars and clubs centered downtown. Alcohol is served in all of them. The bars are of course most lively on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. For more info about down town Odense visit this link:

<http://www.visitodense.com/international/en-gb/menu/turist/turistforside-old.htm>

## Museums and tourist attractions:

Odense has many different museums for history, art and culture. Most of them are situated in downtown.



**The HC Andersen** museum commemorates the world famous Danish fairytale-writer. The museum contains his works and life.

For more info: <http://museum.odense.dk/en.aspx>

**The Railway museum**, situated at the central station, shows the history of rail transport in Denmark. The museum has the biggest collection of old steam engines in northern Europe. Also on display is the royal families specially made train wagons for the transport of their families.

For more info:

[http://www.jernbanemuseet.dk/GB/index\\_gb.html](http://www.jernbanemuseet.dk/GB/index_gb.html)



## Carl Nielsen museum

Carl Nielsen was a famous composer, conductor and Violinist from Odense, Denmark.

As he is most known for his six symphonies and skills in playing different instruments.

Visiting Odense, you will be able to take a walk in his museum and visit his home of birth as well. For more info: [http://](http://museum.odense.dk/museer/carl-nielsen-museet.aspx)

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**Odense Art museum** lies next to the king's garden and the theatre, and contains various displays of modern/classic, Danish/foreign art works. The theatre has a lot of shows.

For more info:

<http://museum.odense.dk/en.aspx>

**The Funen village** "Den Fynske Landsby" is a historical village commemorating Danish agricultural history. The "museum" contains a large number of Danish farms, mills and the like, completely restored, from about 1600-1920. The museum lies about 3 km from the university.

For more info:

<http://museum.odense.dk/en.aspx>



**Odense Zoo:**

In Odense we also have a zoo, where you can experience exotic animals from all round the world.

For more info:

<http://www.odensezoo.dk/site/engelsk/planlaeg/aabningstider/>

**Cinemas:**

The main cinemas are the one in the central station and in the Rosengårdscenter, although there are several other small cinemas in Odense. Movies shown are the latest Danish and foreign films, with subtitles in Danish.

For more info:

<http://www.kino.dk/Default.aspx>

**Blockbuster:**

If you would like to rent a movie, you can do that by taking a walk to blockbuster, near the railway station where you are situated. It will cost you 45 dk/movie for day. For more info: <http://www.blockbuster.dk/>

**Library:**

If You want to borrow books in your spare time, you'll find a library at the University, where you can as a SDU Student borrow books without charge.

For more info:

[https://www.odensebib.dk/forside/menu\\_top/english](https://www.odensebib.dk/forside/menu_top/english)

**City Map:**

For all attached location see the following map for addresses:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF&msa=0&msid=105530955829088257225.00048e146cbf252251246>



*At last the large egg broke, and a young one crept forth crying, "Peep, peep." It was very large and ugly. The duck stared at it and exclaimed, "It is very large and not at all like the others."*