

Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

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If you want to experience how good life can be, Denmark is one of your choices you should consider. Known as the world's happiest place to live, Denmark and its capital, Copenhagen always welcome people to experience serenity yet lively during the summer. Denmark is widely regarded as a place with high standard of living, convenient and well-connected transportation and friendliness of Danes.

After getting accepted to CBS, we had to apply for VISA, register for courses and do lots of preparation. One of the most difficult processes is the housing reservation. Since everything is done online on the first come first serve basis, you need to prepare all required documents before the reservation time so you can go through the process quickly. The rooms will be allocated to students according to time, ranking and preference.



When we first arrived in Copenhagen, it was quite easy to adapt ourselves into new environment and culture. At CBS, there were lots of activities and language and cultural courses provided so we could make new friends and learn more about their culture. In addition, each student will have a buddy who will help us with studying and living in Copenhagen. The transportation is very convenience with the 24-hour metro and many lines of bus. One of our favorite places to be chilling on weekends is Nyhavn, the



harbor with colorful houses. There are many good restaurants along the harbor, though most of them were quite expensive. Moreover, before going to visit the attractions in the city, it is recommended to check the opening hours and entrance fee because the opening time may change according to the season and there might be a certain day in a week that the entrance will be free.

Studying in Copenhagen Business School is a challenge for us. There are both similarities and differences between CBS and TU. All the handouts, works or any announcements are being done through student online service. It is easy for students to check the class or contact the teacher wherever they are. Students do not require to attend the class; however, teacher usually encourages students to participate in class by assigning group work. Majority of the subjects at CBS are using 100% final exam which can be considered as risk, which you may get any grade since you do not know each teacher's style, and also reward, since you can travel during the semester and pay



attention only the period before exam. At CBS, you can also request for retake exam in case you get an F or request to do so. It is usually an take home assignment but still depends on teacher.



As everyone might expect, being an exchange student in Europe would give you a benefit in travelling to other countries in Europe with only one visa needed. We have been to many European countries including Germany, Netherlands, France, Spain, Italy, Norway, Sweden and etc. It might sound a lot but if you were there, there would be no limit for travel. When you went to other countries, you can learn different cultures, see different point of view, and also learn how to survive when any unexpected event occur. Luckily,

we didn't face any terrible situation. The most important you need to do when you want travel is PLAN. The ealier you plan, the more you can save your money. Since Copenhagen is quite far away from other countries in Europe (it takes almost 5 hours by train to go to Hamburg, the nearest German city), the most convenience way is by plane. There are 2 main low cost airlines that we usually use, Easyjet and Norwegian. The flight price usually increases when the date is approaching. You can save a lot of money by just planning.

Besides travelling around Europe, Denmark itself has a lot to explore. From our experiences, the best word to define Denmark and Danes' life is 'Simply good life'. As an exchange student who has study in the top business school in Scandinavian and as a new expat in Copenhagen, we would say that both aspects give us a valuable experience that is so different that we may never see in our normal life. We would like to thank Thammasat Business School for such opportunity and hard work of Foreign Affair Office that we can smoothly gain priceless experiences.

