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GRAND PRIX

Copenhagen



Nyhavn Canal

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Welcome to Copenhagen!

Welcome to Denmark! The home of the Hamlet. The home of Jaime Lannister. Copenhagen is the capital of Denmark, and the host of the 2018 Grand Prix Copenhagen. The Tuesday before the GP is the constitution day, and a national holiday in Denmark. So stores will mostly be following Sunday opening times on the Tuesday before the GP. This means that stores that usually are closed on Sundays probably will be closed on the Tuesday before the GP.

You probably know about the danish (the pastry, not the people), but Denmark has created other culinary pieces, like the marshmallowfluff filled chocolate buns called flødeboller, smooth liverpaste called Leverpostej and the open sandwiches called "Smørrebrød". Copenhagen is also the birthplace of the new Nordic cuisine, where Noma is the birthplace and the leading star.

Copenhagen is also located to the very east in Denmark, so if you want to visit Sweden (why would you?), Malmö is only a 20 minute train ride over the sea. 10 % of the inhabitants in Malmö commute daily to Copenhagen to work there, so Malmö and Copenhagen is well connected.

Copenhagen has a long history, and has origins dating back to circa 1020. The University in Copenhagen dates back to 1479, and was originally approved by the Pope in Rome, before Denmark became Lutheran in the 1530s. The city has has two large fires during it's growth, and much of the oldest parts of the city was lost during those fires.

Copenhagen is a beautiful city, with some nice buildnings like the Amalienborg Palace, the Round Tower, Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, Christiansborg Palace and of course the Carlsberg brewery.

Danes and the rest of Scandinavia

Denmark, Sweden and Norway are very similar neighbors. They've all been a part of the same union once or twice, and all variations of relationships between the countries has been done. We also share a similarity between the languages, that makes it possible to talk your own language to a neighboring countryman and be understood. There's also been conflicts between the countries, and both Norway and Denmark lost against Sweden the last time they were at war, so Danes and Norwegians still hold a shared grudge against Sweden.

Danes and Norwegians joke about each other. Norwegians say that Danes talk with a potato in their throat and Danes call Norwegians "mountain apes". But one thing unites the Danes and Norwegians, and that's the hatred of the Swedes (friendly hatred, like old friends not like North and South Korea). Even the Finns can agree with the Danes and Norwegians on this point

There was even a Danish law that stated that if the sea between Denmark and Sweden froze over, and Swedes started to cross the sea, you had to beat any Swede crossing with a stick.

Glossary

We have some extra letters in the Danish alphabet æ, Æ (pronounced as if you're trying to say 'a' and 'e' at the same time) ø, Ø (pronounced as if you're trying to say 'o' and 'e' at the same time) and å, Å (the sound you say when you're surprised "ooooohhh"). If you're interested I (Anders) will be happy to teach you a bit of Danish at the GP.

Many Danes will use the English (Magic-ese?) terms in the Danish language, however some stuff might be nice to know:

English	Danish	English	Danish
Creature	Dyr	Hi	Hej (pronounced exactly the same)
Player	Spiller	My name is...	Mit navn er...
Game	Spil	Sorry	Undskyld
Match	Runde (same word for 'Round')	Where is (the toilet)	Hvor er (toilettet)
Draw (a card)	Træk (et kort)	I don't speak Danish	Jeg taler ikke dansk
Draw (as in draw a game)	Uafgjort	Food	Mad
Win (noun)	Sejr	Water	Vand
Win (verb)	Vinder	Beer	Øl
Lose	Taber	Yes	Ja
White	Hvid	No	Nej
Blue	Blå	May I have a...	Må jeg bede om en/et....
Black	Sort	Thanks	Tak
Red	Rød	Welcome	Velkommen
Green	Grøn	Goodbye	Farvel

Numbers

1	En	20	Tyve
2	To	30	Tredive
3	Tre	40	Fyrre
4	Fire	50	Halvtreds
5	Fem	60	Treds
6	Seks	70	Halvfjerds
7	Syv	80	Firs
8	Otte	90	Halfems
9	Ni	100	Hundrede
10	Ti	1000	Tusinde

Practical information about Denmark

Denmark uses 230 V and our plugs look like the picture on the right. Sometimes the bottom hole is not there, so to be safe you'll need a plug with two 'legs'.

