



Introduction

What is the country of Denmark and its significance? How much different or similar is it to other countries in the world? You will learn a thing or two about Denmark. Some fun information will come as a surprise while others might not.



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Background information

Denmark is a small Nordic country. Other countries that fall into this category are Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and a few other more recently established. Denmark and other Nordic countries share a common history in that of the Vikings. The Viking Age began around the year 800 AD and lasted for over 250 years. Denmark and the Nordic countries were the first and primary nations established by the Vikings. Countries like Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Iceland, and Canada were also impacted.



People and endeavors of the past.

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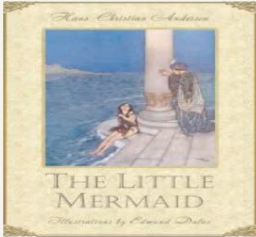
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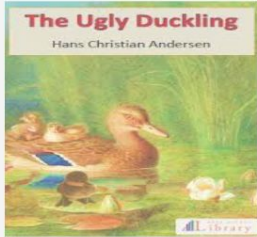


People of reknown

The people of Denmark are known as Danes or the Danish. The population is relatively small. Denmark is ranked 16th in the world in terms of gross national income per capita. Notable actors of Danish decent include Viggo Mortensen (Aragorn in Lord of the Rings) and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (Jaime Lanister in Game of Thrones). HC Anderson who lived in the 1800s is known for childrens books. *Fairy Tales*



HC Anderson's The Little Mermaid



HC Anderson's The Ugly Ducklings

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Geography

Denmark is in Northern Europe. It has hundreds of islands. The largest islands are Zealand, North Jutlandic Island, and Funen. The total area of Denmark, including islands, is about 16,500 square miles. Danish overseas territories are Greenland and the Faroe Islands. The summers and winters are not extreme. However, winter sunsets can be around 4 PM while summer sunsets around 10 PM. About 13% of Denmark's land is forests. The Danish have a high-standard of living. Land and water pollution are environmental issues.

Greenland is a territory of Denmark.



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National Symbols

The Danish national animal is the Mute Swan with white feathers. The national tree is the Pedunculate Oak. The flag is a red and white Scandinavian cross.



