If you are travelling to and from Denmark

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark receives many questions about coronavirus / covid-19.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark is currently revising its travel advice. We now advise against all non-essential travel to all countries worldwide due to coronavirus/covid-19.

The red areas in the list below (areas where we advise against all travel) remain classified as red. The travel advice covers nearly 80 different countries and regions. The technical process of updating the travel advice on um.dk and the embassy websites will be carried out in the coming days.

→ Read the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark's travel advice

We advise against all travel in the following areas

→ China: Hubei Province
→ Italy: the regions of Piedmont, Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna, the Aosta Valley, Veneto and Marche
→ Iran
→ South Korea: the city of Daegu and the province of Gyeongbuk
→ Austria: the state of Tyrol

The Danish Health Authority recommends that travellers stay in their homes for two weeks if returning to Denmark after 2 March from the countries and areas under the red headline above.

We advise against all non-essential travel to

- The rest of the world

Returning to Denmark

Upon return to Denmark from areas classified as “orange”, the Danish Health Authority advises people to follow the Authority's general advice to the population. The recommendation to stay home for two weeks after arrival thus only applies for those returning to Denmark after having been in “red” areas.

Personnel in the health and elderly care sector must continue to observe the guidelines issued by the Danish Health Authority.

The above classification into the risk levels red and orange, and the colours on the world map below only apply for the risk of infection with coronavirus/Covid-19 and the measures being undertaken by the countries to prevent further contagion.

There can be other risks of travelling in a country (terror, war, kidnapping, high crime rate, etc.). Read more about safety levels.
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

I am travelling from abroad. Can I enter Denmark?

You can enter Denmark if you:

- Are a Danish citizen
- Have residence in Denmark, Greenland or Faroe Islands
- Need to transit through Denmark to return to your country of residence (e.g. Swedes transferring through Denmark to return to Sweden) or have a worthy purpose to transit through Denmark
- Have a worthy purpose for entry (see the question "What are worthy purposes?").

What should I do if I am stranded abroad?

Explore all possibilities for return travel to Denmark, including contacting your travel agency, airline and insurance company. Return travel may also be available via connecting flights in other countries. This recommendation applies for all Danes and persons residing in Denmark.

If there are no available options for return travel, find appropriate accommodations where you can meet your daily needs. Follow the instructions of the local authorities.

Sign up on Danskerlisten and write to the local Danish Embassy or Consulate.

You can also contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark’s Global Help Desk 24 hours a day by writing to bbb@um.dk or calling (+45) 3392 1112.

If you are stranded and cannot currently leave the country via commercial services, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and its embassies abroad will work in collaboration with the embassies of other countries and the local authorities to find solutions so that stranded travellers can return home.

You (or, if applicable, your insurance company) will also have to pay for your return travel in such a situation. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark has no authority to cover the costs of citizens’ travel home to Denmark.

Currently, there is not an identified need to evacuate Danes abroad. The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs monitors the global situation closely and will be prepared to evacuate Danes with no other means of returning to Denmark, if necessary.

Tourist in Denmark - Information on recent Danish measures

In the recent days and weeks, the Danish Government and the Danish authorities have taken a series of difficult precautionary measures in the effort to contain the spread of Covid-19. There is a risk that extensive entry of persons from abroad who have not been subject to similar precautionary measures will undermine the effectiveness of the measures taken in Denmark.

The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs now advises Danes against all non-essential travel worldwide, at least until 13 April 2020.

The Danish government has imposed control of all Danish borders effective Saturday 14 March 2020 at 12.00 noon. Persons wishing to enter Denmark must expect to be rejected entry at the Danish borders, including in Danish airports, unless they have a worthy purpose for entering, e.g. if the person lives or works in Denmark or has been commissioned to provide goods or services in Denmark. As a result of the border control measures, those seeking to enter Denmark should expect significantly prolonged travel times.

There are no outbound travel restrictions specifically for tourists leaving Denmark. As a result of the border control measures, those seeking to leave Denmark should also expect significantly prolonged travel times.

The Danish Health Authority recommendation has also introduced several new precautionary health measures. You can find further information on the measures on The Danish Health Authority's website.
If you have further doubts or questions, we advise you to reach out to your country’s embassy or consulate in Denmark.

**Can I transit through a Danish airport?**

Yes, travellers and airline personnel can transit through Danish airports.