The Danish Krone (DKK) is the currency and $1\text{EUR}=7.5\text{DKK}$. (This exchange rate is fixed meaning the Krone follows the Euro so they don't change relative to each other)

Denmark uses a 24h clock meaning that we don't say 1 pm, instead we use 13.00 and so on, this is especially relevant when looking at timetables.

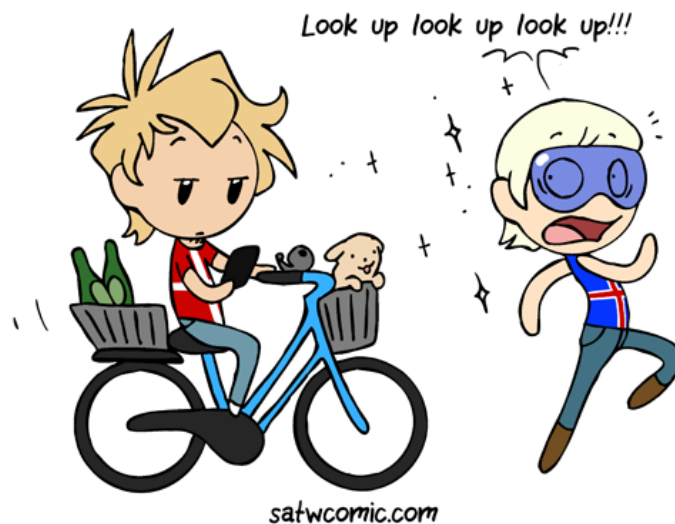
Danes are very fond of their bikes and use them to go anywhere. This means that there is a lot of bike lanes in Copenhagen. **DO NOT WALK ON THEM**, there will be lot of yelling and many hand gestures. You should be able to tell them apart from the sidewalk by the bikes that are painted on the bike lanes. As a rule of thumb, the bike lane is between the sidewalk and the road.



