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A week of sea and stars in the Danish Riviera

Head to Denmark’s quietly stunning coast that ticks all the boxes. The Danes makes summer living feel effortless.

by Lucy who travelled with her husband, daughter (6) and son (2)

There’s a particular type of summer holiday that Denmark does especially well—low-key, design-forward, and ruggedly beautiful without trying too hard. It offers something slow and more grounded: fresh air, wild white sand beaches, excellent food, and the kind of child-friendly rhythm that doesn’t sacrifice grown-up enjoyment. The “Danish Riviera”, the coastal region just north of Copenhagen, delivers all of this in spades. It is where Copenhageners retreat for weekends and the summer drawn by pine forests, quiet beaches, and unfussy but good food (we even spied Succession’s Jeremy Strong whose Danish wife has a family home here).

After an efficient airport experience (it’s Denmark after all), we picked up our rental car complete with child seats and began the easy 1.5hr drive north to Tisvilde. Our base was a classic Danish summerhouse: simple, light-filled, and a real family home. It had everything we needed—a garden for the children to play in, a kitchen we actually wanted to cook in, and a balcony that caught the sunset.

For seven days, we stitched our own tapestry of Danish summer: art, nature, seafood, playgrounds, bike rides, grand castles and sandcastles, and the occasional glass of chilled white while the kids entertained themselves with nothing more than a bucket and spade. Not to mention the sky was so clear that we woke our eldest one night to watch the Perseid meteor shower from the floor of our balcony wrapped in our duvets.

For us, it was a place where the kids could be free-range, the beaches were beautiful, and locals wander into town in their dressing gowns for coffee after their morning swim in the sea. Denmark makes summer living feel effortless.

For a day-by-day breakdown of our full trip just as we did it, with all the booking links and our tips as travellers and as parents, unlock our full itinerary below. It will be stored in your account for whenever you need it.

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