



Tips on Studying Abroad at the University of Aarhus in Denmark

Want to know what it's like to study abroad? Want to know what your peers think? Your fellow Georgia Tech students who have previously gone on this exchange program gave their opinions so that future participants have the inside scoop on their host institution and host country.

Preparation & Getting Started

- I chose Aarhus because I wanted to be able to speak English. Denmark seemed more adventurous than the UK.

Food

- The food isn't outstandingly expensive from the supermarket but a little silly how expensive it gets eating out.

Housing

- I lived in a house on the outskirts of town which was a great situation. I lived with two Belgians, one French person, one Canadian, and a fellow American. This of course changes by the semester.
- There are places closer to campus which are good and a better social life than US college dorms.



Classes

- Classes had around 20 students.
- Some classes were half Danish students and half foreign exchange students. In other classes, you may be the only exchange student.
- No homework was given. Instead, you have a final exam or paper.
- A three-week Danish language course is offered before the semester starts.
- The class schedule allowed for plenty of free time.



Cultural Differences

- The Danes are extremely helpful. For example, if you ask for directions they will walk around the world with you.
- They can be a little hard to get to know though and a little shortwinded in conversations at times.
- They are extremely law and rule abiding. A classic example is when a cross-walk light is red and no cars are in sight, nobody crosses the road.

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Transportation & Travel

- Buy a bike. Bikes are the danish way.
- Try Aalborg for a night.



Communication

- Prepaid phone cards which worked with my US phone were abundant.
- I used SKYPE to call home.

Lifestyle

- It is easy to meet European exchange students (Erasmus, they call it), which was great for later summer travel.
- I learned a little Danish but was largely lost because virtually everyone Danish speaks English perfectly, particularly around the campus.
- The best parts of my trip were visits to European friends at their homes in Aarhus. I have absolutely no regrets about choosing Aarhus as well as no regrets about going alone. If anything, I may have preferred to stay a full year.



Finances

- I spent quite a bit but I also traveled extensively during the semester and stayed an extra couple months after finals.



Participant Profiles

Please see information of contributing students below. If a blog or website is listed, feel free to take a look! Also, if an e-mail address is listed, you may contact that student if you have any questions about their study abroad experience.

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