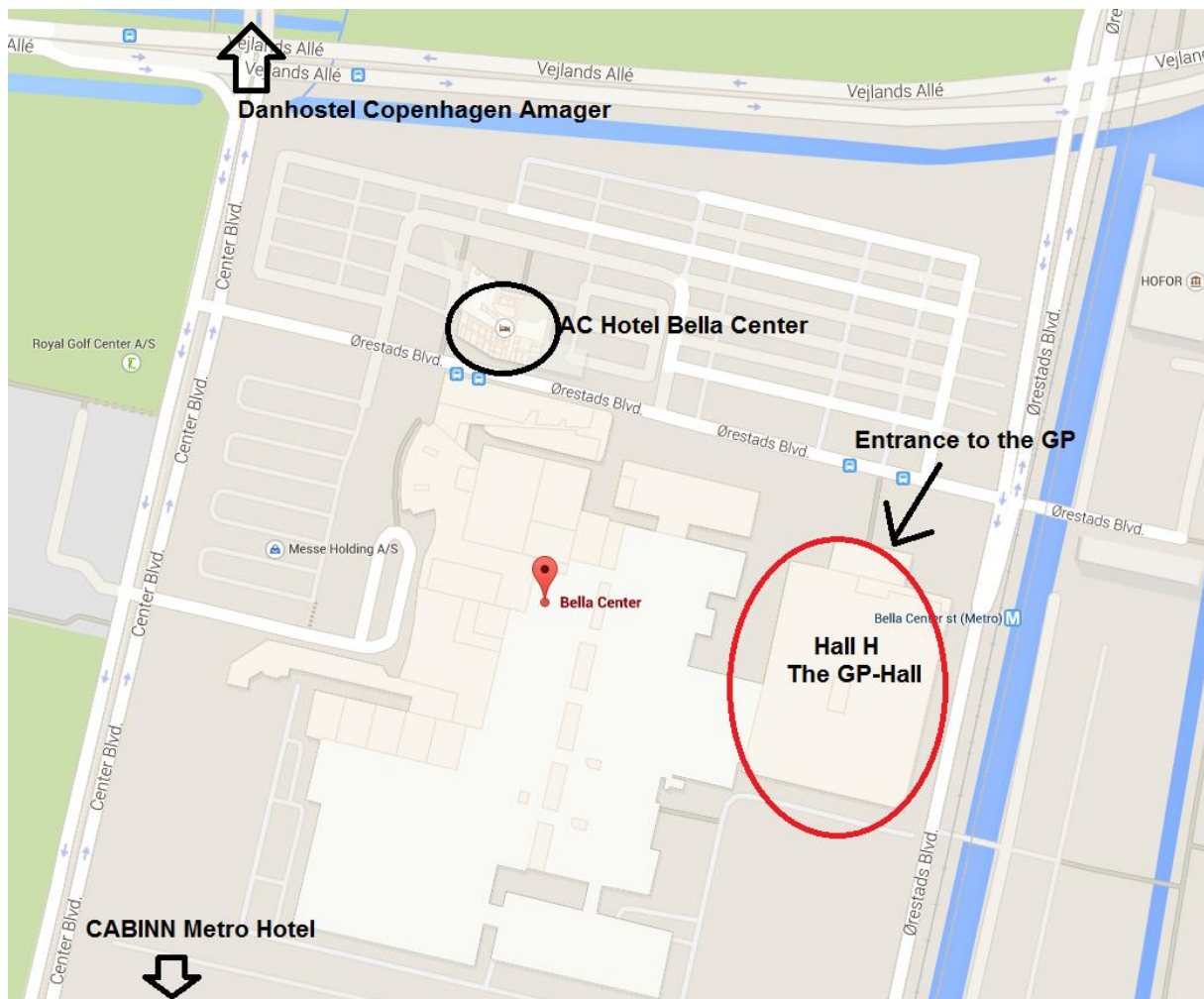
What being a cyclist means in England



What being a cyclist means in Denmark



The Venue



Address: Bella Center, Hall H Center Boulevard 5 2300 København S, Denmark

The Grand Prix is located at the Bella Center in the “Ørestad” district of Copenhagen, a business district 10 minutes with the metro from the city centre.

Arrival by car: You’ll probably arrive on the E20. The exit for the Bella Center is exit 19, named “Ørestad” with the subtext “Bella Center”. Parking costs 20 DKK an hour, but maximum 80 DKK per 24 hours. Can be paid in cash with DKK or Euro, or with most normal credit and debit cards.

Arrival by Metro: The metro station is “Bella Center” and is located very near the GP entrance. Read more about Copenhagen’s metro system in the section about public transport in Copenhagen.

Arrival by plane: There’s no place to park an airplane at the venue, so you’ll have to park your Boeing 747 at Kastrup airport. A taxi from Kastrup to Bella Center will cost about 150-200 DKK. If you want to use public transport to get from the airport you should find the metro station at the airport. It is very easy to find, just walk through arrivals and signage should be very clear. Go on the M2 line towards “Vanløse”, Get off at “Christianshavn” and change to the M1 line towards “Vestamager” get off at “Bella Center” (yup, our venue has it’s own metro station). This little exercise should take no more than 20 minutes.

Places to stay near Bella Center

These are the three nearest places to stay near Bella Center. The Danhostel is one of the cheapest places to stay in Copenhagen, but almost all of the cheapest rooms are taken. You could maybe save a few bucks on another hostel in Copenhagen, but then you would have to spend money or time on getting to the Venue. CABINN Metro is a regular budget hotel, like the ones you often find a short cab ride from airports.

Danhostel Copenhagen Amager

<http://danhostelcopenhagen.dk/en/>

From 400 DKK per person per night (for a bed in a shared hostel room)

Vejlands Allé 200, 8 min walk from the venue.

Tel. +45 32522908

Email: copenhagen@danhostel.dk



CABINN Metro Hotel

<https://www.cabinn.com/en/hotel/cabinn-metro-hotel>

From 412 DKK per person per night (in a 4 man room)

Arne Jacobsens Allé 2, 12 min walk from the venue

Tel. +45 32 46 57 00

Email: metro@cabinn.com

Food and other stuff near Bella Center

The Bella Center is located between the airport and the center of the city in a business district. There are some restaurants and other foodplaces near the center. Denmark's largest shopping center is only a 15 minute walk from the venue, near the CABINN Metro Hotel. The nearest restaurants are the hotel restaurants and bars at AC Hotel Bella Sky, the hotel that's connected to Bella Center.

