

TRAVEL GUIDE

The Danish Technological Institute (DTI) Center for Robot Technology is found in Odense, which is Denmark's third largest city. The two closest airports are Billund Airport and Copenhagen Airport, which are about 100 km and 160 km, respectively, from Odense. The best way to reach Odense depends on which airport you use.

Copenhagen airport (Kastrup)

From Copenhagen airport either drive or catch the train.

Train

Copenhagen airport has an inbuilt railway station with ticket machines which take standard credit/debit cards – and also a manned ticket sales office which is open during office hours. Take any train to **Copenhagen Central Station** (“**Københavns Hovedbanegård**”) and then change. Trains to Odense can be labelled with many different final destinations, even for the same actual train, but the train does not split until after Odense so any piece of a correct train is fine. The train takes 15 min from the airport to central station, then from 1 hour 15 – 1 hour 35 depending on how many stops that train makes.

At peak times a seat reservation is also recommended.

Car hire at Copenhagen airport

<https://info.parkering.cph.dk/en/car-rental> gives links to the different car rental agencies operating at Copenhagen airport. The motorway west from the airport continues to Odense and takes 1.5-2 hours, depending on traffic. Note that there is a toll for the bridge between the major islands, which can be paid by cash or by card.

Billund (home of Legoland)

There is no direct public transport connection between Billund airport and Odense. Either hire a car and drive yourself or take the bus to Vejle and catch a train to Odense and then a taxi or bus.

Car hire at Billund airport

You can book hire cars direct via http://www.bll.dk/til-lufthavnen/biludlejning-og-aflevering?sc_lang=en

It is an easy drive along large roads and motorways and takes about 1 hour 20 mins.

Bus/train

If you choose to take public transport from Billund airport to Odense, take **bus 43** to “Vejle Trafikcenter”. You can buy the ticket on the bus – but only with Danish kroner. The bus leaves every 30 mins during the day from just outside the airport main entrance.

“Vejle Trafikcenter” is a combined train and bus station – you just walk from the bus to the platform. Train tickets can be purchased at a machine on the platform, where you can use standard credit/debit cards such as VISA, MasterCard og Diners and sometimes also cash (DKK). It takes about 1 hour 30 minutes to get to Odense station from Billund airport by bus/train.

Other options

You can also reach Odense railway station by train or car from e.g. Berlin or Hamburg. It takes about 4 hours to drive from Hamburg and about 8 hours from Berlin. For the train, see <https://www.bahn.com/en/view/index.shtml>, Deutsche Bahn's webpage.

Arriving at Odense

DTI's Center for Robot Technology is 4km south of Odense centre close to the University of Southern Denmark.

The address is:

Teknologisk Institut

Forskerparken 10F

5230 Odense M

Tel: +45 7220 2000

Since Odense city center is being remodelled to put in a tram line, any driving through the city is subject to queues and diversions.

By car, leave at the E20 motorway junction 50. At the fourth set of traffic lights turn right and you can see Forskerparken car park on your right. The building in the centre is Reception, DTI's Center for Robot Technology is on the right in building 10F.

By train. Odense combined railway and bus station is just north of the city centre. You can take a taxi (follow "taxa" signs) out to DTI or a bus, but the bus is more complicated because you need to walk some and the route depends on exactly which bus is best now and where you get off. The bus/walk option takes approx. 40 minutes. You can also walk the 4.5km – Google estimates an hour.

Taxis

Odense has two taxi companies. They accept both kroner and normal credit/debit cards but it can be a good idea to tell the driver you wish to pay by card before you get in. Some taxis will accept euro but charge a huge fee for this service.

