

Report on Visit to Denmark as part of Indo- Danish

Student Exchange Program- 2025

Our exchange program trip to Denmark was truly one of the most unforgettable and eye-opening experiences of our lives. We were a group of 10 students from classes IX to XII accompanied by Ms. Madhuri (our teacher).

From the very first day when we landed there on Aug 14, everything felt exciting and new, the people, the places, and the culture. We explored Copenhagen and Aarhus, two of Denmark's most remarkable cities, and also crossed over to Sweden for a short visit.

Copenhagen, buzzing with young people and energy, was where we began our journey. Traveling in the local trains was an experience in itself, calm once inside but nerve-wracking to catch because of how quickly they moved. We toured the city by canal, saw the Little Mermaid, and even visited a summer boat once used by the Danish royal family. Tivoli Gardens, one of the world's oldest amusement parks, was another highlight with its fun rides and festive atmosphere.

We also crossed into Malmö, Sweden, where we stumbled upon a festival with loud Bollywood music. Dancing and singing along to familiar songs so far from home felt surreal, and it became one of the happiest memories of the trip.

From there, we traveled to Aarhus, where our host families gave us a warm welcome, one even greeted us with a handmade sign. Staying with them was special, as we got to share cultures and try traditional Danish foods like Tarteletter, a pastry tart with chicken and cream, and Smørrebrød, open-faced sandwiches on rye bread. We even bonded with their pets, which made the homes feel even warmer.

In Aarhus, we explored museums including ARoS, where walking across the rainbow rooftop gave us mesmerizing views of the city. School life there fascinated us too, the classrooms were interactive, the teaching methods advanced, and we noticed how punctual and disciplined Danish students were. Even though they enjoyed parties, they followed strict routines on school days. Many of us found their math and science surprisingly easy, and we were touched by how welcoming the students were, hosting parties just to include us and help us make friends.

This trip gave us the perfect mix of history, culture, and daily life in Denmark, along with moments of joy we will never forget.

Suggestions for the Future

While the exchange was an incredible experience, we believe it could be even better with a few changes.

- 1) The program should be open only for senior students (classes XI and XII), as most of our interactions in Denmark were with seniors, and juniors may have felt slightly out of place.
- 2) Our school could become a more expressive environment by encouraging freer student-teacher interaction, similar to what we saw in Denmark.
- 3) Physical education classes here could be made better structured and more engaging, as they were there.

This exchange was truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We not only discovered Denmark but also discovered a new way of looking at our own school and culture.

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