



# Our trip to Denmark

## NAERUM GYMNASIUM

The architectural design of Naerum Gymnasium is a prime example of modernity and functionality, the Gymnasium blends contemporary elements with green spaces to create a comfortable learning environment.

The school's spacious classrooms are adapted to the diverse needs of students and educators alike.

At Naerum Gymnasium, the timetable is thoughtfully crafted to optimize student learning and engagement, offering a balanced mix of academic subjects, extracurricular activities, and periods where students can work on their own. For lunch, students enjoy nutritious meals prepared with locally sourced ingredients in the school cafeteria, which also serves as a reuniting place for friendships.



The school's education provides strong teacher-student relationships, fostering a close relationship where educators actively engage with students as guides and mentors. A casual dress code to encourage individual style, while the multidisciplinary approach of the teaching staff enriches the learning experience.



Unlike most schools, Naerum Gymnasium promotes autonomy and respect among students, allowing them the freedom to navigate hallways and classrooms. The absence of constant bell ringing encourages responsibility, independence, and time management skills, preparing students for higher education and beyond.

In conclusion, Naerum Gymnasium is a typical example of an innovative architectural design and a commitment to fostering dynamic learning environments with a strong relationship between teachers and students.

Students are supported for their knowledge, creativity, and lifelong learning as they take off on their educational journey in life.





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## EXPLORING DANISH FAMILY HOMES A HAVEN OF HYGGE, KINDNESS, AND CURIOSITY

In Denmark, our families' homes reflected the essence of warmth, kindness, and a unique concept known as « hygge » - a term that means well-being. We now know them for their welcoming nature, but also for their curiosity, fun, and above all, their positive mindset

Step inside a Danish house, in Holte for example, and you'll immediately feel enveloped in an atmosphere of comfort. These homes are designed to blend with their surroundings, so they're close to nature, such as beaches and forests. The houses we lived in looked enormous from the inside and impressed us, and as we felt the coziness and the comfort, we didn't see the time fly.



But it's not just the physical environment that makes Danish homes so special; it's the people who inhabit them. Danish families are known for their kindness and hospitality, always ready to welcome guests with open arms and a big smile. There's a sense of camaraderie in every interaction. We loved their curiosity which didn't create any awkward silences in our conversations. We also loved their willingness to blend us in their family.

In conclusion, we had a wonderful time : we appreciated their welcome, their fun, and every single trait that makes them interesting and amazing. We will always remember this fantastic trip.





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## TOURISTIC VISITS AND MONUMENTS

On the fourth day we visited Copenhagen with the Danish students.

They had prepared quizzes about facts and monuments in Copenhagen. The funny thing was they asked us questions about things we didn't really know, so basically almost all of our answers were wrong! After, we ate at a burger restaurant with the Danish students, so we had time to talk.

Then we went to see the Cathedral of Copenhagen, with its big dome and amazing architecture. The interior was huge with frescoes on the ceiling. After the Cathedral we went shopping in the main street of the capital, and finished the day by going to the gymnasium again.



We were guided through the castle where we went to the old basement, to the throne room and to the second biggest room in any castle in Europe – after Versailles – . And to finish the tour, we tried to walk on stilts: some were much better at it than others!



Kronborg castle is situated in the Northeast of Denmark, where the coast is the closest to Sweden. Shakespeare wrote one of his most famous tragedies "Hamlet" because Kronborg castle inspired him a lot. That day it was cold and very foggy, we couldn't see further than 50 meters, the atmosphere was very Shakespearean, as if a ghost could have appeared on the ramparts.





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## TOURISTIC VISITS AND MUSEUMS

**T**he National Museum of Denmark is the largest museum of cultural history in Denmark, presenting Danish history and culture from Prehistoric times to the present day. The museum has artifacts from the Stone Age, the Viking Age, the Middle Ages, and more recent periods. It also owns collections of cultural artifacts from around the world and former Danish colonies.

Some of the notable exhibits at the Danish National Museum include the Gundestrup cauldron, one of the most important relics of the European Iron Age ; the Sun Chariot, a Bronze Age artifact; and the Egtved Girl, a well-preserved Bronze Age burial find.



The museum offers a wide range of educational programs and events for visitors of all ages, and its exhibitions provide insights into Danish history, culture, and heritage.

Upon our arrival at the museum - that was our last day- the teacher first gave us a quiz paper and assigned groups to complete a treasure hunt in the National Danish Museum.

We had various questions where we needed to find specific artifacts and information to complete the quiz.



Louisiana museum is plenty of modern art such as paintings, statues, incredible spaces and much more.

Some art was very difficult to understand and needed some thinking to capture the artist's intentions. All the art was recent from contemporary artists, except for some ancient Italian statues. That was really impressive to see huge paintings and see how long the artist took to make them. It was indeed rewarding to finally understand the meaning of a work of art after staring at it for a long time.





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## THE DANISH FOOD

We really liked the Danish food. Our favourite was the Smorrebrod and the Wienebrod. In Denmark, Danishes are eating earlier than us, it surprised us a little, but you get used to it quickly. They also like food with liquorice like Turkish pepper that is very strange when you taste it for the first time.

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Frikadeller



Wienerbrød



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## LANGUAGE

·Jeg elsker dig = I love you = je t'aime

·Jeg er femten år = I'm fifteen years old = j'ai quinze ans

·Jeg er sulten = I'm hungry = j'ai faim

·Jeg er kold = I'm cold = j'ai froid

·Tak = Thank you = merci

·Hej = Hello = bonjour

·Gymnasium = highschool = Lycée

·Jeg tager bussen = I take the bus = Je prends le bus

·Mit navn er... = my name is... = Je m'appelle ....

·Hvordan har du det i dag? = How are you today = Comment vas-tu aujourd'hui



Elderflower



Smørrebrød