Odense Mini Taxi

+45 6612 2712

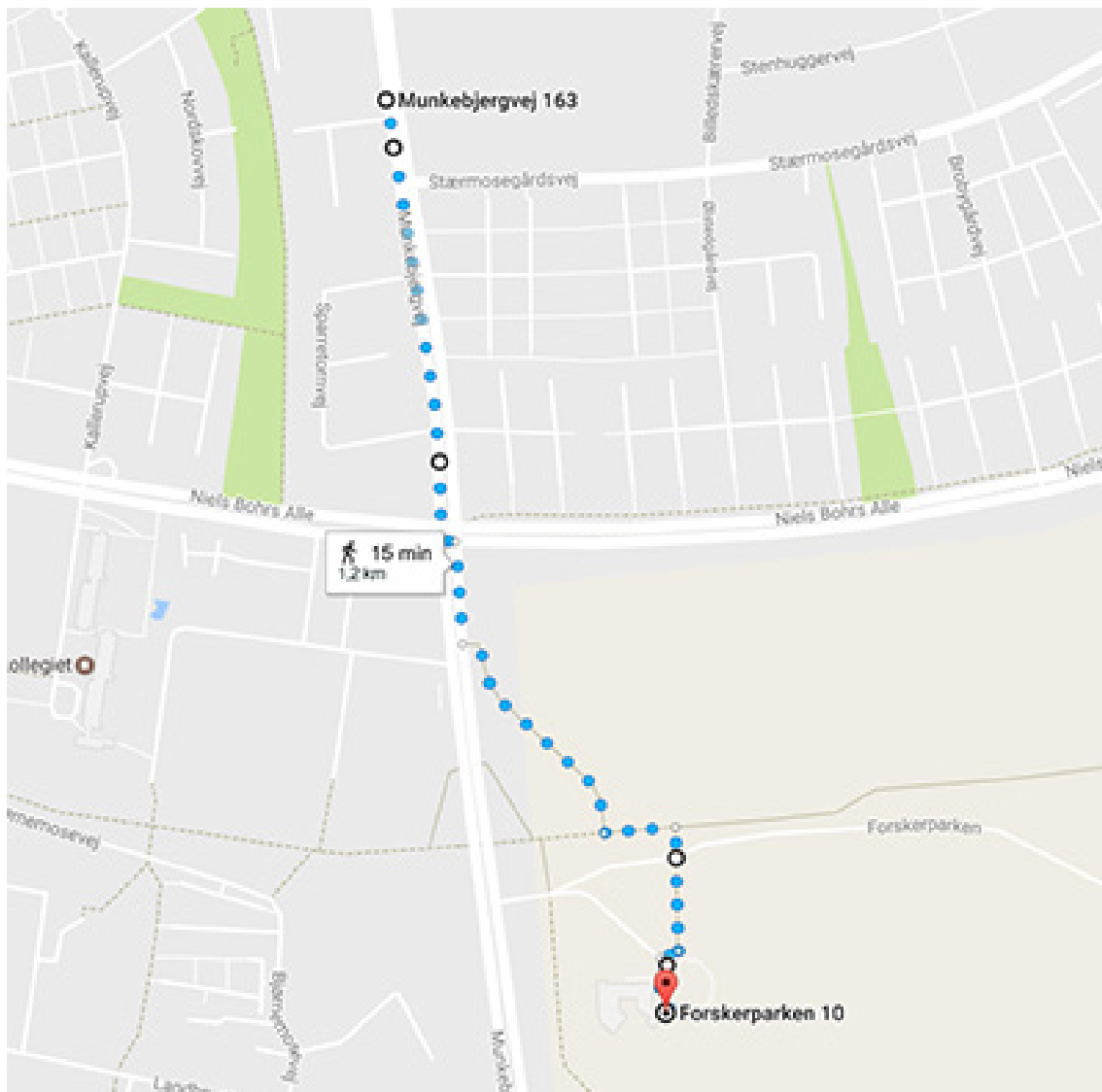
Odense Taxa

+45 6615 4415

Bus

Most buses in Odense run from the railway/bus station out. You need to have cash and many buses don't give change. No buses go to Forskerparken, you have to walk the last bit, maybe about 1km.

Take **bus 21, 22, 23, 24** or **122** towards **Tornbjerg** from Odense station "Plads D" and get off at "**Munkebjergvej / Stærmosegårdsvej**" – the "next stop" names should appear on a screen inside the bus. Then walk in the same direction as the bus along the road "Munkebjergvej" – don't turn off. After 500m you come to a big road junction. Cross both roads to the opposite corner. Continue in your original direction, find and follow the cycle path through the trees. After about 300m turn left at the junction. After a few metres turn right – you will end up in the car park at Forskerparken. The building in the centre is Reception, DTI's Center for Robot Technology is on the right in building 10F.



Overnight accommodation

Odense has many hotels at varying prices, also hostels and B&B. The Center for Robot Technology has business arrangements with:

- **Radisson Blu H.C. Andersen Hotel** - in Odense centre, beside the old town
- **Hotel Odense, Odense Congress Center** – 6km from the centre, 3km from Forskerparken
- **First Hotel Grand, Odense** – in the city centre near the pedestrian streets
- **Frederik VI's Hotel** – outside the city in a satellite town 13km from Forskerparken

Ring us on +45 7220 3501 to hear more about booking and prices.

If you wish to find accommodation yourself, then www.allhotelsindenmark.com is a helpful website.

Useful links

You can use Rejseplanen (www.rejseplanen.dk) to plan your journey. It can be downloaded as an app to your mobile, in Danish, English or German. Rejseplanen can work out your journey time, show public transport departure times and estimate ticket prices.