

Welcome to Denmark

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University of Southern Denmark

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The currency in Denmark is the Danish Krone, and 1 EURO is around 7.44DKK



Welcome to Odense

Train travel
Transfer by train from Billund takes approximately 75 minutes and 98 minutes from Copenhagen.

From Hamburg you can travel by train directly to Odense railway station. Travel time approx. 4 hours. Car rental is available. Travel time by car is approx. 3 hours.

Air travel
Together, Billund and Copenhagen airports are directly connected to more than 100 cities all over the world, and handle over 32 million passengers every year.



Odense is situated on the island of Funen, right in the heart of Denmark, and is the country's third largest city with 200,000 inhabitants. Odense is also among one of Denmark's oldest towns, with a history that began in 988 when it was granted town rights. The name originates from Odins Vé, a place where the Nordic god Odin was worshipped, and where the Vikings settled on the banks of the Odense River. Because of its long history, Odense has attracted visitors for centuries. Today, Odense is especially known as Hans Christian Andersen's hometown.

For more than 100 years, children of all ages from around the world have enjoyed H. C. Andersen's fairytales, such as: 'The Emperor's New Clothes', 'The Little Mermaid', 'The Nightingale', 'The Snow Queen', 'The Ugly Duckling', 'Thumbelina', and many more. You can follow H. C. Andersen's footsteps by taking a self-guided walking tour.

The small, winding, cobblestoned streets invite exploration, with many opportunities to take a break at one of the many cafes or to partake in some retail therapy. The city centre is easy to navigate on foot, regardless whether you would like to quietly stroll along the river or to take part in the urban nightlife at one of the many restaurants or bars.

Since Funen is known as Denmark's garden, Odense offers a wide selection of local culinary specialities, from (a variety of) fresh vegetables, to the classic rygeost (smoked cheese). Many of the city's restaurants reflect this culinary diversity in their wide selection of both local and international cuisine.

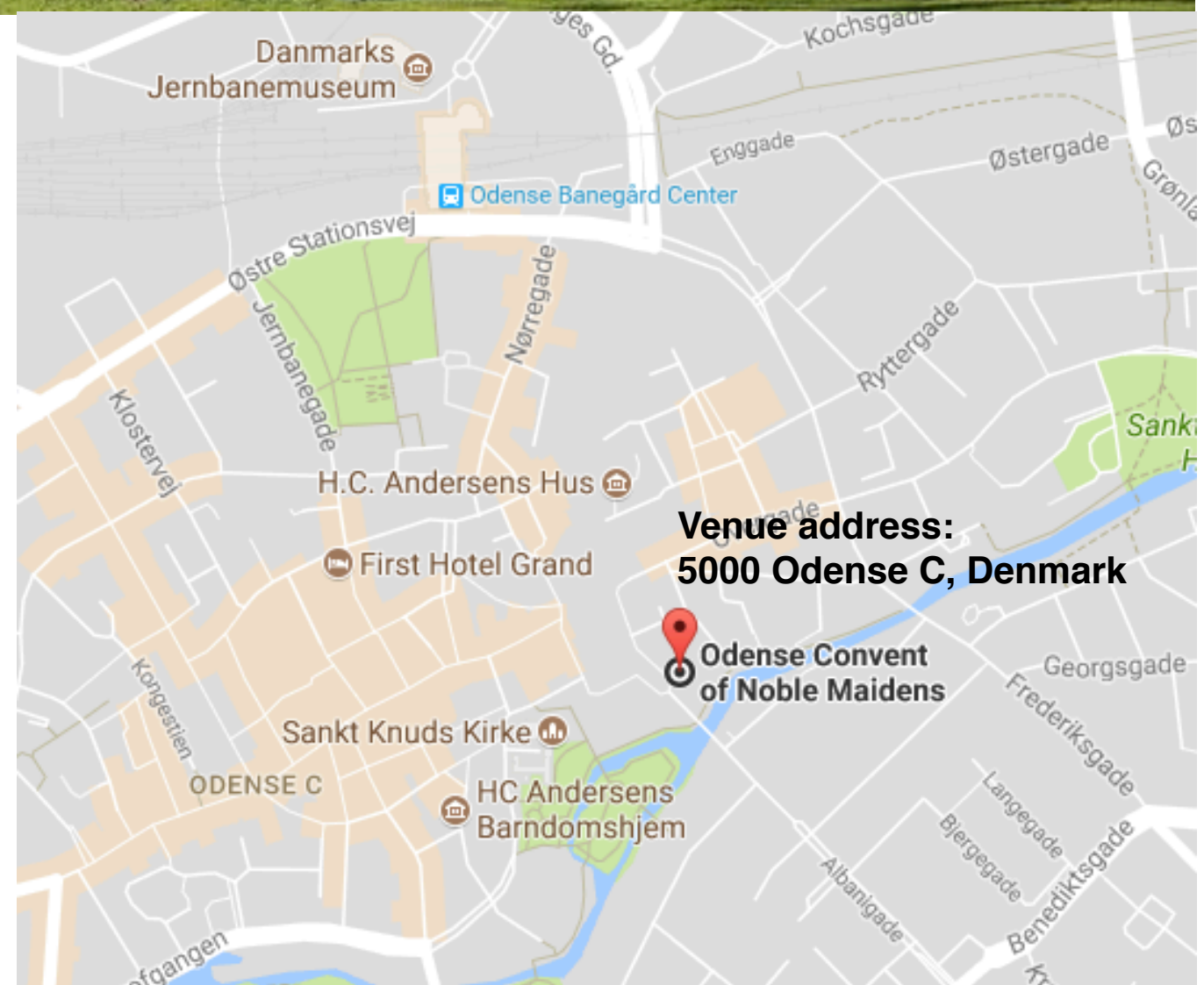
Odense offers an exciting mix of history and modernity.