Restaurant Rasoi – Indian food

Ørestads Boulevard 55, open 17:00 to 22:00 (23:00 on Fridays and Saturdays), kitchen closes at 21:00 (22:00 on Fridays and Saturdays), 8 min walk from the venue, tel: +45 6914 9445, [online booking](#)

Rasoi is the nearest restaurant to the venue. They only seat 40 inside and 30 outside, so booking in advance could be a smart idea. The kitchen is Indian, and food costs from 100 to 250 DKK for a main course. [English menu](#)

Døgn Netto – Small convenience store

Ørestads Boulevard 70, open 07:00 to 24:00, 10 min walk from the venue

Døgn Netto is a small convenience store. They have everything you'd normally find in a convenience store, but with a much smaller selection.

Rambla Bar & Grill – Tapas Restaurant

Arne Jacobsens Allé 9, open 11.30-21.30. Closed on Sundays and between 15:00 and 17:00. 15 min walk from the venue. Reservations on tel +45 32 620 620

A tapas restaurant 15 minutes from the venue. 40 to 105 DKK per tapas dish. Also has a tasting menu and a few a la carte items. [Website \(only in Danish\)](#)

Fields Shopping Center

Open 10:00 to 20:00 (Bilka 06:00 to 24:00)

Fields is Denmark's largest shopping center. You will find a Cinema here as well, and movies are rarely dubbed in Denmark. Here you will find anything really. Electronics, clothes, medicine, food, coffee, whatever you need. There's a lot of fast food, like Burger King and KFC,. Under is a list of the most relevant stores:

Farmacy:	Field's Apotek
Coffee:	Starbucks, Espresso House and Baresso House
Convenience:	Bilka OneStop
Phone charger:	Telenor, 3, Elgiganten or Telia should be able to help you
Optician:	Synoptik

Food in Copenhagen at general

Copenhagen has a lot of great food, and you'll find many good restaurants. If you want really cheap food, there's a lot of fast food places all around. Below you'll find a list of some recommended places.

Restaurant 56°

Krudtløbsvej 8 Lunch wed-sat 12:00 to 15:30, dinner wed-sat 18:00 – last seating at 21:00

A great place near the "new" opera house, built in an old black powder bastion. They experiment with great raw materials, and have affordable meals with main courses from 150 DKK to 200 DKK.

Bastard Café

Rådhusstræde 13, open 12:00 to 02:00 friday and saturday, and 12:00 to 24:00 on all other days.

Bastard Café is Copenhagen's board game café. They have a collection of over 600 games, and the fee for lending a game is 25 DKK per person per day. They serve good coffee and beer, and it's cheap. The beer is from 25 DKK per Carlsberg. The food is normal "bar food" like nachos, fries and the like. They don't take reservations.

Stuff to see and do in Copenhagen

Tivoli

Vesterbrogade 3, open 11:00 to 23:00 (24:00 on fri and sat), www.tivoli.dk

Tivoli is an old (175 years old) amusement park located in the centre of Copenhagen. Here you'll find a mix of old and new amusement rides, and entertainment. Entrance to Tivoli is 120 DKK, and tickets to rides are 25 DKK+.

The Little Mermaid

Langelinie, open 24/7, except when she takes a swim.

The Little Mermaid is more than a Disney movie, it's also a fairy tale written by H.C. Andersen. There's a statue base from that fairy tale at Langelinie, and it's worth the visit.

Zoo Copenhagen

Sdr. Fasanvej 79, open 09:00 to 18:00 every day. www.zoo.dk

Copenhagen has a zoo. You can find Nordic animals like reindeers, brown bears, wolfs, seals and Muskoxes there in addition to animals from all over the world. Entrance is 180 DKK.

Bakken

Dyrehavevej 62, open 14:00 to 23:00 (22:00 on sun) www.bakken.dk

Bakken is the world's oldest amusement park. Here's everything from amusement rides to mini golf, archery and many places to eat. Entrance is free, but rides cost.

Torvehallerne

Frederiksborggade 21, open 10:00 to 19:00 (mon – wed), 17:00 (thu) 20:00 (fri), 17:00 (sat and sun), www.torvehallernekbh.dk (Danish only)

You like food, you know you do. And at Torvehallerne you will find food. Great food, in two great halls. 7000 square meters of the best cheeses, spices, meat, cakes, chocolates and whatever there is. Over 60 different stands, all with people with great respect for their own trade. Heaven for the food enthusiast.

