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Left **Amalienborg Slotsplads** Right **Houses along Nyhavn**



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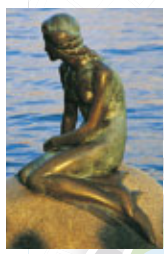
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TOP 10 Copenhagen's Highlights

A kaleidoscope of history, culture and contemporary entertainment, Copenhagen is a vibrant capital city offering an incredible array of experiences. Walk through the cobbled streets of an ancient city, explore world-class museums, experience the finest restaurants and hippest nightlife, or simply unwind beside the gorgeous waters of a peaceful seaside town. Copenhagen has a compact centre which can easily be seen on foot and is also a great city for cycling. Voted "Europe's Coolest City" by design magazine Wallpaper, this charming destination has something for everyone.

1 Harbour Sights

The best way to soak in the city's plentiful and beautiful harbour sights is to take a harbour trip, from Nyhavn through the Inner Harbour, along the canals of Slotsholmen and Christianshavn. It is also a fantastic way to understand Copenhagen's development over the years.

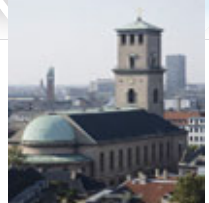


2 Tivoli

This pleasure garden and fun fair attracts kids and adults alike. At night, it turns especially magical with sparkling fairy lights and Chinese lanterns. The rides are brilliant for an adrenaline rush and if you feel peckish, head to one of the great restaurants.

3 Rosenborg Slot & Kongens Have

Set amid one of Copenhagen's prettiest parks, this 16th-century Renaissance castle houses the royal collection, including the spectacular Crown Jewels in the basement.



4 The Latin Quarter

One of the oldest areas in the city, the Latin Quarter is just off the main pedestrianised street, Strøget. It is home to the university and the few medieval buildings in Copenhagen.

5 Kongens Nytorv and Nyhavn

Kongens Nytorv (King's New Square) is a splendid Baroque square that leads down to Nyhavn. Previously a seedy haunt for sailors, complete with drinking dens and brothels, it has transformed radically in recent times. Today, this scenic area is a popular waterside attraction with plenty of restaurants and bars.



6 Amalienborg

Home to the royal family since 1794, this complex of palaces represents some of the best Baroque architecture in Denmark. The museum housed in Christian VIII's palace has some fascinating displays.



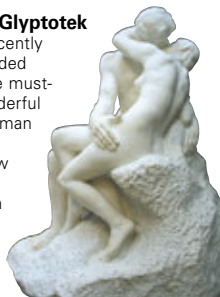
7 Statens Museum for Kunst

You will find a wonderful collection of Danish and European sculpture and paintings at this national art museum. It is set inside a 19th-century building, connected by a glass bridge to a modern wing. There is also a pretty park behind the museum.



8 Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek

This fabulous, recently renovated and extended museum is a definite must-see. It includes wonderful ancient Egyptian, Roman and Mediterranean works of art. The new wing boasts an impressive collection of French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art.



9 Nationalmuseet

Here is a perfect example of how brilliantly the Danes design their museums. Formerly a palace, the museum (*left*) houses collections devoted to Danish history. You will also find fabulous ethnographic artifacts from around the world, as well as an excellent children's museum.



10 Slotsholmen

This is where it all began in the 11th century, when Bishop Absalon built a castle here (you can still see its remains), which stood till 1794, when it burned down. The present Neo-Baroque castle was built in 1907–28, but was never inhabited by the monarch. It now houses the Parliament.





Top 10 Harbour Sights

A harbour tour is a delightful way to take in the city's brilliant views and varied topography. You will be taken along the wide waters of the Inner Harbour, winding waterways of Christianshavn and round to Slotsholmen (the island on which the original town of Havn flourished in the 12th century). Vor Frelsers Kirke, in particular, makes a spectacular sight as you look up through the rigging of sailing boats dotting the Christianshavn canal.



Operahuset

DFDS and Netto Boats both offer guided canal and harbour tours. If you would rather not have commentary or see the canals, take a HUR Harbour Bus (901/902) from Den Sorte Diamant, Knippelsbro, Nyhavn, the Opera House, Nyholm or Larsen Plads. Copenhagen Cards are accepted (see p111).

- Map L4
- DFDS Canal Tours: 33 42 33 20; open 10am–5pm; adm for adults 60kr, children 25kr; boats every 30 mins; tours in English, French, Danish and German; www.canaltours.com
- Netto Boats: 32 54 41 02; open 9:30am–5pm 15 Mar–22 Dec; adm for adults 30kr, children 15kr; boats 2–5 times an hour; tours in English, German, Danish and French; www.netto-baadene.dk

Top 10 Attractions

- 1 Operaen
- 2 Nyhavn
- 3 Den Sorte Diamant
- 4 Langelinie
- 5 Havnebadet
- 6 Little Mermaid
- 7 Trekroner
- 8 The Canals
- 9 Houseboats
- 10 Pavilions and the Royal Yacht

1 Operaen

The incredible Opera House (above left) was built in just four years. Its massive, orange-maple coloured auditorium seats 1,700 people. The amazing sculptures in the foyer change colour with the weather.



2 Nyhavn

Even today, the charming old harbour of Nyhavn is filled with boats. The old brothels and pubs are now respectable restaurants and bars. A new waterside theatre is due to open sometime in 2008.



3 Den Sorte Diamant

The Black Diamond, an eye-catching extension of the Royal Library, is a vast, shiny structure. It is home to over 4.5 million books and also houses the Queen's Hall and several exhibition spaces.



4 Langelinie

One of Copenhagen's most scenic areas, this is a wonderful place to walk along the harbour banks. Stroll past Kastellet and the Little Mermaid, right up to the final stretch – the longest cruise ship pier outside Miami (below).





5 Havnebadet

Take a refreshing dip in the sparkling clean harbour waters of this popular open-air pool, while enjoying superb views of the city. Located at Island's Brygge, there are three pools to choose from – for adults, children and a pool for divers. They are separated from each other and from the harbour waters by floating bridges.



6 Little Mermaid

Den Lille Havfrue is a surprisingly small landmark, commissioned by the brewery magnate, Carl Jacobsen in 1909. The statue was created in 1913 by Edvard Eriksen, who used his wife Eline as the model.

7 Trekroner

This 18th-century fort has been used only once: on 1 April 1801, during the Battle of Copenhagen when firing against the British fleet. Second in command at that time was Admiral Lord Nelson.



8 The Canals

The canals that you glide along on the tour (above), were built in a Dutch style in 1618 at the command of Christian IV. It is because of this that Christianshavn is sometimes also referred to as "Little Amsterdam."



9 Houseboats

The houseboats along the canals have an eclectic mix of styles, ranging from the conventional boat-like structures, to some with barge-like designs and other modern, funky homes built on floating platforms, complete with outdoor spaces.

10 Pavilions and the Royal Yacht

On the quayside, just beyond the Little Mermaid, are two green pavilions (below). It is here that the Danish royal family gathers before boarding their stunning, 79-m (259-ft) royal yacht, called the *Dannebrog*, also the name of the Danish flag, which is said to have fallen from the sky in the year 1219. Launched in 1931, the yacht is crewed by nine officers, seven sergeants, and 36 seamen: an improvement on the earlier royal ship, a paddle steamer dating back to the year 1879.



Mutant Mermaid

Close to the Little Mermaid, practically inviting controversy, sits a collection of sculptures called *Paradise Genetically Altered*. It shows a triumphal arch, with a 9-m (29-ft), genetically-altered Madonna atop it, surrounded by Adam, Eve, Christ, Mary Magdalene, The Tripartite Capital and The Pregnant Man. It is a surreal take on the Little Mermaid perched a short distance away. Designed by radical artist Bjørn Nørgaard, it is a comment on the modern human condition.



For hotels with water views, see p117; and for days out by the Sound, see pp96–103.



10 Tivoli

Famous for its fairy-tale ambience, exotic buildings, gorgeous landscaped gardens and upmarket entertainment and restaurants, the Tivoli Gardens are more than an amusement park. The atmosphere is magical enough to merit a visit even if you are not interested in the excellent rides on offer. Founded in 1843, Tivoli has long been a favourite with royalty. It also proved to be a great source of inspiration for Walt Disney when he visited in 1950.



Tivoli Gardens

Go on the thrill rides during the day when it's more family-oriented, as queues can build up in the evenings. A Copenhagen Card lets you enter the gardens for free (see p111).

Enjoy a meal at one of the restaurants here (see pp12–13).

- Map H5
- Vesterbrogade 3
- 33 15 10 01
- Open Apr–mid-Jun: 11am–11pm Sun–Thu; mid-Jun–mid-Aug: 11am–11pm Mon–Wed, 11am–midnight Thu–Fri & Sun, 11am–12:30am Sat; mid-Aug–Sep: 11am–11pm Sun–Thu, 11am–12:30am Fri, 11am–midnight Sat; mid-Nov–Dec 11am–10pm Sun–Thu, 11am–11pm Fri & Sat
- Adm for adults 79kr; children 40kr; free for under-2s
- Dis access
- www.tivoli.dk

Top 10 Features

- 1 Thrill Rides
- 2 Gentle Rides
- 3 Traditional Rides
- 4 Dragon Boats
- 5 Tivoli at Night
- 6 Pantomime Theatre
- 7 Tivoli Koncertsal and Open-Air Stage
- 8 Tivoli Akvarium
- 9 Tivoli Boys' Guard
- 10 The Tivoli Palace



2 Gentle Rides

For children and the faint-hearted, there are plenty of fun, gentle rides. *The Blue Sapphire* is an observation wheel that offers great views over Tivoli. You could also enjoy an old-fashioned trolley bus ride, a traditional carousel with exotic animals and pipe-organ music, a merry-go-round in the shape of a Viking ship and several charming kids' rides, such as flying aeroplanes and miniature classic cars.



1 Thrill Rides

Day or night, Tivoli rings with the shrieks of people whizzing along on the high-speed thrill rides, such as *The Dragon*, *The Demon* and *The Starflyer*, the world's tallest carousel.



3 Traditional Rides

Tivoli's Ferris Wheels date to 1884, but the current one is from 1943. *The Mountain* (1914), the oldest roller coaster, reaches speeds of 50 mph (80.5 km/h).



4 Dragon Boats
These boats are very popular rides at Tivoli. Kids love floating on the lake during the day. In the evenings, the setting turns romantic.



5 Tivoli at Night
Sparkling resplendently with thousands of fairy lights and Chinese lanterns, Tivoli is magical at night. You can catch the dazzling *son-et-lumière* presentation and the exuberant *A Tivoli Fairytale* show, which includes a stunning display of multi-coloured fireworks.



6 Pantomime Theatre

Built in 1874, this theatre has an exotic Chinese design and a spectacular stage curtain styled like a peacock's tail (left). It is known for its enjoyable mime shows, performed in the commedia dell'arte tradition.



7 Tivoli Koncertsal and Open-Air Stage
The renovated Concert Hall hosts varied performances, from classical music to pop concerts. The open-air stage holds free rock concerts on Friday nights.



8 Tivoli Akvarium
Don't miss the amazing aquarium in the foyer of the Concert Hall. Based on a tropical coral reef, it is the longest salt water aquarium in Denmark and is home to 1,600 fish (over 500 varieties). Among the popular attractions are the rays and the enormous eels.

Christmas at Tivoli

Tivoli opens for six weeks between mid-November and the end of December for a winter wonderland; a no-holds-barred, elf-driven, ice-skating, Father Christmas-strewn, pantomime-filled, illuminated Christmas extravaganza that you won't forget in a hurry! A similar Halloween celebration is a recent innovation.

9 Tivoli Boys' Guard
A tradition since 1844, the Boys' Guards parade through Tivoli, complete with instruments, coach and horses – a delightful picture, befitting the home city of that master of fairy tales, HC Andersen.

10 The Tivoli Palace
This Moorish palace (above), with its green onion-like dome, upholds Tivoli's tradition of exotic architecture. Fronted with a lake and gardens, it now houses several restaurants.



For more places that children will enjoy, see pp56–7.



Left **The Paul** restaurant Centre **Café Ketchup** Right **Café Ultimo**

TOP 10 Tivoli Restaurants

1 The Paul

This Michelin-starred restaurant, set in a lovely Winter Garden, is run by award-winning chef Paul Cunningham. Its six-course set menu for lunch and dinner changes regularly and includes dishes like creamed truffled pasta. ☎ 35 75 07 75

• www.thepaul.dk • (Michelin)

2 Friggaden

Enjoy a sumptuous meal and superb salads on this fantastic replica of a sailing ship. In summer, you can sit out on the deck and take in the views.

☎ 33 15 92 04 • www.bojesen.dk

• (Michelin)

3 Café Ultimo

Italian cuisine is served in this pretty, circular building that was originally built as a dance hall in 1883. ☎ 33 75 07 51

• www.cafeultimotivoli.dk • (Michelin)

4 Café Ketchup

Styled like a Parisian bistro, this lovely restaurant, formerly a 19th-century tea room, offers a variety of tantalizing fusion dishes and traditional Danish fares too. ☎ 33 75 07 55 • www.cafeketchuptivoli.dk

• (Michelin)

5 Divan II

Along with Café Ketchup (formerly Divan I), this is one of the oldest and best restaurants

in Tivoli, offering excellent Danish delicacies. It has played host to Queen Elizabeth II, Jimmy Carter, Henry Kissinger and Indira Gandhi. ☎ www.divan2.dk

• (Michelin)

6 Det Kinesiske Tårn

This exotic Tivoli icon on the lake makes a spectacular picture, especially when it is lit

up at night. Choose from their Cantonese buffet, à la carte or Danish menu. ☎ 33 33 78 00 • **Chinese Buffet:** 5pm–10pm • www.kinesisketaarn.dk

• (Michelin)



Det Kinesiske Tårn

7 Brasserie 'N'

Housed in Tivoli's beautiful Moorish palace overlooking a lake, it offers a Danish buffet, delicious open sandwiches and in the

evenings, a three-course menu and mouth-watering seafood.

Covered by 3,953 fairy lights that date back to 1909, this is truly a magical Tivoli sight. ☎ 33 14 60 36

• www.nimb.dk/NIMB_uk • (Michelin)

8 Wagamama

One of Copenhagen's cheapest restaurants, this trendy Asian chain is new in Tivoli. Situated in the new complex at the Tivoli Concert Hall, it offers excellent Japanese dishes. It can get very busy; so don't be surprised if you find yourself sharing a table with strangers. ☎ 33 75 06 58 • (Michelin)



9 Hereford Beefstouw
The flagship restaurant in a chain of upmarket steakhouses, the Hereford Beefstouw is a mecca for people who love their beef and beer. The steaks are cooked just right and are of first-class quality with prices to match. Its micro-brewery, the Apollo, stands right in the centre of the restaurant. 📍 *Vesterbrogade 5*
• 33 12 74 41 • Open 11:30am–3pm & 5:30pm–10:30pm Mon–Sat, 5pm–10:30pm Sun • 🍷🍷🍷🍷



Stegt Flæsk

10 La Vecchia Signora
This cheerful Italian restaurant is well-known for its stone-oven-baked pizzas, all produced in traditional ovens specially imported from Sardinia, Italy. The rest of the menu includes homemade pasta topped with a variety of sauces, *carpaccio*, mussels in parsley and garlic, fresh fish of the day, meat dishes and authentic Italian puddings. 📍 33 75 09 75 • Children's menu available • 🍷🍷🍷

Top 10 Historic Events

- 1 1843: Tivoli opens with a horse-drawn carousel and a roller coaster.
- 2 1944: The Nazis blow up part of Tivoli in order to crush Danish morale.
- 3 1950: Walt Disney visits Tivoli and is inspired to create his own park.
- 4 1956: The Concert Hall is inaugurated, the largest one in Northern Europe at the time.
- 5 1978: The New York City Ballet and its founder, George Balanchine, visit.
- 6 1990s: Michael Jackson performs at Tivoli and offers to buy it.
- 7 1994: Tivoli's Christmas season is launched.
- 8 2000: Hosts the 60th birthday celebrations for the Queen.
- 9 2003: The Paul, Tivoli's first Michelin-starred restaurant, opens.
- 10 2006: Launch of *The Starflyer*, the world's tallest carousel.

The Founding of Tivoli

The creation of the Tivoli Gardens can be credited to Georg Carstensen, a man who persuaded the Danish king, Christian VIII, to grant him a five-year charter by saying, "When the people are amusing themselves, they do not think about politics." Mindful of this fact, Christian VIII granted him 6 ha (15 acres) of land outside the city walls. Carstensen, who had been brought up in the Middle East, provided oriental-style buildings, cafés, restaurants and in the early days, a horse-drawn carousel and a roller coaster. Brilliant fireworks further enlivened this magnificent amusement area. It was named Tivoli after the Jardins de Tivoli in Paris, which were themselves named after a place called Tivoli just outside Rome. The gardens inspired Walt Disney greatly when he visited; in fact, he was so impressed by them he once exclaimed to his wife, "Now this is what an amusement place should be!"



Tivoli at night



For more restaurants in the Tivoli area, see pp67 and 71.

10 Rosenberg Slot and Kongens Have

Complete with fairy-tale turrets and stone lions guarding the entrance, the Rosenberg Castle was originally built as a summer house in 1606–34 by Christian IV. At that time, it stood surrounded by sprawling gardens (now the Kongens Have park) out in the tranquil countryside. This was Christian IV's favourite castle and like other monarchs after him, he used it as his main residence. When he was on his deathbed at Frederiksberg Castle in 1648, he insisted on being brought to Rosenberg Castle, and eventually died here.



Rosenberg Slot

⚠️ Avoid lurking near the guards at the entrance to the Crown Jewels – you might be considered a security risk.

🍽️ There is a restaurant and a small café in Kongens Have, but you will enjoy yourself a lot more if you have a picnic on the lawn or on one of the many benches in the garden.

- Map J2
- Øster Voldgade 4A
- 33 15 32 86
- Open Nov–Apr 11am–4pm Tue–Sun; May, Sep–Oct 10am–4pm daily; Jun–Aug 10am–5pm daily (some parts of the castle closed till 2008)
- Adm for adults 65kr, students and senior citizens 40kr, free for under-17s; Kongens Have gardens free; Copenhagen Card accepted (see p111)
- Guided tours (1–1.5 hr long) in English, German and French
- museum@dkks.dk
- www.rosenborgslot.dk

Top 10 Features

- 1 Rosenberg Slot
- 2 Crown Jewels
- 3 The Winter Room
- 4 Christian IV's Bedroom
- 5 The Dark Room
- 6 The Marble Hall
- 7 Frederik IV's Chamber Room
- 8 The Rosen Antechamber
- 9 Knight's Hall
- 10 Kongens Have

1 Rosenberg Slot

The castle's 24 rooms occupy three floors. Most of them retain the original Renaissance decor from Christian IV's residence, while the rest have been redecorated by later kings. The last king to live here permanently was Frederik IV. The castle is unique for its museum tradition, which started during the Dano-Swedish wars in 1657–60.



2 Crown Jewels

The castle has been used as the treasury of the realm since 1658. In the castle's basement, behind heavily-guarded security doors, are Denmark's Crown Jewels (above), that include Christian IV's diamond-encrusted crown, pearls and enamel figures.



3 The Winter Room

This panelled room was said to be one of Christian IV's most important private chambers. Look out for the intriguing speaking tubes that connect with the wine cellar and room above.

4 Christian IV's Bedroom

Another private apartment, Christian IV's bloodied clothing, from the naval battle of Kolberger Heide (1644) where he lost an eye, are found here. The king wanted these clothes preserved as national mementos.

5 The Dark Room

This room is filled with fascinating objects, such as the startling wax portraits of the Absolute monarchs, and the 17th-century "trick" chair that grasped unsuspecting occupants with tentacles and soaked them in water. A trumpet played when they finally stood up.



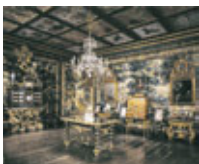
6 The Marble Hall

Originally the bedroom of Kirsten Munk, Christian IV's morganatic wife, Frederik III turned it into a Baroque show of splendour (*below*) to celebrate the introduction of Absolute Monarchy.



7 Frederik IV's Chamber Room

In the 1700s, this room was used by Frederik IV's sister, Sophie Hedvig, as an antechamber and the tapestries date back to this period. Look for the intricate equestrian statue of Frederik, made from ivory, wood and tortoise shell. The coffered ceiling (*below*) is the original from the time of Christian IV.



8 The Rosen Antechamber

An extraordinary room with glowing gold leaves and tooled leather on the walls, it has undergone restoration to look exactly as it did before the royal family shifted to Frederiksberg Slot around the 1740s. The room's square shape has since been restored and the fittings, ceiling paintings and wall decorations were brought back from Frederiksberg Slot.

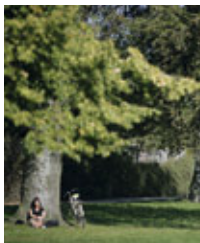
9 Knight's Hall

Previously known as the Long Hall (before 1750), this room was completed in 1624 as a celebration hall. Only two Dutch fireplaces remain from the original

decorations. Note the beautiful white stucco ceiling, Frederik III's astonishing unicorn horn throne (1660s) and the solid-silver, Baroque furniture.

10 Kongens Have

Visited by over two million people every year, these are Denmark's oldest royal gardens and date back to the 17th century. There is a rose garden, Staudehaven, which contains many statues including one of Hans Christian Andersen and a large one of Queen Caroline Amalie that was created by Vilhelm Bissen. Enjoy a lovely long walk on the pathway that passes through the flowerbeds. A new addition to the park is the Renaissance garden, Krumspringet. Art events and puppet theatre for children are held here during summer.



Rosenborg's Kings

Christian IV, 1588–

1648: Built many of Copenhagen's Renaissance buildings.

Frederik III, 1648–1670:

Introduced Absolute Monarchy to curb the aristocracy's power.

Christian V, 1670–1699:

Introduced fairer taxation.

Frederik IV, 1699–1730:

Built Rosenborg Castle, among other well-known buildings.

Christian VI, 1730–

1746: Known as the religious king.

Frederik V, 1746–1766:

Founded the Royal Danish Academy of Art.



For more royal sights, see pp58–9.



10 The Latin Quarter

The Latin Quarter is home to Copenhagen's university, where Latin used to be the spoken language. One of the oldest areas in the city, it is full of 17th-century buildings that were built by the architect king, Christian IV. Although there have been dwellings here since medieval times, most of them were destroyed in the disastrous fire that spread across Copenhagen in 1728 (see p40). Today, the Latin Quarter is a lively and bustling student area brimming with shops and cafés.



Universitetet

This area is known for its hip, alternative shops.

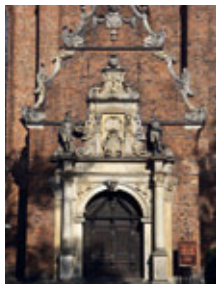
Studenterhuset, opposite Regensen, is a cheap option.

- Map H4
- Helligåndskirken: Niels Hemmingsensgade 5; 33 15 41 44; open 12pm–4pm Mon–Sat.
- Synagogen: Krystalgade 12; 33 12 88 68; open sundown Fri, 9am Sat; adm for guided tour
- Rundetårn, Trinitatis Kirke: Købmagergade 52A; 33 73 03 73; Tower: open Jun–Aug 10am–8pm Mon–Sat, noon–5pm Sun; Sep–May 10am–5pm Mon–Sat, noon–5pm Sun; www.rundetårn.dk
- Church: open 9:30am–4:30pm Mon–Sat; www.trinitatiskirke.dk
- Universitetet: Nørregade 10; 35 32 26 26; open 9am–5pm daily; www.ku.dk/english/
- Vor Frue Kirke: Nørregade 8; open 10am–noon Mon–Sat
- Sankt Petri Kirke: Skt Peders St 2; 33 13 38 33; open 10am–noon Sun

Top 10 Features

- 1 Helligåndskirken
- 2 Synagogen
- 3 Rundetårn
- 4 Universitetet
- 5 Trinitatis Kirke
- 6 Vor Frue Kirke
- 7 Sankt Petri Kirke
- 8 Regensen
- 9 Højbro Plads
- 10 Gråbrødretorv

1 Helligåndskirken
The Church of the Holy Ghost (*below*) was originally part of a monastery built in 1296 and dissolved in 1536. The Helligåndshuset, the monastery's west wing, is the city's only preserved medieval building.



2 Synagogen
Built in 1833, this is Copenhagen's oldest synagogue. One of the few in Europe to have survived Nazi occupation, today it is the primary synagogue for the city's 3,000-strong Jewish community.



3 Rundetårn
The Round Tower was built in 1642 by Christian IV as an observatory, its official role till 1861. It is now open to the public (*see p36*). 34.8 m (114 ft) high, it has a wide internal ramp that spirals almost to the top (*below*). It also holds art exhibitions and classical concerts.





4 Universitetet

Founded in 1479 by Christian I, this was Denmark's first university. The Neo-Classical building that stands here today is from the 19th century. In the courtyard, there are the remains of an old Bishop's Palace (1420). Disorderly students used to be placed in its cellar as punishment. Most of the university is now on the island of Amager.



5 Trinitatis Kirke

This magnificent church was built in 1637–57 for the staff and students of the university. If it happens to be closed when you visit, you could enter Rundetårn and look down the church nave through the glass panel at the start of the ramp.



6 Vor Frue Kirke

In the 12th century, Bishop Absalon founded a Gothic church on this site. After burning down twice, the present Neo-Classical building was completed in 1829, but the tower is from medieval times. One of the bells is Denmark's oldest (1490) and another (weighing 4 tonnes) is the biggest.

7 Sankt Petri Kirke

Older than Vor Frue Kirke, this church also suffered from city fires and the British bombardment (1807). It has a vaulted sepulchral chapel with monuments and tombs that date back to 1681–83.

The Bells and Carillon of Helligåndskirken

In 1647, 50 years after the clock tower was built, architect king Christian IV gifted the church a set of bells and a grand carillon. The carillon consisted of 19 bells and chimed a verse from a hymn every 30 minutes. It was also used at funerals; the importance of the deceased depended on the duration for which it played. This was at times taken too far, as playwright Ludwig Holberg (1684–1754) said when the carillon played for four straight hours: "A soul need not be so long on its way to heaven as the mail horse is to Roskilde." They were destroyed in the fire of 1728.

8 Regensen

Opposite the Rundetårn, this student residence was built in the 17th century. It burned down in the great fire of 1728, but was rebuilt in the same year. Even today, the students retain several old traditions, including "storming" Rundetårn every May.