**I am travelling to Denmark. Can I be refused to board my flight?**

The airline cannot, with reference to the temporary Danish travel restrictions, refuse you from boarding your flight to Denmark if you are a Danish citizen or resident (See the question “Can I enter Denmark?”).

In some cases, you may be asked to document that you have the right to enter Denmark. We therefore recommend that you contact the Danish embassy prior to departure.

If you are not a Danish citizen resident, you must be able to document that you have a worthy purpose for entering Denmark. If you cannot document a purpose deemed worthy, you will be denied entry at the Danish border. We therefore recommend that you contact the embassy before departure.

Foreigners will be required to provide evidence of the worthy purpose. Foreign embassies can, if necessary on the basis of the Danish CPR system, issue a certificate stating that the person in question has a valid residence permit in Denmark and reside in Denmark.

**Is the border to Denmark closed?**

The Danish Government has implemented border control at all of Denmark’s borders as part of the effort to curb the spread of Covid-19. Persons wishing to enter Denmark must expect to be rejected at the Danish borders, including in Danish airports, unless they have a worthy purpose for entering, e.g. if the person is Danish, lives or works in Denmark, or has been commissioned to provide goods or services in Denmark.

This change does not mean that the Danish borders are being closed for entry by Danes or others who reside in Denmark that are returning home from holiday or other stays abroad (see the question “Can I enter Denmark?”). Persons crossing the Danish border to return to their countries of residence, e.g. Swedes who have been on holiday abroad will be deemed to have a worthy purpose for entry. The same applies for travellers in transit in airports and for airline personnel.

Specific travel restrictions have also been implemented for air traffic serving “red” areas or countries where the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark advises against all travel. You can find an overview of red areas on The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark’s website.

The Danish authorities are continuously assessing the potential need for further measures regarding entry into Denmark. For updates on current measures (in Danish), see the website coronasmitte.dk. You can also find more information about entry restrictions at this website.

**What are worthy purposes?**

Danish citizens are always permitted entry into Denmark. Other persons wishing to enter Denmark must expect to be rejected at the Danish borders unless they have a worthy purpose (anerkendelsesværdigt formål) for entering.

Worthy purposes include, but are not limited to:

- Persons residing or working in Denmark, including self-employed entrepreneurs performing work in Denmark
- Persons commissioned to deliver goods to Denmark or transport goods out of Denmark
- Persons entering Denmark to exercise visitation rights with minors
- Persons who serve as the primary caregiver for minors residing in Denmark (e.g. foster parents)
- Persons who are entering to visit seriously ill or dying family members in Denmark
- Persons entering Denmark to participate in an ongoing course of treatment administered by the Danish health authorities
- Persons who are attending a funeral in Denmark
- Persons who are participating in court proceedings in Denmark
• Students, to the extent that educational institutions are not closed (and no remote learning options are offered).

The list is based on information from the Danish police.

Ordinary family visits, tourist visits, business trips, student trips, etc. do not constitute worthy purposes.

Persons crossing the Danish border to return home, e.g. Swedes who have been on holiday abroad, will be deemed to have essential worthy purpose for entry. The same applies for travellers in transit in airports and for airline personnel.

A person who has a valid but as yet utilised work permit in Denmark will have a worthy purpose for entry if the person is entering to work in Denmark.

Foreigners will be required to provide evidence of the worthy purpose. Foreign embassies can, if necessary on the basis of the Danish CPR system, issue a certificate stating that the person in question has a valid residence permit in Denmark and reside in Denmark.

I live in Denmark but am currently travelling abroad. Should I return home to Denmark?

Yes. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark advises Danes and people residing in Denmark currently travelling abroad to return home as soon as possible, but in a calm and orderly manner, and in close dialogue with your travel agency, airline or insurance company.

With the many restrictions being implemented in Denmark and abroad, it may prove difficult to find a means of returning to Denmark within a short time. We are also seeing an increasing number of air routes being closed or cancelled, which further adds to the difficulty of returning home.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has thus reclassified the risk level in its travel advice for all destinations worldwide to "orange". This advice will apply until at least 13 April unless changes become necessary before that date. The Danish authorities thus advise against all non-essential travel worldwide. Furthermore, some areas remain classified as "red", which means that the Danish authorities advise against all travel.

