

An aerial, high-angle photograph of a dense urban street in Copenhagen, Denmark. The street is paved with cobblestones and lined with multi-story buildings in various colors, including red, yellow, and grey. A prominent church spire with a green patina is visible on the left. The sky is overcast, and the overall atmosphere is that of a historic city center. The text 'DENMARK' is overlaid in large white letters on the left side of the image.

# DENMARK

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# History and Language

- Denmark is one of the oldest states in Europe and the oldest kingdom in the world.
- The current monarch, Queen Margrethe II - who became regnant in April 1972 - can also point to the oldest lineage in Europe.
- During major royal festivals thousands of people gather in the square in front of Amalienborg Castle to wave flags and cheer for the Queen and family.
- Denmark's official language is Danish, and most people also understand and speak English.



# Population and Religion

- The current population of Denmark is 5,772,105, based on the latest United Nations estimates.
- Denmark population is equivalent to 0.07% of the total world population.
- 75 % of the population are registered members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- Most Danish cities offer a range of churches however, few Danes go to church once a year - usually on Christmas Eve.



# Arts and Literature

- The rich cultural history of Denmark finds expression in centuries' worth of art and artifacts, including Viking treasures, numerous castles and manor houses, churches (many from the Middle Ages), fortresses, stimulating museums and some of the finest contemporary design in the world.

## Theatre and dance

- Plays are still performed on the old stage of Det Kongelige Teater (Royal Theatre) in Copenhagen, founded in 1748.

## Screen

Denmark's Nordisk Film Kompagni (1906) is the oldest film company still in operation.

- Films have attracted international acclaim, including Lars von Trier's *Dancer in the Dark* and Thomas Vinterberg's *The Celebration*





# Food and Drink

- Danish food culture has been cultivated and improved for many generations - and is mainly originated from the old Danish country kitchen - with roots way back to the Viking Era.
- Danes for centuries have eaten a lot of meat - especially loads of pork - but also beef together with plenty of potatoes and vegetables.
- Poultry and fish products are the Danes second choice. The cold and often wet climate in Denmark requires a lot of food with high nutritional values that contains many vitamins.
- Beer is one of the most popular alcoholic drinks in Denmark and the country has more breweries per capita than any other country in Europe.



# National holidays and Weekends

- Weekends run from Saturday to Sunday. Usually the schools expect that the students stay at the school every second weekend.
- The Danes also celebrate several holidays during the year. Some of them are religious holidays and some have cultural or historical roots.
- The 24th of December is not a national holiday. However, most Danes celebrate Christmas on the evening of the 24th. Christmas Day and Boxing Day are national holiday.



# Did you know?

<https://denmark.dk/quick-facts>

- The bike is a Dane's best friend - no matter the weather.
- Punctuality is a BIG DEAL. Being timely is considered a matter of respect towards other people.
- 30% of all energy consumption in Denmark comes from renewable sources
- The Danish national flag is called "Dannebrog". According to legend, the Dannebrog is said to have dropped from heaven at the Battle of Lyndanisse in Estonia in 1219 during King Valdemar II's crusade to the Baltic states.
- Denmark tops the The 2018 Corruption Perceptions Index as the most "clean" country.
- Denmark is one of the countries that holds the highest number of divorce rates.
- In Denmark, trust is the basis of most social interactions as well as business and government.






# Ads

- Danes are a nation of alcohol lovers

In Denmark, the legal age to start drinking is 16, so from a young age it becomes part of the social scene.

