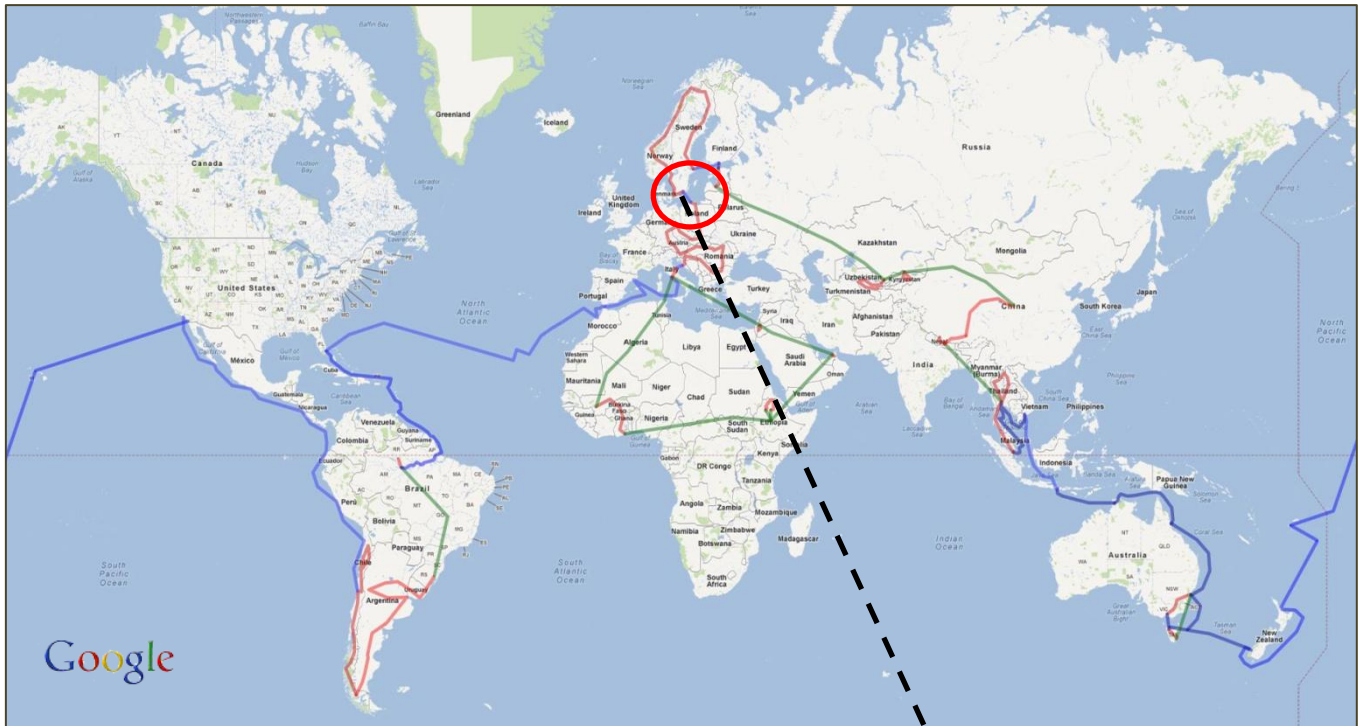




Trekking the Planet

Discovering the Cultural and Natural Significance of the World



Where are we now?

- Darren and Sandy are in Copenhagen, Denmark, located at 55° N and 12° E.
- We have traveled approximately 31,912 miles (51,357 kilometers) from our starting point in California.



People and Culture

- Denmark ruled most of its neighbors (Sweden, Norway, southern Finland, Iceland, Faroe Islands and Greenland) in the Kalmar Union from 1397 to 1524. The Faroe Islands and Greenland are still within the Kingdom of Denmark.
- Today the population is about 5.6 million. About 90% of the population is of Danish descent.
- Copenhagen is the capital city. The Stroget is one of the longest shopping streets in Europe.
- Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen is the second-oldest amusement park in the world. It opened in 1843. It is said to have inspired Walt Disney's creation of Disneyland.
- Hans Christian Anderson is a famous fairy tale author. His tales include "The Emperor's New Clothes", "The Little Mermaid" and "The Ugly Duckling". A Little Mermaid statue is located in Copenhagen.
- One well-known Danish invention is the Lego. They were produced beginning in 1932.