9 Højbro Plads

A popular square, the equestrian statue here depicts Bishop Absalon, founder of Copenhagen, pointing towards the site of his original castle on Slotsholmen.

10 Gråbrødretorv

Named after the Grey Brothers who built Copenhagen's first monastery here, this 13th-century square is now a popular place to eat in the open air.



For more information on shops in the area and along nearby Strøget, see pp68–9.



10 Kongens Nytorv and Nyhavn

Kongens Nytorv (King's New Square) and Nyhavn (New Harbour) are two of the most picturesque areas in Copenhagen. It's hard to imagine the square was once outside the city gates and the site of the town gallows in medieval times. The Nyhavn canal was planned by Frederik III to connect the Inner Harbour with the square, enabling merchants to unload their goods more easily. The canal area is full of chic, colourful houses and charming bars. In winter, you will also find a popular skating rink here.



Equestrian statue

The bars and restaurants to the south of Nyhavn are usually not as busy as those on the north.

If you are looking for a quick bite away from the crowds, check out the Thomas Sandwich shop at 14 Lille Strandstræde.

- Map K4–L4
- Charlottenborg Slot: Nyhavn 2; 33 13 40 22; open 10am–7pm Wed, 10am–5pm Thu–Tue.
- Amber Museum: Kongens Nytorv 2; 33 11 67 00; open mid-Sep–mid-May 10am–6pm daily, mid-May–mid-Sep 10am–8pm daily.
- Magasin du Nord: Kongens Nytorv 13; open 10am–7pm Mon–Thu, 10am–8pm Fri, 9am–5pm Sat; www.magasindk.dk
- Det Kongelige Teater: Kongens Nytorv; 33 69 69 33; open noon–6pm Mon–Sat, closed annual summer break; adm 75kr; www.kgl-teater.dk

Top 10 Features

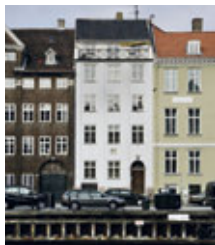
- 1 Nyhavn
- 2 Nyhavn Nos 20, 67 and 18
- 3 Equestrian Statue
- 4 Hotel d'Angleterre
- 5 Charlottenborg Slot
- 6 Det Kongelige Teater
- 7 Magasin du Nord
- 8 Vingårdsstræde 6
- 9 Store Strandstræde and Lille Strandstræde
- 10 Amber Museum

1 Nyhavn

Running down to the Inner Harbour, this canal is flanked by 18th-century houses that belonged to merchants. A large anchor, in honour of sailors who lost their lives in World War II, marks the starting point of Nyhavn.

2 Nyhavn Nos 20, 67, 18

These brightly painted merchants' houses were built at the same time as the harbour. Fairy-tale writer, HC Andersen, has lived in all. He wrote his first tale, *The Tinder Box* (1835), at No 20.



3 Equestrian Statue

This bronze statue in the middle of Kongens Nytorv commemorates Christian V (1646–99) who rebuilt the square in 1670 in Neo-Classical style. Sculpted by the Frenchman Lamoureux, it shows the king dressed as a Roman emperor.

4 Hotel d'Angleterre

Copenhagen's oldest hotel (1775), it has played host to royalty and countless celebrities. When Michael Jackson visited, he was so impressed with a suit of armour outside the Royal Suite, he offered to buy the entire hotel.





5 Charlottenborg Slot

An early example of the Danish Baroque style, this palace (*right*) was built by Frederik III's illegitimate son Ulrik in 1672–83. It has belonged to the Royal Academy since 1734 and often holds interesting exhibitions. If you walk along the north side of Nyhavn, you will get a better view of the palace walls and also find an entrance into its courtyard.

6 Det Kongelige Teater

This Baroque-style theatre is the third one to stand on this site since 1749. It is home to the Royal Theatre Company and the Royal Ballet.



7 Magasin du Nord

Originally the famous Hotel du Nord, this is Copenhagen's oldest department store (*left*) and is considered to be the city's answer to London's Selfridges or New York's Bloomingdale's. Standing to the north side of the Kongens Nytorv, the store will strike you as an impressive sight when you pass by. A variety of restaurants are scattered throughout the building. Make sure you pay a visit to the Food Hall that is housed in the basement of the department store. It features on its menu a wide variety of delicious preparations that are worth sampling.



8 Vingårdsstræde 6

HC Andersen lived in this attic room for a year at the age of 22. You can enter the room from the third floor of the Magasin du Nord (*see right*). No 6 is one of the oldest buildings in Copenhagen. Its 13th-century wine cellars (there used to be a vineyard here, hence *Vingårdsstræde*) now house a Michelin-starred restaurant.

9 Store Strandstræde and Lille Strandstræde

Once full of seedy pubs and brothels, "Big Beach Street" and "Little Beach Street" are now home to art galleries and stylish designer wear shops (*left*). For a taste of its past, there are a couple of tattoo parlours down Store Strandstræde.



10 Amber Museum

Set in a house dating back to 1606, this museum (*right*) displays an exquisite collection dedicated to Denmark's national gem, amber (also called Nordic Gold). You will find amber antiques, pre-historic pieces and a 8.8-kg (19-lb) amber stone. Amber jewellery is also sold at a shop on the premises.



"The Imperial Ethiopian Palace" in Copenhagen

In the 1950s, Ethiopia's Emperor Haile Selassie (also known as the King of Kings or the Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah), his wife and their entire family and entourage, visited Denmark's king and queen. In Copenhagen for only a few days, they stayed at the plush and luxurious Hotel d'Angleterre. A grand banquet was held in honour of Denmark's royal visitors in the Louis XVI Hall. During the time of their stay in the hotel, all telephone calls were answered with, "The Imperial Ethiopian Palace".



Top 10 Amalienborg and Frederiksstaden

Built in the 1750s, this stately complex was designed by the royal architect, Nicolas Eigtved. Four Rococo palaces, originally home to four noble families, are set around an octagonal square in Frederiksstaden, an aristocratic area built by Frederik V. The king bought the palaces after the Christiansborg Palace burned down in 1794. The royal family has lived here ever since. It was named after a palace built on this site by Queen Sophie Amalie in the 17th century, which burned down in 1689 during a theatrical performance.



Amaliehaven

The guards will not respond well to people sitting on palace steps.

Head down Amalien-gade to the bars and cafés along Nyhavn.

- Map L3
- Christian VII's Palace: 33 92 64 51; guided tours only Jul–mid-Sep 1pm & 2:30pm in English; adm 75kr
- Christian VIII's Palace: 33 12 08 08; open Nov–Apr 11am–4pm Tue–Sun, May–Oct 10am–4pm daily; adm for adults 50kr, students 30kr; www.amalienborgmuseet.dk
- Marmorkirken: Frederiksgade 4; 33 15 01 44; open 10am–6:30pm Mon, Tue & Thu, 10am–6pm Wed, 12pm–5pm Sat & Sun; www.marmorkirken.dk

Top 10 Features

- 1 Christian VII's Palace
- 2 Christian VIII's Palace
- 3 Frederik VIII's Palace
- 4 Christian IX's Palace
- 5 Equestrian Statue of Frederik V
- 6 Marmorkirken
- 7 Amaliehaven
- 8 Palace Guards
- 9 The Golden Axis
- 10 The Colonnade

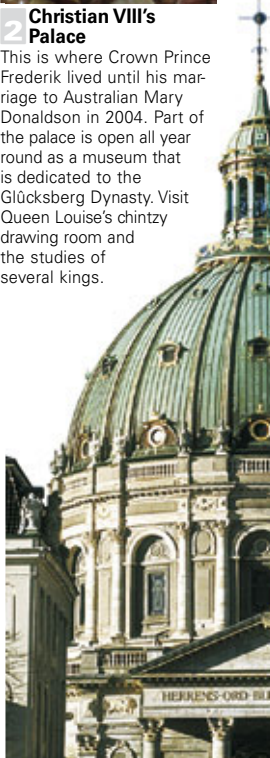
1 Christian VII's Palace

This palace was one of the first to be completed by the time of Eigtved's death in 1754. Also known as Moltke Palace, named after its original owner, Lord Adam Gottlob Moltke, it is the most expensive palace in the complex and also has one of Denmark's best Rococo interiors. The queen often uses it to welcome foreign guests.



2 Christian VIII's Palace

This is where Crown Prince Frederik lived until his marriage to Australian Mary Donaldson in 2004. Part of the palace is open all year round as a museum that is dedicated to the Glücksberg Dynasty. Visit Queen Louise's chintzy drawing room and the studies of several kings.



Marmorkirken

3 Frederik VIII's Palace

Previously known as Brockdorff's Palace, this palace (left) with a clock on its façade was renamed after Frederik VIII moved into it in 1869. More recently, it was home to Queen Dowager Ingrid (Queen Margrethe's mother) till her death in 2000. It is currently the residence of Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary.





4 Christian IX's Palace

The first royal family to live here was Crown Prince Frederik IV and his wife (1794). Since 1967, it has been home to Queen Margrethe and Prince Consort Henrik.



5 Equestrian Statue of Frederik V

Designed and cast (1753–71) by French sculptor Jacques Saly, this statue of Frederik V is said to have cost four times as much as the Amalienborg. Saly, who stayed here for 18 years, was known for the extravagant parties he hosted. His expenses were paid by the Danish Asiatic Company, who gifted this statue to the king.

6 Marmorkirken

Properly called Frederikskirken, the Marble Church (*left*) got its popular name on account of plans to build it using Norwegian marble. Its dome, one of the largest in Europe and modelled after St Peter's in Rome, has a diameter of 31 m (102 ft).

7 Amaliehaven

The Amalie Garden was created in 1993 on the banks of the Harbour, financed by the shipping giant AP Møller and the Christine McKinney Møller Foundation. It has a splendid fountain that lies on Copenhagen's "Golden Axis" (*see below*), between the Opera House and the statue of Frederik V.

8 Palace Guards

When the queen is in residence, the Danish Royal Life Guards (*right*) stand outside the palace, guarding their monarch in two-hour shifts. At noon they are replaced by the guards from Rosenborg Castle (*pp 14–15*), who march through the streets of Copenhagen every day at 11:30am to switch places with the guards at Amalienborg Palace.



The Russian Connection

A stone's throw from Marmorkirken, the golden onion domes of Alexander Nevsky Kirke, the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, are easily identifiable (*see p 78*). Consecrated in 1883, it was a gift from the future Tsar Alexander III to mark his marriage to the Danish Princess Marie Dagmar in St Petersburg in 1866. It was in this church that her funeral was held when she passed away in 1928.

9 The Golden Axis

The Marble Church and Frederiksstaden lie on a short axis called the Golden Axis. This axis was considered so important that when the Opera House was built along this line, it caused much controversy. The building is now considered the axis' modern extension.

10 The Colonnade

This Classical-style colonnade was built by Christian VII's royal architect, Caspar Frederik Harsdorff in 1794–95. Supported by eight ionic columns, it runs unobtrusively from one palace to another along the first-floor level.



Christian IX was called the "Father-in-law of Europe"; his children married into royal families from Sweden, Britain and Germany.



10 Statens Museum for Kunst

Denmark's national gallery is housed in two buildings – one dating back to the 19th century and the other, a stylish, modern extension, linked by a bridge over a sculpture gallery known as Sculpture Street. The museum's collections span international and national paintings, sculptures, installations, prints and drawings from the 14th century to the present. The national collection specialises in paintings from the Golden Age and by later 19th-century artists such as the Skagen school, the rebels of their time.



The modern extension

- The children's museum provides activities every Saturday and Sunday through the summer holidays.

The department of prints and drawings has fascinating works dating back to the 15th century, including those by Rembrandt, Manet and Picasso.

- The bright, stylish museum café looks out onto Østre Anlæg Lake. In good weather, the park is good for a picnic.

- Map J2
- Solvgade 48–50
- 33 74 84 94
- Open 10am–5pm Thu–Tue, 10am–8pm Wed
- Guided tours for families are also available
- Adm for adults 80kr, concessions 50–60kr, under 18 years free; Copenhagen Card accepted (see p111)
- smk@smk.dk
- www.smk.dk

Top 10 Features

- 1 Sculpture Street
- 2 Christ as the Suffering Redeemer
- 3 The Meeting of Joachim and Anne
- 4 Portrait of Bellini
- 5 The Judgement of Solomon
- 6 Boys Bathing in Skagen
- 7 Portrait of Madame Matisse
- 8 Alice
- 9 The Wheel of Life
- 10 The Earth Weeps



- 1 **Sculpture Street**
This impressive, varied collection of sculptures runs the entire length of the building. The displays look resplendent beneath the sunlight streaming in through the glass roof. Don't miss Sørensen's extraordinary display of ferocious dogs.

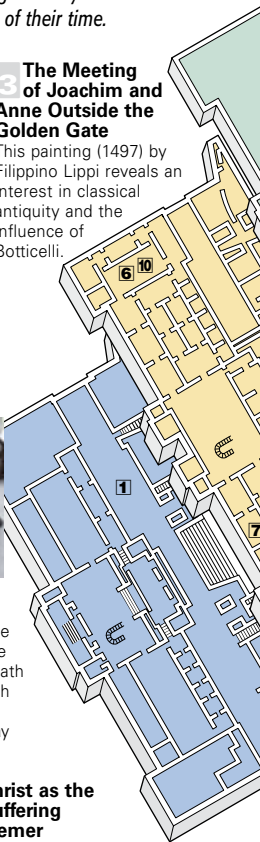


3 The Meeting of Joachim and Anne Outside the Golden Gate

This painting (1497) by Filippino Lippi reveals an interest in classical antiquity and the influence of Botticelli.

2 Christ as the Suffering Redeemer

This striking painting (1495–1500) by prominent Renaissance artist Andrea Mantegna shows the Resurrection of Christ on the third day after his crucifixion. Mantegna is known for his profound interest in ancient Roman civilization; in this painting (left), it comes through with the porphyry sarcophagus.



4 Portrait of the Venetian painter Giovanni Bellini

This portrait of Giovanni Bellini, official painter for the Venetian Republic, is an early work (1511–12) by the Venetian artist Tiziano Vecellio (better known as Titian).



5 The Judgement of Solomon

This painting by Rubens depicts the inspiring story from the Old Testament, where the wisdom of King Solomon is tested. The interplay of colours is an important part of the drama. Though created by Rubens, much of the brushwork was done by assistants.

6 Boys Bathing in Skagen, Summer Evening

This intriguing painting (left) by Peder S. Krøyer (see p35) shows three little boys playing on the beach in the moonlight. It was submitted to the World Exhibition held in Paris in 1900.



Key

- Ground floor
- First floor
- Second floor

7 Portrait of Madame Matisse

Also known as *The Green Stripe*, this painting by Henri Matisse of his wife was to have far-reaching repercussions in the art world. It was one of several radical paintings in the 1905 *Salon d'Automne* and helped give rise to the Fauvist movement known for its bright colours and spontaneous style.

8 Alice

One of over 300 portraits by Amedeo Modigliani painted between 1915 and 1920, this beautiful painting reflects the artist's interest in African sculpture. He has made use of simple shapes and stylised features to create an idealised portrait.

9 The Wheel of Life

Belonging to the *Suite of Seasons* series, this painting (1953) by Asger Jorn (see p35) represents the month of January. Alluding to the medieval concept of "the wheel of life", Jorn, who was suffering from tuberculosis, was inspired to paint this in the hope for better health.

10 The Earth Weeps

This powerful painting (1981) by award-winning Danish painter, Svend Wiig Hansen, reflects the artist's early life amidst widespread violence, fear and misery, especially during the Spanish Civil War and World War II. The theme of violence is a constant feature in most of his work.

Museum Guide

Situated within the public park of Østre Anlæg, visitors can enter the museum from the corner of Sølgade and Øster Voldgade. Buy tickets in the lobby, which is flanked by temporary exhibitions and a bookshop. The ground floor is taken up by Sculpture Street, with international art in the new extension on the first floor. The old main building houses modern Danish art.

10 Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek

This marvellous glyptotek (which means "a collection of statues") is set inside two 19th-century buildings linked by a charming Winter Garden and a modern wing designed by architect Henning Larsen. It holds the world-class collections of Carl Jacobsen (see p84) and his son Helge, as well as some recent additions. Exhibits range from ancient Greek, Roman and Egyptian statuary, to early 19th- and 20th-century Danish and French paintings. The roof terrace affords great views of the roller coaster at Tivoli.



Dahlerup building façade

Guided tours in English and Danish are held in the summer at 2pm on Wednesdays. Free tickets can be picked up at the museum shop; no advance booking.

The Winter Garden has a pleasant café, which isn't too expensive. Otherwise, you can picnic discreetly on roof terrace of the new wing.

- Map H6
- Dantes Plads 7
- 33 41 81 41
- Open 10am–4pm Tue–Sun
- Adm for adults 50kr, free on Sun, under 18 years free; Copenhagen Card accepted (see p111)
- info@glyptoteket.dk
- www.glyptoteket.dk

Top 10 Features

- 1 The Mediterranean Collection
- 2 The Greek Collection
- 3 The Roman Collection
- 4 The Egyptian Collection
- 5 The Danish Painting Collection
- 6 The French Impressionists
- 7 The Post-Impressionists
- 8 19th-century Danish Sculpture
- 9 19th-century French Sculpture
- 10 The Winter Garden



2 The Greek Collection

The collection (left) has works of art from the 9th–1st centuries BC. A highlight is one of the earliest Attic healing-god reliefs (around 420 BC), which depicts a daughter of Hygieia, god of healing, promising health to Athenians during a plague. There is also a rare and beautiful marble portrait bust of Alexander the Great.

3 The Roman Collection

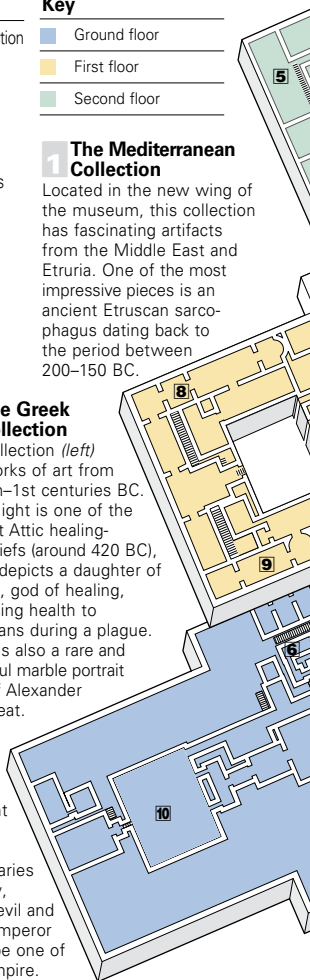
There are some excellent busts of Rome's public figures in this collection, including those of luminaries such as General Pompey, Emperor Augustus, the evil and depraved Caligula and Emperor Hadrian, considered to be one of the best rulers of the empire.

Key

- Ground floor
- First floor
- Second floor

1 The Mediterranean Collection

Located in the new wing of the museum, this collection has fascinating artifacts from the Middle East and Etruria. One of the most impressive pieces is an ancient Etruscan sarcophagus dating back to the period between 200–150 BC.



**4 The Egyptian Collection**

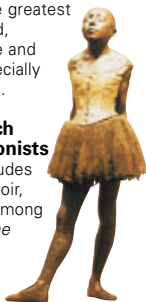
Much of this collection is displayed in fabulous underground chambers into which you descend, as if in a mummy's tomb. There are also some huge sculptures (*left*), like that of the god Ptah (1290–1224 BC). The oldest piece is a small, 3,000-year old hippo.

5 The Danish Painting Collection

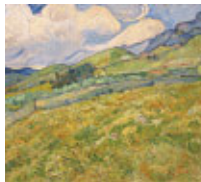
Here you will find great works of art from Denmark's Golden Age (1800–50), a period when art and culture blossomed despite political and economic strife. The greatest artists of the period, Eckersberg, Købke and Lundbye are especially well represented.

6 The French Impressionists

This collection includes paintings by Manet, Renoir, Sisley, Monet and Pissarro, among a host of other artists. The *Absinthe Drinker* by Manet is a particular highlight, as is the remarkable Degas bronze ballerina (*right*).

**7 The Post-Impressionists**

This fascinating collection includes early works of reputed artists like Van Gogh (*right*), Cézanne, Matisse, Bonnard, Vuillard, Dufy and Lautrec.

**8 19th-century Danish Sculpture**

Includes works by Denmark's Neo-Classical sculptors, like Villhelm Bissen and Jens Jerichau. Bissen's *Danaïd* (1880), epitomises Neo-Classical style.

**9 19th-century French Sculpture**

This stunning collection features the biggest names in French sculpture, including Rodin, Barye, Maillol, Carpeaux, Dubois and Falguière.

10 The Winter Garden

This glass-domed garden is a great place to relax amid statues. *The Water Mother* (1921) was carved in situ by Danish sculptor Kai Nielsen.

Museum Guide

Enter the museum from HC Andersens Boulevard. Buy tickets downstairs and walk straight ahead to the Winter Garden. On the right is the entrance to the Larsen building and the French Impressionist collection. Walk through the Winter Garden and up a few steps to the grand Central Hall to find the collection of Greek, Roman and Egyptian antiquities, and 19th-century Danish and French art, which continues on the second floor as well.



Top 10 Nationalmuseet

The National Museum presents the history and culture of the Danes from prehistoric times to the present. It also houses a wonderful collection of Greek and Egyptian antiquities, an ethnographic collection and is also the keeper of the Royal Collection of Coins and Medals. Many of the displays derive from King Frederik III's Royal Cabinet of Curiosities put together around 1650. The state collection has had several homes and is currently housed in the Prince's Palace at Frederiksholms Kanal, where it has been since the 1850s.



The museum atrium

- 🕒 The museum's pre-historic collection is closed till May 2008.

The Victorian Home, a plush apartment with authentic 19th-century interiors, owned by the museum, is also located nearby.

- ☕ Visit the museum café on the second floor, or go to Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek (see pp24–5), for lunch in the Winter Garden.

- Map J5
- Ny Vestergade 10
- 33 13 44 11
- Open 10am–5pm Tue–Sun
- Free guided tours in English, Jun 11am Sun; Jul–Sep 11am every Tue, Thu and Sun
- Call for details of activities in the Children's Museum
- Tour of Victorian Home: Jun–Sep 11am Sun, sign up 10am; adm for adults 50kr, concession holders 40kr, under-18 years free
- www.natmus.dk

Top 10 Features

- 1 The Sun Chariot
- 2 Oak Burial Coffins
- 3 Gundestrup Cauldron
- 4 State Rooms
- 5 Inuit Culture
- 6 China, Japan and the Far East
- 7 George and the Dragon
- 8 Room 117
- 9 Cylinder Perspective Table
- 10 Denmark's Oldest Coin

Key

- Ground floor
- First floor
- Second floor
- Third floor

1 The Sun Chariot

The unique Sun Chariot or *Solvognen* (right), a masterpiece of casting, was dug up in 1902 by a farmer ploughing his field. This 3,400-year-old artifact from the Bronze Age shows a horse on wheels pulling a large sun disk, gilded only on one side to represent its daytime trajectory.



2 Oak Burial Coffins

Seven oak, Bronze-Age coffins, dating back to 1,400 BC, occupy space on the ground floor. The Egved grave, holding the body of a well-preserved, fully-clad young woman is an extraordinary exhibit.

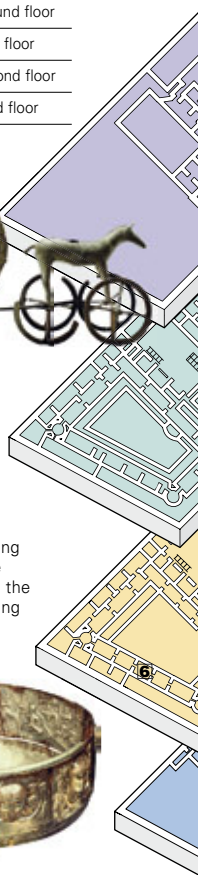
3 Gundestrup Cauldron

Found near Gundestrup, this silver cauldron (right) from the Iron Age, is decorated with animals and mystical figures.



4 State Rooms

The State Rooms date back to the time when this building was a royal palace. They are virtually intact from the period 1743–44; the Great Hall is adorned with the original Flemish tapestries to this day.



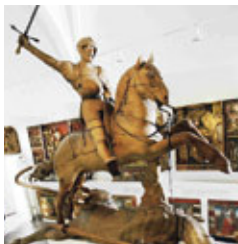


5 Inuit Culture
This collection (left) from Greenland showcases the astonishing skill and creative ingenuity from the frozen North. The displays include clothing like embroidered anoraks and boots, assorted toys and water-colours of daily life.

6 China, Japan and the Far East
The Far East is well represented in this marvellous collection that includes Japanese laquerwork, fabulously-costumed Samurai warriors, replete with weaponry and beautiful 18th-century Imperial Dragon robes, worn by the Chinese emperor.

7 George and the Dragon

This massive wooden sculpture of St George (right), patron saint of knights, was carved for a church in Schleswig and towers above on a 3-m (10-ft) plinth. Legend has it that in AD 300, he saved a village in Asia Minor from a dragon.



8 Room 117

This 18th-century bourgeois interior can be traced to the town of Aalborg in Jutland. A wood-panelled room in a sea of glass-display galleries, it features a heavy wooden four-poster bed, chest, coffered wooden ceiling and mullioned windows.

9 Cylinder Perspective Table

In Room 126, this table is a part of Frederik III's Royal Cabinet of Curiosities. The table top shows him and his wife, Sophie Amalie, painted ingeniously in a distorted perspective: it gets rectified when viewed in the reflective surface of a cylinder at the centre of the table.

10 Denmark's Oldest Coin

The name of Denmark and an image of a Danish king were first depicted on this small silver coin (left) – found in Room 144 – that was struck in AD 995.



Museum Guide

Fronted by a courtyard, the museum's entrance hall has lavatories and lockers. You can pick up a map and information in the atrium straight ahead. The museum shop, also located here, sells some interesting books and educational toys with a Viking twist. The Children's Museum is to your left. If you are time-bound, opt for the one-hour themed itineraries. The prehistoric collection is on the ground floor, while the first floor holds a range of collections, including one on ethnography. The second floor includes a history of Denmark collection. The antiquities are found on the third floor.




10 Slotsholmen

The small fishing village of Copenhagen was founded on the island of Slotsholmen in the 11th century. Bishop Absalon, the king's friend and supporter, built a castle here in 1167. Two centuries later, the castle was destroyed by the Hanseatic League, the European trade alliance that resented Copenhagen's increasing control over trade. Christiansborg Palace, which stands here today, is home to the Danish Parliament, the Jewish Museum and the Palace Church.