**This very moment more than  
8,000 Danes are having sex.  
You are here staring at an ad.**

Life is bitter

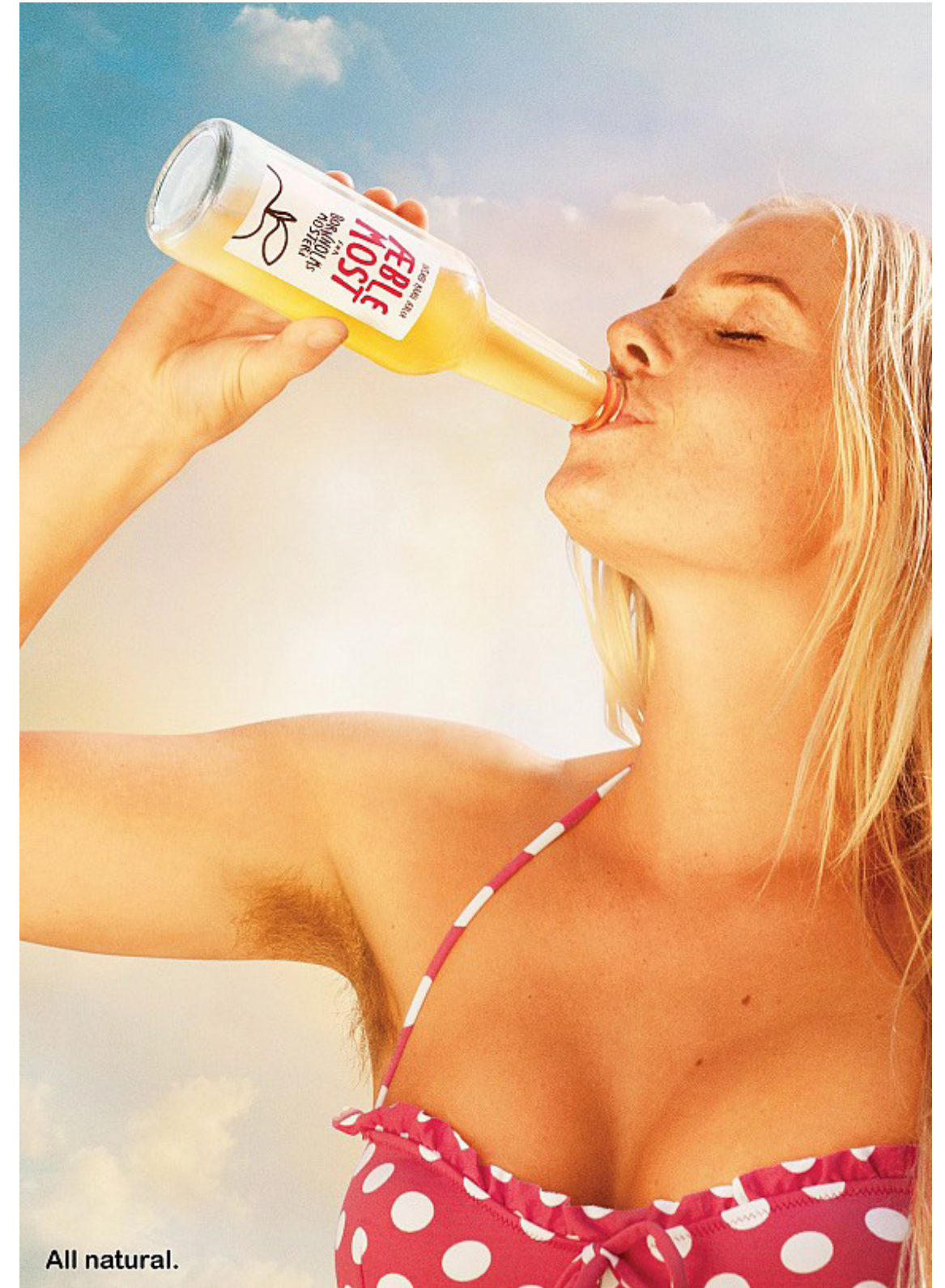


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- Svaneke Bryghus is a 100% organic craft brewery.



- In Denmark alone 8,714 Americans are able to vote and the Danish Socialist People's Party have their eyes literally rolling at one of the candidates.





# Videos

Nørregade

- Even the toughest and the most bad-tempered persons can't fight the happiness that comes with eating the sweets from Nørregade.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGzbNa\\_oBsU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGzbNa_oBsU)

- Denmark's birth rate is set to increase following a series of targetted sex campaigns, including one that called on Danes to "Do it for mom".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrO3TfJc9Qw>

- Danes are patriotic, and loves their flag.  
They stick their flag on everything birthday cakes, to bags, their houses and always at airports to greet people coming home.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_BVfneC6dXY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_BVfneC6dXY)