National Aquarium Denmark, Den Blå Planet

Jacob Fortlingsvej 1, open 10:00 to 17:00, 21:00 on Mondays, <http://www.denblaaplanet.dk/>

Den blå planet, or The blue planet is Denmark's national aquarium. They have the fish. You'll find sea otters, hammer sharks, dwarf crocodiles, anacondas and many, many other sea animals. There's 53 aquariums with over seven million liters of water. Entrance is 170 DKK

Amager Strandpark

Amager East, about 1 hour walk from the venue

Copenhagen has a long combination of a natural and artificial beach. The beach is located east of the tournament venue, and is 4,6 kilometers long. The beach is open 24/7 and open for all in need of sand under their feet.

Local game stores

The Copenhagen area is blessed with a pair of friendly game stores.

Faraos Cigarer (Copenhagen)

Skindergade 27

1159 København K

This is the largest game store in Copenhagen, it is situated very close to Nørreport Station. Their weekly magic schedule is as follows

Tuesday 18:00 – Legacy (30 DKK, from 20-40 players 6 rounds, prizes based on standings)

Tuesday 18:00 – Pauper (10 DKK, 4 rounds)

Friday 15:00 – (early) FNM (standard, 10DKK these vary a lot in size, 3 rounds prizes based on standings – you have time to catch the late FNM if you participate!)

Friday 17:30 - Friday Night Magic (Standard, 30DKK 30+ players, 6 rounds prizes based on standings)

Friday 18:00 – Draft (100 DKK)

Saturday 10:30 – Modern (30 DKK, this usually get many players, but I doubt it will get eight this particular weekend. However if you have an extended stay swing around for 6 rounds of modern with prizes based on swiss)

ASK – Analog Spilleklub (Analog Gaming Club)

Sankt Peders Stræde 35a

1453 København K

Located not far from Nørreport St. This is more like a board game café, but they have chosen to have a focus on hosting “hyggelige” weekly magic events. You can always just drop in and check out their board games, and their café really embodies the Danish concept of “Hygge”. Their weekly schedule is as follows:

Monday 17.00 – Modern (100 DKK this is including a hot meal and a beverage of your choice, there is usually a eating break after Round one of their weekly events)

Wednesday 16.30 – Draft and Standard (price and whether it includes meal and beverage depends on the format.)

Public transport

Public transportation in Denmark and especially Copenhagen is very good. In Copenhagen, you have four types of transportation.

Regional trains.

These trains run between towns and cities and have several stops within Copenhagen (Copenhagen Central Station, Nørreport and Østerport). They also run between Copenhagen Airport and Copenhagen Central Station.

S-trains

These mostly run within the greater Copenhagen area and are an excellent way to get around within Copenhagen. There are currently seven lines running and each line will be at any station at 10 or 20 minutes intervals (depending on the specific line). All lines(apart from the F line which cross all the other lines and run through some of the suburbs of Copenhagen) stop at Copenhagen Central Station and Nørreport.

Metro

This a (mostly) underground shuttle service, it has two lines (M1 and M2). They connect the island of Amager (where both the venue and the airport are located) with the rest of Copenhagen. If you're at the venue and want to go sightseeing, this will be your form of transportation.

Busses

When you finally run out of train tracks busses help you get around. Most of the routes within central Copenhagen will leave from Nørreport station. Busses leaving central Copenhagen can be found at Copenhagen Central Station.

Timetables, tricks and tickets

Timetables and travel planning can be found at www.rejseplanen.dk, which have a Danish, an English and a German version. It can also help you to order tickets for your trip. If you plan to go sightseeing, I recommend looking here to see where you can go to at what time.

