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About the country and city

Denmark is a Scandinavian country with a rich history and unique culture. The locals place great emphasis on design, equality of people and different customs related to their culture. For example, Danes have a word for “Creating a warm atmosphere and enjoying the good things in life with good people” – ‘Hygge’ or The Danish Art of Coziness. The warm meetings in Danes homes often occur because of the cold weather prevailing most of the time in the country.

Copenhagen is the central city of Denmark. The city combines the history of Denmark in its full glory, the king's palace and the little mermaid statue of Hans Christian Andersen can be found there. At the same breath the city is very modern and trendy, places like the Opera House and the National Theater are considered as modern architectural pearls. The city has a wealth of museums, cafes, bars, clubs, restaurants and parks. Whether you love sports, culture, art, shopping or food when the weather is nice it is not difficult to find an activity in the city.

About the Host University

The university spreads over 4 campuses, all within a radius of 2 kilometers from each other. The courses are taught on the various campuses. In terms of facilities, the university is beautifully designed and very pleasant to attend and study. The university is close to most of the student dorms and located at about 2 kilometers from the city center. The international student activity at the university is extensive and developed. Many of the students at the university are foreigners and they pass an ‘introductory week’ in the week before the beginning of their studies. During this week there are tours in the different campuses and major sites in the city. In addition, each student is assigned with a 'Buddy', a local student who is available for questions and helps you to acclimatize and orientate in the city. There are several events and parties with the ‘Buddies’ at the beginning of the stay.

Courses and professors

There is a wide selection of courses offered to students from abroad. One can create a certain group of courses in a particular field such as marketing, finance or management, or you can choose simply random courses that you find interesting. Today, the sustainability, entrepreneurship and digital issues are considered very trendy and are integrated into many courses. It is worthwhile to take advantage of the fact that Copenhagen is considered a green, modern and entrepreneurial city and to study courses on these subjects. From my personal experience, the lecturers are very professional and nice. They are tolerant and try to help with any request or problem that arises out of the knowledge that they are dealing with foreign students.

Accommodation – dorms and other solutions

There are several different dorms belonging to students who study at CBS but those Dorms are not operated by the university. The dormitory registration process is relatively simple and takes place in front of the Student Exchange Secretariat prior to arrival. I strongly recommend the dormitory where I was staying called 'Nimbusparken'. The dormitory was new and stylish, and it accommodated 24 students on each of its 5 floors. Each resident has a private room and every 12 residents share a kitchen. Staying in a dormitory helped me get to know new friends and make international connections.

Visa and Health Services

I am a European citizen, so did not have any visa issues.

Everyone who stays in Denmark longer than 3 months needs to register with the authorities there and receives the so-called CPR number. The CPR number also provides access to free health care. Once you receive the CPR number, you get automatically assigned to a family doctor in the area.

Transportation

Get a bike! The most convenient and popular way to travel around town. I rented a bicycle from a company called Swapfits for 75 NIS a month. The bike gives you the freedom to move around and lets you get to know the city in the best way. In addition, there is a very convenient subway system that spreads from the airport to the university through the city center. I recommend issuing a loaded travel card and using it for long trips or when it is too cold to ride the bicycle.

Living expenses

The monthly cost of the dormitories was approximately 3,800 NIS and was the main expenditure. In addition, I spent money on groceries, laundry, entertainment, trips and shopping. The expenses vary among different people but on average you should be prepared to spend 7,000 NIS a month.

Food

There are many really cool food markets in town offering local food and many other kinds of food from all around the world. Copenhagen is known for its top cuisine and many Michelin-starred restaurants can be found in the city (for example, Noma, which considered to be the best restaurant in the world). In addition, there is a cafeteria at the university that offers discounted food for students.

Night life

The city has many clubs with different types of music. Music fans have a great opportunity to go to many performances by international artists. In addition, in the university coffee shop, 'Cafe Nexus', there is a party once a week on Thursdays. In general, Europeans in general and Danes in particular like to go out and drink a lot.

Tips

Be open to experience and take advantage of the fact that Denmark is a central European country for flights and trips throughout Europe.