National Oak Tree



National Swan

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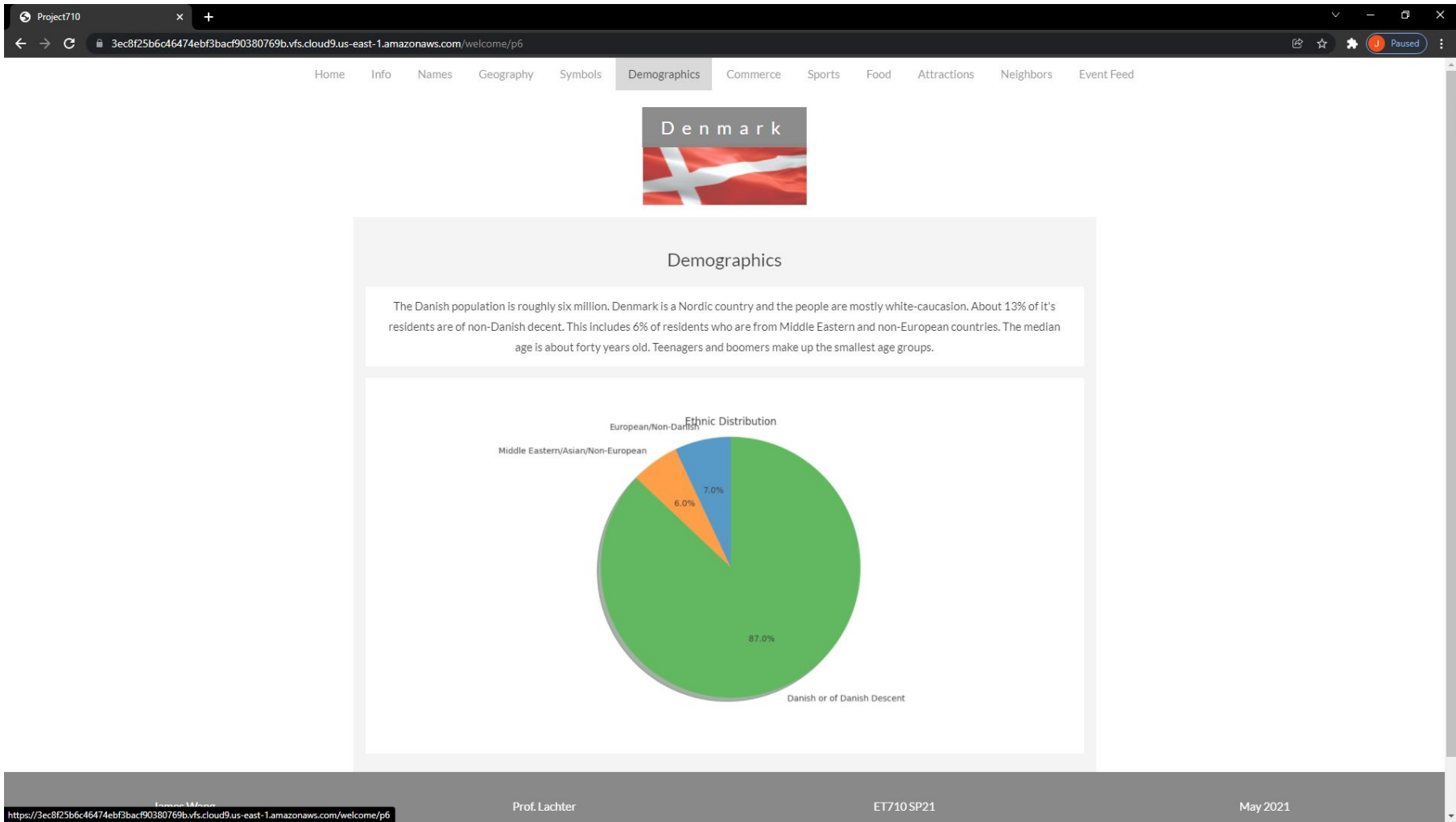
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Products and trade

Denmark specializes in exporting pork products. They produce a lot of pork and include it in a lot of their food culture. Denmark is a unique country in that it makes three times the amount of food needed for itself. They export over \$100 billion a year in wind turbines, medicine, meat, dairy and much more. The Ease-of-doing-business Index measures how easy it is to do business with a country. This takes into account regulation in imports and exports. Denmark is ranked 4th in the world under New Zealand, Canada, and Australia.



Turbines are an exported product.

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Sports

A few sports in in order of most to least popular are European football, fishing, gymnastics, golf, handball, and badminton. Football is the most popular. Denmark has had some significance in international and European tournaments. They have won some other more regional competitions. The Danish are most competent in handball and especially badminton. Their teams have won medals in each field in the past couple of decades. This includes a few olympic gold medals and tens of international cups and competitions.



Badminton



Football

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Food


Food that is eaten day to day is very similar to other countries. Bread, red-meat, dairy items, wine and beer. Pork is the most popular of meats. Cold breakfasts and lunches are not uncommon.



There are so many variations of Danish pork, sausages, roasts and meatballs.



Smørrebrød is an open-faced sandwich that can include fish, meat, egg and vegetables.



Fiskefrikadeller are fish cakes, with fish with onion, parsley, lemon salt and pepper.

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Sights to see

There are many popular places to visit in Denmark. The most popular is Tivoli Gardens, an amusement park in the capital city, Copenhagen. Other notable amusement parks are Dyrehavsbakken and Legoland. Famous zoos and aquariums in Denmark are Copenhagen Zoo and Blue Planet Aquarium.



Tivoli Gardens



Legoland

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Neighboring countries

Denmark is a peninsula with many islands. It's only neighbor by land is Germany, to the south. The border separating Denmark and Germany is about forty miles wide. There are roads, paths and tracks for people to travel through.

Separated by seas to the north and northeast are Norway and Sweden. The Øresund Bridge, also a railway, connects Denmark and Sweden. This bridge is over five miles long and is one of the better ways to get one country to another.



The Øresund Bridge



Ferries

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