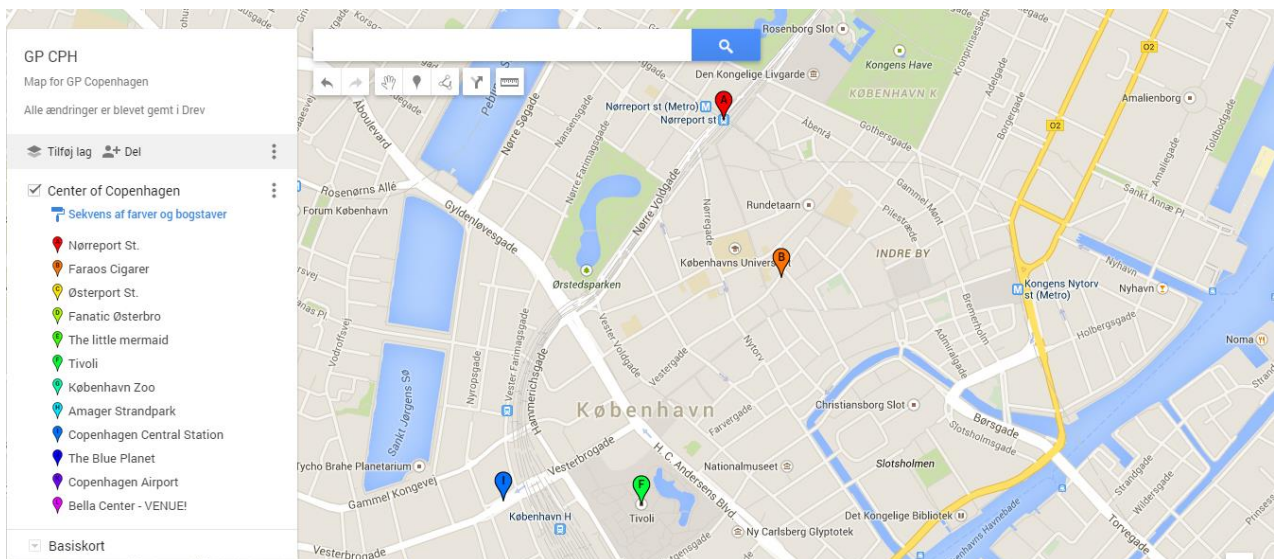
As you may have noticed in the description above there are two major 'hubs' that are important to know about: Copenhagen Central Station and Nørreport Station. Nørreport mainly connects to the rest of Copenhagen with busses, metro and the S-trains. Some Regional trains also stop here. Copenhagen Central Station connects to the rest of Denmark by regional trains the rest of Copenhagen by the S-trains (notably the metro does not stop at Copenhagen Central Station.)

Maps

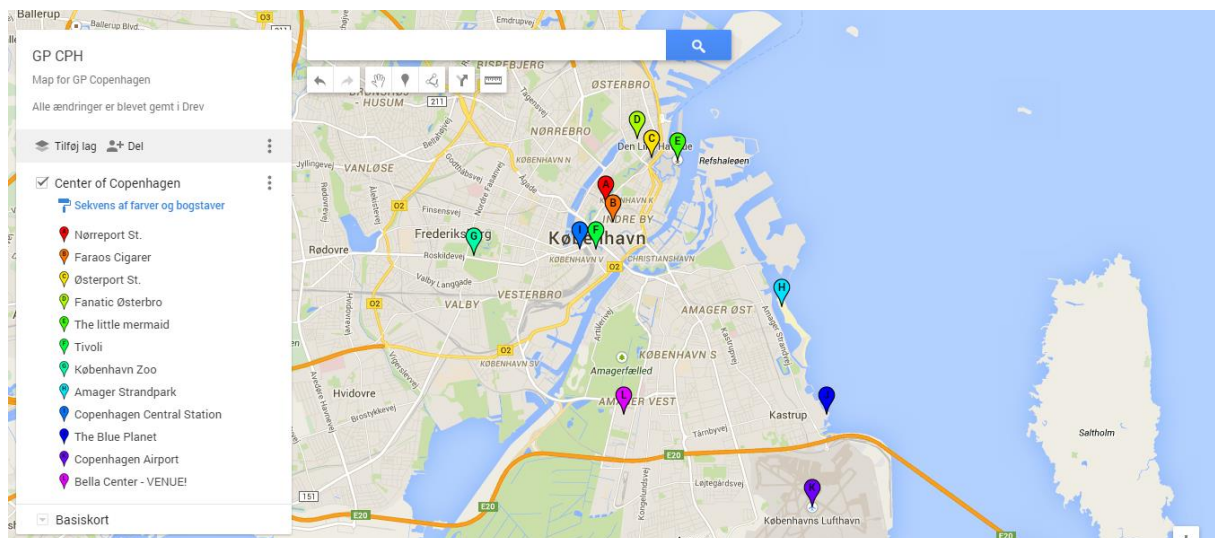
Here is a link to the entire map with some stations, some of the sights, the airport, the game stores and the venue marked. Feel free to explore.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zH3jzPc7VSQw.kydtEkC8O-Dw>

Here you can see the center of Copenhagen with the game stores and some of the stations.



