

### **Pre-Departure FAQs**

Study Abroad in Scandinavia • International Educators Workshop (IEW)  
March 9 – 13, 2020

Please e-mail us at [IEW@dis.dk](mailto:IEW@dis.dk) if you have any questions about the workshop that are not addressed below.

#### **Where is the Spring 2020 IEW?**

The Spring 2020 IEW begins in Copenhagen and ends in Stockholm. Participants should arrive in Copenhagen on Sunday, March 8 and depart from Stockholm Saturday, March 14. Flight transfer to Stockholm will be arranged by DIS and will take place in the evening on Wednesday, March 11.

#### **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 you have a valid passport in plenty of time prior to your departure date.

#### **Where should I stay?**

##### Hotel and Rented Apartments/Rooms in Copenhagen and Stockholm

You can find recommendations for hotels and rental apartments in Copenhagen and Stockholm [here](#). Participants will need lodging in Copenhagen from Sunday, March 8 – Wednesday, March 10 (3 nights), and in Stockholm from Wednesday, March 11 – Saturday, March 14 (3 nights).

##### Copenhagen Homestay

DIS will make Homestay arrangements from March 8 through March 10 in Copenhagen for participants who have requested this option. Most of our hosts, as in U.S. cities, live in the suburbs and not in the city center.

Participants that choose this option will travel daily on Copenhagen's public transit system, up to 60 minutes each way, using a transportation pass provided by DIS. Please plan to arrive on Sunday, March 8, as your hosts will pick you up at the Copenhagen airport. You will stay at your Homestay through Tuesday evening (March 10), and will depart directly for Stockholm from DIS Copenhagen following the day's programming on Wednesday, March 11. Luggage can be securely stored at DIS during Wednesday's programming.

Since the workshop will have evening programming on Tuesday, March 10 and an evening departure to Stockholm Wednesday, March 11, participants in homestays should expect to spend time engaging with their hosts on Sunday, March 8 and in the evening on Monday, March 9.

DIS may be able to accommodate early arrivals to homestays on Saturday, March 7, for participants wishing to spend more time with their hosts. If you are interested in arriving on Saturday and taking part in your host's weekend plans, please email [IEW@dis.dk](mailto:IEW@dis.dk) and we will consider requests on a case-by-case basis. The extra evening would have an additional fee of \$50. While DIS cannot guarantee homestay accommodations on Saturday, March 7, we are happy to facilitate if possible! Requests should be approved by DIS prior to booking your early arrival in Copenhagen, otherwise participants may be responsible for booking alternative accommodations for the extra evening.

*Gifts for your Homestay* - A small gift is a nice gesture, but by no means obligatory. Some suggestions include a token from your state (e.g. food, chocolates, book, college hat or t-shirt, bottle of liquor or wine from your home region). It is also a good idea to show some photographs of your family – your host will be curious.

Please note Homestays are not available in Stockholm. For evenings in Stockholm, participants are expected to make their own arrangements. Find recommended accommodations [here](#).

### **How do I get to Copenhagen city center from the airport?**

If you are arriving in Denmark on Sunday or any time before the start of the Workshop, you should go directly to your accommodations. If you are arriving in Denmark on Sunday and are staying with a Homestay, they will meet you at the airport. If you are arriving on Monday, or anytime during the week, you should come directly to DIS.

#### Taxi

Taxis are found outside the airport arrivals hall. It takes approximately 25 minutes to get to the city center from the airport. The cost of the taxi will be approximately 250-400 DKK (approx. \$40-60) and they accept major credit cards for payment. Show the address of your accommodations to the taxi driver and they will bring you to the door.

#### Train

The train station is located in Terminal 3, which is also the arrival terminal. Follow the signs to the platforms, which are located under the terminal. The train ride to Copenhagen Central Station (*Hovedbanegård*) takes about 15 minutes. You will need to purchase the same ticket as you would for the metro, at the DSB office or ticket kiosk in the airport for 36 DKK (\$5.30). You can read more about trains in Copenhagen [here](#).