If you are presently abroad, the new travel advice means that:

• The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark advises you to return home as soon as possible, but in a calm and orderly manner, and in close dialogue with your travel agency, airline or insurance company.
• You must contact your travel agency and insurance company if you have questions about how you can return home.
• If outbound travel from the country is not possible, you can contact the Danish Embassy and Consulate. You can also contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark Global Help Desk 24 hours a day (bbb@um.dk or +4533921112).
• You should check the local restrictions in the country where you are located.
• You are encouraged to register on Danskerlisten – the list of Danes abroad or using the Rejseklar app. Danskerlisten is the fastest way for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark to send you information about the country in which you are located.

This change does not mean that the Danish borders are being closed for entry by Danes or others who live in Denmark that are returning home from holiday or other stays abroad.

If you have plans to travel abroad between now and 13 April, you must be aware of the risks of such travel. The local restrictions may change with very short notice. There is a risk that countries will be quarantining travellers upon arrival, or a risk that you might contribute to spreading contagion.

It is recommended that you regularly check the travel advice issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. The travel advice covers nearly 80 different countries and regions. The technical process of updating the travel advice on um.dk and the embassy websites will be carried out in the coming days.

You can also find information at the websites of the Danish embassies and remember to read the recommendations of the Danish Health Authority.

I live in Denmark and am considering travel to another country. What precautions should I take?

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has reclassified the risk level in its travel advice for all destinations worldwide to "orange".
This advice applies until at least 13 April unless changes become necessary before that date. This means that the Danish authorities advise against all non-essential travel worldwide. Furthermore, some areas remain classified as "red", which means that the Danish authorities advise against all travel.

With the many restrictions being implemented in Denmark and abroad, it may prove difficult to find a means of returning to Denmark in the coming time.

The coronavirus situation is quickly changing and evolving. If you are planning to travel, you should be aware that authorities in other countries can introduce restrictions on short notice to prevent and limit the spread of coronavirus/Covid-19 contagion. These restrictions may include forced quarantines, cancellation of flights, border closures, etc.

If you choose to travel nonetheless, it is recommended that you check the travel advice issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark for the destination(s) you are considering. The travel advice covers nearly 80 different countries and regions. The technical process of updating the travel advice on um.dk and the embassy websites will be carried out in the coming days. You can also find information at the websites of the Danish embassies and remember to read the recommendations of the Danish Health Authority, which you will find at the website of the Danish Health Authority.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark cannot guarantee against sudden changes in the approach taken by individual countries, including the cancellation of flights.

As a traveller, you may unintentionally risk contributing to the spread of contagion during your travels.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark also recommends that you consider your personal safety and that you stay up to date on developments via local authorities, news media, and your travel agency. The decision on whether or not to travel is ultimately yours.

If you are a Dane or resident of Denmark and are stranded abroad with no available means of returning to Denmark, you can contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark’s Global Help Desk 24 hours a day by writing to bbb@um.dk or calling (+45) 3392 1112.

I am planning travel to Denmark. What precautions should I take?

In the recent days and weeks, the Danish Government and the Danish authorities have taken a series of difficult precautionary measures in the effort to contain the spread of Covid-19. There is a risk that extensive entry of persons from abroad who have not been subject to similar precautionary measures will undermine the effectiveness of the measures taken in Denmark.

The Government has notified the EU Commission and the other EU Member States, including Sweden and Germany, that effective Saturday 14 March 2020 at 12:00 noon, the existing temporary border control will be expanded to include control of all of Denmark’s borders as part of the effort to curb the spread of Covid-19.

This measure will be supported by a visible control apparatus at all significant Danish border crossings, including in airports. This control apparatus will be implemented in the coming days, and the control task will be performed by the Danish police, with extensive support from Danish Defence. Within a short time, this effort is expected to include a complete or partial closure of a significant number of train, air, and ferry routes for passenger traffic. Furthermore, this will also include a complete stop of all cruise ship traffic to Denmark. These border control measures will remain in effect at least until 13 April 2020.

Persons wishing to enter Denmark must expect to be rejected entry at the Danish borders, including in Danish airports, unless they are Danish citizens or have a worthy purpose for entering, e.g. if the person lives or works in Denmark or has been commissioned to provide goods or services in Denmark.

