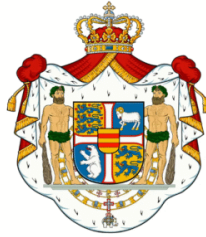


News from Denmark

August, 2025



The Royal Court

The royal couple have been on their traditional annual summer cruise with the royal ship. This year, the royal couple visited the North Jutland towns of Sæby, Frederikshavn, Skagen, Hanstholm, Thisted and Vorupør as well as the islands of Læsø and Samsø.

King Christian X was the first king to do such cruises to small Danish harbours and towns.



Pets As Food

Aalborg Zoo has in a Facebook post urged citizens to donate their pets as food for the predators. This has caused international attention, but is probably due to the Danes' more rational relationship with animals than in other countries. It turns out that the zoo has been accepting animals for as long as it has existed. And this is a normal procedure for the other zoos in Denmark, too.

The animals are euthanized gently. No zoos accept dogs and cats because predators do not eat other predators. So it is not people's feelings about them that are the basis.



H.C. Andersen

Across the country, a number of churches marked the 150th anniversary of H.C. Andersen's death with a carillon concert. This is the first time since Denmark's liberation and the marking of the 80th anniversary of the liberation that they have been allowed to ring outside of normal bell ringing hours. It is thus a gesture that is both rare and historic.

It has not been an easy process to get permission to ring outside of the normal bell ringing hours, which typically include morning and evening ringing as well as the call to church service. Because when the church bells ring, it is serious. They ring when people need to know something. For example, in the old days they rang if there was a fire or war. And that is why you cannot just be allowed to ring.



Students?

Danish universities have become a draw for students from Bangladesh, and the number has increased explosively. The group now constitutes the second largest group of international students. It turns out that study programs have been abused, so that foreigners use this opportunity to gain access to the Danish labor market, not to study. The responsible minister wants to put an end to this.



Our Eastern Flank

A Danish battalion of 800 soldiers has just been stationed in Latvia and will stay there for 4 months. The Danish Armed Forces do not have the resources for a longer deployment if Denmark is to build up its combat-ready brigade on time.

They will stay in the permanent location, "Camp Valdemar" outside Riga. It has been 8 months since the Danes were last there. In the meantime, the Swedes have held the fort. The purpose is to reinforce NATO's perhaps weakest flank against Russia.



Business

89% of Danish listed companies are dependent on the American tech giants and their services. In light of the changed relations between Europe and the United States, Danish authorities, companies and organizations are working to varying degrees to get rid of the Americans and preferably find European alternatives or open source software, backed by the large business organizations and industry associations.

Most Danish top managers hold on to diversity and stand firm on their current values and principles. Not only because they believe in them, but also because of the great risk of losing their credibility if they bow to American trends.



Danish Food

"Danish food should be as famous as H.C. Andersen" says the responsible Minister. He wants more tourists to Denmark to "eat and drink well". Herring, strawberries with cream and new Danish potatoes are to be made international attractions. Denmark must be on par with Italy when it comes to food tourism.

The reason is to exploit the great momentum that has been built up in recent decades to ensure that Danish gastronomy can also be at the top of the international gastronomy scene in the future.

Maybe Danish food eventually will be as well-known a Danish brand as H.C. Andersen, Vikings and "hygge" when tourists think of Denmark.



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