The Palace Church

 **Visit the restaurants on Gammel Strand and Højbro Plads.**

- Map J5
- Christiansborg Slot: 33 92 64 92; guided tours to State Rooms May–Sep 11am, 1pm & 3pm daily; Oct–Apr 3pm Tue–Sun; adm; www.ses.dk
- Ruins: open May–Sep 9:30am–3:30pm daily; Jan–Apr 9:30am–3:30pm Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun; adm
- Stable Museum: 33 40 26 77; open 2pm–4pm Sat–Sun; May–Sep 2pm–4pm Fri also; adm
- Det Kongelige Bibliotek: adm; www.kb.dk
- Christiansborg Slotskirke: open 2pm–4pm Sun, 13 & 17 Apr, 1–31 Jul, 14–22 Oct
- Tøjhusmuseet: 33 11 60 37; open noon–4pm Tue–Sun; weeks 7, 8, 42 & Jul 10am–4pm daily; adm; www.thm.dk
- Thorvaldsens Museum Bertel Plads 2; 33 22 15 32; open 10am–5pm Tue–Sun; adm

Top 10 Features

- 1 Christiansborg Slot
- 2 Ruins Under the Palace
- 3 Teatermuseet
- 4 Stable Museum
- 5 Det Kongelige Bibliotek
- 6 Tøjhusmuseet
- 7 Dansk Jødisk Museum
- 8 Christiansborg Palace Church
- 9 Thorvaldsens Museum
- 10 Folketinget

1 Christiansborg Slot

Designed in a Neo-Baroque style in 1907–28 (right), this sturdy construction is built from reinforced concrete and granite-lined façades. It houses the state rooms, the Folketinget (the elected parliament), the Prime Minister's apartment and the High Court. The 106-m (350-ft) high tower is the tallest one in the city.

2 Ruins Under The Palace

These fascinating ruins were discovered during the construction of the present palace. You can see parts of Bishop Absalon's castle (see p65) and the second castle that stood here until the 18th century. You will also find interesting details of the routine of daily life, such as a baker's oven, latrine chutes and hollow tree trunks used as underground pipes.



3 Teatermuseet

This delightful royal theatre is a part of Christian VI's Palace that escaped the fire of 1794 (see p35). You can walk around the entire theatre, including the stage. The atmosphere is enhanced by classical music, mannequins in court dresses and subtle lighting.



4 Stable Museum

The stables (below) of Christian VI's Palace also survived the fire of 1794. The queen's horses are still kept here amid splendid marble walls, columns and mangers. There is also a collection of royal coaches and riding gear.



5 Det Kongelige Bibliotek

The Royal Library (*right*) holds all the books ever published in Denmark (4.5 million) – the biggest collection in Northern Europe. It is a great place to check out original texts by Danish authors.



9 Thorvaldsens Museum

This orange-walled museum is home to almost all of Bertel Thorvaldsen's works and some of his personal belongings. In the entrance hall are the original plaster casts of some of his most famous pieces. In 1848, his tomb was moved to the museum's courtyard.

10 Folketinget

Formerly one of two elected chambers, this became Denmark's sole parliamentary body in 1953. You can attend the parliamentary debates at the public gallery of the main chamber, where its 179 elected members have a seat. At the right side in the front of the hall is the rostrum, from where members make their speeches during debates. However, during Question Time, they speak from their seats.

Castle Island

Several castles have stood on this site through the centuries. The first one was built in 1167 by Bishop Absalon. A second castle, occupied by the king, Eric of Pomerania, was built in 1417. When the building was beginning to fall apart, it was demolished in 1731 by Christian VI. In its place, he built a Baroque palace he considered suitable for an Absolute Monarch. It was completed in 1745, but was destroyed in the fire of 1794. Another castle was built in 1803–28, but also burned down in 1884. Finally, the present castle was built in 1907–28.

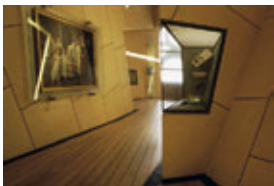
6 Tøjhusmuseet

Housed in the arsenal built by Christian IV in 1604–08, the Royal Defense Museum is filled with artillery guns. The Armoury Hall on the first floor has 7,000 hand weapons, some from the 1300s.



7 Dansk Jødisk Museum

Opened in 2004, this museum (*below*) has a striking modern interior, designed by architect Daniel Libeskind. This small building brilliantly depicts the lives and culture of the Jewish population in Denmark.



8 Christiansborg Slotsskirke

Standing on the site of the first palace church destroyed in the infamous fire of 1794 (*see p35*), this Neo-Classical church with warm, yellow walls was built in 1813–26. However, a fire broke out in 1992 and destroyed its roof, dome and even parts of the interior. A service is held here every October for the opening of Parliament.



For full details and opening times for Teatermuseet and the Dansk Jødisk Museum, see pp34–5.







Detail from a painting showing the destruction of the Danish navy, 1801

TOP 10 Moments in History

1 The Founding of Copenhagen

Copenhagen was founded around AD 1000 on the island of Slotsholmen (*see pp28–9*) by Sweyn I Forkbeard, son of Harald Bluetooth. Forkbeard was the first Danish king to strike coins with his image upon them. He subjugated Denmark, Norway and England, which he ruled for five weeks before his death in 1014.

2 The Growth of Trade

Given by Valdemar I to his adviser, Bishop Absalon, in the 1160s, the fishing village of Havn (harbour) prospered greatly from the shoals of herring that appeared in its waters. A castle was built here as protection against raiders. The prosperity of Havn became a threat to the Hanseatic league, an alliance of trading guilds that monopolized trade in Northern Europe. They repeatedly attacked the castle, finally destroying it in 1367.

3 Copenhagen, Capital of Denmark

King Erik VII took up residence in the second castle in 1416 and by this time Havn, now Kjøbmandshavn (Merchants' Harbour), was a major economic centre. It was proclaimed as the capital of Denmark in 1443.



Søren Kierkegaard

4 Civil War and the Reformation

Between 1534 and 1536, the Protestant king, Christian III successfully withstood an uprising against him in favour of his Catholic cousin, Christian II. Christian III brought about the Reformation in Denmark.

5 Absolute Monarchy

In 1660, Frederik III introduced Absolute Monarchy, enhancing the powers of the middle classes. Frederik VII later abolished it in favour of an elected Parliament.

6 Wars with Sweden

Sharing the Sound meant the Swedes and Danes were in constant dispute. In the winter of 1657, the Swedes crossed the frozen Sound on foot, attacking Copenhagen. The ensuing Treaty of Roskilde saw Denmark cede its Swedish territories.



Bombardment of Copenhagen, 1807



Ceremony introducing Absolute Monarchy

7 The Great Plague

Between June 1711 and March 1712, Copenhagen was hit by bubonic plague, wiping out 20,000 of its 60,000 inhabitants. It is said to have been brought in by ships from Sweden or East Prussia, carrying infected vermin.

8 The Fire of 1728

In the month of October, within four days, the greatest fire in Copenhagen's history wiped out almost all of northern Copenhagen. It began early in the morning at Vester Kvarter 146 – now roughly at the top of Strøget. Five churches, the university library, and 1,600 houses were destroyed.

9 The Battles of Copenhagen

Early in the 19th century, the city suffered more lasting damage when the British attacked in 1801, destroying the Danish navy, and again in 1807 to discourage the Danes from supporting France in the Napoleonic wars.

10 Rescue of the Danish Jews

The Nazis occupied Denmark during World War II from 1940–45. In 1943, when the Jews were ordered to be deported to Germany, a collective of Danes and Swedes secretly evacuated by sea nearly the entire Jewish population to Sweden. As a result, most Danish Jews survived the war.

Top 10 Historical Figures

1 Harald Bluetooth (911–987)

He converted Denmark to Christianity.

2 King Cnut (994/5–1035)

Ruled England, Norway and Denmark for 20 years and famously failed to hold back the waves.

3 Bishop Absalon (1128–1201)

A warrior bishop, he built the first castle on Slotsholmen.

4 Christian IV (1577–1648)

He promoted shipping and trade and built the Rundetårn and Rosenborg Palace.

5 Tycho Brahe (1546–1601)

Brahe's astronomical tables were used to plot the rules of planetary motion.

6 Vitus Jonasson Bering (1681–1741)

A Danish explorer who discovered the Bering Strait, Sea, Island and Land Bridge.

7 Hans Christian Ørsted (1777–1851)

Danish physicist who discovered electromagnetism.

8 Søren Kierkegaard (1813–55)

A Danish philosopher, who first put forward the theory of "existentialism".

9 Knud Rasmussen (1879–1933)

He was the first man to cross the Northwest Passage by dogsled.

10 Niels Bohr (1885–1962)

A Nobel prize-winner (1922), he contributed vastly to the understanding of quantum mechanics.

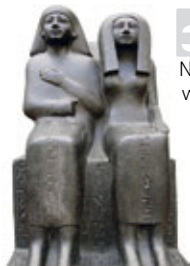


Left **Teatermuseum** Centre **Kunstinstituttet** Right **Thorvaldsens Museum**

TOP 10 Museums and Galleries

1 Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek

The museum houses a fabulous collection of antiquities from Egypt, Greece, Rome and the Mediterranean coast. You will also find an impressive collection of 19th- and early 20th-century Danish and French fine arts, including Impressionist and Post-Impressionist collections (*see pp24–5*).



Egyptian statues at Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek

2 Nationalmuseet

This is Denmark's largest museum of cultural history. Here you can explore the history of the Danes right up to the present day. Artifacts range from Iron Age burials and Renaissance interiors to African masks and houses on stilts. Check out the museum's spectacular ethnographic collection including the world's oldest painting by South American Indians (*see pp26–7*).



Viking culture at the Nationalmuseet

3 Statens Museum for Kunst

Nestled in a pretty park with lakes and grassy slopes, the National Gallery displays a large collection of international art, including works by Great Masters like Dürer and Titian and by modern icons like Picasso and Matisse. It also showcases brilliant Danish

collections that include work from the Skagen and modern schools (*see pp22–3*).

4 Dansk Jødisk Museum

The Danish Jewish Museum tells the story of Denmark's Jewish community since the arrival of the first families in the 17th century. Designed by architect Daniel Libeskind, the interlocking interior symbolises Danish-Jewish good relations, its apogee the rescue of 7,000 Jews from Nazis. 📍 *Map K5 • Proviantpassagen 6 • 33 11 22 18 • Open Sep–May 1pm–4pm Tue–Fri, noon–5pm Sat–Sun; Jun–Aug 10am–5pm Tue–Sun • Adm for adults • www.jewmus.dk*

5 Davids Samling

Set inside a 19th-century town house, the museum holds the collections of Christian Ludwig David (1878–1960), a Danish barrister. It includes fabulous furniture from the 18th–20th centuries and ancient Islamic ornamental art (*see p76*).

6 Teatermuseet

On display are sections including the stage, the auditorium and dressing rooms of the 18th-century Royal Theatre (see p19) that survived the fire of 1794. Map J5 • Christiansborg Ridebane 1 • 33 11 51 76 • Open 11am–3pm Tue & Thu, 11am–5pm Wed, 1pm–4pm Sat–Sun • Adm for adults • www.teatermuseet.dk

7 Frihedsmuseet

The Danish Resistance Museum is part of the national collection. It takes you through a fascinating exploration of Danish life during the Nazi occupation from 1940–45 (see p77).

8 Kunstindustrimuseet

One half of the Danish Museum of Decorative Art holds a collection of Chinese and Japanese artifacts, as well as European medieval and Rococo arts. The other half is dedicated to cutting-edge Danish 20th- and 21st-century design. English labelling is limited. (see p77).

9 Thorvaldsens Museum

Opened in 1848, this museum pays homage to the Neo-Classical sculptor, Bertel Thorvaldsen. It includes most of his works, as well as some private belongings. You can also visit his grave, transferred here from Vor Frue Kirke in 1848, four years after his demise (see p28).

10 Den Hirschsprungske Samling

Housed in a villa, across the lake from the Statens Museum for Kunst, it features a collection of late 19th- and early 20th-century Danish art – notably the Skagen school, Denmark's equally appealing answer to the Impressionists (see p75).

Top 10 Danish Artists

1 Bertel Thorvaldsen (1770–1844)

Son of an Icelandic wood carver, he became Denmark's most famous sculptor.

2 Christoffer Eckersberg (1783–1853)

Laid the foundations for the “Golden Age of Painting” in Denmark (1800–1850).

3 Michael Ancher (1849–1927)

One of the best-known artists in Denmark and the unofficial head of the Skagen group.

4 Peder Severin Krøyer (1851–1909)

His work is inspired by the lives of the fishermen of Skagen.

5 Anna Ancher (1859–1935)

A Skagen artist and wife of Michael Ancher. Her work is typified by picturesque, intimate scenes of family life.

6 Vilhelm Hammershøi (1864–1916)

Known for his paintings of interiors, done in muted colours.

7 Henry Heerup (1907–1993)

Joined the CoBrA group in 1949. His work is fantastical and sometimes humorous with a touch of melancholy.

8 Richard Mortensen (1910–1993)

The first Danish artist to turn to abstraction. Also known for his perfect technical finish.

9 Carl-Henning Pedersen (1913–2007)

An expressionist surrealist and one of the most influential artists of the CoBrA group.

10 Asger Jorn (1914–73)

Founder of CoBrA, an important art group to emerge after World War II.





Left **Rosenborg Slot** Centre **Den Sorte Diamant** Right **Christiansborg Slot**

Top 10 Historic Buildings

1 Rosenberg Slot
This lovely, turreted Renaissance castle was built by Christian IV. Now a royal museum, its collections and interior provide a vivid picture of the monarchy over the centuries. The crown jewels are on display in the basement (see pp14–15).

2 Christiansborg Slot

This Neo-Baroque palace, built in the early 20th century, is the seat of the government and the fourth palace on the site. Visit the 11th–14th-century ruins of the first two castles built here, the 18th-century theatre and stables and the state rooms (see p28).

3 Rundetårn
This curious tower-like building, built by Christian IV, affords a wonderful view over the old town. It also has a gallery that holds innovative, changing exhibitions (see p16).

4 Børsen
The stock exchange is remarkable for its tower with a striking spire designed to look like four entwined dragons' tails. The three crowns at the top of the building represent the kingdoms of Denmark, Sweden and Norway. 📍 Map K5 • Børsegade
• Not open to the public



Chapel Portal
at Frederiksborg Slot

5 Frederiksborg Slot
This beautiful, grand Renaissance castle is a short train ride away from Copenhagen. Christian IV was living here when he fell seriously ill and demanded to be taken to his favourite palace, Rosenberg, for his last few days. Don't miss the castle's ornate chapel (see p98).

6 Regensen
Built by Christian IV in the 17th century as a student hostel, Regensen still retains that function today. Unfortunately, most of the building was burnt down in the city fire of 1728 (see p33), but so vital was it to the life of the university that it was rebuilt in the same year (see p17).

7 SAS Radisson Royal Hotel
A 1960s icon or a horrible tower block? Designed by architect Arne Jacobsen (see p39), this hotel underwent a makeover in the 1980s; the original interior was retained only in Room 606. If it is unoccupied and you ask nicely, they might let you have a look at the room. The foyer has a 1960s retro cool look and includes Jacobsen's interesting Swan and Egg chairs. You can enjoy excellent views of the city from the restaurant (see also p83).

8 Holmen's Kirke

The only Renaissance church in Copenhagen, it was originally built as a sailors' forge in 1562–63 and converted into a naval church by Christian IV in 1619. The strangely exotic font is the work of a local 17th-century blacksmith. The metal fence shows golden elephants carrying black castles on their backs, a depiction of the royal Danish elephant. *Map K5 • Holmens Kanal • 33 13 61 78 • Open 9am–2pm Mon–Fri, 9am–noon Sat*

9 Den Sorte Diamant

The Black Diamond, a modern extension of the Royal Library, was built by architects Schmidt, Hammer and Lassen. It has the National Museum of Photography, the Queen's Hall concert space and an exhibition area. The shiny tiled exterior is highly reflective and a favourite photo opportunity for the boat trippers floating past (*see p8*).

10 Operaen

Opened in January 2005, the Opera House stands on the banks of the Holmen, formerly Copenhagen's naval dockyard. The auditorium is a masterpiece of acoustic design, from the velour seats that do not absorb sound, to the distance between the front of the stage and the back wall, which allows for the perfect time to achieve greater clarity for opera. Over 100,000 pieces of 23.75 carat gold leaves make up the ceiling (*see p8*).



Operaen

Top 10 Statues

1 Little Mermaid

The city's icon, inspired by the fairy tale. *Langelinie, top end of Kastellet*

2 Gefionspringvandet

Statue depicting the fable of goddess Gefion and the king of Denmark. *Langelinie, by St Alban's Church*

3 Fiskerkone

The Fishwife was created in 1940 and installed at the spot where fish have been sold since the medieval times. *Gammel Strand*

4 Lurblæserne

It is said that the Hornblowers will sound the Viking horns whenever a virgin passes by – no one has heard a peep out of them yet. *Rådhuspladsen*

5 Frederik V

Sculptor Jacques Saly took 20 years to finish this statue. Unveiled in 1771, it merited a 27-gun salute. *Amalienborg Slotsplads*

6 Christian V

Shows the king dressed as a Roman emperor riding over a fallen figure. *Kongens Nytorv*

7 Hans Christian Andersen

Famous sculpture by Henry Lukow-Nielsen. *Corner of Rådhus, HC Andersen Boulevard*

8 Hans Christian Andersen

Includes scenes from his fairy tales. *Kongens Have*

9 Caritasspringvandet

One of the oldest statues in Copenhagen dating back to 1608. *Gammel Torv*

10 The Elephant Gateway

Big, splendid elephants at the Carlsberg Brewery gateway. *Gammel Carlsberg Vej 11*



At the end of university exams in the Spring, it is traditional for Copenhagen's students to dance around the statue of Christian V.



Left Vor Frue Kirke Centre Hotel d'Angleterre Right Nyhavn

TOP 10 Hans Christian Andersen Sights

1 Det Kongelige Teater

Hans Christian Andersen arrived in Copenhagen on 6 September 1819 as a starstruck 14-year-old. It was "my second birthday," he recounts in his biography, *The Fairytale of My Life*. Determined to become an actor, he went straight to the Royal Theatre in search of a job. Although occasionally employed as an actor, his acting talent never quite matched his skill as a writer (see p18).

2 Bakkehusmuseet

The Bakkehus (House on the Hill) was the home of prominent literary patron Knud Rahbek and his wife Kampha Lyhne Rahbek from 1802–1830. Andersen met the couple in the early 1820s and their home soon became a meeting place for poets and authors. The museum retains a homely atmosphere and recreates the Golden Age of creativity. It also includes mementos that belonged to Andersen (see pp84–5).

3 Vingårdsstræde 6

Andersen lived here for a year in 1827 in a spartan garret room (then No 132), preparing for his university exams. This is where he wrote the sad poem, *The Student*. The museum's entrance is on the third floor of the Magasin du Nord (see p19).

4 Nyhavn Nos 20, 67 and 18

Andersen lived in lodgings in Nyhavn for much of his life, including at Nyhavn 280 (now No 20) in 1834, No 67 in 1848 and No 18 (a private hotel) in 1871. He lived here until 1875, when he fell terminally ill and moved in with the Melchior, who nursed him in their own home (see p18).

5 Magasin du Nord

In 1838, Andersen moved into Hotel du Nord, now the department store Magasin du Nord. Here he rented two rooms in the attic, one of which overlooked the Royal Theatre. Mini's Café (now Café à Porta) was next door and became a regular haunt for the writer (see p18).

6 Rundetårn

The exhibition space here was once the university library where Andersen spent many hours. His first fairytale, *The Tinderbox* (1835), talks of a dog with eyes "as big as a tower" guarding a



Department store, Magasin (once Hotel) du Nord





Rundetårn's cobbled spiral ramp

treasure. Scholars believe this refers to the Rundetårn, which was built as an observatory – a literal eye to the sky (see p16).

7 Hotel d'Angleterre
Andersen stayed here in November 1860, when he occupied two rooms at the corner of Kongens Nytorv and Østergade (Strøget), close to the Royal Theatre; between August 1869 and March 1870; and finally, during April–May 1871 (see p112).

8 Lille Kongensgade 1
In October 1866, Andersen took a suite of rooms on the third floor, rented out by a photographer, Thora Hallager. Here, he bought furniture for the first time in his life (at the age of 61), as this was an unfurnished apartment. Map K4

9 Vor Frue Kirke
Andersen died on 4 August 1875 of liver cancer. His funeral, a national event attended by the king and crown prince, was held at Vor Frue Kirke in the Old Town (see p17).

10 Assistens Kirkegård
This is the cemetery where Andersen's body was interred in Nørrebro. The stone is inscribed with inspirational lines from his poem "Oldingen" or "The Old Man" (1874) (see p75).

Top 10 Cultural Figures

1 August Bournonville (1805–1879)

Choreographer and ballet master who created many works for the Danish ballet.

2 Carl Nielsen (1865–1931)

Composer, violinist and pianist. Best known for his symphonies and the operas *Saul og David* and *Maskerade*.

3 Karen Blixen (1885–1962)

Her famous novel, *Out of Africa* (1937), was published under the pen name Isak Dinesen.

4 Poul Henningsen (1894–1967)

Architect, author and anti-traditionalist. Best known for his PH lamps (see p47).

5 Arne Jacobsen (1902–1971)

Architect and designer who defined the concept of Danish design – fluid and practical.

6 Lars von Trier (1956–)

Film director famous for the Dogme95 Collective and his technique of cinematic minimalism.

7 Peter Høeg (1957–)

Gained international acclaim for his story *Miss Smilla's Feeling for Snow* (1992).

8 Viggo Mortensen (1958–)

Popular as Aragorn in *The Lord of the Rings* films.

9 Helena Christensen (1968–)

Miss Denmark (1986) and a Super Model of the 1990s.

10 Thomas Vinterberg (1969–)

Screenwriter, director and co-founder of Dogme95.



Left **Christians Kirke** Right **Marmorkirken** Right **Sankt Petri Kirke**

Top 10 Churches

1 Helligåndskirken
Dating back to the 12th century, these are among the oldest architectural remains in Copenhagen. Only Helligåndshuset (now used for markets and exhibitions), Christian IV's Baroque portal and Griffenfeld's Chapel survive. Much of the original church burnt down in the fire of 1728. The church reopened after reconstruction in 1732 (*see p16*).

2 Christians Kirke
This church was built in the Rococo style in 1755–59 by Nicolai Eigtved, Frederik V's master architect. It is starkly different from most Danish churches: instead of the congregation sitting only in pews in the nave, the church has a second gallery level (like that of a theatre) where all the important worshippers are seated (*see p89*).

3 Vor Frelzers Kirke
This splendid Baroque church was built in 1682–96 at the behest of Christian V. The king's royal insignia can be seen at various places in the church, including on the organ case that is supported by elephants, the symbol of Denmark's prestigious Order of the Elephant. The spire is 90 m (295 ft) high, and the tower affords a magnificent view of the city. The interior of the church is bright and well-lit, thanks to the white walls and tall windows (*see p89*).

4 Trinitatis Kirke
Standing next door to the Rundetårn is the Trinitatis Kirke. Commissioned by Christian IV in 1637, this lovely church was completed in the reign of Frederik III in 1656. The present interior dates back to 1731, as the original was burnt in the fire of 1728. It includes boxed pews with seashell carvings, a gilded altarpiece, a Baroque dark wood pulpit and a fabulous gold and silver coloured organ (*see p16*).

5 Vor Frue Kirke
Also known as St Mary's Cathedral, the church has been on this site in different forms since the 12th century and has played host to royal and national events over the years. The church has a 19th-century façade and a bright interior dominated by statues of Christ and his Apostles (*see p16*).

**Holmens Kirke**

6 Sankt Petri Kirke

This is the city's oldest church. Unlike most medieval buildings, it survived the fire of 1728. Its tower, nave and choir date back to the 15th century. The north and south transepts were added in 1634 (see p16).

7 Holmens Kirke

Originally built in 1562 as a naval forge, it was converted into a church in 1619. The Baroque altarpiece is fantastically ornate, and the pulpit is the tallest in Denmark (see p37).

8 Marmorkirken

This circular church has an imposing presence. The dome's interior is covered with paintings of the 12 Apostles and light floods in from 12 skylights. Originally designed by Nicolai Eigtved in 1740, work on the building was suspended in 1770 due to increasing expenses and began again after nearly 150 years, financed by Carl Frederik

Tietgen and redesigned by Ferdinand Meldahl. It was finally inaugurated on 19 August 1894 (see p20).



Grundtvigs Kirke

9 Grundtvigs Kirke

This suburban parish church was built in the 1920s–30s by PV Jensen Klint and his son. It has yellow-brick walls and an impressive modern Gothic appearance. To visit take the train to Emdrup. ☎ På Bjerget 14B, Bispebjerg • 35 81 54 42 • Open 9am–4pm

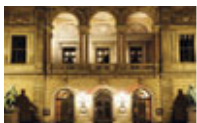
Mon–Wed, Fri & Sat; 9am–6pm Thu;
May–Sep 12pm–4pm Sun; Oct–Apr
12pm–1pm Sun.

10 Christiansborg Slotskirke

The original 18th-century Rococo creation was destroyed in the palace fire of 1794 and was rebuilt in a Neo-Classical style with a central dome. Inaugurated on Whit Sunday in 1826 to mark the 1,000th anniversary of Christianity in Denmark, it succumbed to another fire in 1992, but has now been rebuilt (see p28).



Further afield, don't miss Roskilde's Gothic brick cathedral which doubles as a mausoleum for the Danish Royal Family, see p100.

Left **Det Kongelige Teater** Right **Copenhagen Jazz House**

Top 10 Performing Art and Music Venues

**Operaen**

1 Operaen
Famed for its acoustics, the Opera House attracts a variety of international productions. You can enjoy a good view of the stage from any seat and all the seats are relatively cheap due to government subsidy (*see p8*).

2 Det Kongelige Teater
This is a great destination for a night of entertainment. World-class performances of ballet and drama are held at the old stage or the Stærekøssen which is next door to the main theatre building (*see p18*).