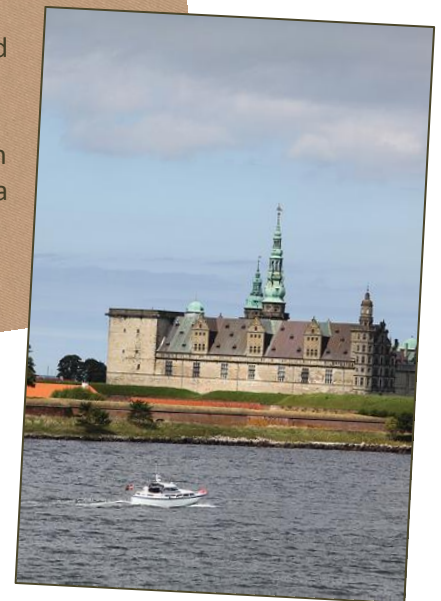
Copenhagen (source: [Flickr.com/JamesZ Flickr](https://www.flickr.com/photos/jamesz/))

Did you know?

William Shakespeare's fictional Hamlet was a Danish prince. The play's setting is in a castle in Helsingør, or Elsinore, Denmark.

The castle located there is called Kronborg Castle. It was first built in 1420 and is now a World Heritage site.

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Copenhagenet.dk



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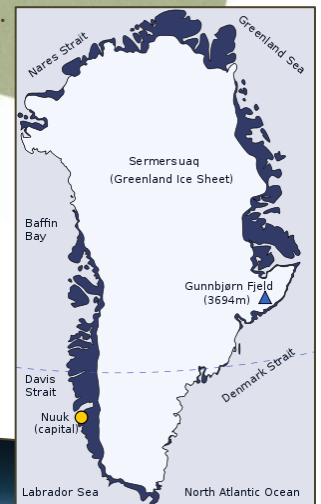
- Denmark is located on a peninsula, called Jutland, and a series of islands. There are 443 named islands and 76 which are populated. Over 1,000 more islands are unnamed.
- It is bordered by both the Baltic Sea and the North Sea. The total coastline is 4,545 miles (7,314 kilometers). No location is more than 32 miles (52 kilometers) from the coast. Denmark's only land border is Germany in the south.
- The country is very flat, with an average height of 102 feet (31 meters). The tallest point is called Møllehøj and it is 558 feet (170 meters) high.
- Natural resources of Denmark include fish, salt, stone, sand, petroleum and natural gas.
- Denmark opened its first national park in August 2008. Two more opened in 2009 and 2010.



Thy National Park, the first Danish National Park (source: Flickr.com/denmarkdotdk)

Greenland

The world's largest island, Greenland is actually part of the North American continent. Of its 836,000 sq miles in area (2.2 million square kilometers) about 81% is covered with ice. Its population of about 56,000 makes it the least densely populated country/ dependency in the world.



Above: Map showing ice cover (in white); picture of Greenland's east coast (sources: Denmark.dk, Wikipedia.org)

Our Plans

- We have arrived in Copenhagen from Norway. We will spend some time here walking along the Stroget pedestrian street and perhaps visiting the Tivoli amusement park.
- Next, we will take an overnight ferry to Poland. We will visit two cities there: Gdansk and Krakow.
- Keep those questions coming and we will try to answer some from our next report from the road.

Æbleskiver

These are traditional Danish pancakes in the shape of a ball. They are a mix of the firm texture of an American pancake and the fluffiness of a popover. They are usually made with flour, milk, eggs and sugar and a pinch of salt. Not very sweet, they are served with jam and sprinkled with powdered sugar. These are commonly served before Christmas and on other special occasions.



source: Wikipedia.org

More Information

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