And the entire map (this should give you a good idea of how far the venue and the airport are from the center of Copenhagen)

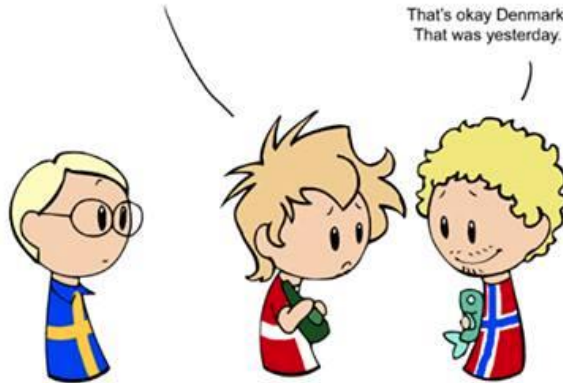


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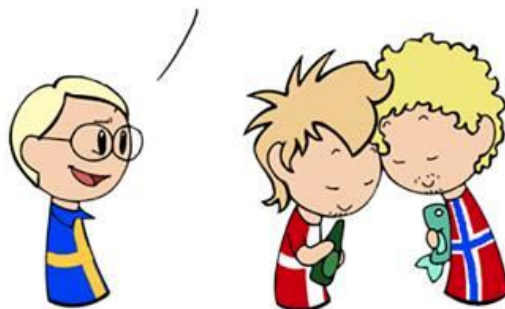
Scandinavia and the World makes some great comics about the Scandinavian countries. They really show a lot about Danish mentality (we love teaching you to say "Rødgrød med fløde") We've gotten permission to use a few of them in this guide. Please visit them at <http://satwcomic.com/>

I'm so sorry for the things I said yesterday Norway.
I didn't mean to call you a "Mountain Monkey".

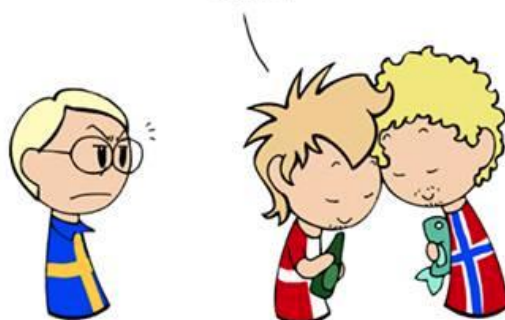
That's okay Denmark.
That was yesterday.



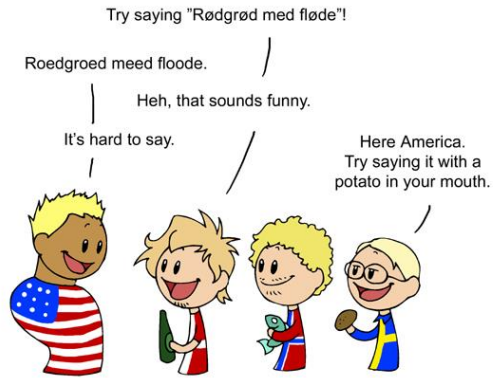
Waaaaait! Danes call Norwegians "Mountain Monkeys" too?
Ha! And us Swedes call Danes "Dane Devils".
What is the meanest name Danes have for Swedes?



"Swedes".



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You know what's great about us? Us Scandinavians can tease each others as equals.
We're all doing fine socially and economically.
No one is below the others, so we can joke around all we want.



Um, are you sure about that?
Because I remember a time when we weren't all that equal.



In fact, you guys used to treat me like an object,
a thing that could just be thrown around like a possession!
You fought wars over me without giving me a say in anything!
I was so so sad!

Yeah, we kinda sucked...

Oh god, don't remind me.



...Wait, are you drying your eyes with *money*?
Are you rubbing your wealth in our faces again?



Oh haha! Silly me! You're right.
I'm ridiculously rich now, so I suppose we're good after all.
Besides, we all know Sweden sucks the most!

Haha! Can't argue with that!
We should invite Finland over
so we can bond over how much
Sweden sucks! LOL. Just joking!

sigh
Yay, equals...

Might as well throw
those away. I hate
wet money!