Venue: Odense Convent of Noble Maidens

The University of Southern Denmark has meeting facilities at the city centre **Odense Convent of Noble Maidens**, a beautiful building dating back to the 16th century. With a maximum capacity, the meeting will be held at this location if the SOPHIA Network Meeting has no more than 70 participants. The convent has kitchen facilities and areas well suited to networking and interaction.

If more than 70 participants register for the meeting it will be held at the University of Denmark Odense Campus, a short distance by public transport from the city centre. Those who register will be informed if there is a change of venue.





Hotels

Odense has ample hotel capacity to suit every taste and budget, with over 10 different hotels situated right in the city centre. The city's layout makes it easy to meet up with other delegates when going out for a meal or meeting for an informal talk. The room rate per hotel night in Odense ranges from €73 to €190. Hostel charge starts at €23.

Most hotels are situated within a short walking distance of the main train and bus station connected to the airports and the University of Southern Denmark.

We suggest that SOPHIA Network Meeting participants stay at one of the three below hotels, offering a style and prices to suit all wishes and budgets.



1- CABINN Odense Hotel

Price range from €67 to €91

www.cabinn.com/en/hotel/cabinn-odense-hotel



2 - City Hotel Odense

Price range from €81 to €155.

www.city-hotel-odense.dk/40-home.html



3- First Grand Hotel

Price range from €116 to €168.

www.firsthotels.com/hotels/denmark/odense/first-hotel-grand/



The taste of Funen

The island of Funen, on which Odense is situated, is known as “Denmark’s garden” due to its long agricultural history. Juicy apples, hand-picked tomatoes, fresh asparagus, smoked cheese and locally brewed beer from one of Funen’s many microbreweries are among the specialties. Odense has a wide selection of excellent restaurants, many basing their menus on local ingredients of the season.

Cosy Conference Dinner

Odense offers a great number of locations for a cosy and informal network meeting dinner.

