

Pre-Departure FAQs

DIS- Study Abroad in Scandinavia • International Educators Conference (IEC)
June 24-28, 2019

Do you have 6 months validity remaining on your passport?

Many countries, including Denmark, require that your U.S. passport have 6 months validity remaining for entry. (In other words, your passport should not expire for at least 6 months after your planned travel dates for IEW). If your passport does not have the required validity, renew it as soon as possible to ensure that you have a valid passport in plenty of time prior to your departure date.

When and where does the conference start and end?

The conference will begin in Stockholm the morning of Monday, June 24. We recommend that participants arrive to Stockholm no later than Sunday, June 23. The conference will end in Copenhagen on the evening of Friday, June 28 with a concluding event. We recommend that participants depart from Copenhagen no earlier than Saturday, June 29.

How do I get to Copenhagen from Stockholm?

Transportation from Stockholm to Copenhagen is integrated into the day's programming on Tuesday, June 25. DIS will make these arrangements for all IEC participants. More information about these arrangements will be announced when session-sign up opens May 21.

Where should I stay?

If you have yet to book your accommodations, we recommend that you do so as soon as possible, given that the conference is in the summer during tourist season.

Hotel and Rented Apartments/Rooms in Stockholm and Copenhagen

You can find recommendations for hotels and rental apartments in Stockholm and Copenhagen [here](#).

Copenhagen Homestay

The deadline for signing up for a Homestay was March 31. We will make [Homestay](#) arrangements for the evenings of June 25-28 in Copenhagen for participants who requested this option prior to the deadline. Please note that Homestays are not available in Stockholm.

What is the schedule for the conference and when can I register for sessions?

You can view the IEC Program At-A-Glance [here](#) on our website. This will give you a general overview of the schedule. Specifics about field studies, study tours, sessions, and other events will be released when session sign-up begins May 21. All IEC participants will be notified via e-mail when session sign-up opens. Session sign-up will close May 28.

What happens if I need to cancel my IEC participation?

If you need to cancel your IEC participation, please email IEC@dis.dk. DIS will issue refunds for registration fees if participation is cancelled on/before May 15. After this date, registration fees will not be refunded. For participants staying with Homestays in Copenhagen, DIS will issue refunds for Homestay fees if participation is cancelled on/before June 1. After this date, Homestay fees will not be refunded. Please contact IEC@dis.dk with questions.

What should I wear during the conference?

Denmark has a moderate maritime climate similar to that of Seattle, Vancouver, and London; and Stockholm has a much milder climate than most other regions of the world that lie as far north. The average high temperature in June is 69°F, and the average low is 55°F. It is a good idea to pack comfortable shoes, bring layers, and carry an umbrella and/or jacket for the wind and rain.

Sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during the conference will primarily take place outside of the classroom. These days will focus on experiential learning through field studies and study tours. Activities on these days may range from light walking outdoors, to hiking, or even biking. As such, comfort, proper footwear, and proper outerwear will be key. The activity level of different sessions will be outlined in the session descriptions within session sign-up so that you are adequately prepared for what you need to wear/pack for each session.

Sessions on Thursday and Friday during the conference primarily take place indoors. For these sessions business casual is recommended.

How much money should I bring?

Cash is typically used less in Copenhagen and Stockholm, so we recommend making payments by card. If you would like cash, please note that all ATMs require a PIN code to withdraw money. **Additionally, most merchants/restaurants do not accept credit card as payment without an accompanying PIN code.**

For Copenhagen: Danish currency is the *kroner* (DKK), which is equal to 100 øre. In circulation are 50 øre coins; 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 kroner coins; and 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 kroner paper notes.

As of April 2019, 1 USD = 6.63 DKK and 1 DKK = 0.15 USD

For Stockholm: Swedish currency is the *krona* (SEK). In circulation are 1, 2, 5, 10 kronor coins; and 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 kronor paper notes.

As of April 2019, 1 USD = 9.27, SEK and 1 SEK = 0.11 USD

More questions?

Please be sure to check our [website](#) for the most up to date information. If you have colleagues that would like to join you for the IEC, please encourage them to [register](#) prior to the final deadline - May 15. Do not hesitate to contact us at IEC@dis.dk with any additional questions.

We look forward to welcoming you to Scandinavia!