#### Metro

The Metro runs all the way from the airport to central Copenhagen. You will need to purchase the same ticket as you would for the train, at the DSB office or ticket kiosk in the airport for 36 DKK (\$5.30). The metro runs every 4-5 minutes, and the ride is about 20 minutes to Rådhuspladsen Station. Take the M2 line towards Vanløse St. to Kongens Nytorv (8 stops) and switch to the M3 line via København H to Rådhuspladsen (2 stops). You can read more about Metro transport in Copenhagen [here](#).

### **How do I get to DIS Stockholm from Copenhagen? // How do I get to my hotel once in Stockholm?**

DIS will arrange a group flight from Copenhagen to Stockholm on the evening of Wednesday, March 11 after the day's programming ends. Homestay participants should bring their luggage/belongings into DIS Copenhagen on Wednesday, March 11. Supervised luggage storage will be available. Once in Stockholm, the group will travel via bus or train to T-Centralen (Stockholm Central Station). Participants will be responsible for getting from T-Centralen to their accommodations. Most [recommended](#) hotels are a short T-bana ride + walk from T-Centralen, and there are taxi stands located at the station. For information about ground transportation in Stockholm, please consult Stockholm's Local Transportation website [here](#).

If you do not intend to travel to Stockholm from Copenhagen with the group on March 11, please inform [IEW@dis.dk](mailto:IEW@dis.dk) by February 6. Participants who fail to do so may need to pay a flight cancellation fee.

### **What should I wear during the Workshop?**

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 temperature in March is 37°F. It is a good idea to pack layers, and bring an umbrella for the wind and rain.

Be sure to bring along a good pair of comfortable shoes that will keep your feet dry, as Copenhagen and Stockholm are great cities to explore on foot. Note that many of the streets are paved with cobblestone. Elevators are not common in Copenhagen, and you will need to use the stairs frequently, including in the DIS buildings. Business casual attire is recommended for meetings and visits during the Workshop.

### **How much money should I bring?**

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 October 2019, 1 USD = 6.73 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 October 2019, 1 USD = 9.69, SEK and 1 SEK = 0.10 USD

Cash is typically used less in Copenhagen and Stockholm, though it is always a good idea to keep a limited amount of cash on your person. Please note that all cash machines require a PIN code to withdraw money. **Additionally, most merchants/restaurants do not accept credit card as payment without an accompanying PIN code.**

#### **Where can I find the Workshop schedule and when can I sign up for sessions?**

An email regarding the final Workshop schedule and session signup will be sent approximately 1 week before the start of the Workshop. Some sessions will have a limited number of spots, which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. In the interim, please refer to our [Program-At-A-Glance](#) for a general overview of the IEW week.

#### **Will I have access to computers or wireless internet at DIS?**

Computer kiosks/labs and wireless internet access are available in all DIS buildings. Information on computer facilities and the wireless network are found in the Workshop program.

#### **When can I meet with my students?**

DIS will arrange panels for participants to meet DIS Copenhagen and DIS Stockholm students from various institutions so that participants may learn about their experiences studying at DIS. If you are interested in specifically meeting students from your home institution in either Copenhagen or Stockholm, we ask you to arrange directly with students. We suggest forgoing the student panels and meeting with your students during that time, if they are available. The date and time of the panel will be released along with the IEW schedule approximately 1 week before the start of the Workshop. If you need any assistance coordinating this meeting, such as a student email list or meeting location, please do not hesitate to contact [IEW@dis.dk](mailto:IEW@dis.dk).

#### **Cancellation policy**

##### Need to cancel your participation in the IEW?

DIS will issue refunds for the full IEW registration fee if participation is cancelled before February 10, 2020. DIS will withhold \$200 of the registration fee for registered participants that cancel on or after February 10. Registered participants who have not yet paid for the IEW registration fee, but cancel their participation on or after February 10 will be charged a \$200 cancellation fee.

##### Need to cancel your Homestay?

DIS will issue refunds for the full Homestay fee if participants cancel on or before February 24, 2020. After this date, participants will be responsible for paying half of the Homestay fee (\$175). Participants who have not yet paid for their Homestay but cancel Homestay/workshop participation after February 24 will be charged a cancellation fee in the amount of half the Homestay fee (\$175).

Please remember to visit [this](#) page for more information, and please do not hesitate to contact us at [IEW@dis.dk](mailto:IEW@dis.dk) with any additional questions.