

When planning a trip abroad it is good to be aware of any requirements that the country you are visiting has in place, such as driving regulations and what type of passport or visas you might need in order to enter. On these pages you will find useful information about travelling to Denmark and the Faroe Islands to help you prepare for your trip.

CULTURE

Wedged between mainland Europe and the rest of Scandinavia, Denmark has a distinct national identity: that of a small country that has been punching well above its weight from the time Vikings left their mark throughout northern Europe. Today's Danish world class transport infrastructure and forward looking urban planning make navigating the country a breeze. Denmark is also the country of delicious pastries, impeccable designs, gentle countryside, mild outdoors and bike friendly cities. Small wonder it is regularly ranked as the happiest country on the planet.

The national language of Denmark is Danish, a Germanic language. Danish has three special characters: Æ, Ø and Å. The letter Å can also be written as AA, and you will notice many Danish cities start with this combination, such as Aalborg and Aarhus. Some of the most common Danish phrases you may find useful to know when visiting are:

- Hej – Hello
- God morgen / eftermiddag / aften – Good Morning / afternoon / evening
- Farvel (formal) / Hej hej (informal) – Bye
- Ja – Yes
- Nej – No
- Tak – Thank you
- Taler du engelsk? – Do you speak English?
- Åben / Lukketb – Open / Closed
- Herrer / Damer – Gents / Ladies
- Camping – Campsite

Please as a polite way of requesting assistance does not exist in Danish. It is polite simply to state the request, and then say tak (thanks).

The national language of the Faroe Islands is Faroese. Danish is the official second language. Faroese is closely related to Icelandic, Norwegian, Danish and Swedish. Some of the most common Faroese phrases you may find useful to know when visiting are:

- Hallo / Hey – Hello
- Farvæl / Bei / Vit síggjast – Bye
- Ja – Yes
- Nei – No
- Takk – Thank you
- Duga tygum enskt? – Do you speak English?

Danish and Faroese people tend to have a very good level of English and it is easy to get around the country even if you don't speak Danish. Still, attempting basic greetings in the local language will be considered as polite and appreciated. We therefore recommend investing in a phrase book to help you during your stay.

CURRENCY

The currency in Denmark is the Danish Krone (plural Kroner), which is also used in the Faroe Islands. One Krone is subdivided into 100 øre. The smallest coin is half a Krone or 50 øre.

Banking Hours

Banks are generally open Monday to Friday, 0930 to 1600. (1000 to 1700 on Thursdays).

Credit Cards & ATM

ATMs are widely available, even in smaller towns.

Credit cards (especially Visa and Mastercard to a lesser extent) are accepted in most shops and restaurants in Denmark and on the main Faroese islands, but expect to be charged extra to use them. Some smaller shops and supermarkets may not accept them. Most payments in Denmark are made using either cash or the Danish card payment system (Dankort). Take enough cash with you if planning a trip to the more remote Faroese islands.

Travellers' cheques are not widely accepted everywhere. They can be exchanged at banks.

DRIVING IN DENMARK AND THE FAROE ISLANDS

Driving regulations in Denmark and the Faroe Islands are different from those in the UK. Always remember that the normal rule is to give way to the right each time you reach an uncontrolled intersection. Cyclists always have right of way.

Use of hand held mobile phones while driving is prohibited. You must have your dipped headlights on even in daylight.

The maximum speed is 80kph (50mph) on motorways and 70kph (44mph) outside urban areas if towing a caravan. For motorhomes, it is 110-130kph (68-80mph) on motorways and 80kph (50mph) outside urban areas. The speed limit for all vehicles in built-up/urban areas is 50kph (30mph).

Many drivers underestimate distances and journey times in Denmark and the Faroe Islands. Plan your journey carefully, taking into account unknown roads, weather conditions and fatigue. Make sure you take regular breaks.

To drive in Denmark you must be 17 years old and have a valid UK driving licence.

You are required to carry certain items in your vehicle such as a warning triangle. The regulations on what must be carried do change from time to time, so it is advisable to check the most up to date information before you travel. For compulsory and recommended equipment and rules of the road including blood alcohol limit, [click here](#). For more information about driving in the Faroe Islands click [here](#).

Roads and highways are free of charge in Denmark. There are two toll bridges. The first bridge connects Funen with Sealand and is called Storebælt. The second bridge connects Zealand with Sweden and is called Øresund. More information about Storebælt can be found [here](#) and more information about Øresund can be found [here](#).