3 Copenhagen Jazz House
Here you can enjoy all kinds of modern jazz – from classic and vocal to electronic, Neo-Bebop and Latin rhythms. There is a bar and a large dance floor as well. Keep an eye out for celebrities. 📍 *Map J4 • Niels Hemmingsensgade 10 • 33 93 26 16*
• www.jazzhouse.dk

4 Mojo Bluesbar
Smoky, small, dark and intimate, this bar is known for its laidback blues and live jazz performances. There won't be any distracting gimmicks or performance technology on display here. It is very popular, so book ahead. 📍 *Map H5*

• *Løngangstræde 21C • 33 11 64 53;*
Booking: 23 44 97 77 • www.mojo.dk

5 Wallmans Saloner
This circular former circus building (1884) is now a glamorous venue offering old-fashioned "dinner, show and dancing". There is surround-entertainment on seven stages while resting members of the cast serve you a good dinner. After the show, it turns into a nightclub. 📍 *Map G5 • Cirkusbygningen, Jernbanegade 8 • 33 16 37 00*
• www.wallmans.dk

6 Tivoli Koncertsal
The Tivoli Concert Hall is the city's largest music venue, with a capacity of 1,900. It stages over 100 operas, ballets, rock and jazz concerts during the Tivoli season (*see p11*).

**Mojo Bluesbar**



Tivoli Koncertsal

7 Det Ny Teater

This early 20th-century theatre hosts popular international musicals, such as *Phantom of the Opera* and *The Producers*.

📍 *Map C5* • Gammel Kongevej 29
• 33 25 50 75 • www.detnyteater.dk

8 Koncerthuset

Designed by architect Jean Nouvel, this concert hall is shaped like a meteorite, inspired by the Danish novel *Miss Smilla's Feeling for Snow*. It is due to open in Spring 2008 as part of the new development area in Ørestad. 📍 *Emil Holms Kanal 20* • 35 20 30 30 • www.dr.dk/koncerthuset/english_summary

9 Parken

This football stadium held its first indoor concert in 2001 with the Eurovision Song Concert. Famous bands like U2, Metallica and The Black Eyed Peas have performed here since. 📍 *Map D2*

10 Løppen

This is the best indie rock venue in town. Bands like Franz Ferdinand, Interpol and Antony & the Johnsons performed here long before they hit the big time. 📍 *Map M5* • Bådsmandsstræde 43, Christianshavn • 32 57 84 22 • Open 9pm-late • www.loppen.dk

Top 10 Jazz Venues and Events

1 Bars and Cafés

Popular places include Dan Turèll (www.danturell.dk), Kaffesalonnen (see p79) and Thorvaldsens Hus (see p67).

2 Pumpehuset

Music venue in the Latin Quarter seating 600.

📍 *Studiestræde 54* • 33 93 19 60 • www.pumpehuset.dk

3 Slotsholmen

Look out for shows at different venues (see pp28-9).

4 Pressen

Formerly a printing press, now a prime venue for the Jazz Festival. 📍 *Politikens Hus, Rådhuspladsen 37*

5 Huset

Specializes in traditional jazz and swing. 📍 *Rådhusstræde 13* • 33 15 20 02

6 Zum Biergarten

Dedicated to a series called Urban Jazz Visits. 📍 *Axeltorv 12* • 33 93 90 94

7 M/S Stubnitz

A 1964 steel ferry hosting concerts and post-concert parties throughout the Jazz Festival. 📍 *Next to Langebro bridge, Christians Brygge 9*

8 Havnescenen

Harbour setting with grilled food and a "jazz on the water" experience. 📍 *Islands Brygge 18* • 32 95 13 94

9 La Fontaine

Among the more grittier venues. Late night jazz Tue-Sat. 📍 *Kompagnistræde 11* • 33 11 60 98

10 Open Air Venues

Check out Tivoli, Kongens Nytorv, Islands Brygge, Kongens Have, Gråbrødre Torv, Blågårds Plads and Israels Plads. 📍 www.jazzfestival.dk





Left **A brunch café at Halmtorvet** Right **Cyclists relaxing at Rosenberg Slot**

Top 10 Outdoor Activities



A harbour trip

1 Bikes

Almost every major road in Copenhagen has a cycle lane and you can hire a bike (*see p106*) for a day or more. In summer, you can hop onto a free City Bike (provided for a refundable fee by the city of Copenhagen across 125 City Bike Parking places) and ride within city limits.

2 Harbour Trips

Harbour trips are a lovely way to see the city. There are two canal tour companies (*see p7*); both begin trips at Nyhavn. You can also tour the city on a harbour bus. If you are carrying a Copenhagen Card (*see p111*), you can change buses using just a single ticket.

3 Outdoor Dining

In the 1990s, Copenhagen witnessed a surge in outdoor dining venues. Now, virtually all cafés and restaurants offer outdoor dining in the summer. Blankets and heaters are provided for when it gets chilly. Nyhavn and Peblinge Dossering offer particularly good views.

4 Flea Markets

There are many outdoor flea markets in the summer, offering everything from furniture and clothing to pseudo-antiques and retro vinyl. ☎ *Frederiksberg Rådhusplads: Map A5; 8am–3pm Sat • Gammel Strand: Map J4; 8am–5pm Fri–Sat • Israel Plads: Map H3; 8am–3pm Sat*

- *Kongens Nytorv: Map K4; 9am–5pm Sat*
- *Nørrebrogade: Map C3; 10am–4pm Sat*

5 Tivoli

At Tivoli, you can wander through the stalls, check out the rides, listen to the Tivoli bands (free rock and pop concerts on Friday nights), or simply relax on a lakeside bench (*see pp10–11*).

6 Lounging by the Reservoirs

Water reservoirs divide the main city from Nørrebro and Østerbro.



Flea market at Gammel Strand




Zoologisk Have

Of these, Skt Jørgens Sø, Peblinge Sø and Sortedam Sø are easily accessible. You can lounge along their grassy banks or enjoy the scenic view from the bridges that cross them.

7 Dyrehaven This deer park (it does still have lots of deer – the rutting season is in the autumn), has been here since the 16th century. It is like an English park or common and features a noisy, enjoyable fun fair. For a bit of excitement, take a pony and trap ride. *Map B2 • Dyrehaven Klampenborg • www.bakken.dk*

8 Kongens Have Attached to Rosenborg Slot, the King's Garden is a great place to sunbathe, play frisbee, cricket, football or have a picnic. In the summer, you can catch a puppet show or a jazz concert (see pp14–15).

9 Assistens Kirkegård This beautiful, meandering churchyard holds the graves of famous Danes like HC Andersen, August Bournonville and Niels Bohr (see p75).

10 Zoologisk Have You will find polar bears, lions, tigers, elephants and other animals in this delightful zoo. There are thematic adventure trails for kids (see p83).

Top 10 Beaches and Pools

1 Havnebadet Popular floating harbour pool with fresh water. *Islands Brygge • 23 71 31 89*

2 Bellevue Full of people playing, sailing or relaxing. Left end is nudist. *Strandvejen 340, 2930 Klampenborg*

3 Fælledparkens Soppesø Huge, child-friendly outdoor pool with an ice-cream kiosk. *Borgmester Jensens Allé 50, Østerbro • 35 39 08 04*

4 Amager Strandpark Luxury beach with a huge lagoon, swimming pool and snack kiosks. *Njalsgade 13, 2300 Copenhagen • 33 66 35 00 • www.amager-strand.dk*

5 Køge Bugt Strandpark Several beautiful beaches along Køge Bay. *Ishøj Store Torv 20, 2635 Ishøj*

6 Bellahøj Friluftsbad The city's largest open-air swimming facility. *Bellahøjvej 1, Brønshøj • 38 60 16 66*

7 Frederiksdal Fribad Gorgeous lakeside beach. *Frederiksdal Badesti 1, Virum • 45 83 81 85*

8 DGI-Byen Includes a "super-ellipse" pool, kids' pool and a spa pool. *Corner of Tietgensgade and Ingerslevsgade*

9 Charlottenlund Beach Good place for sunbathing. *Park Strandvejen 144, Charlottenlund*

10 Frederiksberg Svømmehal Includes a kids' pool, solarium, massage services, steam rooms and wood saunas. *Helgesvej 29, 2000 Frederiksberg • 38 14 04 04*





Left **Girlie Hurley Shop** Centre **Shopping street, Strøget (north)** Right **Shop front, Bredgade**

Top 10 Shopping Districts

1 Strøget

This is Copenhagen's equivalent of London's Oxford Street. The shops, which stretch across five linked pedestrian streets, range from cheerful and inexpensive outlets to designer and upmarket department stores (towards Kongens Nytorv). It has something for everyone, from bargain clothes to exclusive silver, porcelain and glassware of the Royal Scandinavia shops. Strøget is also popular for its street performers (see p66).

2 Off Strøget (North)

Heading up north from Strøget, you will find numerous little boutiques, record stores and secondhand shops. Indulge in some individual shopping at streets like Skindergade, Larsbjørnstræde, Vestergade, Studiestræde and Sankt Peders Stræde. ☹ Map H4-J4



Strøget



Glam clothes shop at Nørrebro

3 Off Strøget (South)

The streets to the south of Strøget are great for "alternative" shopping. Læderstræde and Kompagnistræde are especially good, the latter mostly for its antique shops. ☹ Map J4-J5

4 Kronprinsensgade

This posh shopping area includes many of Scandinavia's top designer brands, such as Stig P and Bruuns Bazaar. Here you will also find Scandinavia's oldest tea shop, AC Perch. ☹ Map J4

5 Nansensgade

Located on the outskirts of the old town, this area has a mix of traditional and trendy boutiques, as well as good restaurants and cafés. ☹ Map G3

6 Nørrebro

This cool and trendy area is filled with secondhand stores and chic boutiques offering street youth fashion. Check out the shops to the east of the Assistens Cemetery around Sankt Hans Torv. ☹ Map D3

7 Vesterbro

This former red light area is now a gritty shopping district offering good bargains. Among the more interesting streets are Istedgade, which is lined with boutiques and art shops and Værnedamsvej, which has several independent fashion stores and gourmet food shops.

📍 Map C5–C6

8 Frederiksberg

Along Gammel Kongevej, Frederiksberg's main thoroughfare, you will find excellent shops catering to affluent tastes with prices to match. 📍 Map B5

9 Fisketorv Shopping Centre

Situated on the waterfront facing the Inner Harbour, this city mall is a few minutes away from the Copencabana harbour pool. It has over 120 shops, several restaurants and a multiplex cinema. 📍 Map J6 • Kalvebod Brygge 59, Vesterbro • 35 37 19 17 • Open 10am–8pm Mon–Fri, 10am–5pm Sat, first Sunday of the month

10 Bredgade

If you are looking for traditional, pre-20th-century antiques, this is the perfect place to visit. Here you will find several grand-looking shops and auction houses that sell all kinds of antiques, including authentic paintings and statues. 📍 Map L3



Kronprinsensgade

Top 10 Danish Design Companies

1 Holmegaard Glass

Danish glass company. Products are hand-blown.
📍 Holmegaard Glasværk, Glasværksvej 54, Fensmark, DK-4684 Holmegaard • 55 54 50 00
• Adm • www.holmegaard.com

2 Cylinda-Line (by Arne Jacobsen)

Popular tableware collection (1967). Combines steel, wood and plastic.

3 Bang & Olufsen

Known for their cutting-edge audio-visual designs.
📍 www.bang-olufsen.com

4 Kaare Klint Furniture

Combines ergonomics with elegant 18th-century English styles.

5 Bodum

Classic and smart kitchenware in steel and glass.
📍 www.bodum.com

6 Lego

These popular building blocks were introduced in 1952. 📍 www.lego.com

7 Pins Stool

A contemporary stool design (2002) by the furniture designer, Hans Sandgren Jacobsen.

8 Flora Danica Porcelain

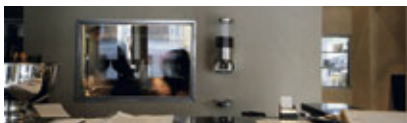
Royal porcelain design featuring floral motifs.
📍 www.royalcopenhagen.com

9 Poul Henningsen Lamps

Famous lamp design, creating the effect of maximum light and minimum shadow.
📍 www.poul-henningsen.com

10 Georg Jensen Silverware

Original, organic tableware designs and casual jewellery.
📍 www.jensensilver.com

Left **Formel B** Right **Le Sommelier**

TOP 10 Restaurants

1 Ensemble
This sophisticated restaurant impresses with its cool, clean lines, minimalist lighting, mushroom-coloured walls and crisp linen-draped tables. The regularly changing fixed price menu with accompanying wines offers six courses of beautifully arranged cuisine. ☎ Map K4
• Tordenskjoldsgade 11 • 33 11 33 52
• Open 6pm–10pm Tue–Sat • www.restaurantensemble.dk • (C)(C)(C)(C)(C)

2 Kommandanten
Set in a 17th-century house, the Kommandanten offers French-inspired cooking that is served in intimate rooms spread over two floors. A fine dining experience is assured. ☎ Map K4 • Ny Adelgade, 7 • 33 12 09 90
• Open 5:30pm–10pm Mon–Sat; closed Bank Holidays, Jul, last week Dec
• Nightclub open Thu (over 21 only)
• www.kommandanten.dk • (C)(C)(C)(C)(C)

3 Kong Hans Kælder
This restaurant has white-washed, underlit arches in Copenhagen's oldest building. Watch the chef in the open kitchen as he cooks up fancy dishes from the à la carte and fixed price menus. ☎ Map K4
• Vingårdsstræde 6 • 33 11 68 68
• Open 6pm–midnight Mon–Sat • www.konghans.dk • (C)(C)(C)(C)(C)



Frikadeller

4 Kokkeriet
Enjoy relaxed modern dining in the brightly lit, single room overlooking Nyboder. Share in the dining experience with only a few fellow diners (nine tables and a private dining room) and enjoy the six-course menu, or choose from the quality changing menu. ☎ Map K2
• Kronprinsessegade 64 • 33 15 27 77
• Open 6pm–1am Tue–Sat • www.kokkeriet.dk • (C)(C)(C)(C)(C)

5 Era Ora
Umbrian cuisine is served in this well-established Italian restaurant. Enjoy lunchtime al fresco dining or fuller evening menus (of 12–17 small dishes) in this 18th-century building's warmly decorated room.
Several combined food and wine lists are also available up to 3,800kr (see p93).

6 Godt
The modest blue-painted exterior conceals a fabulous dining experience at this appropriately named ("good") restaurant. The English chef regularly wanders amongst the 20-seater restaurant adding that personal touch to this husband-wife enterprise. ☎ Map K3
• Gothersgade 38 • 33 15 21 22
• Open 5:30pm–10pm Tue–Sat; closed July, last weekend in Dec • (C)(C)(C)(C)(C)



7 Noma

Noma offers superior Nordic fare sourced from Denmark, Iceland, Greenland and the Faroe Islands. Run by renowned international chef René Redzepi, the restaurant is housed in a fabulous warehouse dating from 1767. The interior has a northern shabby chic look with open beams. It is Denmark's only 2-star restaurant to have been featured in the new Michelin Guide (see p93).

8 Le Sommelier

This is a first-rate French restaurant, with impeccable staff, a pleasant atmosphere and a massive wine list. The foie gras is delicious. In the right season, be sure to try the seafood. The delicious chocolate plate laden with five different chocolate-inspired confections is hard to resist. ☎ Map L3 • Bredgade 63–65 • 33 11 45 15 • Open 12pm–2pm Mon–Fri, 6pm–10pm Sun–Thu, 6pm–11pm Fri & Sat • www.lesommelier.dk • 🍷🍷🍷🍷

9 Formel B

Beautifully prepared, French-style cuisine using fresh Danish ingredients is the key to the tasty dishes served in this charming restaurant. Winter fare includes raw marinated shrimps with squid and soy-ginger browned butter (see p87).

10 Meet the Danes

If you fancy some good, traditional Danish home cooking and want to see how the locals live, Meet the Danes is an organization that gives you the opportunity to do just that. A must-stop for groups and independent travellers. ☎ Map G4–H5 • Vester Voldgade 85 • 23 28 43 47 • info@meetthedanes.dk • www.meetthedanes.dk

Top 10 Danish dishes

1 Frikadeller

Pork and veal meatballs, fried in butter and usually served with potatoes.

2 Stegt Flæsk

A classic Danish dish. Fried slices of pork on the bone with a creamy parsley sauce and potatoes.

3 Smørrebrødsmad

An open sandwich usually made with rye bread. Beef with horseradish sauce is a popular topping.

4 Skipperlabskovs

Beef, marinated for 24 hours in brine and stewed with potatoes, bay leaves and black peppercorns.

5 Sol Over Gudhjem

A typical Bornholm dish. Smoked herring, topped with egg yolk, onion and chives.

6 Marinerede Sild

Herring, marinated in vinegar and spices, served with onion and capers. Tastes best with rye bread.

7 Rødkål

A common way of cooking Rødkål (red cabbage) is stewing it for 40 minutes with apples, vinegar and sugar.

8 Kogt Hamburgerryg

A Danish staple of pork loin cooked with thyme and parsley, accompanied by boiled potatoes, vegetables; horseradish or mustard sauce is often added for taste.

9 Ris à l'Amande

Rice pudding with almonds, served cold and topped with warm cherry sauce. A popular Christmas-time dessert.

10 Gulerodskage

Carrot cake made with walnuts and often served with whipped cream.



Left **Thé à la Menthe** Right **Emmerys Bakery**

TOP 10 Cafés and Bars



Laundromat Café

1 Bastionen and Løven

Set inside an old mill in Christianshavn, this is one of the most romantic eateries in Copenhagen. It is famous for its weekend brunches, so try to get there early (*see p93*).

2 Laundromat Café

There is a lot you can do at this cheerful, "hybrid" café. You can pop your laundry into one of the Laundromat machines and relax with a cup of coffee, or have lunch. You can also browse through the newspapers and second-hand books on offer.

📍 *Map C3 • Elmegade 15, Nørrebro*
• 35 35 16 72

3 Emmerys Bakery

This is Denmark's foremost organic gourmet store. Primarily a bakery, it is also known to sell sandwiches, drinks and an array of beautifully packaged gourmet food. It has a nice café area where you can sample their goods, anytime from breakfast onwards (*see p86*).

4 Café Rabes Have

This 17th-century pub has a tasteful decor, with dark green and white walls and a pretty garden at the back. The food served here is mostly organic and traditional open sandwiches are offered at lunchtime. In the summer months, it also provides catering services to

Kunstindustrimuseet (*see p93*).

5 Pussy Galore's Flying Circus

This is one of the first cafés to have opened in trendy Nørrebro. They serve good food and in the summer, you can sit out on the cobbled square and enjoy your snack (*see p79*).

6 Kontiki Bar

This refreshing bar is set on a boat, just behind the Opera House on Holmen. Located far from the bustle of busy tourist areas, you can sit out on the deck for drinks and snacks, or have a more formal meal in the cabin. It is advisable to book ahead. 📍 *Map M4 • Takkelloftvej 1Z*
• 29 46 54 17 • www.kontikibar.dk

7 Bådteatret

Located on the south side of Nyhavn, the Bådteatret, or Theatre Boat, offers drinks and snacks at reasonable prices and affords good views of the harbour. If you are well-versed with Danish, be sure to


Pussy Galore's Flying Circus

catch one of the experimental theatre performances that take place in the hold. Map L4

• *Nyhavn*

8 Thé à la Menthe

This lovely little basement Moroccan tea salon offers great cold drinks, tea and meze. The decor is Moroccan, with kilms and water-pipes. Yet, it retains a Danish feel with cream-coloured wall panelling and pale green divans. If you like the decor, be sure to visit their shop on Rådhusstræde. Map J5

• *Kompagnistræde 29 • 33 33 00 38*
• *www.thealamenthe.dk*

9 Dag H

With a dizzying variety of coffee beans on offer (the staff is on hand to help you choose), this café is virtually a haven for all coffee lovers. Those with a preference for tea also have plenty to choose from. For lunch, brunch or supper, you can choose from their interesting fusion/crossover menu. It's also very child-friendly and in good weather, you can sit outside and enjoy a hot cup of coffee. Map E3 • *Dag Hammarskjölds Allé 36–40 • 35 27 63 00 • Open 8am–11pm Mon–Tue, 8am–midnight Wed–Fri, 10am–midnight Sat, 10am–10pm Sun • www.dagh.dk*

10 La Glace

Located just off Strøget, this is one of the foremost (and the oldest) confectioneries in the city, offering mouth-watering cakes and chocolates. Both coffee and cakes are beautifully presented and are best savoured in the ambience created by the traditional polished-wood interiors. Map H4 • *Skoubogade 3–5 • 33 14 46 46 • Open 8:30am–5:30pm Mon–Thu, 8:30am–6pm Fri, 9am–5pm Sat, closed on Sun, except Sep–Easter Open 11am–5pm Sun • www.laglace.dk*


The interior of La Glace


For more cafés and bars, see pp52–5, 79, 81 and 93.



A night out at the Culture Box

Top 10 Nightlife Venues**Søbavillonen**

1 Søbavillonen
Great tribute bands perform at this stunning lakeside pavilion, recently transformed into a restaurant, bar and spacious dance floor. DJs play a mix of 1970s and 1980s disco, with elements of Latin, rock and Danish pop. ☎ Map C4 • Gyldenløvesgade 24 • 33 15 12 24 • Open 9pm–5am daily • Over 25 years only • www.soepavillonen.dk

2 Rust
Trendy Rust is at the cutting edge of the local music and clubbing scene. It showcases up-and-coming acts and top international DJs playing an eclectic mix of sounds. ☎ Map C3 • Guldbergsgade 8 • 35 24 52 00 • Open 9pm–5am Wed–Sat • Nightclub (over 21 years only): Thu free • www.rust.dk

3 Park Diskotek
This sophisticated venue plays an exciting range of music. There are several dance floors here. ☎ Map E2 • Østerbrogade 79 • 35 42 62 48 • Open 11pm–5am Fri–Sat, 11pm–4am Thu • Min age: 18 (Thu), 20 (Fri), 22 (Sat) • www.park.dk

4 The Rock
This club offers the total rock experience – from heavy metal and hard rock to rock’n’roll. Set inside a sprawling former courthouse, it has four bars, a huge stage and a welcoming atmosphere. For those with a preference for reggae and hip-hop tunes, events and even live concerts are held during the week (see p70).

5 Nasa
Intimate and exclusive, Nasa is worth visiting for its bright white, space-age decor. They play a good mix of music, from uplifting house to modern soul with a retro twist. Dress elegantly in order to gain entry to this chic club (see p70).

6 Gefährlich
Located in the heart of Norrebro, known for its club culture, Gefährlich (German for “dangerous”) has a restaurant, bar, art gallery, coffee shop, boutique and record store. Its nightclub caters to the tastes of the young and hip (see p81).

**Nasa**



Club Mambo

7 VEGA
Housed in a 1950s trade union building, the club exudes a distinctly Scandinavian atmosphere. It attracts an impressive list of international acts and DJs. The Ideal Bar is on the ground floor. ☎ Map B6 • Enghavevej 40
• Nightclub: Open 11pm–5am Fri–Sat
• Free till 1am • www.vega.dk

8 Culture Box
This purist techno club is one of Copenhagen's leading venues for electronic music. ☎ Map K2 • Kronprinsessevej 54
• 33 32 50 50 • Open 11pm–5am Fri–Sat
• www.culture-box.com

9 Stengade
Essentially a rock venue, it also has a jazz club and hosts club nights in its dark, graffiti-daubed ground floor. RubA'Dub Sundays are very popular weekly nights of reggae and dancehall. ☎ Map C3 • Stengade 18 • 35 36 09 38
• Open 9pm–2am Tue & Wed, 9pm–5am Thu, 10pm–5am Fri–Sun • www.stengade30.dk

10 Club Mambo
If you want to “feel the Latin spirit,” then this is the place to be at. An energetic and colourful club, it is one of the hottest salsa clubs in the city. Take advantage of the hour long, free salsa and merengue classes on offer at the club (see p70).

Top 10 Microbreweries

1 Jacobsens
Dedicated to the development of connoisseur beers. ☎ Gammel Carlsbergvej 11, Vesterbro • 33 27 12 82
• www.jacobsenbryg.dk

2 Nørrebro Bryghus
Take a tour of the brewery; taste some beer. ☎ Ryesgade 3, Nørrebro • 35 30 05 30
• www.noerrebrobryghus.dk

3 Vesterbro Bryghus
Five beers brewed to traditional Austrian recipes. ☎ Vesterbrogade 2 • 33 11 17 05
• www.vesterbrobryghus.dk

4 Fægekroen
Two hand-brewed beers on offer. ☎ Tivoli • 33 75 06 80
• www.faegekroen.dk

5 Brewpub
Beer garden in a lovely 17th-century building. ☎ Vestergade 29 • 33 32 00 60
• Closed Sun • www.brewpub.dk

6 Bryggeriet Apollo
One of the original local microbreweries. ☎ Vestergade Tivoli 3 • 33 12 33 13
• www.bryggeriet.dk

7 Brøckhouse
20,000 litres (42,000 pints) of beer brewed per month. ☎ Høgevej 6, Hillerød • 48 24 24 60
• www.broeckhouse.dk

8 GourmetBryggeriet
Seasonally brewed beer. ☎ Bytoften 10–12, Roskilde
• 46 32 60 45 • www.gourmetbryggeriet.dk

9 Fuglebjerggaard
Organic microbrewery. ☎ Hemmingsstrupvej 8, Helsingør
• 48 39 39 43

10 Ølfabrikken
Hand-made ales and stouts. Tours by appt. ☎ Holløselund Strandvej 74, Vejby • 70 20 79 30 • www.olfabrikken.dk

Left **Centralhjørnet** Right **Masken Bar**

TOP 10 Gay and Lesbian Venues

1 Centralhjørnet

This is Copenhagen's first gay bar. It holds drag nights; regular shows take place on Thursdays. Kylie Minogue and Europop are jukebox favourites. Sunday afternoons are usually packed. ☎ *Map H4 • Kattesundet 18 • 33 11 85 49 • Open noon–2am • www.centralhjoernet.dk*

2 Boiz

This popular bar, café and restaurant is housed in a historic building with a pretty courtyard. There are drag shows (Tuesdays) and events like art exhibitions and European Song Contest parties (Sundays). ☎ *Map J5 • Magstræde 12–14 • 33 14 52 70 • Open 11am–3am Sun–Thu, 11am–5am Fri & Sat • Tue free • www.boiz.dk*

3 Jailhouse

Kitted out as a prison, this café and event bar has booths like prison cells and staff dressed as prison guards or police officers. There is a restaurant on the second floor; the atmosphere here is more sedate.

