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IBA Annual Conference 2026

CITY GUIDE & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT HANDBOOK

October 4 – 9, 2026 | City Guide



Hej! (Hi!)

Welcome to Copenhagen

Copenhagen offers a highly efficient, globally oriented business environment with a distinct Nordic culture. As a conference host city, it combines strong infrastructure with a pragmatic, collaborative professional culture, making it well-suited for high-level legal engagement.

What to Expect in Copenhagen

Language	English widely spoken
Currency	Danish Krone (DKK) (1 DKK = ~C\$0.22)
Climate	~10–15°C in October; rain likely
Safety	High
Business Environment	Efficient, informal, consensus-driven
Communication Style	Direct, factual, and low-context
Decision-making	Collaborative; discussion precedes agreement
Professional Tone	Understated, pragmatic, and outcome-focused
Business Culture	Prioritizes clarity and substance over hierarchy or presentation



The IBA Annual Conference will be held at the Bella Center in Copenhagen from October 4-9, 2026.

Bella Center

Center Blvd. 5, 2300 København, Denmark

- One of Scandinavia's largest conference venues (capacity up to ~30,000 attendees)
- Large, multi-hall layout → allow time (10–15 mins) to move between sessions
- Located in Ørestad, between airport and city centre
- Direct metro access (M1 line, Bella Center station) for efficient commuting
- ~10 minutes from both airport and downtown Copenhagen
- ~10 minutes from Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel via cab; ~15 minutes via subway (M1 line, Islands Brygge station)
- Extensive facilities: 100+ meeting rooms + large plenary halls
- Designed for high-volume international conferences (parallel sessions, structured networking)
- Fully integrated venue (on-site hotel, catering, AV support)



Entry & Border Considerations (Non-EU Travellers)

EU Entry/Exit System (EES)

The EU is implementing a digital Entry/Exit System for non-EU travellers which replaces passport stamping with biometric registration (fingerprints/photo). May result in:

- Slightly longer border processing times
- Use of automated border gates at some airports

Practical Note

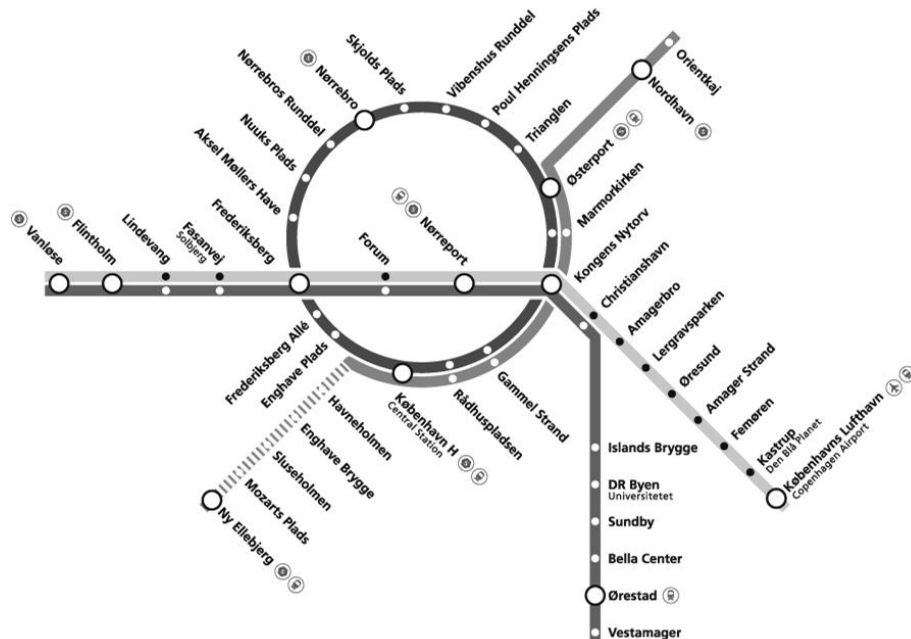
Allow additional buffer time at arrival and departure, particularly for your first Schengen entry.

Transportation

Public transport is integrated, reliable, and widely used by professionals.

Metro | Operates 24/7

Airport	Metro access is directly from Terminal 3 (no shuttle required)	
Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel	Closest station: <u>Islands Brygge (M1 line)</u> ~ 5–7 minute walk	On the same metro line (M1) → direct connection (no transfers required) Approximate travel time: ~10–12 minutes between
Bella Center	Closest station: <u>Bella Center (M1 line)</u> Directly adjacent to the venue	
Tickets & Navigation	RECOMMENDED: Use the Rejsebillet app for easy ticket purchase and travel planning Refer to the <u>metro map</u> to plan routes and timing • Tickets are zone-based and valid across metro, bus, and train services • Tickets can be purchased at stations or via mobile	



Other means of transportation

Walking	Practical due to the city's compact layout
Taxis / Uber	Taxis are available but comparatively expensive Uber availability is limited; taxis are the primary option.