Located in the beautiful old city hall, **Bryggeriet Flakhaven** is a combined brasserie and brewery, offering a charming atmosphere between the beer brewing kettles. The food gives local dishes a French twist, and always matches the beer being brewed onsite.

At Odense harbour, the Icelandic, Greenlandic and Faroese culture house can be found. Its excellent **Restaurant Nordatlanten** gives a modern twist to classic dishes from North Atlantic countries. You can be sure to find unique dishes and ingredients that you will rarely experience elsewhere.

Or how about a very traditional Danish dinner? **Klosterkroen** is an informal city centre restaurant, offering a range of well-prepared classic dishes cooked the way our grandmothers would. If you wish to try the most Danish of Danish food, Klosterkroen would be the place to go.



Traditional Danish food and “smørrebrød”

Den Gamle Kro: www.dengamlekro.eu/34-home.html

Grønttorvet: www.restaurantgrønttorvet.dk

Kong Volmer: www.kongvolmer.com

Fynboen: www.restaurantfynboen.dk

Sæson: www.saesonspisested.dk/wp

Good and fun food experiences

French-inspired food in Odense’s cosiest street:

Brasserie Olivia, olivia-brasserie.dk

A whole new take on dishes and combinations:

Mmoks, www.mmoks.dk/odense

Fine food in a house from 1771:

Under Lindetræet, www.underlindetraet.dk

Street food in a warehouse: Storms Pakhus,

stormspakhus.dk

Great burgers with a twist:

Burger Anarchy, www.burgeranarchy.dk

Relaxed brasserie atmosphere: Kok & Vin, www.kokogvin.dk

Tasty Mexican street food: Gringas, gringas.dk

Pizzas like you have never tried them before:

Gorm’s, www.gormspizza.dk/restauranter/odense

Gourmet experience at inn serving food since 1860:

Sortebro Kro, www.sortebrokro.dk

The famed Danish bread or something for your sweet tooth

Det Gode Brød: www.det-gode-broed.dk

Wendorff: www.wendorff.dk

Lagkagehuset: www.lagkagehuset.dk

Experience Odense

Odense is an adventure for children and adults - and most attractions can be reached on foot. There are many attractions to choose from, whether it for the whole family or on your own.

Follow in H.C. Andersen's footsteps, visit the museum H.C. Andersen House, and maybe catch a show from the H.C. Andersen parade.

Experience the history of Denmark's railways in the authentic roundhouse with 21 tracks featuring iconic engines and carriages. Look inside the royal carriages, experience travelling first class and see Denmark's oldest preserved steam engine from 1868. You can enter many of the museum's engines and carriages.

In The Funen Village, you can discover how most Funen dwellers lived in the olden days. Nineteenth-century society was awash with change, especially in the fields of politics, technology, and science. A visit to the Funen Village allows you to gain a glimpse of what everyday life was like in the country in the 19th century.

Odense has a vast number of art museums, galleries and sculptures throughout the city. The biggest art museum is BRANDTS, Denmark's first museum of art and visual culture, with more than ten exhibitions a year of new and classic art side by side with today's popular images.

Throughout the city you find green oasis that invite guests and locals alike to take a break and relax. The river flowing through Odense create an amazing landscape with pathways and parks around it. Walk, run or bike alongside the river through the parks. Maybe take a riverboat ride with Odense Aafart, or on your own with a pedalo





Sightseeing in Denmark

With short distances and a smooth public transport system, it's easy to visit attractions all over Denmark with Odense as point of departure. The island of Funen is known for its many castles, with the stunning Egeskov Castle as a highlight. Across the Little Belt, the world-famous LEGOLAND can be found, just as well as its newly-opened neighbour, the fascinating LEGO House.

Or how about a unique walk across the water on top of the Old Little Belt Bridge? A train-ride of just 1h 10 min will take you to Copenhagen with all its highlights. Denmark offers plenty of opportunities within a small area, no matter if you prefer nature and serenity or bustling city life.





WE HOPE TO WELCOME YOU IN 2018

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