☎ *Map H4 • Studiestræde 12 • 33 15 22 55 • Open 2pm–2am Sun–Thu, 2pm–5am Fri–Sat; Restaurant: 6–11pm Thu–Sat • www.jailhousecph.dk*

4 Oscar Bar and Café

A bar and café for the style-conscious, it has a 2-m (almost 7-ft) long bar and posh leather

furniture. The DJ plays funky disco and soulful deep house on weekends. ☎ *Map H5 • Rådhus pladsen 77 • 33 12 09 99 • Open noon–2am (kitchen till 10pm) • www.oscarbarcafe.dk*

5 Café Intime's Piano Bar

Founded in 1913, this kitsch bar has a predominantly gay crowd. A pianist plays popular classics (don't be afraid to sing along); you can also enjoy jazz on Sundays. ☎ *Map B5 • Allégade 25, 2000 Frederiksberg • 38 34 19 58 • Open 4pm–2am • www.cafeintime.dk*

6 Amigo Bar

This popular downtown bar pulsates with a lively party atmosphere well into the early hours. Its speciality is camp karaoke. ☎ *Map C5 • Schønbergsgade 4, 2000 Frederiksberg • 33 21 49 15 • Open noon–7am Mon–Fri, noon–8am Sat–Sun*

7 Pan Club

Formerly a warehouse, it now sports two dance floors, six bars, a karaoke bar, chill out

**Jailhouse**



Oscar Bar and Café

lounges and an open-air yard. Whether you are into R&B, hard house or classic pop, this is a great place to party. It welcomes both gays and lesbians. 📍 *Map J4* • *Knabrostræde 3* • 33 11 19 50 • *Open 11pm–5am Fri, 11pm–6am Sat* • www.pan-cph.dk

8 Mens Bar
This strictly all-male, no-frills bar is filled with leather, fascinating tattoos and a dash of denim. Try to catch the free Danish brunch at 3pm on the first Sunday of the month. 📍 *Map H4* • *Teglgaardsstræde 3* • 33 12 73 03 • *Open 3pm–2am* • www.mensbar.dk

9 Masken Bar
The younger crowd at this venue starts buzzing after midnight. It has exciting live music and drag shows, spread across two floors. 📍 *Map H4* • *Studiestræde 33* • 33 91 09 37 • *Open 4pm–2am Mon–Thu, 4pm–5am Fri, 3pm–5am Sat, 3pm–2am Sun* • www.maskenbar.dk

10 Meet Gay Copenhagen
You can meet and dine with local gays and lesbians in the comfort of their homes. Hosts are very friendly and usually offer traditional fare. It's best to book a dinner well in advance. Note: this is not a dating agency. 📞 27 21 80 65 • www.meetgaycopenhagen.dk

Top 10 Gay & Lesbian Festivals & Events

1 Copenhagen Gay & Lesbian Film Festival
10-day film festival, usually in October, at various venues. 📞 33 93 07 66 • www.cglff.dk

2 Copenhagen Pride Festival
Week-long festival in August. Includes the gay pride parade. 📞 www.copenhagenpride.dk

3 Mr Gay
Pan Club's popular, good-humoured beauty pageant for gays. 📞 www.mrgay.dk

4 Rainbow Festival
10 days of art exhibitions, drag shows, dancing and parades just across the bridge at Malmö, Sweden. 📞 www.rfsl.se/malmo

5 Gloria Goes Gay
Screens gay and lesbian films every Monday. 📞 *Rådhuspladsen 59* • 33 12 42 92 • www.gloria.dk

6 Copenhagen Mermates
Swimming club hosting the World Outgames (gay sport and cultural event) in 2009. 📞 www.mermates.dk/2007

7 Nordic Open
Championship Dance competition for same-sex couples on 30 December every year. 📞 www.pandans.dk/nordicopen.htm

8 World AIDS Day
Procession in memory of people who have died of AIDS. 📞 www.aidsfondet.dk

9 St. Hans
Annual bonfire and beach party on Amager Beach on 23 June. 📞 www.lbl.dk

10 Queer Festival
Musicians, activists and drag kings and queens take part. 📞 www.queerfestival.org



Left **Children's Museum at the Nationalmuseum** Right **Classic car rides, Tivoli**

Top 10 Places for Children



Guinness World Records Museum

1 Guinness World Records Museum

This highly popular attraction brings the Guinness World Records to life. From the bizarre, such as bicycle-eating men to the internationally renowned in sport and science, 13 galleries celebrate strangeness, ingenuity and determination (see p66).

2 Statens Museum for Kunst

The Children's Art Museum of the Danish National Gallery holds exhibitions for children between the ages of 6 and 12. Artist-led workshops are designed to allow children to develop ideas in response to art at the museum (see pp22–3).

3 Wonderful World of HC Andersen Museum

Explore the life of Hans Christian Andersen, Denmark's national hero, at this charming museum. It is aimed at kids who will enjoy the tableaux and recordings of some of his fairytales (in several

languages). The hand-written manuscript of *The Stone and the Wise Man* (1858) may interest bibliophiles (see p66).

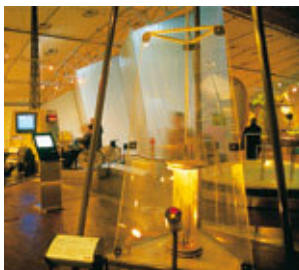
4 Nationalmuseum

The National Museum includes an interesting Children's Museum. Rather than just looking at things, children are encouraged to

participate in numerous activities, like dressing up in grandma's clothes to see how different they are from today's garments, or sitting in an old Danish classroom, learning about medieval castles (see pp26–7).

5 Tøjhusmuseet

The Royal Arsenal Museum, on the island of Slotsholmen, is a popular tourist site and is home to Christian IV's original arsenal (1604–8). The ground floor, in particular, evokes the atmosphere of those days, with a long arched cavern and canons along walls (see p28).



Hands-on fun for kids at Experimentarium

6 Experimentarium

This innovative science centre brings science to life through hands-on exploration. Almost every exhibit is interactive, giving kids the chance to perform 300 different experiments. Environmental issues are high on the agenda and adults will have as much fun as kids (see p97).

7 Danmarks Akvarium

Over 70 tanks of the world's most exotic fish are found here. Touch-tanks let you get closer to the safer marine life. Turtles, piranhas and sharks are the star attractions (see p99).

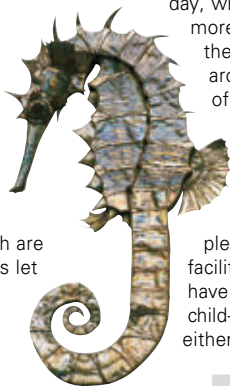
8 Zoologisk Have

This delightful zoo is Denmark's largest cultural institution, attracting around 1.2 million visitors every year. Besides the fauna like the tigers, polar bears, and elephants, there are also thematic adventure trails and a children's zoo where animals can

be petted. In spring, there tend to be many new baby animals to excite the children (see p83).

9 Tivoli

The best time to take children to Tivoli is during the day, when the atmosphere is more family-oriented and there are fewer adults around. There are plenty of fun rides, including cars on tracks, dragon boats on the lake, the pantomime theatre and the trolley bus. There are plenty of changing facilities and you won't have a hard time finding child-friendly places to eat either (see pp10-13).



Dried seahorse,
Danish Akvarium

10 Fajanceriet

Spend a creative afternoon at this Pottery Café. Kids can decorate unglazed items of pottery, such as a jug, mug or plate, while you enjoy some cake and coffee! You can collect your creations two days later. ☺ Map C3 • Birkegade 1 • 35 35 26 50 • Open noon-5pm Tue-Thu, noon-6pm Fri & Sat • www.fajanceriet.dk





Left Christian VIII's Palace, Amalienborg Right Vor Frue Kirke, detail of façade

Top 10 Sights of Royal Copenhagen

1 Amalienborg
This royal residence consists of four palaces arranged around a square. The sovereign's home is closed to the public. You can visit other sections during the tourist season. Queen Margrethe resides in Christian IX's Palace and Crown Prince Frederik in Frederik VIII's Palace. An interesting museum housed in Christian VIII's Palace includes reconstructed rooms from the 19th century. (see pp20–21).

2 Rosenborg Slot
This delightful, turreted Renaissance palace, built by Christian IV, is the oldest royal palace standing in its original form. It is also a depository for the crown jewels (see pp14–15).

3 Royal Copenhagen Porcelain
This was one of the first porcelain factories outside Germany.



Christiansborg Slot

The traditional Royal Copenhagen design, "Blue Floral," dates back to the factory's initiation in 1775. The pottery features a blue design because in earlier times, cobalt was the only colour that was able to withstand high firing temperatures (see p64).

4 Vor Frue Kirke
St. Mary's Cathedral has been a place of royal worship and ceremony since the 12th century, when Margrethe I married Håkon IV of Norway. Since then, Christian I (1449) and Crown Prince Frederik (2004) have been married here and several princes have been crowned (see p17).

5 Christiansborg Slot
This is the seventh castle to have been built upon this site. The first, Bishop Absalon's fortified castle (1167), was destroyed in 1369. It has since been rebuilt several times. The castle built in 1730 was the first to be called Christiansborg; it was destroyed by fire 64 years later (see p28).

6 Crown Jewels
These symbols of monarchy, kept in the stronghold basement of Rosenborg Slot, consist of the crown, sceptre, orb, sword of state, the ampulla and a wide collection royal jewels.

7 Fredensborg Slot
This 18th-century Baroque palace is the Queen's summer



Rosenborg Slot

and autumn home. The beautiful gardens are among Denmark's largest. ☎ 33 40 31 87 • *Open only in Jul 1pm–4:30pm; Reserved gardens, 9am–5pm • Adm; Free entry to gardens • Bus 173E, direction Fredensborg*

8 Frederiksborg Slot
Christian IV built this Dutch Renaissance-style castle between 1600–20. It is notable for its spires, copper roofs and sweeping gables. After being destroyed in a fire in 1859, the Carlsberg Brewery magnate, Jacob Jacobsen, helped rebuild it. The gardens, dating to 1720–25, were the only royal gardens to have escaped being updated to the 19th-century Romantic style (*see p99*).

9 Roskilde Domkirke
Danish royals, including Harald Bluetooth (*see p33*), have been buried here since the 12th century. It now houses 39 tombs, the oldest belonging to Margrethe I (d. 1412) (*see p100*).

10 Kronborg Slot
This castle, built as a fortress in the 15th century, was used as a prison and army barracks until 1922. It is now occasionally used for royal functions. You may even hear a salute being fired whenever the royal yacht passes by (*see p102*).

The Treasury

1 Christian IV's Crown
Made in 1595–96 by Dirich Fyring, with diamond, gold, enamel and pearls.

2 The Queen's Crown
Made for Queen Sophie Magdalene in 1731. The large, square table-cut diamonds are believed to have come from Queen Sophie Amalie's crown (1648).

3 Christian V's Crown
Christian V's Absolutist crown (1670–71). Its large, rare sapphire is believed to be a present from the Duke of Milan to Christian I in 1474.

4 The Regalia
Sceptre, orb, globe and ampulla made for Frederik III's coronation. Used at subsequent coronations until 1840.

5 Order of the Elephant
Founded by Christian I around 1450. The chain is made of gold, enamel, diamonds and pearls.

6 Order of the Dannebrog
Established in 1671 as part of the measures introduced by the Absolute monarchs to manage their subjects.

7 Jewellery Sets
Includes pearl set (1840), made from Charlotte Amalie's jewellery; diamond set (18th century); emerald set (1723).

8 The Oldenburg Horn
Enamelled, silver-gilt drinking horn (around 1465).

9 The King's Law 1665
Absolutism's constitution, made from parchment, silk, gold and silver.

10 Baptismal Set
Four-piece, gold and silver baptismal set (1671), thought to have been first used for Crown Prince Frederik.







AROUND TOWN

Tivoli North to
Gothersgade
62–71

Nørrebro, Østerbro
and North
of Gothersgade
74–81

Vesterbro and
Frederiksberg
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Christianshavn
and Holmen
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Beyond
Copenhagen
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Left Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek Right Kongens Nytorv

Tivoli North to Gothersgade

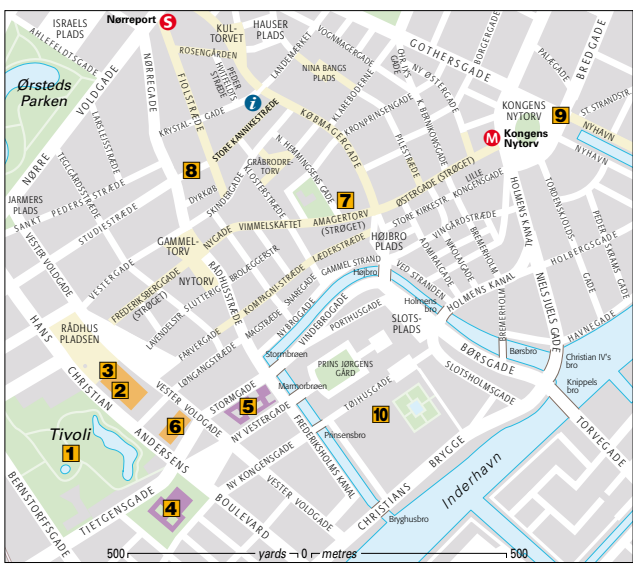
RICH IN HISTORY, *this area is a popular entertainment destination. Heading north-northeast of Tivoli, which was originally outside the city walls, you can walk back in time through the old town that evolved during the Middle Ages – though much of it succumbed to fire in the 18th century – to Slotsholmen, the site where the first dwellings that became Copenhagen were built in the 12th century. Along the way, you will find great shopping areas, museums, an old town and a royal palace.*

10 Sights

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| 1 Tivoli | 7 Royal Copenhagen Porcelain Museum |
| 2 Rådhuset | 8 Latin Quarter |
| 3 Astronomical Clock | 9 Kongens Nytorv and Nyhavn |
| 4 Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek | 10 Slotsholmen |
| 5 Nationalmuseet | |
| 6 Dansk Design Centre | |



Dansk Design Centre





The Tivoli Palace

1 Tivoli

Tivoli has virtually become synonymous with Copenhagen and should be high on the list for any visitor. Day or night, this park buzzes with the sounds of exhilarating rides. It is not only for adventure-seekers though. At night, the setting turns magical and romantic, with fairy lights and Japanese lanterns glowing in the darkness and music in the air (see pp10–11).

2 Rådhuset

The Copenhagen Rådhus, or town hall, is a mock-Gothic building replete with fantastical sea creatures, built 1892–1905 and designed by architect Martin Nyrop. Its 106.5-m (346-ft) tower affords superb views of the city. Even if you don't want to do the full tour, you could pop in to see the pre-Raphaelitesque entrance way, or the Italianate reception hall. Many Copenhageners get married here, so you may just see several wedding parties on the steps. Map H5 • Rådhuspladsen 1 • 33 66 25 82 • Open 8am–5pm Mon–Fri • Tours in English 3pm Mon–Fri, 10am & 11am Sat • www.copenhagency.dk

3 Astronomical Clock

This ingenious clock, cased in a mahogany cabinet, was designed in 1872 by locksmith and watchmaker Jens Olsen. After waiting for 50 years to obtain funds, Olsen started working on the clock in 1943. He died two years later, but work continued and the clock was set in motion in 1955. Famous for its accuracy, this 14,000-part watch loses less than a second a century. It shows local time, solar time, sunrise and sunset times, sidereal time, celestial pole movement and the movement of the planets. Map H5 • Rådhus, Rådhuspladsen 1 • 33 66 25 82 • Open 10am–4pm Mon–Fri, 10am–1pm Sat • Adm

4 Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek

This superb art gallery is home to a fascinating collection of Mediterranean, Classical and Egyptian art and artifacts. Danish and 19th-century French works of art are also on display, including French Impressionist paintings. The museum is housed in a beautiful 19th-century building with a splendid cupola, beneath which lies an indoor winter garden, sculptures and water features. The modern wing is a wonderful, light-filled area (see pp24–5).



Rådhus

5 Nationalmuseet

The National Museum is housed inside a former royal residence, dating from the 18th century. The exhibits trace Danish history, from ancient times to the present, including some amazing ethnographic collections. The displays of the popular prehistoric collection on the ground floor are closed until 2008 (see pp26–7).

6 Dansk Design Center

The Dansk Design Center (DDC) is one of Copenhagen's most innovative exhibition organizers. It arranges shows with themes as diverse as Danish Design in Everyday Life to a DJ exhibition that allows visitors to create their own mix on turntables. Housed in a building designed by architect Henning Larsen, its intention is to showcase the use of design in business, while exhibiting Danish innovation.  Map H5 • HC Andersen Boulevard 27–29 • Open 10am–5pm Thu–Tue, 10am–9pm Wed, 11am–4pm Sat–Sun • Adm; free 5pm–9pm Wed, free daily for under-12s • www.ddc.dk



Vor Frue Kirke in the Latin Quarter

7 Royal Copenhagen Porcelain Museet

From November 2007, this museum will have a convenient and central location, as it is being shifted from Vesterbro to the Royal Copenhagen Porcelain shop on Strøget (see p66). Besides presenting historical displays, the museum focuses on the porcelain experience – showing you everything from how to handle porcelain to how to paint your own 'Blue Floral' design (see p58).  Map J4

• Amagerstorv 6 • 38 14 92 97 • Open 10am–5:30pm Mon–Fri, 9am–2pm Sat • www.royalcopenhagen.com

8 Latin Quarter

To the west of Strøget lies the Latin Quarter, the original home of the Copenhagen University. It dates back to the Middle Ages when the primary language of culture and education was Latin. Some of the old university buildings are still in use, although much of the campus is now on the island of Amager. If you take a left off Strøget onto Nørregade, you will find the Universitetet and Vor Frue Kirke. Both have been used for their current purposes since the 15th and 13th centuries respectively; the current buildings, however, date back to the 19th century. The Rundetårn on Købmagergade is also worth a visit (see pp16–17).

9 Kongens Nytorv and Nyhavn

At the top of Nyhavn stands the King's New Square (Kongens Nytorv), an elegant area surrounded by fashionable 18th-century mansions that now house banks, upmarket department stores and hotels. It is flanked by the Charlottenborg



Teatermuseet in Slotsholmen

Slot (now an exhibition space) and the Royal Theatre (Det Kongelige Teater) (see p18). Nyhavn (which means “new harbour”) is a lively tourist area filled with restaurants, cafés and old sailing boats along the canal quayside. The atmosphere here is a stark contrast to what it was in the 1670s, when sailors, traders and low-lives frequented the area. Even until 40 years ago, this was not a part of town that many would have visited at night. Urban regeneration has changed all that and on sunny evenings in particular, you may not find a place to sit down (see pp18–19).

10 Slotsholmen
A visit to Slotsholmen could take up almost an entire day, as there is plenty to see. Primarily the site of Christiansborg Slot (you can visit the state rooms on a guided tour) which burnt down in 1794, it is now home to Denmark’s Parliament. You will find several museums here as well for the tourist looking for a bit of culture. The delightful Theatre Museum (Teatermuseet) (see p35) is definitely worth a visit with the main attraction being the 18th-century palace theatre. Other sites include the palace church and the 12th-century ruins of the first Copenhagen castle where its founder, Bishop Absalon, resided (see pp28–9).

Walking Tour

Morning

Start your day at the **Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek** (see p63); don’t miss the impressive Egyptian and Impressionist collections. Have an early lunch at the charming **Winter Garden Café** (see pp24–5).

Afternoon

After lunch, cross HC Andersen Boulevard and visit the **Dansk Design Center** or head to the **Nationalmuseet** and take one of the hour-long tours. Then, stroll to the end of Ny Vestergade until you reach Frederiks Kanal. Cross the bridge and visit **Christiansborg Slot** (see p28). If you arrive by 2pm, pop into the stables, the **Teatermuseet** (see p35) and the ruins before taking a tour of the state rooms at 3pm. Then, walk back over the bridge and turn right to Gammel Strand (note the **Fishwife statue**, see p37) for afternoon snacks at one of the restaurants and cafés. Walk down Købmagergade via Højbro Plads, right up to **Rundetårn** (see p16). If you are feeling energetic, hike to the top for a good view of the city. Heading back down, take a left from Strøget and keep walking until you reach **Kongens Nytorv and Nyhavn** – a perfect spot for a relaxing evening drink and supper at one of the quayside bars and restaurants. Instead of heading back via Strøget, take the less mainstream Lille Strandstræde. Walk to Rådhuspladsen and go across to **Tivoli** (see p63). Spend the evening at these lovely gardens enjoying the atmosphere.



Left **Erotica Museum** Centre **Caritasspringvandet** Right **The Royal Copenhagen shop on Strøget****TOP 10 Best of the Rest****1 Domhuset**

The city's local courthouse, it was built between 1805–15. The "Bridge of Sighs" across Slutterigade (prison street) gets its name from the prisoners being led across it for trial. 📍 *Map H4* • Nytorv 25 • Open 8:30am–4:30pm Mon–Thu, 8:30am–3pm Fri

2 Rådhuspladsen

Located on the edge of Tivoli, the town hall square is one of the liveliest areas of the city. 📍 *Map H5*

3 Statue of HC Andersen

This statue of the author by Henry Lukow-Nielsen was unveiled in 1961. 📍 *Map H5*

4 Caritasspringvandet

Dating back to 1608, the Charity Fountain is one of the oldest in the city. 📍 *Map H4*

5 Guinness World Records Museum

This museum demonstrates 500 Guinness records. 📍 *Map K4* • Østergade 16 • 33 32 31 31 • Open Sep–mid-Jun 10am–6pm Sun–Thu, 10am–8pm Fri–Sat; mid-Jun–Aug 10am–10pm daily • Adm • www.guinness.dk

6 Wonderful World of HC Andersen Museum

Scenes from Andersen's fairy tales and other memorabilia are found here. 📍 *Map H5* • Rådhuspladsen 57 • Open Sep–mid-Jun 10am–6pm Sun–Thu, 10am–8pm Fri–Sat; mid-Jun–Aug 10am–10pm daily • Adm for adults

7 Post & Telemuseet

Housed inside the main post office, this museum charts the history of modern communication from the 17th century onwards. 📍 *Map J4* • Købmagergade 37 • 33 41 09 00 • Open 10am–5pm Tue, Thu–Sat, 10am–8pm Wed, 12pm–4pm Sun • www.ptt-museum.dk

8 Erotica Museum

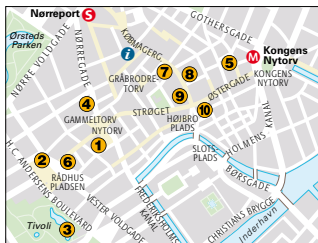
Includes varied displays from the lives of 19th-century prostitutes to the modern sex industry. 📍 *Map J4* • Købmagergade 24 • Open May–Sept 10am–11pm daily; Oct–Apr 10am–8pm Sun–Thu, 10am–10pm Fri & Sat • Adm • www.museumerotica.dk

9 Georg Jensen Museum

The jewellery and homeware of the famous silversmith are on display here. 📍 *Map J4* • Amagertorv 4 • 33 14 02 29 • Open 10am–5:30pm Mon–Fri • www.georgjensen.com

10 Strøget

This is the name given to the five main, interconnected shopping streets of Copenhagen. 📍 *Map H5–K4*





Riz Raz

for 10 Dining

1 Riz Raz

Riz Raz is famous for its great value, Mediterranean-influenced vegetarian buffets and helpful service. Map J5 • Kompagnistræde 20 • 33 15 05 75 • www.rizraz.dk •

2 L'Alsace

This gourmet restaurant specializes in dishes from Alsace, with an emphasis on fresh fish and seafood. Map K4 • Ny Østergade 9 • 33 14 57 43 • Closed Sun • www.alsace.dk •

3 Alberto K

One of the best restaurants in Denmark, it offers a blend of Scandinavian-Italian flavours. Map G5 • SAS Radisson Royal Hotel, Hammerichsgade 1 • 33 42 61 61 • Closed Sun • Book ahead • www.alberto-k.dk •

4 Café à Porta

Once the local eaterie for HC Andersen, this stylish bistro-café is a great place for a cocktail. The food is varied, and the homemade puddings are excellent. Map K4 • Kongens Nytorv 17 • 33 11 05 00 • Closed Sun • www.cafeaporta.dk •

5 Ego

Food and drinks in this smart, airy brasserie are beautifully presented. Fish and foie gras preparations are especially good. Map K4 • Hovedvagtsgade 2, off Kongens Nytorv • 33 12 79 71 • Closed Sun • www.egocph.dk •

Price Categories

For a three-course meal for one with half a bottle of wine (or equivalent meal), taxes and extra charges. up to Dkr150
 150–200
 200–300
 300–350
 over Dkr350

6 Thorvaldsens Hus

This attractive bistro-style restaurant serves tasty food at decent prices. Map J4 • Gammel Strand 34 • 33 32 04 00 • www.thorvaldsens-hus.dk •

7 Laszlo Café and Bar

Help yourself to generous portions of Mediterranean-influenced sandwiches. Map J4 • Læderstræde 28 • 33 33 88 08 •

8 Bankerået

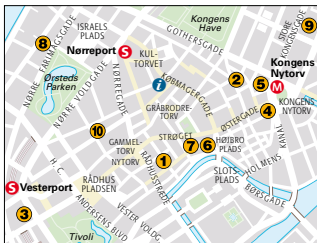
Enjoy steaks, salads and a selection of beers in this artistic venue. Map G3 • Ahlefeldtsgade 29 • 33 93 69 88 • www.bankeraat.dk •

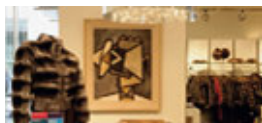
9 Ida Davidsen

Choose from 250 top-quality, handmade open sandwiches. Map K3 • Store Kongensgade 70 • 33 91 36 55 • Closed Sun & public holidays • www.idadavidsen.dk •

10 Husmanns Vinstue

This wine cellar/pub/restaurant offers many traditional herring-based dishes. Map H4 • Larsbjørnsstræde 2 • 33 11 58 86 • Closed Sun • www.husmannsvinstue.dk •





Left **Birger Christensen** Centre **Illum Department Store** Right **Royal Copenhagen shop**

TOP 10 Strøget Shopping

1 Illums Bolighus

This shrine to stylish interior design and kitchenware (mainly Italian and Danish) offers everything from Royal Copenhagen porcelain and art objects to groovy dog-biscuit dispensers. A wonderful selection of objects of art can make great wedding presents. ☎ Map J4 • Amagertorv 10 • 33 14 19 41 • www.royalshopping.com

2 Royal Copenhagen

This flagship store offers a range of designs, from the classic 18th-century *flora danica* design to the modern and organic. ☎ Map J4 • Amagertorv 6 • 33 13 71 81 • Closed Sun • www.royalcopenhagen.com

3 Illum Department Store

This stylish, six-storied department store offers quality clothing and homeware. There is also a café, bakery and a supermarket. ☎ Map K4 • Østergade 52 • 33 14 40 02 • Closed Sun • www.illum.dk

