Living life the Danish way

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According to general opinion Denmark is one of the best places to live in Europe, but what does it means? Is it like a promised land for immigrants? It surely depends on what country you come from. This assignment will show my point of view i.e. someone who come from central Europe.

Education in Denmark is free, which is great for all the people with desire to develop themselves, but that is not something unusually in Europe. Really uncommon is to get stipendium every moth, just because you study what amounts to 6000dkk. This is a giant economic help and you can get it even if you are not Danish. Of course, there is nothing perfect in this world, especially educations systems, so you can be never sure if your proofs are useable in Scandinavia or if someone will decide that is better for you to repeat last 2 classes, consequently if someone from aboard would like to study in the country of endless love to salty butter has to be prepared to take a few steps back in Danish education system.

High salary, even a few times higher hourly wage than in some other Europeans countries, this is what you can read about Denmark and luckily this is completely true. Moreover, full time employees in Denmark work only 37 hours per week and I think it is a big advantage of working in Denmark. The question is how high the taxes in Denmark are and actually there is not any precise answer for that. Danish employee has to pay more taxes than in many other lands, but this how much you have to pay depends on how much you earn. Yes, exactly like in the Robin Hood movie. On a one hand it is really hard to get rich in Denmark and it can be sad that yours brutto salary is way higher than someone else, but in the fact, you earn not much more. On the other hand, thanks to that, Danish society is not divided in to the rich elite and the poor part of population. When it comes to need of a new job you should get ready to disappointment if you believe that the best way of finding a new work place is to visit the place, shake hands and use your charisma. Of course, you can do it, right after you got chosen from a group of dozens of other candidates by internet where your interpersonal abilities cannot help you. This is the price of high technical development.

In many other lands if you already have a job you can easily rent an apartment, but that is not so simple in Copenhagen area. First of all, there are not enough flats to rent in the area, so you can choose between waiting in a que from 1 year to even 10 or more or renting a private place for way higher price. While choosing a flat you also must think about deposit, which can be horribly high.

All in all, there are many advantages and disadvantages of living in Denmark, but I was not using these words so often in that assignment on purpose, because most of the aspects of living In a country can be both positive and negative depends on for example: your expectations, your way of understanding etc.   
  
In my opinion Denmark is a really good land, if you only try to understand Danish culture, language and style of being. Life is usually much easier here than in other places in the word and opportunities are coming to you way more often, so you just have to dare to grab them and do not let them go.