
THE LEGEND OF THE DANNEBROG

It was in June on the 15, 1219. The Danish king Valdemar 2nd led an attack against the pagan Estonians. The place was Lyndanisse in Estonia. The King wanted to conquer them and make them Christians.

Suddenly in the middle of the fight, thunder began, and a red banner with a white cross slowly fell down from the sky and into the arms of the Danish archbishop; a voice from the skies said: "When you raise this banner against your enemies, they will yield before you".

The King waved the banner high; and this miraculous sign from heaven encouraged the Dane's, and gave them their final victory.

Dannebrog has been the national symbol of the Dane's, even though the Dane's were not allowed to fly the Dannebrog before 1854.

Until 1854 the Dannebrog was the symbol of the King and the State; and since 1912 the day of June 15 has been proclaimed the Day of the Flag,



LOCAL CITIZENSHIP IN VEJLE



We went to Vejle to understand more about Denmark and what it means to be Danish. Archaeological excavation dates the Vejle back to at least year 1100. Vejle also holds one of the greatest national treasures of Denmark, The Jelling Stones. The Jelling Stones (Jellingestene) are stones raised by viking and our first king Gorm the old and the bigger stone by his son Harald Bluetooth, to celebrate their conquering of Denmark and Norway. The stones are engraved with runes paying tribute to Gorm The Old and his wife Thyra.

The wonderful people in Vejle best described their city as a smaller big city where everyone knows each other and stick together, with plenty of room to breathe and move around in than Copenhagen.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE OF DENMARK?



A look into Denmark and what makes someone Danish.

In the eyes of:
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“It’s nice to know that everyone can have help and an education and be safe, and that if you fall, society will catch you.”

“Denmark is a nice country, because as long as you act responsibly and well, you can do what you like and no one will be bothering you.”

“It’s nice to know we have a say and a voice to decide what happens to our country through democracy.”

CITIZENS TAKE ON BEING DANISH

We walked around in Vejle city and asked the people if they could define what being danish meant. The top three words are listed bellow.

HYGGE

“Hygge” is a well-known feeling all over the world - only in Denmark we have a word for it. Hygge is a sort of comfy vibe or feeling you get while spending a nice time with family or friends. The feeling when you stay inside and watch Netflix with a cup of hot chocolate on a rainy day - that’s “hygge” in a nutshell.



LIBERTY

Liberty has for a long time been an important value to the danish, that many believe has defined us as a country. With the liberty follows a series of human rights, that are essential to all danish inhabitants, like: personal freedom, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the right to education, profession and work and freedom of assembly and association.

FRIHED



SAFETY

Denmark has several times been rated as one of the “safest” countries to live in. That’s thanks to our society of social welfare, a history of an effective, long-lasting democracy, a minimal crime rate, a focus on rehabilitation rather than punishment of criminals and a general trust that the danish people have to each other.

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