4 Birger Christensen

This exclusive fashion store sells Birger Christensen fur coats and jackets, as well as a wide collection of international labels. ☎ Map K4 • Østergade 38 • 33 11 55 55 • Closed Sun, second & third Sat • www.birger-christensen.com

5 Georg Jensen

Georg Jensen's superb designs are available here, including stylish jewellery, watches, cutlery, candlesticks, antiques and even designer sunglasses. If

you are interested in the Jensen antiques, you can have your pick from the basement. ☎ Map J4 • Amagertorv 4 • 33 14 02 29 • Closed Sat & Sun • www.georgjensen.com

6 Bodum

Famous for its coffee cups and glass cafetières, Bodum sells a range of stylish, modern kitchenware. The second floor houses a trendy range of cards. ☎ Map K4 • Østergade 10 • 33 36 40 80 • www.bodum.com

7 Noa Noa

Offers women's cottons, linens and silks in pretty styles and a similar collection for girls aged 3–12. ☎ Map K4 • Østergade 16 • 33 13 06 08 • www.noa-noa.dk

8 Rosenthal

This avant-garde gallery has a range of gift and art objects. ☎ Map H5 • Frederiksborggade 21 • 33 14 21 01 • www.rosenthal.dk

9 A Pair

Here you will find fashionable footwear for men and women. Leather bags and belts with large, silver buckles are also available. ☎ Map K4 • Ny Østergade 3 • 33 91 99 20 • www.apair.dk

10 Sand

This Danish fashion house offers a range of stylish and classic clothing and accessories for both men and women. ☎ Map K4 • Østergade 40 • 33 14 21 21 • www.sand-europe.com





Left **Sneaky Fox boutique** Right **Magasin du Nord**

10 Shops Off Strøget

1 Munthe Plus Simonsen
This award-winning Danish design duo offers wearable women's clothing and accessories with a stylish edge. ☎ Map K4 • Østergade 24C • 39 62 39 66 • www.muntheplussimonsen.com

2 Boutique Isabel
At this saucy sex shop, you will find a wide selection of lingerie, toys and costumes. ☎ Map H4 • Sankt Pederstræde 35 • 33 13 43 13 • www.boutique-isabel.dk

3 Magasin du Nord
This is one of Copenhagen's oldest department stores, offering an upmarket selection of clothing and homeware. You will also find a supermarket here and plenty of places to eat. The discount sales held in January and late summer are very good. ☎ Map K4 • Kongens Nytorv 13 • 33 11 44 33 • Closed Sun • www.magasindu.dk

4 Sneaky Fox
This trendy women's boutique is especially well-known for its vast variety of different types of stockings, from the silly to the sophisticated. ☎ Map H4 • Larsbjørnsstræde 15 • 33 91 25 20 • www.sneakyfox.dk

5 Jane Buchard
A former glove shop, you will find fabulous designer cloth handbags here, unique in their Baroque excesses and craftsmanship. ☎ Map J4 • Købmagergade 7 • 33 15 33 88 • www.janebuchard.com

6 Grønlykke
Visit this funky shop if you are looking for colourful and kitsch household accessories, from kitchen bar stools to chandeliers. You will also find an assorted range of knick-knacks and bags. ☎ Map J4 • Læderstræde 3 • 33 13 00 81 • www.gronlykke.com

7 Crème de la Crème à la Edgar
Lovely (though expensive) children's wear, toys and accessories are available here. ☎ Map J4 • Kompagnistræde 8 • 33 36 18 18 • www.cremedelacremealaedgar.dk

8 Akimbo
This is a great place for presents, especially for little girls, ranging from edible-looking candle cakes, to jewellery and kitsch toys. ☎ Map J4 • Hyskenstræde 3 • 33 11 13 01

9 Wettergren and Wettergren
Hidden away down a few steps leading to a basement, this charming shop sells vintage clothing and accessories with a modern twist. ☎ Map J4 • Læderstræde 5 • 33 13 14 05

10 Stilleben
This tiny shop is filled with beautiful porcelain ceramics, available in a range of subtle colours, all created by young Danish potters and ceramic designers. ☎ Map J4 • Læderstræde 14 • 33 91 11 31 • www.stilleben.dk



Left **Café Ketchup** Right **Zoo Bar**

Top 10 Nightlife

1 Studenterhuset

This charmingly grotty bar serves beer to students at discounted prices, while local bands dish out some good music.

☎ Map J3 • Købmagergade 52 • 35 32 38 61 • www.studenterhuset.com

2 The Rock

Set in an old courthouse, this rock venue hosts great live rock shows. There are four bars and the nightclub is open until dawn. ☎ Map H4 • Skindergade 45–47 • 33 91 39 13 • www.the-rock.dk

3 Nasa

This exclusive club has a posh interior, top-notch DJs and great dance music. ☎ Map K3 • Gothersgade 8F • 33 93 74 15 • Open midnight–6am Fri–Sat • www.nasa.dk

4 Grand Teatret

This large, six-screen art house cinema has a smart, comfortable atmosphere. The Grand Café hosts cultural evenings.

☎ Map H5 • Mikkell Bryggersgade 8 • 33 15 16 11 • www.grandteatret.dk

5 Café Ketchup

Stylish and slick, this café-restaurant offers fabulous food (a combination of Danish and oriental) and cocktails. ☎ Map J3 • Pilestraede 19 • 33 32 30 30 • Closed Sun • www.cafeketchup.dk

6 Bar Rouge

This is one of the hippest cocktail bars in the city, with tastefully designed interiors. The

menu offers an extensive list of cocktails. ☎ Map H4 • In Hotel Skt Petri, Krystalgade 22 • 33 45 98 22 • www.hotelsktpetri.com/barrouge

7 Luux

Set in a former jazz club, this is a classy, deep-house-loving club. ☎ Map H4 • Nørregade 41 • 33 13 67 88 • 11pm–5am Thu–Fri, 11pm–5am Sat • www.luux.dk

8 Copenhagen Jazz House

This live jazz venue attracts both international bands and home-grown talent. ☎ Map J4 • Niels Hemmingsensgade 10 • 33 93 26 16 • www.jazzhouse.dk

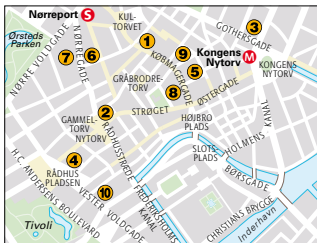
9 Zoo Bar

At night, this café-restaurant turns into a lively bar with good DJs and a busy dance floor.

☎ Map J4 • Kronprinsensgade 7 • 33 15 68 69 • www.zoobar.dk

10 Club Mambo

Dance to salsa in the club, or visit the lounge for some reggae and modern hits. ☎ Map H5 • Vester Voldgade 85 • 33 11 97 66 • www.clubmambo.dk





Charlie's Bar

Price Categories

For a three-course meal for one with half a bottle of wine (or equivalent meal), taxes and extra charges.

☉	up to Dkr150
☉☉	150–200
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TOP 10 Historic Wining and Dining

1 Vandkunsten Sandwich Bar

This popular sandwich bar is housed in what was formerly Copenhagen's oldest butcher's shop. ☎ Map J5 • Rådhusstræde 17 • 33 13 90 40 • www.vandkunsten-sandwich.dk • ☉

2 Skindbuksen

Founded in 1728, mariners, locals and tourists now rub shoulders at this unpretentious restaurant. ☎ Map K4 • Lille Kongensgade 4 • 33 12 90 37 • Book ahead • www.skindbuksen.dk • ☉☉☉☉

3 Café Stelling

The Stelling Building was designed by Arne Jacobsen in 1937 and the café retains the original functionalist interior, including the Jacobsen chairs. ☎ Map H4 • Gammeltorv 6 • 33 32 93 00 • ☉☉

4 Dan Turéll

One of the city's oldest cafés, it has a Parisian-style decor. ☎ Map K3 • Store Regnegade 3–5 • 33 14 10 47 • www.danturell.dk • ☉☉☉☉

5 Konditoriet in the Royal Copenhagen Shop

The flagship Royal Copenhagen store is housed in the city's oldest building (1616). ☎ Map J4 • Amagertorv 6 • 33 13 71 81 • ☉

6 Husmanns Vinstue

Once a stable, this comfortable, wood-panelled lunch venue serves tasty traditional Danish fare (see p67).

7 Hviids Vinstue

Copenhagen's oldest wine bar (established 1723), it was one of HC Andersen's favourites. ☎ Map K4 • Kongens Nytorv 19 • 33 15 10 64 • www.hviidsvinstue.dk • ☉☉

8 Charlie's Bar

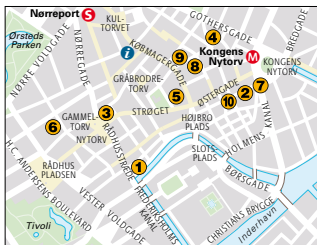
Copenhagen's only Cask Marque pub, it serves eighteen independent beers on tap. Danish breads are Hancock and Porse Guld. ☎ Map J4 • Pilestræde 33 • 33 22 22 89 • www.charlies.dk

9 AC Perch's Tea Shop

Not much seems to have changed since 1834, when AC Perch started importing fine teas. Weighed on scales, the tea is brewed with reverence. ☎ Map J4 • Kronprinsensgade 5 • 33 15 35 62 • Closed Sun • www.perchs.dk

10 Restaurant Parnas

Opened in the 1930s, it has retained a comfortable, rustic, traditional feel. The cuisine is typically Danish; try their speciality, Parnas Gryde. ☎ Map K4 • Lille Kongensgade 16 • 33 11 49 10 • Book ahead • www.parnas.aok.dk • ☉☉☉









Left **Rosenborg Slot** Right **Marmorkirken**

Nørrebro, Østerbro and North of Gothersgade

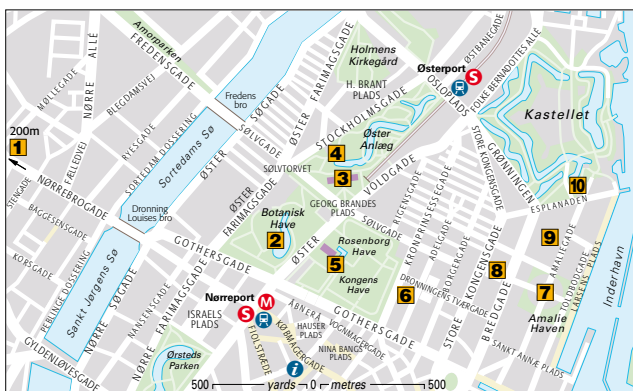
OF THESE THREE NEIGHBOURHOODS, *two are recent additions to the original Copenhagen site, which took up what is now called the "Inner City". Nørrebro, northeast of the Inner City, lies across the Dronning Louises Bro (Queen Louise's Bridge). Until the 19th century, this area was mainly farmland; today it is a lively, multicultural part of the city with plenty of bars, cafés and alternative shopping centres. Østerbro, slightly northeast of Nørrebro, has remained an uncluttered, suburban residential area since the 19th century. The train station, Østerport, was built in 1894–97 to help workers travel to the city centre, on the site of Copenhagen's fortified eastern gate. The area north of Gothersgade is part of the Inner City and takes in later parts of the original capital dating back to the Renaissance period.*



Frihedsmuseet

TOP 10 Sights

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| 1 Assistens Kirkegård | 6 Davids Samling |
| 2 Botanisk Have | 7 Amalienborg |
| 3 Statens Museum for Kunst | 8 Marmorkirken |
| 4 Den Hirschprungske Samling | 9 Kunstindustrimuseet |
| 5 Rosenborg Slot and Kongens Have | 10 Frihedsmuseet |



1 Assistens Kirkegård

If you are not a devoted fan of dead famous Danes, this cemetery may not be top of your list. However, it is a wonderful place to relax or take a romantic walk. The churchyard is beautiful and is located in the trendy Nørrebro district. 📍 *Map C3*

• *Kapelvej 2 • 35 37 19 17 • Open May–Aug 8am–8pm daily; Sep–Oct, Mar–Apr, 8am–6pm daily; Nov–Feb 8am–4pm daily • www.assistens.dk*

2 Botanisk Have

Among the prettiest outdoor spaces in the city, these gardens are studded with lakes, bridges and lovely flowerbeds. Climb the winding staircase for a great view of the exotic trees below. A geological and botanical museum are also here. 📍 *Map H2–J2*

• *Gothersgade 28 • 35 32 22 40 • Open May–Sep 8:30am–6pm daily; Oct–Apr 8:30am–4pm Tue–Sun, closed Mon, 24 Dec & 1 Jan • www.botanic-garden.ku.dk*

3 Statens Museum for Kunst

The National Gallery has an impressive collection of both national and international art, including works by the Old Masters and popular modern icons such as Matisse and Picasso (see pp22–3).

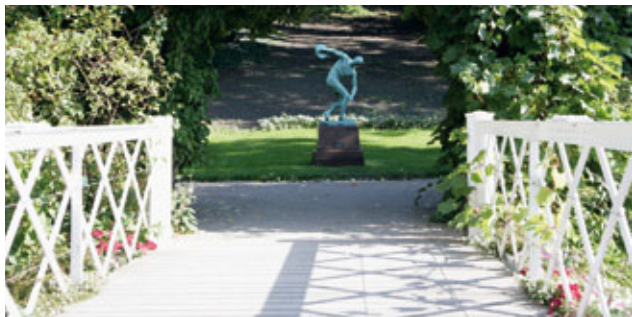


Statens Museum for Kunst

4 Den Hirschsprungske Samling

This small art gallery is situated just behind the National Gallery and displays the collection of tobacco magnate, Heinrich Hirschsprung, given to the nation in 1902. Housed in a 19th-century building, the collection is fittingly dedicated to 19th- and early 20th-century Danish art, including works by painters of the “Golden Age” and the Impressionistic Skagen School, whose signature style involved the use of bright colours and patchy brushwork. Contemporary furniture is also showcased at this museum. 📍 *Map J1*

• *Stockholmsgade 20 • 35 42 03 06 • Open 11am–4pm Wed–Mon • Adm for adults, Wed free • www.hirschsprung.dk*



Botanisk Have

5 Rosenberg Slot and Kongens Have

Rosenborg Castle and King's Garden are among the city's highlights, especially on sunny days when the park is full of people and entertainment. Rosenborg Slot was built in 1606–34 on what was then the outskirts of the city. Today it is the only castle in the city centre that has not succumbed to fire. As a result, little has changed about the structure since the time the royal family inhabited it in the 17th and 18th centuries (*see pp14–15*).

6 Davids Samling

This museum holds the lovely private art collection that belonged to supreme court barrister and art lover, CL David. The collection includes European decorative arts from the 18th and 19th centuries, as well as a fine range of Islamic art and artifacts. Set in an elegant, 19th-century town house, it is interesting to see the art collection in a contemporaneous setting. The museum is currently under restoration and will re-open in May 2008. 📍 *Map K3 • Kronprinsesse-gade 30–32 • 33 73 49 49 • Open 10am–4pm daily (closed May 2006–May 2008)*
• www.davidmus.dk

7 Amalienborg

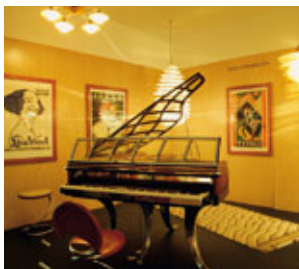
If you wish to look around inside the royal palaces, you need to visit on a weekend in summer. If you are unable to do so, you can only visit certain parts of the palace that have been set up as a museum. Either way, the Amalienborg complex is worth looking at from the outside. The palaces were built as an important part of an 18th-century aristocratic district and are very different from the narrow streets and houses of the old quarter. When it was first built, it was visually linked to the Marble Church (*see below*); the modern Opera House (*see p8*) and the new construction across the harbour on Holmen offer a contemporary visual contrast (*see pp20–21*).

8 Marmorkirken

Standing close to the Amalienborg is the splendid Marmorkirken (Marble Church), a part of the great architectural design for the Frederiksstad area. However, plans for its construction were so extravagant that finances ran out and work was abandoned in 1770. For more than a century, it stood as a picturesque ruin before being rescued and financed by a



Amalienborg



Kunstindustrimuseet

Danish industrialist. It was in 1894 that the church was finally completed (*see pp20–21*).

9 Kunstindustrimuseet The National Museum of Decorative Art and Design is a great place to visit if you are interested in either modern Danish design (everything from colanders and motorbikes to cardboard chairs) or the decorative arts of Europe, China and Japan. The museum also includes a poster and print collection, and a fascinating textiles and dress collection.

📍 *Map L2 • Bredgade 68 • 33 18 56 56*
• Open noon–4pm Tue–Sun • Adm for adults • www.kunstindustrimuseet.dk

10 Frihedsmuseet The Danish Resistance Museum pays tribute to, and tells the stories of, the people who lived in Denmark during the German occupation (1940–45). It explores their daily lives and the resistance activities that they upheld – from underground newspapers and radio stations to sabotage and the rescue of virtually every Jew in Denmark from under the noses of the Germans. 📍 *Map L2 • Churchill-parken 7 • 33 13 77 14 • Open May–Sep 10am–4pm Tue–Sat, 10am–5pm Sun; Oct–Apr 10am–3pm Tue–Sat, 10am–4pm Sun • www.natmus.dk*

Walking Tour

Morning

🕒 Start your day at the **Den Hirschsprungske Samling** (*see p75*) museum, amongst the Skagen School's Danish Impressionist paintings. Then cross the gardens to the impressive **Statens Museum for Kunst** (*see p75*); take an audio guide to learn about the displays.

Afternoon

🕒 For lunch, stop over at either the museum café or the **Botanisk Have** (*see p75*) café, depending upon the weather. The gardens are a great place for a picnic, too. Don't forget to visit the palm house. Heading out from the gate on Øster Voldgade, cross over to **Rosenborg Slot**. You can spend a few enjoyable hours here, visiting the castle, the crown jewels and strolling through the gardens. Then, leave from the Kronprinsessegade gate and pop into the **Davids Samling** museum for some Islamic art. Walk down Dronningens Tværgade, take a left onto Bredgade and walk right up to **Marmorkirken**. If you are here by 3pm, take a tour up to the tower. Right in front of the church is the **Amalienborg**. Take a walk through it to the pretty banks of the harbour and see the **Opera House** (*see p8*) across the water. If you are up for a 20-minute walk, head toward the **Little Mermaid** (*see p78*), passing the distinctive **Gefionspringvandet** (*see p78*) and **Frihedsmuseet** (worth a visit). To get back to town, hop on to the No 26 bus from Folke Bernadottes Allé.





Left Gefionspringvandet Right Kastellet

TOP 10 Best of the Rest

1 Gefionspringvandet
A dramatic sight, this bronze statue represents the tale of goddess Gefion ploughing enough land to create the island of Zealand (see p37). ☎ Map M2

2 Medicinsk Museion
This museum has a vast collection of exhibits (some gruesome) dating back to the 18th century. ☎ Map L2 • Bredgade 62 • 35 32 38 00 • Tours only 11am & 1pm Wed–Fri, 1pm Sun • Adm for adults • www.mhm.ku.dk

3 The Little Mermaid (Den Lille Havfrue)
This statue of the heroine of Andersen's fairy tale, *Little Mermaid*, perched on a rock in Copenhagen harbour, has been staring out to sea since 1913. ☎ Map M1 • Langelinie

4 Amaliehaven
Filled with box hedges and fountains, this park lies to the east of the Amalienborg, facing the harbour across from the Opera House (see p20).

5 Kastellet
This pentagram-shaped fortress was built as protection against the Swedes, but only ever used against the English in 1807. ☎ Map L1 • 33 47 95 00 • Only grounds open to visitors

6 Kastelskirken
This military church at Kastellet has been holding services since the 17th century. ☎ Map L1 • Kastellet • 33 15 65 58 • Open 9am–1pm Mon–Thu, 10am–12pm Fri

7 St Albans Kirke
Named after St Alban, England's first martyr, this Anglican Neo-Gothic church was built in 1885. ☎ Map M2 • Churchillparken • 39 62 77 36 • Services 10:30am Sun & Wed • www.st-albans.dk

8 Kongelige Aftobningssamling
The Royal Cast Collection (over 2,000 pieces) is heralded on the walk along the harbour with a replica of Michelangelo's statue of David. ☎ Map M2 • Toldbodgade 40 • 33 74 85 75 • Open 10am–2pm Thu–Tue, Wed 10am–8pm

9 Alexander Nevsky Kirke
This Russian orthodox church (1883) was a gift from Tsar Alexander III to celebrate his marriage to the Danish Princess Marie Dagmar. ☎ Map L3 • Bredgade 53 • 20 76 16 47 • Open 11:30am–1:30pm

10 Fælledparken
Copenhagen's largest park, this was once a common ground for cattle grazing and public executions. ☎ Map D2





Restaurant Zeleste

Price Categories

For a three-course meal for one without alcohol, including tax (without tip).

☉ up to Dkr150
 ☉☉ 150–200
 ☉☉☉ 200–300
 ☉☉☉☉ 300–350
 ☉☉☉☉☉ over Dkr350

TOP 10 Restaurants and Cafés

1 Restaurant Zeleste

This charming restaurant with a cosy interior serves good Continental-Danish fusion food.

☉ Map L4 • Store Strandstræde 6 • 33 16 06 06 • www.zeleste.dk • ☉☉☉☉

2 Ida Davidsen

Excellent *smørrebrød* (open sandwiches – traditional Danish fare) are on offer here, with a delicious array of toppings.

☉ Map K3 • Store Kongensgade 70 • 33 91 36 55 • www.idadavidsen.dk • ☉☉☉☉

3 Salt Bar and Restaurant

Set inside an airy, 18th-century granary, this elegant bar and restaurant serves cocktails and French-Danish cuisine.

☉ Map L3 • Toldbodgade 24–28 • 33 74 14 44 • www.saltrestaurant.dk • ☉☉☉☉☉☉

4 St Gertrud's Kloster

Housed in a medieval convent, it serves mouth-watering Danish and European dishes in a beautiful candle-lit cavern.

☉ Map J4 • Hauser Plads 32 • 33 14 66 30 • www.sanktgertrudskloster.dk • ☉☉☉☉☉☉

5 Pussy Galore's Flying Circus

Stop at this trendy café-bar if you are in the mood for some burgers, sandwiches or salads.

☉ Map D3 • Skt Hans Torv 30, Nørrebro • 35 24 53 00 • www.pussy-galore.dk • ☉

6 Kaffesalonen

Away from the buzz of busy streets, this cosy café sits on the peaceful banks of the Peblinge

Sø. An ideal place to enjoy a quiet meal. ☉ Map D4 • Peblinge Dossering 6 • 35 35 12 19 • ☉

7 Teatime

This Rococo-style basement café offers sandwiches, cakes and sweets, and serves tea in elegant porcelain cups.

☉ Map C3 • Birkegade 3, Nørrebro • 35 35 50 58 • Afternoon Tea 2:30pm–5pm • ☉

8 Bopa

Have a hearty brunch or café lunch (burgers, moussaka, etc.), and cocktails in the evening.

☉ Map E1 • Bopa Plads, Løgstørgade 8 • 35 43 05 66 • www.cafebopa.dk • ☉

9 Café Front Page

This chic, French-style café-restaurant has tasty food and great views.

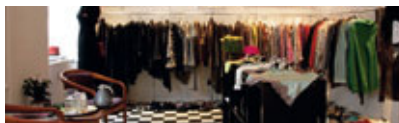
☉ Map D3 • Sortedam Dossering 21, Nørrebro • 35 37 38 27 (café); 35 37 38 29 (restaurant) • ☉☉☉☉

10 Kate's Joint

This popular eaterie offers cheap, good-portioned dishes with South American, Indonesian and Caribbean influences.

☉ Map C4 • Blågårdsgade 12 • 35 37 44 96 • ☉





Left 2nd Birkegade Right Tage Andersen Boutique Galleri

Top 10 Shopping

1 Tage Andersen Boutique Galleri

Run by flower artist and designer Tage Andersen, this flower shop, gallery and museum is full of lovely and unique arrangements.

☎ Map K4 • Ny Adelgade 12 • 33 93 09 13 • www.tage-andersen.com

2 Marie Skellingsted

Here you will find an eclectic mix of designer and vintage items, including designer wear, jewellery, bags, home accessories and kitsch items for kids.

☎ Map L3 • Bredgade 36 • 33 11 49 50 • www.marieskellingsted.com

3 House of Design

This stylish shop restores and sells high-quality, 20th-century vintage furniture, ceramics, lighting, glass and modern art.

☎ Map L3 • Bredgade 21 • 33 33 03 00 • www.houseofdesign.dk

4 2nd Birkegade

Browse through a wide selection of second-hand designer wear.

☎ Map C3 • Birkegade 7, Nørrebro • 38 25 80 80

5 KK Vintage

Second-hand clothes are customised to fit you and can also be personalized with a touch of design.

☎ Map C4 • Blågårdsgade 31C, Nørrebro • www.kkvintage.dk

6 Baan Suan

Visit this store for pretty, feminine clothing with embroidery, flower motifs and polka

dots. Do also check out their varied collection of colourful, ethnic jewellery, sunglasses and bags. ☎ Map C3 • Elmegade 18

7 Nyhavns Glaspusteri

This charming glass gallery is where glassblower Christian Edwards sculpts and sells his creations.

☎ Map L4 • Toldbodgade 4 • 33 13 01 34 • www.copenhagenglass.dk

8 Phenix

You will find antique pieces ranging from furniture and paintings to silverware and glass items.

☎ Map D3 • Ravnsborggade 16A • 35 37 55 33 • www.phenix.dk

9 Juice

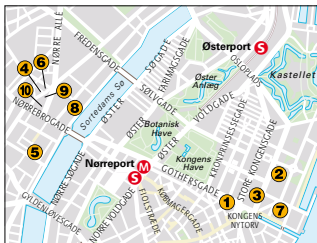
This was one of the first trendy boutiques to be set up in Nørrebro.

☎ Map C3 • Elmegade 14/17 • 35 36 15 51/58

10 Glam

High-end vintage pieces are available at this second-hand store. The 1960s and 1970s collection is especially good.