Your Hotel | Radisson Blu Scandinavia



Located just outside the historic city center and
~10–15 minutes to central business districts

- Close to Tivoli / City Hall area
- Easy access to metro and taxis
- Most meetings within central Copenhagen are reachable within ~20 minutes

During your Stay

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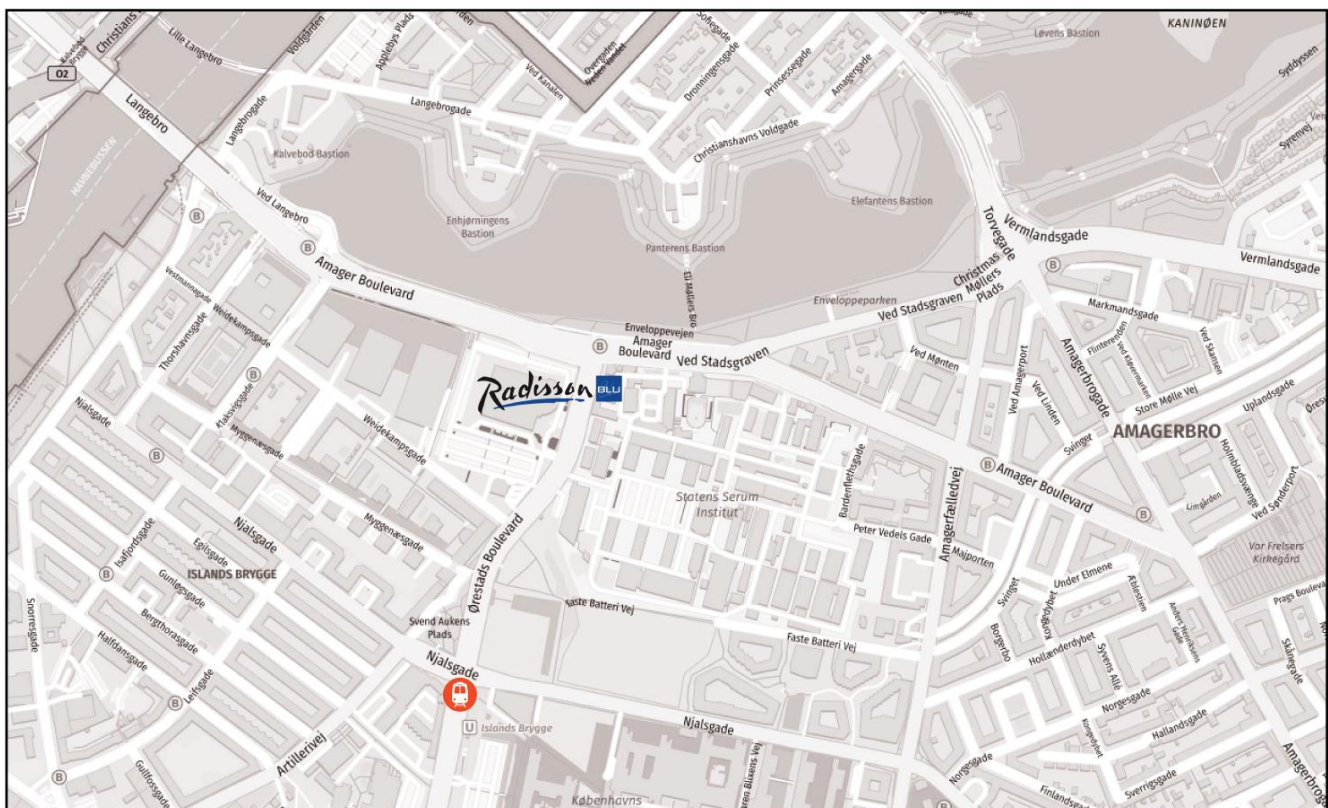
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From Copenhagen Airport

Bus	Take bus 5C towards Husum Torv and get off at Ørestads Boulevard. The trip will take approximately 30 minutes from the airport.
Metro	Enter the metro station from Terminal 3. Take the M2 to Kongens Nytorv Station, where you'll change to the M1. Get off at Islands Brygge Station. The hotel is a 400-meter walk away.
Taxi	Private taxis are widely available right outside the airport. The trip by taxi takes approximately 15 minutes but allow more time during rush hour. Our hotel has a 24-hour front desk team if you'd like a taxi arranged.
Uber	For the Uber app in Copenhagen, rides are generally provided through partnerships with licensed taxi operators rather than independent Uber drivers. Information is not yet available if there will be a separate IBA app for transportation.
Car	Drive via Amagerbrogade for a 5.4-kilometer trip or via Røde Mellemvej for a 6.8-kilometer trip to the hotel.

