Family fun in Denmark [1]

Denmark is a safe country packed with fun offerings for all the family. From world class attractions, such as Legoland, to thousands of kilometres of unspoilt beaches, you'll find something for your whole family on holiday in Denmark.

Museums and Science Centres through children's eyes

Just visit one of Denmark's national museums to see how the biggest Danish attractions are tailor-making experiences for children. Most of them have special areas for kids where they can get stuck in with drawing, painting, exploring exhibitions or be entertained by professional and knowledgeable staff. As well as these extra services, most museums give children under 15 years of age free admission.

Denmark has a number of fascinating Science Centres where children and adults alike can get hands-on science experiences. With live demonstrations and the opportunity to try things for yourself, Science Centres combine learning with great fun for the whole family.

Playgrounds – free fun in the open air

Denmark is covered with well-equipped public playgrounds, ideal for a few hours of air and exercise as well as fun! These are great places to take your children to play with and get to know local Danish children and to meet their families or to just enjoy a few hours peace and quiet while your kids play.

Public playgrounds dot Denmark's towns, cities and parks but you can also find wild playgrounds in state forests. Drop into your local tourist office to ask about the nearest forest playground.

Getting around with children is easy

Distances between experiences in Denmark are short and it's easy to get public transport, organise car hire and access sites. This means that it's possible to terrify your children with a tour of the dungeons of Kronborg Castle [2] in the morning, sail in a Viking ship [3] on Roskilde Fjord in the afternoon and finish with an exhilarating evening in Tivoli Gardens [4] in the evening.

There are fantastic attractions and outdoor adventures all across the country, so a holiday on Funen or in the north of Jutland is as easy as a break in the capital. Even Denmark's bridges are amazing, so a car journey can be broken up with the thrill of driving over Europe's longest suspension bridge, The Great Belt Bridge [5].

It's even easy to bring the very young to Denmark, as many attractions, restaurants, hotels, major stores and regional trains offer you quiet spots, changing rooms and child seats.

Kids on public transport

You can enjoy big discounts for your children on public transport in Denmark. On Denmark's national train network, a paying adult can bring up to two children under 12 years old with them for free. The same applies on Copenhagen's S-trains, buses and metro.

Children under 16 years of age, travelling alone on public transport, pay half the adult price. On most ferries, children between the ages of 0 and 3 years old travel free, while those over 3 pay half price. Ask at the information desk before buying your ticket for more info.

Restaurants and cafes with kids

Danes are informal and relaxed and children are normally welcomed everywhere, including places

that serve alcohol, during the daytime. It’s not uncommon to see pushchairs left outside cafes and restaurants with sleeping children inside. This is a safe and common practice in Denmark and Danes are happy to let their little ones sleep in peace outside whilst keeping a close eye on them from inside. Breastfeeding is also acceptable in public places.

Danish restaurants are normally equipped with high-chairs for children, so just ask for one when you enter. Many also offer special children’s meals or allow you to order a smaller portion at a reduced price for your little ones.

Free accommodation for children

You may be surprised to hear that many hotels in Denmark offer free accommodation for children under 12 years old, when they sleep in their parents’ bed. Check with your hotel at time of booking to find out about discounts, rules and pricing.

Read more about Family holidays in Denmark [6].