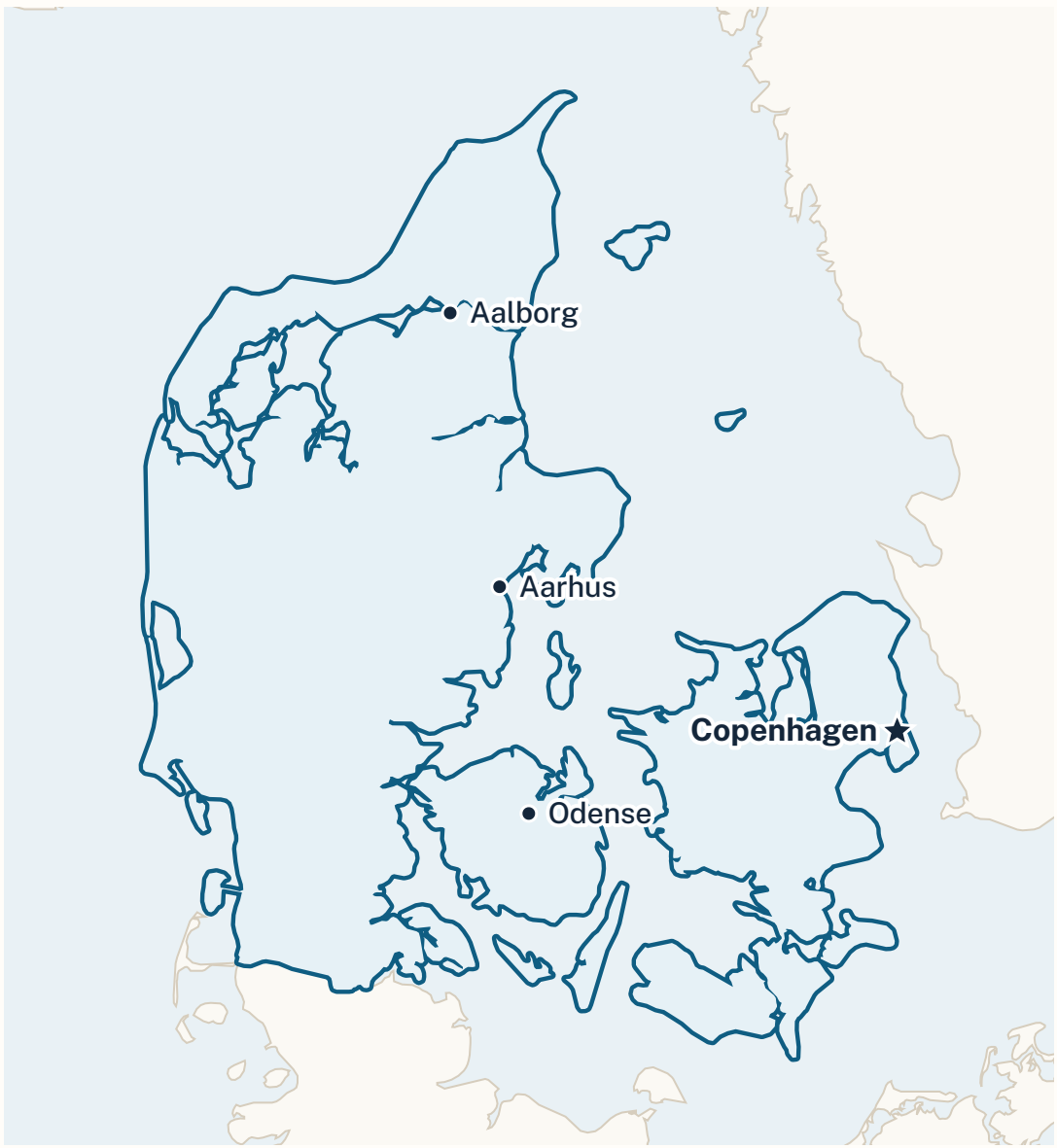
Denmark has the highest top income tax rate in Europe: 60.5%

That figure, from the Tax Foundation's 2026 table, includes local taxes. Prices run about 43% above the EU average, and permanent residence takes 8 years.



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Capital	**Copenhagen**
Languages	**Danish**
Currency	**Danish krone (DKK)**
Population	**6,025,603 (2026)**
Price level 2024 (EU = 100)	**143**
Tax	**60.5% top income tax, 25% VAT**
Years to	**PR 8, citizenship 9**
English (EF index 2025)	**#7 in the world**
Global Peace Index	**#11 (2026)**

★ Capital ● City we cover ● Other city

WAYS TO MOVE

Work Permit	**€6,154/mo**
Start-up Denmark	**€1,708/mo**

Income or funds asked for one person

COST FOR ONE, A MONTH

Copenhagen	**€2,600**

Our estimate for a comfortable life

EAT LIKE A LOCAL

Stegt flæsk
Smørrebrød
Flæskesteg

EMERGENCY
112

PLUGS
C, E, F, K

EU AND SCHENGEN
EU, Schengen

WORK-DAY OVERLAP
2 hours with New York

Visas, costs, taxes and cities for Denmark: **livingineurope.net/countries/denmark**

Sources: Population, price level and minimum wage: Eurostat. English: EF English Proficiency Index 2025. Peace: Global Peace Index. Visas and tax: official government pages, as listed on each of our guides. Europe-wide comparisons: Tax Foundation 2026 and Eurostat. City costs are our estimates. Dishes: Wikipedia, National dish. Map: Natural Earth. Rules change, so confirm with the immigration office. Checked 7 October 2026.