☎ Map C3 • Fælledvej 15, Nørrebro • 35 38 50 41 • www.glam.dk





Left **Barcelona** Right **Gefährlich**

Top 10 Nightlife

1 Barcelona

This is a popular bar and café by day, a packed dance floor by night. There is a nice candle-lit restaurant upstairs. Map C3 • Fælledvej 21 • 35 35 76 11

2 Gefährlich

Despite an unimpressive decor, this is one of the most popular bars in the area. It also has a good restaurant and live music. Map C3 • Fælledvej 7 • 35 24 13 24 • www.gefahrlich.dk

3 Rust

Tune into Copenhagen's alternative music scene live at this trendy bar. There is a night-club in the basement. Map C3 • Guldbergsgade 8 • 35 24 52 00 • Night-club: Min age 21; Thu free • www.rust.dk

4 Pavillon

Located beside a lake, this lovely, 18th-century-style rotunda holds open-air music performances in the summer. Map D2 • Borgmester Jensens Allé 45, Østerbro • 35 38 73 83 • www.cafepavillon.dk

5 Empire Bio Cinema

This comfortable arts cinema holds good programmes and has a cosy bar and café area. Map C3 • Guldbergsgade 29F • 35 36 00 36 • www.empirebio.dk

6 Bodega

Popular and reasonably priced, this pre-clubbing venue serves good bar food. It also has a dance floor; DJ sessions are held

on Thursdays and Saturdays and kick in at 10pm. Map C4 • Kapelvej 1 • 35 224 11 00 • www.bodega.dk

7 Park Diskotek

This black-walled, pink-curtained club specializes in R&B and House music. Map E2 • Østerbrogade 79 • 35 42 62 48 • Min age: 18–25 (Thu), over 25s (Fri–Sat) • www.parkcafe.dk

8 Pussy Galore's Flying Circus

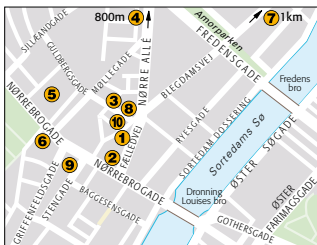
A former hang out for Crown Prince Frederik in his bachelor days, this trendy club serves good hamburgers and salads and cocktails (see p79).

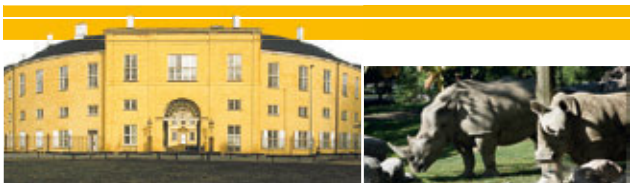
9 Café Stengade 30

This countercultural music venue is set inside an imposing, fortress-like building, with a bar upstairs. Map C3 • Stengade 18 • 35 35 69 19 • www.stengade30.dk

10 Mexibar

This cosy, Mexican-inspired bar serves good cocktails. The staff are friendly, too. Map C3 • Elmegade 27 • 35 37 77 66





Left Frederiksberg Slot Right Zoo

Vesterbro and Frederiksberg

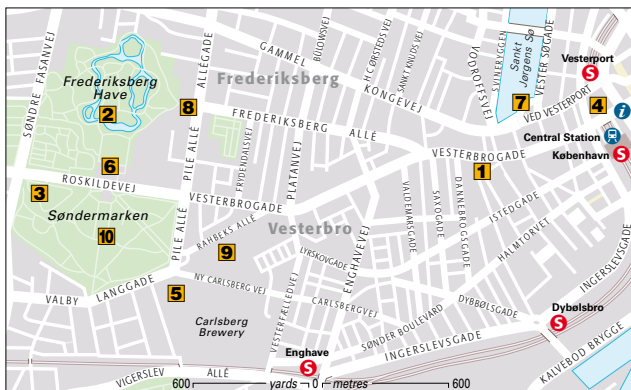
VESTERBRO AND FREDERIKSBERG lie side by side to the south-west and west of the Inner City. In the 19th century both Vesterbro and Frederiksberg were outside the city walls; this was when Tivoli was built on Vesterbro's extreme edge. Until recently, Vesterbro was an area where the poor lived in humble two-room flats with no running water and included a red light district. Although the area retains an edginess not shared by the rest of Copenhagen, much of it has been regenerated. Today, you will find a thriving underground culture, designer fashion outlets and a multicultural population. In contrast, Frederiksberg was a green, prosperous country village that became increasingly popular as the upper and middle classes began to revel in the countryside in the 18th century. It is now a tranquil, upmarket residential area, and remains an independent municipality that is not officially a part of Copenhagen.

TOP 10 Sights

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| 1 København Bymuseet | 6 Frederiksberg Slot |
| 2 Frederiksberg Have | 7 Tycho Brahe Planetarium |
| 3 Zoologisk Have | 8 Storm P Museet |
| 4 SAS Radisson Royal Hotel | 9 Bakkehusmuseet |
| 5 Carlsberg Museum and Visitor Centre | 10 Cisternerne – Museet for Moderne Glaskunst |



Storm P Museet



1 København's Bymuseet
The City Museum takes you on a journey through the city's history, right from its small beginnings on the island of Slotsholmen in the 12th century. There are many interesting exhibits, including atmospheric reconstructions, a slide show of Copenhagen through the ages and sights of a medieval town. Outside the building, don't miss the large model of medieval Copenhagen which gives you a very clear view of the buildings that existed then and the area that was covered by the city.

📍 *Map C5 • Vesterbrogade 59 • 33 21 07 72 • Open 10am–9pm Wed, 10am–4pm Thu–Mon • Adm for adults, Fri free • www.bymuseum.dk*

2 Frederiksberg Have
Frederiksberg Gardens surround Frederiksberg Slot (see p84) and make up a lovely green area that recalls the castle's aristocratic past. The park was designed (1798–1802) to conform with the Romantic style of the English garden. Several buildings here date back to the Golden Age (1800–50), including the Chinese Pavilion, the Neo-Classical Møstings House, the Swiss House (a cottage built especially for the royal family to



København's Bymuseet



Frederiksberg Have

have tea) and the colonnaded Apis Temple. 📍 *Map A5*

3 Zoologisk Have
Regardless of your age, the zoo makes for a lovely day out. Here you will find a variety of animals like lions, tigers, apes, monkeys (including the tiny, endangered Golden Lion Tamarins) and polar bears. 📍 *Map A5 • Roskildevej 32 • 72 20 02 00 • Open Nov–Feb 9am–4pm daily; Mar 9am–4pm Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm Sat–Sun; Apr–May, Sep 9am–5pm Mon–Fri, 9am–6pm Sat–Sun; Jun 9am–6pm daily; Jul–Aug 9am–9:30pm daily • Adm • www.zoo.dk*

4 SAS Radisson Royal Hotel
The city's tallest building, this 20-storey tower-block hotel, designed by architect Arne Jacobsen (right down to the cutlery), represents the cutting-edge design of the 1950s. About the radical design, Arne Jacobsen said, "They call it the 'punch card', and it's funny, because that is what it looks like when the windows are open on a hot summer's day." 📍 *Map G5 • Hammerichsgade 1 • 33 42 60 00 • www.radisson.dk*



Carlsberg Brewery

5 Carlsberg Museum and Visitor Centre

The Carlsberg Brewery, established by Jacob Jacobsen in 1847, hosts an exhibition charting the history of the brewery and its brands (including a collection of 13,000 of the 16,000 Carlsberg bottle and label designs). You can take a tour of the old, cobblestoned premises, complete with machinery, sound effects and aromas. The tour ends at the Carlsberg bar, where a couple of free beers (or soft drinks) await you. Make sure to visit the tiled Dipylon Gate (1892) and Elephant Gate (1901) at the second brewery established in 1889 by Jacob Jacobsen's son, Carl.

📍 *Map A6 • Gamle Carlsberg Vej 11, Vesterbro • 33 27 13 14 • Open 10am–4pm Tue–Sun; last entry 3pm • Adm • www.visitcarlsberg.dk*

6 Frederiksberg Slot

Not to be mistaken for Frederiksborg Slot in Hillerød (see p98), this castle was originally a 17th-century pavilion built by Frederik IV as a royal court. As it was rather small, it was extended several times since its construction. The building that stands here today (built in 1829) has an Italianate,

Baroque architecture and is used as a training school for army cadets. 📍 *Map A5 • Not open to the public*

7 Tycho Brahe Planetarium

The permanent exhibition at the Planetarium includes displays on the natural sciences, astronomy and space travel. However, one of the biggest attractions is the IMAX cinema; visitors are blown away by the enormous, high-quality images on the 1,000 sq m (over 10,500 sq ft) dome screen. Films cover topics like astronomy and space research and virtually transport you to another world. 📍 *Map C5*

• *Gammel Kongevej 10 • 33 12 12 24*
• *Open 9:30am–9pm Mon–Thu, 10:30am–9pm Fri–Sun • Adm • Min age for films: 3 yrs • www.tycho.dk*

8 Storm P Museet

This small museum is a delightful find. It is dedicated to the whimsical and satirical wit of the Danish cartoonist Storm P, whose distinctive style seems to recall the social realism of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, such as the styles of Daumier, Toulouse Lautrec and Degas. His sense of humour comes through brilliantly in the dialogues of his characters. If you speak Danish, you will derive maximum enjoyment from these cartoons. However, non-Danish speakers will also enjoy the displays visually. 📍 *Map A5*

• *Frederiksberg Runddel • 38 86 05 23*
• *Open May–Oct 10am–4pm daily; Nov–Apr 10am–4pm Wed, Sat, Sun • Adm for adults • www.stormpmuseet.dk*

9 Bakkehusmuseet

Formerly, the home of 19th-century, Golden Age literary personalities, Kamma and Lyhne Rahbek, this old house is now a cultural museum. Four rooms



Jacob Jacobsen

Lager beer was unheard of in Copenhagen until news arrived of “Bavarian beers” being made by ageing (lagering). Jacob Jacobsen (1811–87), who made beer in the ale-making tradition, left at once for Munich to get some lager yeast. In 1847, he introduced his first lager and set up the Carlsberg Brewery (named after his son). Carlsberg lager is now among the world’s best.

have retained their original decor (1802–30), and two are dedicated to the Danish poets Johannes Ewald and Adam Oehlenschläger. You will also find some HC Andersen memorabilia here. *Map B6*
 • *Rahbeks Allé 23, Vesterbro* • 33 31 43 62 • *Open 11am–3pm Wed–Sat* • *Adm*
 • www.bakkehusmuseet.dk

10 Cisternerne – Museet for Moderne Glaskunst

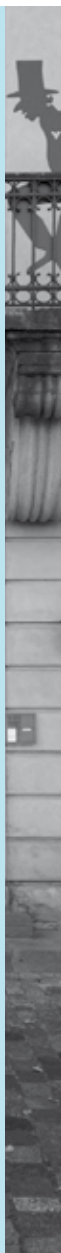
This candlelit, glass museum is intriguing not only for its stained glass exhibits by artists like Per Kirkeby and Robert Jacobsen, but also for its location. Set inside the cave-like water cistern of an old supply plant, it lies beneath the grassy lawns of Frederiksberg Have and has thin stalactites on the ceiling. *Map A6* • *Søndermarken, Roskildevej 25* • 33 21 93 10 • *Closed Dec–Jan* • *Adm; free for under-14s* • www.cisternerne.dk



Tycho Brahe Planetarium

A Walk Around Vesterbro

Start at the central station, Hovedbanegård, and see the *Frihedsstøtten* or “pillar of freedom” (1792). Continue down Vesterbrogade and take a left at Revetslowgade and then a right on to Istedgade till you arrive at the old red light district. Then, walk up to **Halmtorvet**; once a cattle market, it is now filled with cafés and restaurants. The large building directly opposite is the **Øksnehallen**, Vesterbro’s biggest cultural exhibition space. Take a right on Skydebanegade, where you will see houses dating back to the 19th century. At the end of this area is a wall (1887) that protected inhabitants from shooting practice that took place in the gardens on the other side. Go through the gate in the wall, through the park, to the **Bymuseet** (see p83). Take a look at the city model outside and, if you wish, visit the museum. Continue along Vesterbrogade, taking a left onto Oehlenschlägersgade, where you will find an extraordinary mosaic-covered bar that was put together by the late Nigerian-born artist, Manuel Tafat. Head back to Vesterbrogade for lunch at the **Trois Cochons** (see p87) on Værnedamsvej, or continue down Oehlenschlägersgade until you reach the trendy bars and boutiques on Istedgade. You could also stop over for lunch at **Café Bang & Jensen** at 130 or just enjoy a nice cup of coffee at **Riccós** at 119 (see p86). Spend the rest of the afternoon browsing through the stylish shops.





Left **Designer Zoo** Right **Emmerys Bakery**

TOP 10 Shopping

1 Kusine Bodil og Vildbassen

This funky kids' store offers everything from Osh Kosh dungarees and Katvig denim dresses to flamingo umbrellas, toddler-sized kitchens, and retro games. 📍 *Map B6* • *Englave Plads 10* • 33 24 28 84

2 Paradls

A pun on "Parad-Ice", this ice-cream parlour is famous for its range of interesting flavours, including mint-strawberry and hazelnut-mango. The chocolate range is particularly sinful. 📍 *Map C5* • *Vesterbrogade 47* • 35 35 79 02 • www.paradis-is.dk

3 Girlie Hurly

This shop is filled with quirky, colourful items for girls, from bags and candles to lamps and crockery. 📍 *Map C6* • *Istedgade 99/101* • 33 24 22 41

4 Rockahula

This intriguing little boutique is dedicated to all things Elvis. There is an especially creative line of shoes. 📍 *Map C6* • *Istedgade 91* • 26 23 42 67 • www.rockahula.dk

5 Gustus

You will find fabulous, reasonably-priced glass items at this shop, run by a Polish glassmaker. 📍 *Map C6* • *Istedgade 67B* • 35 83 60 68 • www.gustus.dk

6 Montre

Check out a range of new fashion ideas at the workshops

and showrooms of fashion designers. 📍 *Map C6* • *Halmtorvet 19* • 36 14 80 20 • www.montre.dk

7 Designer Zoo

This is a mecca for the design-conscious, with clothing, ceramics, jewellery and even furniture by in-house designers. 📍 *Map B5* • *Vesterbrogade 137* • 33 24 94 93 • www.dzoo.dk

8 Emmerys Bakery

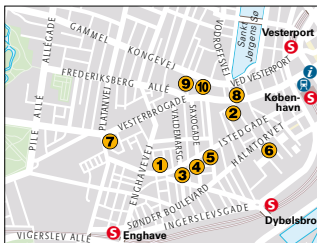
Visit this excellent gourmet store for tasty organic goodies, including breads, patisseries, chocolates, pasta, wine and cheese. 📍 *Map C5* • *Vesterbrogade 34* • 33 22 77 63 • www.emmerys.dk

9 Værnedamsvej

This gourmet food street has specialist butchers, fish-mongers, wine and chocolate shops. 📍 *Map C5*

10 Le Marché Deli Takeaway

Stop here for good, takeaway meals. The menu varies depending on the time of day. 📍 *Map C5* • *Værnedamsvej 2* • www.cofoco.dk





Café Lindevang

TOP 10 Dining

1 Café Lindevang
Café Lindevang is known for their generous portions. Meatballs and herring are accompanied by a range of *schnapps*.
 ☎ Map C5 • PG Ramms Allé 3 (Lindevang metro stop) • 38 34 38 34 • Closed Sun
 • www.cafelindevang.dk • (C)(C)

2 Café Bang & Jensen
This ex-pharmacy in trendy Vesterbro is now a popular café bar. Fun cocktails and good music make for lively nights.
 ☎ Map C6 • Istedgade 130 • 33 25 53 18
 • www.bangojensen.dk • (C)

3 Trois Cochons
Aptly named ("three pigs" in French), this restaurant is inside an old butcher's shop. It serves great southern French food at reasonable prices. ☎ Map C5
 • Vænedamsvej 10 • 33 31 70 55 • (C)(C)(C)

4 Cofoco
Delicious, reasonably-priced French-Danish food is served at a long communal table. This is a non-smoking restaurant. ☎ Map C5 • Abel Cathrins Gade 7 • 33 13 60 60
 • Closed Sun • www.cofoco.dk • (C)(C)(C)

5 Sticks 'n' Sushi
Try the mouthwatering sushi, sashimi or yakitori at this friendly Euro-Japanese café-bar.
 ☎ Map C6 • Istedgade 62 • 33 23 73 04
 • www.sushi.dk • (C)

6 Fiasco
This restaurant is famous for its delicious, rustic Italian dishes.

Price Categories

For a three-course meal for one without alcohol, including tax (without tip).

☎ up to Dkr150
 ☎☎ 150-200
 ☎☎☎ 200-300
 ☎☎☎☎ 300-350
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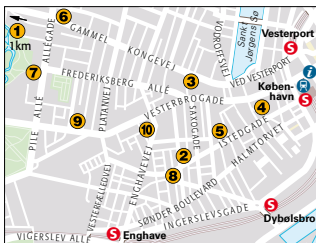
Enjoy a meal that rivals most gourmet food at a fair cost.
 ☎ Map C5 • Gammel Kongevej 176
 • 33 31 74 87 • Closed Sun, Mon • (C)(C)(C)

7 Gastronomique
Set inside an 18th-century building, it offers Danish cuisine served amid vases blooming with floral arrangements. ☎ Map A5 • Frederiksberg Runddel 1 • 38 34 84 36 • www.gastronomique.dk • (C)(C)(C)(C)(C)

8 Riccos
The aroma of fresh coffee wafting from this café is hard to resist. ☎ Map C6 • Istedgade 119
 • 31 21 04 40 • www.riccos.dk • (C)

9 Formel B
Enjoy French-influenced food made with farm-fresh ingredients on the terrace or in the candlelit interiors. ☎ Map B5 • Vesterbrogade 182 • 33 25 10 66 • Closed Sun • Book ahead • www.formel-b.dk • (C)(C)(C)(C)(C)

10 Restaurant Klubben
This pub is highly recommended for its generous portions of Danish food. ☎ Map B5
 • Enghavevej 4 • 33 31 40 15 • (C)





Left **Christiania** Right **Overgaden Neden Vandet**

Christianshavn and Holmen

AFTER THE INNER CITY, this settlement on the island of Amager is the oldest part of Copenhagen. There are signs that have led people to believe it was inhabited during the Stone Age. In 1521, Christian II invited Dutch gardeners (whom he held in high regard) to this fertile area to plant and run market gardens. A century later, Christian IV built fortifications in the area and a town on an island at the north end. Soon, the Amagerbro bridge was built to connect the two islands; the Knippelsbro bridge stands in its place today. The canals of Christianshavn, lined with houseboats and pretty 17th-century houses, are a special attraction in this charming area that is reminiscent of Amsterdam. Holmen, to the north of Christianshavn, is made up of three man-made islets. It was created in 1690 as a naval area with

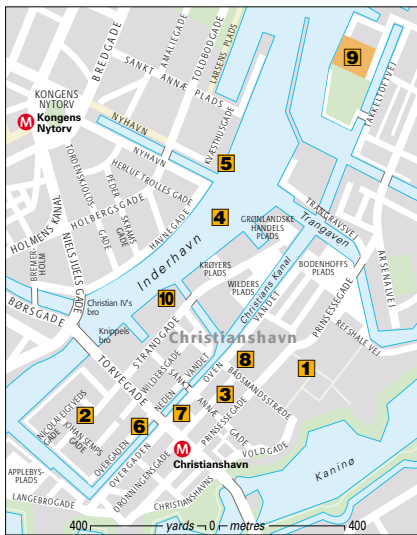
dockyards, accommodation and offices; the navy remained here until 1989. Since then, the area has seen an increase in public spaces, forums, residential housing, and now also includes the impressive Opera House.



Operaen

TOP 10 Sights

- 1 Christiania
- 2 Christians Kirke
- 3 Vor Frelzers Kirke
- 4 Inderhavnen
- 5 Harbour Tours
- 6 Overgaden Neden Vandet
- 7 Overgaden Oven Vandet
- 8 Orlogs Museet
- 9 Operaen
- 10 Gammel Dok



1 Christiania

In the 1970s, this rebellious squatters' enclave, set up in abandoned military barracks, was an inspirational new society with its own set of laws, readily available drugs and no tax system. The area has now become a bit more conventional; the inhabitants have been paying taxes since 1994, and the stands that sold drugs on Pusher Street closed down in 2004. However, relations between Christiania and the Danish authorities have never been friendly and the area's status is still in doubt. There are no actual sights but many hippy hangouts. *Map M5*

2 Christians Kirke

Originally known as Frederiks Kirke, this interesting, yellow-brick church was renamed as Christians Kirke (after Christian IV, founder of this part of Copenhagen) in 1901. It was built between 1755–59 in the Rococo style by Nicolai Eigtved, Frederik V's master architect. The interior looks almost like a theatre, with second-level seating galleries and the altar taking the place of the stage. The elegant tower was added by Eigtved's son-in-law, GD Anthon, 10 years after the church was built. *Map K6 • Strandgade 1 • 32 96 83 01 • Open Mar–Oct 8am–6pm daily; Nov–Feb 8am–5pm daily*

3 Vor Frelzers Kirke

This magnificent Baroque church was built (1682–96) by the Dutch-Norwegian architect Lambert van Haven in the form of a Greek cross. Its trademark twisted tower was added 50 years later (1749–52). Inside the church is bright and well-lit, thanks to its white walls and large windows. Look out for the



Christians Kirke

putti-covered font, presented in 1702 by Frederik IV's morganatic wife who hoped to have children. Unfortunately, she died in 1704 during childbirth and the baby died nine months later. Don't miss the marvellous altarpiece which represents God as the Sun and depicts the scene in the garden of Gethsemane, when Christ prayed that he should not die on the cross. The organ, built like a three-storey house, rests on two elephants. *Map L6*

- *Sankt Annae Gade 29 • 32 54 68 63*
- *Open Apr–Aug 11am–4:30pm Mon–Sat, 12pm–4:30pm Sun; Sep–Mar 11am–3:30pm Mon–Sat, 12pm–3:30pm Sun (presently closed for repairs; to re-open in the Autumn of 2008) • Adm for tower*
- www.vorfrelerskirke.dk

4 Inderhavnen

You simply cannot ignore the water in Christianshavn. Its canals are tributaries of the Inner Harbour (Inderhavnen), which separates it from the rest of the city. The harbour widens further up the coast to become the Sound (Øresund). *Map J6–M4*



Orlogsmuseet

5 Harbour Tours
A harbour tour, which usually starts from the harbour end of Nyhavn (see p8), is a great way to see Copenhagen. It will take you through the canals of Christianshavn; from the water, you can appreciate the maritime nature of the city. You will also get a sense of how it developed over the centuries. The quaysides, built in the 17th century, are now studded with small boats and houseboats moored alongside. ☎ Map L4

6 Overgaden Neden Vandet
Overgaden Neden Vandet (which means “upper street below the water”) is the quayside that runs along the Sound side of the Christianshavn canal. The street is lined with buildings, including the Michelin-starred restaurant, Era Ora (see p93), dating back to the 17th century when the canal was first built. ☎ Map L6

7 Overgaden Oven Vandet
Opposite Overgaden Neden Vandet is its counterpart, Overgaden Oven Vandet (which means “upper street above the water”). As on the other side, it

has cobbled streets and is lined with 17th-century houses. You will also find the Royal Danish Naval Museum here (see below). ☎ Map L6–M5

8 Orlogsmuseet
The Royal Danish Naval Museum, located in the area that was influenced by the navy and its docks for centuries, documents Danish naval history from 1669. It is choc-a-bloc with beautiful, detailed models of ships and harbours, as well as a few reconstructions of important Danish sea battles. Some of the models were used as sailors’ teaching aids for cadets, showing them how to strip and re-rig the sails. Most of the information is available in both Danish and English. The museum building (dating back to 1781) was originally used as a naval hospital and then as a state prison until the 1830s. ☎ Map L5 • Overgaden Oven Vandet 58 • 33 11 60 37 • Open noon–4pm Tue–Sun • Adm for adults; Wed free • www.orlogsmuseet.dk

9 Operaen
The Opera House is the first major public building to be built in the Holmen area since the

navy vacated the docks in 1979. Architect Henning Larsen emphasized its location near the water with large glass windows and no pillars on the ground floor. The interior has a maritime feel as well, with balconies, open spaces and white railings. The position of the Opera House caused much controversy when it was built, especially in relation to the Amalienborg, which lies directly opposite it on the other side of the Sound. The design of the Opera House was also the cause of a little bit of friction when its benefactor, industrialist Mærsk McKinney Møller, insisted that his own architectural ideas also be incorporated into the construction (see p8).

10 Gammel Dok
Gammel Dok (which means “Old Dock”) was built in 1739, a time when the navy’s ships moored alongside. The warehouse dates back to 1882 and now houses the Danish Architecture Centre. It holds exhibitions and provides a working space for young artists and architects who win scholarships to study here. A café on the first floor offers great views over the water. 📍 Map L5 • Dansk Arkitektur Centre, Strandgade 27B • 32 57 19 30 • Open 10am–5pm • Adm for adults • www.dac.dk



Harbour Tour

Walking Tour

Morning

🕒 Start at the Knippelsbro Bridge by the **Børsen** (see p36). Built in 1937, the bridge takes its name from Hans Knip, the tollkeeper of the first bridge built here in the 17th century. Turn right to visit **Christians Kirke** on Strandgade (see p89). Then, retrace your steps and cross Torvegade, walking right up to the corner of Sankt Annæ Gade. At the corner is No 32 (built in 1622–24), said to be the oldest house in Christianshavn. Turn right and then left on to **Overgaden Oven Vandet** and walk along the canal. Pop inside the **Royal Danish Naval Museum** for a quick visit. If you are curious about **Christiania** (see p89), take a right down Brobergsgade, cross Prinsessegade and head to Pusher Street. If you are not going to the opera in the evening, continue along the canalside and take a right turn at Bodenhoffs Plads, then a left onto Værftsbroen. Keep walking (or take the bus 66) towards the **Opera House**. Hop on a Harbour bus back to Knippelsbro for lunch at **Café Wilder** (see p93) on Wildersgade and head down Sankt Annæ Gade to visit **Vor Frelsers Kirke** (see p89).

Afternoon

🛍️ Spend the afternoon shopping. If you are in the mood for a drink, there are cafés along the Christianshavns Kanal. Linger over supper at L'Altro on **Torvegade** (see p92) or catch a performance at the **Opera House** (see p8) (taking the bus 66 or the water bus from Knippelsbro).