From Copenhagen Central Station

On Foot	The hotel is only a 2-kilometer walk from Copenhagen Central Station (København H). Take Langebro across the canal.
By Bus	Take bus 5C toward Kastrup St and get off at the Klaksvigsgade (Amager Boulevard) stop. The hotel is just 250 meters from here.

During your Stay

Electrical Outlets & Charging

Denmark uses **Type C** and **Type K** plugs

Voltage: **230V** (European standard)

- Canadian/US devices will require a plug adapter
- Most modern electronics (laptops, phone chargers) are compatible with voltage

Emergency & Support

Emergency Services	Support/Assistance
Call 112	Hotel concierge crew.scandinavia@radissonblu.com

Business Culture & Client Engagement

Working Style	Communication Approach	Hierarchy & Participation
- Meetings are punctual, structured, and agenda-driven - Expect concise discussion and clear outcomes - Follow-up is typically brief and action-oriented	- Directness is expected and valued - Emphasis on realism, feasibility, and precision - Overstating positions may undermine credibility	- Danish workplaces are notably egalitarian - Contributions are expected from all participants, regardless of seniority
Legal & Regulatory Context		Commercial & Practical Environment
Copenhagen operates within a highly developed European legal environment, characterized by: - Strong regulatory frameworks - High transparency expectations - Advanced data protection norms (GDPR awareness is assumed)		- Denmark is effectively cashless - Credit cards and contactless payments are standard - AMEX acceptance may be more limited than Visa/Mastercard - Cost environment is high but predictable

Client Interactions & Meetings | Coffee, Meals, Networking

Professional Social Norms	Dining & Hosting
- Informal settings (coffee or meals) do not reduce expectations of efficiency - Minimal small talk; discussions typically move quickly to substance	- Business discussions are often held over <u>lunch rather than dinner</u> - Tipping is not expected; rounding up is sufficient
Timing & Scheduling Norms	Leisure & Client Hosting
- Meetings typically conclude by late afternoon (~4 PM) - Fridays often wind down earlier - Strong respect for personal time Late-day or last-minute scheduling may be viewed as poor planning.	Copenhagen offers high-quality options for informal client engagement: - Michelin-star dining and curated culinary experiences - Compact central districts suitable for meetings and hosting - Walkable waterfront areas (e.g., Nyhavn) for informal discussions

Dining | Recommended Restaurants

In Radisson Blu:

The Lounge and Bar Restaurant:

International · Signature Cuisine · À La Carte · On-site Bar · Cocktails · Lunch · Dinner · Dessert Served · Vegetarian Options

Sunday to Wednesday 10:00 am to 12:00 am Thursday to Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 am.

Fillini:

Fillini serves lunch dinner and buffet

Weekdays 6:30 am to 10:00 am

Weekends 7:00 am to 11:00 am

Lunch and Dinner Groups Only

Blue Elephant:

Thai Cuisine

Dinner - Monday to Saturday 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Near Radisson Blu Scandinavia (Hotel Area):

Quick & Casual	KB Bagelshop – Sandwiches (\$10–20 CAD) – <u>~9 min walk</u>
	Hos Nicola – Pizza (\$10–20 CAD) – <u>~15 min walk</u>
Mid-Range	Restaurant Noi – European (\$40–100 CAD) – <u>~16 min walk</u>
	La Posata – Italian (\$20–40 CAD) – <u>~32 min walk</u>
	Restaurant Kareten – Danish cuisine (\$40–150 CAD) – <u>~17 min walk</u>
Premium	Kadeau – Fine dining (\$200+ CAD) – <u>~18 min walk</u>
	Restaurant Momenta – Fine dining & cocktail bar (\$50–120 CAD) – <u>~28 min walk</u>
	Fuego – Argentinian cuisine (\$80–215 CAD) – <u>~29 min walk</u>
	Asador Restaurant – Steakhouse (\$80–200 CAD) – <u>~16 min walk</u>

Near Bella Center (Conference Area)

Quick & Convenient	Rangoli – Indian (\$40–60 CAD) – <u>~3 min walk</u>
	Elippa – Lebanese (\$40–100 CAD) – <u>~4 min walk</u>
	Nozomi – Sushi (\$40–60 CAD) – <u>~4 min walk</u>
Casual Dining	Puls Kitchen & Bar – Burgers & pizza (\$20–100 CAD) – <u>~11 min walk</u>
	Palæo – Gluten-free options (\$20–40 CAD) – <u>~15 min walk</u>
	KAYs – Bistro (\$20–40 CAD) – <u>~15 min walk</u>
	WOK Fields – Thai cuisine (\$20–40 CAD) – <u>~18 min walk</u>
Additional Options	Bellavista – Small plates (\$20–80 CAD) – <u>~11 min walk</u>
	Rasoi – Indian (\$40–100 CAD) – <u>~9 min walk</u>
	Milano Restaurant & Pizzeria – Italian (\$20–40 CAD) – <u>~21 min walk</u>