



# WUR Goes Abroad

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## 1. Student Information

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<b>Study programme WUR</b>	BSc Plant Sciences
<b>Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	01/09/2023 until 31/01/2024
<b>Exchange destination: University</b>	University of Copenhagen
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Science
<b>Country</b>	Denmark
<b>City</b>	Copenhagen

## 2. Motivation for exchange

### **Why did you choose to go on study exchange?**

My sister also went on exchange and had very good experiences with it. Also, about half of my friends decided to go abroad. Together this made me realise it was time for something new.

### **What is the reason you chose for this country/university?**

Since Wageningen is a rather small city, I wished to go to a capital and preferably one of the Scandinavian countries.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

### **Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination?**

There are multiple ways to reach Copenhagen, for instance by Flixbus, plane, car and train. However, the latter turned out to be an unreliable one.

## 4. University and studying

Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
1	NIFK23004U - Global Challenges in Environment and Development	7.5	Interdisciplinary look on environment-development challenges	3	No remarks
2	NPLK14018U - Climate Management in Plant Production and Research	7.5	Plant physiology and plant production	5	No remarks

### What is it like to study there?

*E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material.*

I feel like the courses at the University of Copenhagen were more lecture-based in comparison to Wageningen. At the end of the course, your knowledge is often tested with the help of oral exams or written assignments. The academic level, workload and lesson material seemed to be similar to that of Wageningen.

### What is the culture of the university?

*E.g. How approachable are the lecturers, engagement with local students? What are the differences with the WUR?*

In class there is a lot of interaction between lecturers and students. The lectures also include discussions among students.

### What does the university offer students additionally?

*E.g. catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?*

For Erasmus students introduction days are organised, which includes a buddy programme. Also, the university offers several sports, a student café (Studenterhuset) located in the city centre and student bars at every campus.

## 5. Housing-travelling-living

### What are the possibilities for housing?

*E.g. Availability to sign up for a room on campus, private rooms, rent rates?*

The simplest way is through the "Housing Foundation" which is also advised by the university. However, this is a rather competitive way and expensive as well. One can also find housing through for example Facebook, but be careful of scammers. Student houses like the ones we have in the Netherlands are not that common (often studios with own kitchenette and bathroom) and rent rates are at least as pricy as for Amsterdam (approximately 600-1200 euro), it is a capital after all.

### What is the culture of the country like?

*E.g. Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners?*

The culture in Denmark is overall pretty similar to that of the Netherlands, however the people tend to be a bit more homey and to themselves. But once you approach them, they are extremely friendly.

**Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure?**

*E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?)*

Public transport is well organized in Denmark and in specific Copenhagen, in the city there is public transport through trains, busses and metro. Although public transport is a way of transport, in Copenhagen biking is considered the best (and cheapest) way of transportation. If you're planning on using public transport a lot, I would advise you to invest in a resjekort, since using this is cheaper than buying a single ticket every time.

## 6. Expenses

**Can you give an indication of your expenses for/during your exchange?**

*E.g. you can also indicate price differences (higher/lower/equal) in comparison to the Netherlands.*

Ticket there: x

Visa if applicable: x

Vaccinations if applicable: x

Insurances (extra, if applicable): x

Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation: higher

Groceries per month: higher

Public transport: higher

Restaurant/going out for dinner: higher

Daytrips/sight-seeing: higher

**Additional remarks regarding expenses?**

In general, Denmark is an expensive country and expenses are estimated to be a bit more than in the Netherlands. However, there are ways to lower the costs, by for example eating together and making use of culture week, in which a lot of museums have free entry for young people, etc.

## 7. Free time

**What are must-sees in the area?**

*E.g. nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan?*

A must-see in the area of Copenhagen is UNESCO Dyrehavn. This is a park filled with wild deer. One can easily reach this with public transport and it is extra mesmerising in the winter with fresh snow!

Another must-see is Stevn Klint and Mons Klint, both are cliffs around the coastline. I personally went on a short road trip with car in which we did both of them, if you need to choose between them, Mons Klint is the one to pick.

(Also Amager beach, Island Brygge, Reffen, Bageri's, Christiania, Copenhill and so much more...)

### **What does not appear in a travel guide, but is definitely worth a visit?**

Even if you are not a big fan of football, watching a match in the stadium is a nice activity with your friends.

### **Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time?**

*E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?*

*I highly recommend starting your parties at the Friday Bars from the university campuses, I especially liked the Frederiksberg one. These bars are on the cheaper sides and close around twelve o'clock. After the Friday bar you can hop on your bike and get into the city for clubs or other bars.*

*In terms of food, I recommend visiting the chain Libanese Cuisine, they have multiple locations and are very reasonable prices for delicious food.*

*As mentioned before, keep an eye out for stuff organized within the city, for example the culture week, culture night (extremely fun), Santa Lucia, J-Day etc. These are often a lot of fun for cheap!*

*And organise dinner parties with your group of friends!!*

## **8. Challenges & best moment abroad**

### **What challenges did you encounter and how did you overcome them?**

In the very beginning you are abroad all alone, it is important to put yourself out there in order to encounter people you can vibe with. Always say yes!

### **What is your best memory of your time abroad?**

The sense of family with the people you meet.

## **9. Contact details (optional)**

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