



## **International Educators Workshop (IEW) Pre-Departure FAQs**

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.

### **Do you have 6 months validity remaining on your passport?**

**Many countries, including Denmark, require that your U.S. passport has 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.

### **I signed up for a Homestay in Copenhagen- when will I have more information?**

DIS makes Homestay arrangements in Copenhagen for all participants who signed up for this option before the deadline. Participants will be connected to their Homestays approximately 1-2 weeks before the start of the workshop.

Most of our hosts, as in U.S. cities, live in the suburbs and not in the city center. Homestay participants will travel daily on Copenhagen's public transit system, up to 60 minutes each way, using a transportation pass provided by DIS. Participants will typically be picked up by their hosts at the Copenhagen airport.

*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.

### **How do I get between Copenhagen city center and the airport?**

#### 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 also buy a ticket via the [DSB app](#) using a credit card. 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), or via the [DSB app](#) using a credit card. 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 Stockholm from Copenhagen?**

DIS will arrange group transportation for all IEW participants from Copenhagen to Stockholm. Please see the full IEW program that you will receive upon arrival for more information.

### **How do I get to my hotel once in Stockholm?**

Upon arrival to T-Centralen (Stockholm Central Station), participants will be responsible for getting to their accommodations. DIS staff will be available to help direct participants and will provide T-bana (metro) tickets for those planning to take the T-bana to their hotel. Most [recommended](#) hotels are a short T-bana ride + walk from T-Centralen, but there are also taxi stands located at the station. **For information about ground transportation in Stockholm, please consult Stockholm's Local Transportation website [here](#).**

### **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 37-40°F and in April 45-52°F. It is a good idea to pack layers, and bring an umbrella and/or raincoat for the wind and rain. The average temperature in October is 41-50°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 as Copenhagen and Stockholm are great cities to explore on foot, and 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 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 February 2020, 1 USD = 6.91 DKK and 1 DKK = 0.14 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 February 2020, 1 USD = 9.80, 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 how can I sign up for sessions?**

Session registration will open in online registration approximately 1 week before the start of the workshop.

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

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

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

**Copenhagen:** DIS will arrange a DIS Copenhagen student panel during the workshop with students from various institutions so that participants may learn about their experiences studying with DIS. If you are

interested in specifically meeting students from your home institution in Copenhagen, we ask you to arrange directly with students. We suggest forgoing the student panel and meeting with your students during that time, if they are available. If you need any assistance coordinating a student meeting, including a student email list or reserving a meeting location, please do not hesitate to contact [IEW@dis.dk](mailto:IEW@dis.dk). In some cases, some of the students sitting on the panel may be from your home institution. We will follow-up individually with you if this is the case!

**Stockholm:** DIS will arrange a DIS Stockholm student panel during the workshop with students from various institutions so that participants may learn about their experiences studying with DIS. The panel will be followed by a *fika*- a Swedish cake and coffee break- with available DIS student [bloggers](#). If you are interested in specifically meeting students from your home institution in Stockholm, we ask you to arrange directly with students. We suggest either forgoing the student panel and meeting with your students during that time, or inviting them to dinner that evening! If you need any assistance coordinating a student meeting, including a student email list or reserving a meeting location, please do not hesitate to contact [IEW@dis.dk](mailto:IEW@dis.dk). In some cases, some of the bloggers sitting on the panel or joining the fika may be from your home institution. We will follow-up individually with you if this is the case!