As a result of the border control measures, those seeking to enter Denmark should expect significantly prolonged travel times. An information campaign will be conducted abroad with a focus on the countries from which many people normally enter Denmark, so as to minimise the number of unsuccessful attempts by travellers to enter the country. Danes who are presently on holiday travels abroad should also due to the forthcoming closures of air routes – return to Denmark as quickly as possible. The authorities are in dialogue with the travel industry to ensure that Danes on holiday abroad have the opportunity to travel back to Denmark.

As regards the transport of goods, there is a strong emphasis on the importance of maintaining and not delaying the necessary supply chains, including food supply and Denmark’s imports and exports to and from other countries. Therefore, there will not be blanket border control inspections of goods transport.
The authorities are in dialogue with the carrier industry to plan an expedient implementation of these efforts so that they do not cause greater obstacles than necessary for suppliers of goods. On 13 March 2020, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark updated its travel advice, whereby all regions of the world not classified as “red” are now classified as “orange”. The Ministry now advises against all non-essential travel worldwide, at least until 13 April 2020. The Ministry is continuously monitoring developments and raising areas to “red” classification as appropriate.

Those returning to Denmark after travelling in areas classified as “orange” should, as all other Danes, refrain as much as possible from attending work physically and work from home. Those returning to Denmark after travelling in areas classified as “red” are advised to stay home for 14 days under all circumstances. Danes residing abroad are advised to stay where they are and observe the instructions of the local authorities.

Who can I contact if I have questions about the impact of coronavirus on my company?

The Danish Business Authority hotline can answer questions about the precautions your company can take in connection with coronavirus.

Tel: +45 7220 0034

Opening hours are daily from 08.30-16.00 CET (Friday 09.00-15.00 CET).

Where can I read travel advice issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark?

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark continuously updates its travel advice to prevent further spread of coronavirus/covid-19.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark publishes travel advice for 80 countries, providing good advice and useful information for foreign travel. This travel advice is primarily used by Danish tourists and Danish business travellers, and is therefore written in Danish.

We maintain up to date travel advice for all countries where Denmark has an embassy. We also publish travel advice for countries that have a large number of Danish travellers and a significant security risk, e.g. armed conflict, terrorism, unrest, natural disasters, criminality, etc.

There is currently a focus on the spread of coronavirus/covid-19 infection. The travel advice is updated continuously, and information regarding local conditions pertaining to coronavirus/Covid-19 can be found on the websites of the respective Danish embassies.

You can subscribe to our travel advice. Click “Abonner” at the top of the travel advice page for the chosen country. We will send you an e-mail when we revise important information in this advice.

We know that travel and insurance companies refer to our travel advice in connection with travel cancellations or changes. These companies are free to choose how they use our travel advice.

Can I still apply for a visa to Denmark?

You can still apply for a visa to Denmark. However only foreign travellers with a valid visa AND a worthy purpose (anerkendelsesværdigt formål) for the visit will be allowed to enter Denmark (See question “what are worthy purposes?”).

I applied for a visa already but I have not received a decision. What will happen to my application?

If you have a pending visa application, your application will be submitted to the Danish Immigration Service (Udlændingestyrelsen) for consideration. This means that the case processing times will be prolonged. You can choose to withdraw your application. To do so please contact the relevant Danish mission.

Can I get a refund for my visa fee if I want to withdraw my visa application?
Applicants who applied for a visa to Denmark and who did not yet receive a decision can choose to withdraw their application. Normally, the visa application fee will not be refunded if the processing of the visa application has started.

Due to the implemented entry restrictions, it has been decided to make an exception to this rule. All applicants who wish to withdraw their application and who handed in the application before 14 March will get a refund of the visa application fee.

Travelers who have already been granted a visa will not be able to get a refund of the visa application fee, even if the entry restrictions prevent them from entering Denmark.

Can I enter Denmark if I already have a valid Schengen visa?

Entry into Denmark has been restricted, which means that you can only enter Denmark if you have a valid visa AND a worthy purpose (‘anerkendelsesvaerdigt formål’) for the visit.

Worthy purposes includes travellers who are either parents or primary caretakers of minors residing in Denmark (e.g. foster parents), visits to critically ill family members, persons who are in the process of a medical treatment in Denmark, persons who are attending a funeral in Denmark, and persons who will be part of a court case in Denmark (See question “what are worthy purposes?”).

Can I still apply for a work or residence permit?

Yes, and if you already hold a valid work or residence permit you can enter Denmark despite the entry restrictions.