

◆ THE LAND OF CYCLISTS

Many Danes, especially people living in the city, are very fond of their bicycles. What they share is an appreciation for the individual freedom that bicycling gives you in getting in and out of the city traffic. When you are on a bike, you do not have to wait long. Neither do you need to wait for the bus to arrive or get in a metro packed with other people. And do not forget that cycling is a healthy and



environmentally friendly way to get to your desired destination. This is also why the Danish Embassy in Prague is a cycling Embassy. Bicycles occupy a strong position as a means of transportation in Denmark with a well-developed network of cycling lanes, especially in the bigger cities. Accordingly, nine out of ten Danes own a bicycle, and in the capital city Copenhagen, 36 % of home-to-work transportation takes place on a bike.

◆ PIONEERS IN CLEAN ENERGY

After the oil crisis in 1973, Denmark started looking into the possibilities of wind energy, and in 1979 the first commercial wind turbine was erected – around the same time the Danish rooted innovators within wind energy, MHI Vestas and Siemens Gamesa, were founded.

Today, both the public and private sector are committed to an energy system without fossil fuels by 2050. A giant offshore wind farm will be finished in 2022, and at that time it will produce electricity to power 600.000 Danish households.



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◆ DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- The **Danish monarchy** is a popular institution in Denmark, and it is more than 1000 years old, which makes it Europe's oldest.
- Danish restaurant **Noma** has been awarded best restaurant in the world in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2014. Noma is famous for making new Nordic food and hereby transforming the concept of "Nordic Cuisine."
- Nine out of ten Danes own a **bicycle** and use it all year long – even in snow.
- **Films** have been produced in Denmark since 1897 and since 1980 productions were supported by Danish Film Institute. Among famous Danish directors are **Lars von Trier** and **Susanne Bier**.
- Copenhagen is renowned for its **urban planning** by re-orienting the design of the city in focusing on pedestrians and cyclists.
- **House of Green** has opened in Denmark and leads the transition towards becoming a green growth economy and has become completely energy self-sufficient. The goal is to be independent of fossil fuels by 2050.
- The **coastline** in Denmark is 7,500 km long, and that makes it one of the world's longest coastlines compared to the size of the country.
- The Danish welfare model offers **free education** to all its citizens in order to secure a well-educated population. The number of people gaining further education in Denmark is higher than ever before.
- The **Danish Parliament** houses 179 members - 4 of which belong to Greenland and The Faroe Islands.

◆ GREENLAND AND THE FAROE ISLANDS



Greenland is an autonomous part of Denmark populated by 56,000 people and with its 2.2 million square kilometers Greenland is the world's largest island. The economy is based on the fishing industry which makes up 90 % of the export.



The Faroe Islands form a self-governing country under the sovereignty of Denmark with a population of approximately 50,000 people. Like in Greenland, the fishing industry is the most important area of export. With an indescribable nature, the Faroe Islands is like no other place on earth.

◆ THE DANISH CONCEPT OF "HYGGE"?



The Danes have a word that is hard to translate and no foreigner can hope to pronounce, but it is as Danish as Smørrebrød, The Little Mermaid and Hans Christian Andersen. The word is "hygge", and it goes far in illuminating the Danish soul. "Hygge" is a Danish concept which roughly describes that warm and cosy feeling when you find yourself in a good company. "Hygge" encompasses many different words – all related to having a good time.

Gather family and friends. Pull the sofas and chairs up close to the coffee table and bring out some blankets. Douse the electricity and light some candles. Serve plenty of food and drink. Then you pretty much have the setting providing the feeling of "hygge"!

◆ DANISH DESIGN AND URBAN PLANNING

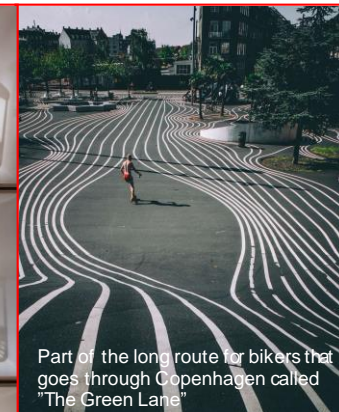
Have you ever heard about brands such as Georg Jensen, Bang & Olufsen, and Royal Copenhagen? Deep into its soul, Denmark is a design nation. Danish design became a concept known worldwide in the 1950s and 1960s and reflects the essence of Danish culture and style, with focus on user-friendliness and an open and democratic approach to life. Besides contemporary design in furniture and housing, Denmark is moreover renowned for its progress in urban planning, where cyclists and pedestrians are prioritised. Making use of the city by placing focus on urban space for pedestrians and cyclists is a top priority in many of the bigger cities in Denmark. In order to serve the large number of cyclists in Denmark, urban planners are working to develop the cycling infrastructure all over the country.



"The bike share" is a bridge made for bikers to cross the water



Classic Danish design chairs exhibited at Danish Design Museum



Part of the long route for bikers that goes through Copenhagen called "The Green Lane"