EASYGO

EasyGo is a European partnership between Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Austria that enables you to use your toll tag or On Board Equipment (OBE) at more than 50 toll stations in Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Austria, as well as many ferry services within Denmark and between Denmark/Sweden and Denmark/Germany. More information can be found [here](#).

If travelling in Copenhagen, Frederiksberg, Alborg, Arhus and Odense in Denmark, please be aware of Low Emission Zones (LEZs) in these cities. Camper vans with diesel engines are not permitted to circulate in these zones unless they are equipped with a particle filter.

Please click [here](#) for more information. You can also visit our [Travel Planning](#) pages for information on weight limits and more.

HEALTH / SAFETY

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office may make specific travel related recommendations for visitors to Denmark and the Faroe Islands. For the most up to date information [visit their website](#).

HEALTH

The Department of Health does not make any specific health recommendations for visitors to Denmark or the Faroe Islands; however you may like to check with your doctor before departure.

You should get a free [European Health Insurance Card \(EHIC\)](#) before leaving the UK. The EHIC isn't a substitute for medical and travel insurance, but it entitles you to state-provided medical treatment that may become necessary during your trip. Any treatment provided is on the same terms as nationals of the country you are visiting. If you don't have your EHIC with you or you've lost it, you can call the Department of Health Overseas Healthcare Team (+44 191 218 1999) to get a Provisional Replacement Certificate. The EHIC won't cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, so you should make sure you have adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation.

If you require medication while in Denmark, remember to bring a prescription with you.

As non EEA members, the EHIC scheme is not directly applicable for use in the Faroe Islands. If you're visiting the Faroe Islands you'll be given treatment equivalent to that offered by the EHIC scheme. You'll need to provide proof of identity, including proof of nationality. Like the EHIC, this arrangement isn't a substitute for travel insurance.

If you need emergency medical assistance during your trip, dial 112 and ask for an ambulance. If you are referred to a medical facility for treatment you should contact your insurance company immediately.

SAFETY

As with anywhere in the world, it is good practise to be vigilant about your property, both in terms of your motorhome and personal belongings, take sensible precautions to protect yourself from petty crime. Don't leave your handbag or luggage unattended. Leave copies of important documents with family and friends in the UK. Carry a photocopy of your passport for ID.

PASSPORTS / VISAS

PASSPORTS

Your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay; you don't need any additional period of validity on your passport beyond this.

Should you wish to take a pet on your journey, please see our [Guide to European Camping](#) for further information. If you intend to travel on one of our Escorted Tours, please check our [Tour Pages](#) to find out whether pets are permitted.

VISAS

You don't need a visa to enter Denmark for tourism. As a British passport holder you can stay as a visitor for up to 3 months. For longer stays, you should apply for a residence permit. Visit the [Denmark Embassy website](#) for more information.

The Faroes isn't a members of the European Union, but don't need a visa to enter for tourism.

BORDER CONTROLS

On 4 January 2016, the Danish authorities increased border controls at the land border with Germany. If you're travelling to Denmark from Germany using the land border, you should make sure you have your passport with you.

The Swedish authorities have announced additional immigration controls when entering Sweden, including when travelling from Denmark to Sweden. This may cause delays to your journey and you should make sure you carry a passport or other valid identity document with you if you plan to travel from Denmark to Sweden.

SHOPPING

Shopping hours vary but standard operating hours for most businesses are generally 0800 / 0830 - 1730 . In many small towns shops are usually closed on Saturday after 1400 and on Sunday. Some small shops are closed on Monday.

You may be entitled to a VAT refund on goods you purchase in the Faroe Islands to take home. More information is available [here](#).

TIPPING

Restaurant bills and taxi fares include service charges so tipping is unnecessary, although rounding up the bill is not uncommon when service has been especially good.

TIME ZONES

DENMARK

GMT + 1 hour, with Summer time (from the end of March to the end of October) being GMT + 2 hours, so that throughout the year the country is always one hour ahead of the UK.

FAROE ISLANDS

GMT, with Summer time (from the end of March to the end of October) being GMT + 1 hours, so that throughout the year the country is always the same time as the UK.

TOURING IN DENMARK AND THE FAROE ISLANDS

We run Escorted Tours Denmark and the Faroe Islands where you can enjoy some of the delights of these destinations in the comfort of your own unit. Find out more about our [Iceland and the Faroe Islands tour](#) and our [Scandinavia and North Cape tour](#).

