



Which rules apply if you wish to travel to Denmark as a tourist with a negative test?

The Danish travel restrictions classify all countries and regions around the world into three categories: yellow, orange and red. These colour categories determine the rules that apply to tourists arriving in Denmark. The rules also depend on whether you are travelling on a negative test, whether you have been vaccinated or previously infected with COVID-19, on your country of residence, and where you are travelling from. The rules are outlined below.

The travel restrictions for tourists travelling on a negative test depend on your country of residence and where you are travelling from. Tourists who are resident in a yellow country or an orange EU or Schengen country do not require a worthy purpose to enter Denmark. However, tourists arriving from orange EU or Schengen countries on a negative test are as a general rule required to self-isolate following their arrival in Denmark.

Travel restrictions for people travelling on a negative test

Travel restrictions for people travelling from the EU and Schengen countries

	Test required prior to boarding aircraft	Test required upon arrival	Isolation required upon arrival	Foreigners required to have a worthy purpose for entry to Denmark*	Foreigners required to take test prior to entry to Denmark*
● Yellow	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
● Orange	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
● Red	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (short list)	Yes

Travel restrictions for people travelling from third countries (i.e. countries outside the EU and Schengen)

	Test required prior to boarding aircraft	Test required upon arrival	Isolation required upon arrival	Foreigners required to have a worthy purpose for entry to Denmark*	Foreigners required to take test prior to entry to Denmark*
● Yellow	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
● Orange	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
● Red	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (short list)	Yes

*The requirement that you must have a worthy purpose does not apply to Danish citizens and foreigners residing permanently in Denmark or those holding Danish residence permits. These requirements are residency-based, and the restrictions therefore depend on whether a foreigner's permanent residence is in a yellow, orange or red country. The requirement for a test prior to boarding an aircraft is not residency-based, but is instead based on the colour of the last country or region that the traveller has been visiting prior to arrival in Denmark. Foreigners who do not satisfy these requirements may be refused entry to Denmark.

From 26 June 2021 (implementation of phase 4 of Agreement on the gradual reopening of travel activities of 13 April 2021), tourists arriving from orange EU and Schengen countries and who have a negative COVID-19 test are no longer expected to have to self-isolate on arrival in Denmark.

If you are subject to the requirement to take a test prior to boarding an aircraft, you must present a negative test that is no more than 48 hours old when boarding the aircraft at your departure airport. If you are subject to the requirement to take a test prior to entry, you must present a negative test that is no more than 48 hours old at the time of entry, i.e. the check upon entry to Denmark.

If you are subject to the requirement to take a test upon arrival, the rules vary depending on whether you enter Denmark by air or via its sea or land borders. As a general rule if you arrive by air, a rapid test (antigen test) must be obtained at the airport, which means you will be immediately directed towards the testing centre upon arrival. If you enter Denmark via a sea or land border, you must generally take a rapid test (antigen test) or PCR test no later than 24 hours after your time of entry.

If you are subject to the requirement to self-isolate, you should as a rule self-isolate for 10 days. You may stop self-isolating after obtaining a negative PCR test taken no earlier than on the fourth day after entry.

You can visit coronasmitte.dk to check whether your country of residence is a yellow, orange or red country. Additionally, a number of further exceptions are made to the testing and isolation requirements following entry to Denmark, including an exemption from the requirement to self-isolate for fully vaccinated persons' pregnant or breast-feeding partners and for children who are travelling with fully vaccinated parents. Furthermore, Danish citizens, including Danish expats, who have been vaccinated with an EMA-approved vaccine in a third country or in Denmark are also exempt from the travel restrictions. Further details are available at coronasmitte.dk.