

SO, YOU'RE HOSTING A STUDENT FROM DENMARK.



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Thank you for hosting with AYA!

We understand that this is not only a very exciting time for you, but you may also be feeling nervous. Fear not! **Here are some helpful hints to help make your year a successful one.** *(Please note: while this information is mostly typical of a culture, it does not apply to all students. Every personality is different, so keep that in mind!)*

Please be Aware...

- Danish humor often includes irony or dry sarcasm that may not immediately translate across cultures.
- Personal privacy is valued, and your student may appreciate having quiet time to recharge.
- Students may not be used to large portion sizes or frequent restaurant meals.

1 Independence & Responsibility

Danish teens are often given significant independence from a young age. Your student may be comfortable managing their own schedule, riding a bike or using public transportation independently, and taking responsibility for daily tasks.

2 Equality & Informality

Denmark has a very egalitarian culture. Students are accustomed to treating teachers and adults respectfully but informally, and they may be surprised by strict hierarchies or excessive formality.

3 Honest Communication

Danes generally value direct, honest communication. They usually appreciate straightforward conversations rather than hints or indirect messages. If something is wrong, they often prefer discussing it openly.

4 Hygge & Family Time

The Danish idea of *hygge* (pronounced “hoo-gah”) emphasizes comfort, relaxation, and spending quality time together. Simple family dinners, board games, or cozy evenings at home may be especially meaningful to your student.

5 Sustainability

Environmental awareness is deeply rooted in Danish culture. Many students are accustomed to recycling, conserving energy, and biking instead of driving whenever possible.