Left Skosalonen Right In Blik

TOP 10 Shopping

1 PaGode Design

Oriental-style, natural-fibre women's clothing are available here. They also have a good collection of stylish bags, shoes, boots, sandals, leggings and coats. ☎ Map L5 • Overgaden Oven Vandet 90 • 32 96 00 34

2 Shop Bit Antik

This tiny shop is filled with pieces from Denmark's yester-years. Among the antiques, furniture and knick-knacks are old dolls and doll houses, books, glasses, sculpture and porcelain. ☎ Map L6 • Prinsessegade 17B • 32 54 09 62 • www.bitantik.com

3 Porte à Gauche

This trendy boutique offers Scandinavian designer wear for women. You will also find classic, exotic Julie Sandlau jewellery. ☎ Map L5 • Torvegade 20 • 32 54 01 40 • www.porteagauche.dk

4 Skosalonen

Right next to Porte à Gauche is its sister shoe store. Equally chic, it offers a superb collection of designer brands for men and women. ☎ Map L5 • Torvegade 16 • 32 52 01 40 • www.skosalonen.dk

5 In Blik

This delightful gift shop has an eclectic collection, including stylish lighters and gadgets, shoes and jewellery, children's games, snow globes and unusual photo frames. ☎ Map L5 • Torvegade 38 • 32 57 65 61

6 Lagkagehuset Bakery

Well known for its breads, cakes and pastries, they have a particularly fine selection of goodies during Christmas. ☎ Map L6 • Torvegade 45 • 32 57 36 07 • Open Sun

7 Ginnungagab

Visit this store for clothes, woollens and skins from the Arctic region. ☎ Map K6 • Overgaden Oven Vandet 4A • 32 54 22 11

8 Hilbert København

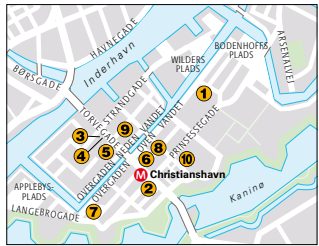
Jewellery at this shop, run by goldsmith Morten Hilbert, is made to order. ☎ Map L6 • Sankt Annæ Gade 24 • 33 93 53 01

9 Medusa

Despite its scary name, this is the perfect place for cute toys for kids. ☎ Map L6 • Torvegade 33 • 32 96 07 60

10 Yo-Yo

Owned by former supermodel Helena Christensen's mother, it sells clothes and accessories the family no longer needs. ☎ Map L6 • Sankt Annæ Gade 31 • 20 46 31 81





Sofiekælderen

Price Categories

For a three-course meal for one without alcohol, including tax (without tip).

☉ up to Dkr150
 ☉☉ 150–200
 ☉☉☉ 200–300
 ☉☉☉☉ 300–350
 ☉☉☉☉☉ over Dkr350

10 Cafés, Bars and Restaurants

1 Era Ora

One of the best Italian restaurants in Denmark, it offers warm service in a tranquil setting. There is a changing set menu with delicious courses and 90,000 bottles of Italian vintage wine. ☹ Map L6 • Overgaden Neden Vandet 33B • 32 54 06 93 • Closed Sun • www.era-ora.dk • ☉☉☉☉☉

2 L'Altro

Relish homely Umbrian-Tuscan dishes in the relaxed atmosphere of this *antiristorante*, a 1950s Italian expression that means “to dine at home.” ☹ Map L6 • Torvegade 62 • 32 54 54 06 • Closed Sun • www.laltro.dk • ☉☉☉☉☉

3 Spicy Kitchen Cafe

This cosy Indian-Pakistani restaurant is a big hit with the locals. ☹ Map L6 • Torvegade 56 • 32 95 28 29 • ☉

4 Grisobasovitz

Popular chef Søren Gericke's charming restaurant serves delicious, traditional Danish dishes. ☹ Map L6 • Overgaden Neden Vandet 17 • 32 54 54 08 • Closed Mon • www.grisobasovitz.dk • ☉☉☉☉☉

5 Sofiekælderen

This popular, though rather spartan, café-bar is so close to the water, you could climb down to the boats moored alongside. Enjoy a night out at its famous bar and night-club. ☹ Map L6 • Sofiegade 1 • 32 57 77 01 • www.sofiekalderen.dk

6 Café Wilder

Enjoy good French-Italian-inspired food and coffee at this café. ☹ Map L5 • Wildersgade 56 • 32 54 71 83 • www.cafewilder.dk • ☉

7 Noma

This restaurant serves great Nordic cuisine made with fresh ingredients. ☹ Map M5 • Strandgade 93 • 32 95 97 22 • www.noma.dk • ☉☉☉☉☉☉

8 Café Rabes Have

Opened for local soldiers and sailors in 1632, this is the oldest pub in Copenhagen. ☹ Map K6 • Langebrogade 8 • 32 57 34 17 • Closed Mon & Tue • ☉

9 Bastionen and Løven

Famous for its large brunch, this is also a pretty spot for a romantic evening. ☹ Map L6 • Christianshavns Voldgade 50 • 32 95 09 40 • www.bastionen-loven.dk • ☉☉☉☉☉

10 Oven Vande Café

Enjoy tasty salads, soups and paninis at this café. ☹ Map L5 • Overgaden Oven Vandet 44 • 32 95 96 02 • www.cafeovenvande.dk • ☉









Left Experimentarium Right Helsingør

Beyond Copenhagen

ALTHOUGH COPENHAGEN ITSELF *will easily keep you entertained for several days, the area around the city offers many opportunities for days out. Roskilde and Helsingør provide a taste of Nordic history, right from the Viking era to the founding of Copenhagen. Get a sense of medieval maritime defense of the Sound at Helsingør's Kronborg Slot and explore the royal lifestyle in the 17th and 18th centuries at Frederiksborg and Charlottenlund. Art and literature lovers can drop in at Arken, Louisiana, Ordrupgaard and the Karen Blixen Museum, home to internationally-acclaimed collections. The Experimentarium and the Akvarium are a must-visit for kids.*



Frederiksborg Slot



Charlottenlund Slotshave



TOP 10 Sights

- 1 Roskilde
- 2 Louisiana Museum
- 3 Experimentarium
- 4 Helsingør
- 5 Arken Museum for Moderne Kunst
- 6 Karen Blixen Museum
- 7 Ordrupgaard
- 8 Frederiksborg Slot
- 9 Charlottenlund Slotshave
- 10 Akvarium



1 Roskilde

Roskilde, a mere 25 minutes away from the city centre by train, makes for a fascinating day out. Older than Copenhagen itself, this was the original seat for Absalon, Bishop of Roskilde and founder of the city. Here you will find a medieval cathedral, a royal burial site and the wonderful Viking Ship Museum, which holds shipwrights' workshops (see p100).

2 Louisiana Museum

This should be high on the list for modern art enthusiasts. The museum houses an impressive selection of works by international artists like Picasso, Alberto Giacometti and Francis Bacon, and Danish masters like Asger Jorn and Per Kirkeby. There is also a children's wing here, which offers art-related activities for kids between 3 and 16 years (call for details). The seaside location, lovely garden and excellent café make the museum even more appealing.

📍 Map B1 • Gammel Strandvej 13, Humlebæk • 49 10 07 19 • Open 10am–5pm Thu–Tue, 10am–10pm Wed, closed 24, 25, 31 Dec & 1 Jan • Adm for adults, free for under-18s • Guided tours available in English: book ahead • Dis access • www.louisiana.dk



Café in Louisiana Museum



Roskilde

3 Experimentarium

Both fun and educational, this science centre has over 300 interactive experiments that relate to the human body and the world we live in. You can, for example, see how your loudest shout compares to that of a lion; try to solve a giant 3D puzzle of the human body; or crawl barefoot through the Sensation Zone. Younger children are encouraged to explore concepts of sound and magnetism in a special pavilion. 📍 Map B2 • Tuborg Havnevej 7, Hellerup • 39 27 33 33 • Adm charges; free for 0–2 year olds • Dis access • www.experimentarium.dk

4 Helsingør

In the 1400s, this harbour town levied tax on all sea traffic that passed through the Sound, which is just 4 km (2.5 miles) wide at this point, hence the town name which translates as "Penny Sound". Apart from a pretty medieval centre, other sights include the 16th-century castle, Kronborg Slot, the Carmelite monastery and the Teknisk Museum of planes, trains and automobiles (see p102).

5 Arken Museum for Moderne Kunst

This wonderful museum houses a rotating permanent collection of contemporary international and Danish art, along with temporary exhibitions. The white, ship-like museum building, designed by Danish architect Søren Lund, is like an exhibit in itself. It offers great views of the sand dunes and the sea at Køge Bugt. 📍 *Map B3 • Skovvej 100, Ishøj • 43 54 02 22; Special tours: 43 57 34 55 • Open 10am–5pm Tue, Thu–Sun; 10am–9pm Wed • www.arken.dk*

6 Karen Blixen Museum

Anyone who has read the novel *Out of Africa* will find this museum, home of author Karen Blixen (pen name: Isak Dinesen), fascinating. Born here in 1885, Blixen returned in 1931 after the death of her lover, Denys Finch Hatton. The house is exactly like it was when she lived here. You can see the furniture she brought home from Nairobi, including Hatton's favourite chair. The museum holds exhibitions of her paintings and drawings, letters, poems, a slide show of her life in Africa, readings by Blixen herself and a lovely garden with a bird sanctuary. You

can also visit her grave at the foot of Ewald's Hill. 📍 *Map B2 • Rungstedlund, Rungsted Strandvej 111, Rungsted Kyst • 45 57 10 57 • Open May–Sep 10am–5pm Tue–Sun; Oct–Apr 1pm–4pm Wed–Fri, 11am–4pm Sat–Sun • Adm; free for under-18s • Book ahead for guided tours in foreign languages • www.karen-blixen.dk*

7 Ordrupgaard

This art gallery houses a superb collection of French Impressionist art and interesting works by 19th- and 20th-century Danish artists. The building is a delightful, 19th-century mansion. 📍 *Map B2 • Vilvordevej 110, Charlottenlund • 39 64 11 83 • Open 1pm–5pm Tue, Thu–Fri, 10am–6pm Wed, 11am–5pm Sat–Sun • Adm; under-18s free • Free audio guide • Book ahead for guided tours in foreign languages • www.ordrupgaard.dk*

8 Frederiksborg Slot

Built in 1560 by the architect king, Christian IV, this copper-turreted, fairy-tale castle stands next to a lake and is surrounded by gardens. The interior is a pleasing mix of Renaissance and Rococo decor. After a fire in 1859, the castle was rescued from ruin by JC Jacobsen (of Carlsberg fame), who founded a national history



Karen Blixen Museum



Danmarks Akvarium

museum here. Be sure to visit the beautiful chapel. 📍 *Map B1*
 • DK-3400 Hillerød • 48 26 04 39 • Open
 Apr–Oct 10am–5pm; Nov–Mar 11am–
 3pm • Baroque Gardens Oct–Mar 8am–
 6pm daily; Apr–Sep 8am–9pm daily
 • Adm • www.frederiksborgmuseet.dk

9 Charlottenlund Slotshave
 The lovely park around Charlottenlund Palace, is a 16-minute train ride from the city centre. Redesigned in the Romantic English style in the 19th-century, the park's attractions include a charming thatched cottage, once lodgings for the Royal Life Guards. The French Renaissance chateau-style palace is closed to the public. 📍 *Map B2* • www.ses.dk

10 Danmarks Akvarium
 Over 285 marine species from the world over are housed in over 70 aquariums at this museum. Everything from piranhas to turtles of all sizes (some the size of your little finger) are found here. One of the “residents” is said to have swum to the North Sea coast all the way from the Mediterranean Sea. 📍 *Map B2* • Kavalergården 1, Charlottenlund • 39 62 32 83 • Open 10am–5pm • Adm • www.akvarium.dk

Day Tour

Morning

🕒 Start your day by hopping onto a train at Hovedbanegården and heading to **Helsingør**. Visit the **castle** at Helsingør before lunch, and then wander around the old town (see pp97 and 102). Alternatively, get off the train at **Humblebæk** and visit the **Louisiana Museum** (see p97). If at Helsingør, have an open sandwich and a beer at one of the many pubs at the town square; if in Louisiana, have lunch at the garden café.

Afternoon

After lunch, if you are in Helsingør, wander through the medieval streets, especially **Strandgade** and **Stengade** (see p102). Visit the medieval **Domkirke**, the **Teknisk Museum** and the **Bymuseum** (see p102), housed in a Carmelite monastery dating back to 1516. If in Louisiana, return to the station and take a train to Rungsted Kyst and drop in at the **Karen Blixen Museum**; try one of the homemade cakes at the café. Or get off the train at Klampenborg to see the fascinating Impressionist paintings at **Ordrupgaard**. If you are at Helsingør or the **Karen Blixen Museum**, start heading back towards Copenhagen in the early evening, stopping at Klampenborg for an evening of entertainment at the **Bakken Fun Fair**. You can also catch a bite to eat here. If you are at Ordrupgaard, visit the café and then walk to the fun fair; either cut through the park or use the main road. On Wednesdays, you can wander around Louisiana till 9pm.



Left **Vikingeskibsmuseet** Centre **Roskilde Kloster** Right **Hestetorvet****Top 10 Roskilde****1 Roskilde Domkirke**

This magnificent cathedral holds the remains of 39 Danish monarchs. ☎ *Map P6* • *Domkirkestræde 10* • 46 31 65 65 • *Open Apr–Sep 9am–5pm Mon–Sat, 12:30–5pm Sun; Oct–Mar 10am–4pm Mon–Sat, 12:30–4pm Sun* • *Adm, under-7s free* • www.roskildedomkirke.dk

2 Stændertorvet

This small square in front of the Town Hall has been a market place since the Middle Ages. ☎ *Map P6* • *Markets on Wed & Sat*

3 Roskilde Slot

Built in 1733–36 for royal visitors, this Baroque palace houses the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Palace Wing, and Palace Collections gallery. ☎ *Map P6* • *Stændertorvet 3* • *Museum: 46 36 88 74, Open 11am–5pm Tue–Fri, 12pm–4pm Sat & Sun; Palace Wing: 46 32 14 70, Open mid-May–mid-Sep 11am–4pm daily; Palace Collections: 46 35 78 80, Open 11am–4pm daily, closed 24, 25, 31 Dec, 1 Jan* • *Adm for adults* • www.ses.dk

4 Roskilde Museum

This museum illustrates Roskilde's history from the time when it was Denmark's first capital. ☎ *Map P5* • *Sankt Ols Gade 15–18* • 46 31 65 00 / 46 31 65 29 • *Open 11am–4pm daily, closed 24, 25, 31 Dec & 1 Jan* • *Adm for adults* • www.roskildemuseum.dk

5 Roskilde Kloster

This manor was bought in 1699 by two aristocratic women

who converted it into a home for unmarried mothers. ☎ *Map P6*

• *Sankt Pederstraede 8* • 46 35 02 19
• www.roskildekloster.dk

6 Kirkegård

Now a park, this medieval churchyard holds the graves of many prominent Roskilde citizens. ☎ *Map Q6*

7 Hestetorvet

The Horse Market is set in what was Roskilde's largest square for centuries. Look out for the three giant vases that commemorate Roskilde's millennium in 1998. ☎ *Map Q6*

8 Vikingeskibsmuseet

The popular Viking Ship Museum displays five 1,000-year-old Viking vessels that were recovered from the watery depths in 1962: a warship, longship, ferry and deep sea vessel. Viking-ship boat trips are available in the summer (*see below*). ☎ *Map P4* • *Vindeboder 12* • 46 30 02 00 • *Open 10am–5pm daily* • *Adm for adults* • www.vikingeskibsmuseet.dk

9 Viking Ship Trips

Sail for 50 minutes in a replica of a 1,000-year-old Viking warship ☎ *Map P4* • *Vikingeskibsmuseet, Vindeboder 12* • 46 30 02 53 • www.vikingeskibsmuseet.dk

10 Skomagergade & Algade

The city's two main, beautifully-paved streets, are lined with shops and cafés. ☎ *Map P6*





Left **Eyes (1997)** at the museum's entrance Right **Two Piece Reclining Figure No. 5 1963–64**

10 Louisiana Museum

1 Big Thumb 1968

This striking, 2-m (6-ft) tall bronze thumb is modelled after the thumb of its creator, French sculptor César Baldaccini (1921–98).

2 Dead Drunk Danes 1960

Rebel artist Asger Jorn (1914–1973) was awarded the Guggenheim International Award for this expressive abstract painting. However, he rejected the accolade and sent Harry Guggenheim an infuriated telegram: "Go to hell with your money bastard *stop* Never asked for it *stop* Against all decency to mix artist against his will in your publicity *stop*".

3 People and the Seal 1949

This fantastical painting is by Carl Henning Pedersen (1913–07), a member of the abstract expressionist CoBrA group.

4 Marilyn Monroe 1967

American artist Andy Warhol (1928–1987) created a series of famous silkscreen prints of Marilyn Monroe using Pop Art colours. This is one of them.

5 Déjeuner sur l'Herbe (1961)

Painted by Pablo Picasso (1881–1973), this abstract work pays homage to Edouard Manet's revolutionary painting of 1862–63, in which a nude woman sits in a classical setting, having a picnic with two fully clothed modern men.

6 Alberto Giacometti Collection

The museum owns an impressive collection of 13 sculptures and several drawings by Alberto Giacometti (1901–66). The elongated figures with rough textures are reminiscent of African sculpture.

7 Two Piece Reclining Figure No. 5 1963–64

This bronze work by Henry Moore (1898–1986) occupies a beautiful spot between the trees, its humanoid, organic forms melding with the landscape.

8 Homage to the Yellow Square: Climate 1962

This is part of the series titled *Homage to the Square* by Josef Albers (1888–1976), the influential Bauhaus artist who explored the chromatic relationship of different coloured flat squares.

9 Figures in a Landscape (1977)

In this painting by Roy Lichtenstein (1923–97), an exponent of Pop Art, symbols and images are broken down in a Cubist style and set in a surreal landscape.

10 Garden and Views

The museum's gardens and views are as much a part of its charm as its exhibits. Here, the visual arts, architecture and landscapes exist in unity; the sculptures create silhouettes against the sky, and the gardens enhance the sculptures' appeal.



Left **Marienlyst Slot** Right **Axelortov**

Top 10 Helsingør

1 Kronborg Slot

Famous as the setting of Shakespeare's play, *Hamlet*, this castle was first built in 1420. Its Great Hall is the largest in Europe. ☎ *Map Q2 • Kronborg 2C • 49 21 30 78 • Open May–Sep 10:30am–5pm daily; Oct 11am–4pm Tue–Sun; Nov–Mar 11am–3pm Tue–Sun • Adm • www.kronborgslot.dk*

2 Danmarks Teknisk Museum

Explore an impressive collection of machines here, including steam engines, cars (one of them dates back to 1888) and a variety of aeroplanes. ☎ *Fabriksvej 25 • 49 22 26 11 • Open 10am–5pm Tue–Sun • Adm • www.tekniskmuseum.dk*

3 Festivals

In summer, Helsingør hosts a number of festivals, including the Maritime Festival, Sunset Jazz Festival and Shakespeare's plays. ☎ *www.visithelsingor.dk*

4 Karmeliterklosteret

Built in the 15th century, this Gothic-style monastery belonged to the Carmelite Order. ☎ *Map P2 • Sankt Annæ Gade 38 • 49 21 17 74 • Open mid-May–mid-Sep 10am–3pm daily, mid-Sep–mid-May 10am–2pm daily • Adm • www.sctmariae.dk*

5 Helsingør Bymuseum

Next door to the Carmelite Monastery, the Town Museum was originally used as a hospital for sailors. It now houses interesting displays that recall the

building's original function as the Karmeliterklosteret's infirmary.

☎ *Map P2 • Sankt Annagade 36 • 49 28 18 00 • 12pm–4pm daily • www.helsingor.dk/museum*

6 Axelortov

This main square features a statue of Erik of Pomerania, the Polish prince who ruled Denmark from 1397–1439. ☎ *Map P2*

7 Stengade & Strandgade

Stengade is a pedestrianized street in the medieval quarter. Some houses on Strandgade date back to 1459. ☎ *Map P3*

8 Sankt Olai Domkirke

Note the 15th-century crucifix, the 1568 Renaissance pulpit and the carved wooden altar. ☎ *Map P2 • Sankt Annæ Gade 12 • 49 21 04 43 • Open May–Aug 10am–4pm Mon–Sat, Sep–Apr 10am–2pm daily • www.helsingordomkirke.dk*

9 Marienlyst Slot

Named after Frederik V's wife Juliana Maria, this Neo-Classical manor is now a museum. Its elegant 18th-century interiors are well preserved. ☎ *Map N1 • Marienlyst Allé 32 • 49 28 18 30 • Open 12pm–4pm daily • Adm for adults*

10 Øresundakvariet

This sea-water aquarium has a variety of tropical fish and Baltic species. ☎ *Map P1 • Strandpromenaden 5 • 35 32 19 70 • Open Jun–Aug 10am–5pm daily; Sep–May 12pm–4pm Mon–Fri • Adm for adults*





Søstre Olsen

10 Places To Eat

1 Skovriderkroen
This brasserie restaurant across Charlottenlund's sandy beach, turns into a lively nightspot by sunset. *Map B2* • *Strandvejen 235, Charlottenlund* • 39 46 07 00 • www.skovriderkroen.dk •

2 Sletten Kro
Visit this cheerful, traditional inn for delicious modern Danish cuisine and a splendid view over the harbour. *Map B2* • *Gammel Strandvej 137, Humlebæk* • 49 19 13 21 • www.slettenkro.dk •

3 Restaurant Jacobsen
Dine in style on the famous Arne Jacobsen chairs, and even use Jacobsen cutlery. The menu spans modern Italian, French and Danish cuisine. Fish is especially good. *Map B2* • *Strandvejen 449, Klampenborg* • 39 63 43 22 • www.restaurantjacobsen.dk •

4 Den Gule Cottage
Set in an idyllic location, this small, timber-framed restaurant was created in 1844 by architect Bindsbøll. The dishes are prepared with fresh, seasonal ingredients. *Map B2* • *Strandvejen 506, Klampenborg* • 39 64 06 91 • www.dengulecottage.dk •

5 Mikkellaard
This lovely restaurant, set on a farm with lawns rolling down to the sea, serves good Danish food. *Map B2* • *Rungsted Strandvej 302, Hørsholm* • 45 76 63 13 • www.mikkellaard.dk •

Price Categories

For a three-course meal for one without alcohol, including tax (without tip).

	up to Dkr150
	150–200
	200–300
	300–350
	over Dkr350

6 Restaurant Gilleleje Havn
Enjoy traditional Danish seafood at this fine old seamen's inn (1895) on the harbour. After the meal, stroll along the beautiful sandy beach. *Map A1* • *Havnevej 14, Gilleleje* • 48 30 16 20 • www.gillelejehavn.dk •

7 Nokken
This smart, seaside restaurant serves modern Mediterranean dishes with a Danish twist and transforms into a popular night-spot after dark. *Map B2* • *Rungsted Havn 44, Rungsted* • 45 57 13 14 • www.nokken.dk •

8 Røgeriet Rungsted
Try the popular smoked fish served at this old smokery. *Map B2* • *Rungsted Havn 22, Rungsted* • 45 76 06 08 • www.roegeriet.com •

9 Jan Hurtigkarl & Co.
This cosmopolitan restaurant is the brainchild of the innovative chef, Jan Hurtigkarl. Have a meal on the seafront terrace and look out for Hurtigkarl's ingenious, pyramid-shaped wood burning barbecue. *Map B1* • *Nordre Strandvej 154, Ålsegård* • 49 70 90 03 • www.hurtigkarl.dk •

10 Søstre Olsen
The food at this cosy cottage-style restaurant is delicious. The seafood is particularly good. *Map B1* • *Øresundsvej 10, Hornbæk* • 49 70 05 50 • www.sostreneolsen.dk •

CHRISTIANIA

- 1. Frederik Stenersens Museum
- 2. Christiania Museum
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COPENHAGEN'S TOP 10



Left An SAS plane Right International ferry

TOP 10 Getting There and Around

1 Arriving By Air

Airlines that serve Copenhagen directly are Scandinavian Air lines (SAS), Aer Lingus, British Airways and Mærsk Air. The airport is 12 km (7 miles) away from the city; it takes about 15 mins to get to the city by train, or 45 mins by bus (both cost the same). You will also find a taxi rank just outside the airport (terminal 3).

2 Arriving By Train

International trains run to and from many European cities, including Hamburg and Berlin. All international trains stop at Hovedbanegården, the city's main station.

3 Arriving By Road

If driving into Copenhagen from Sweden, you can take the Øresund bridge from Malmø. If driving in from Germany and crossing the island of Funen, you can take the Great Belt Bridge to Sjælland, the island on which Copenhagen is situated. Both bridges exact a toll.

4 Arriving By Ferry

You can take a DFDS Seaways ferry to Copenhagen from Poland (Swinoujscie) or Norway (Oslo). Ferries from the UK (Harwich) stop at Esbjerg; from here, you can take a train to Copenhagen or drive 300 km (186 miles) on the E20 motorway.

5 Local Public Transport

The bus, local (S) train and metro systems are frequent and efficient. In Greater Copenhagen, you can use a single ticket or discount clip card to transfer between these three systems. These cards are available for 10 journeys and work out cheaper than the basic tickets available. ☎ www.dsb.dk/english

6 Harbour Buses

Harbour buses (901 and 902) run the length of the harbour between Den Sorte Diamant and Gefionspringvandet. ☎ *Daily 6am–6pm/7pm, every 10 mins.*

7 Taxis & Rickshaws

Taxis have a FRI (free) sign on the roof. You can pay by credit card and also get receipts. Catch the cycle rickshaws for short rides at Storkespringvandet, Tivoli, Rådhuspladsen and Nyhavn.

8 Driving & Parking

You can drive if you are over 18 and hold a valid licence. Always carry the registration papers and reflecting triangle. *Parkerings forbudt* means no parking within certain time limits. Motoring offences attract on-the-spot fines.

9 Bicycles

Bicycles offer a great way to enjoy more of

Copenhagen in a short period of time. There are cycle paths throughout the city. Free city bikes are available from mid-April to mid-December at 110 special stands around the city.

10 On Foot

Copenhagen is a lovely place to walk around. As it is relatively small, many of the sites are a short walk away from each other, unless you plan on heading out to Nørrebro or crossing town. Tourist signposting is helpful.

Directory

Copenhagen Airport

- 32 31 32 31
- www.cph.dk

DSB Train Tickets Reservation and Info

- 70 13 14 15
- www.dsb.dk

DFDS Seaways (Ferries)

- Copenhagen: 33 42 30 00
- Oslo: 33 42 30 00
- Polferries (Swinoujscie): 33 13 52 23
- www.dfdsseaways.dk

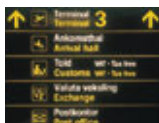
Car Hire

- Budget Rent A Car: 33 55 05 00
- Europcar: 70 11 66 99; www.europcar.dk

Bicycle Information

- København Cykler: www.rentabike.dk
- City Cykler: www.citycykler.dk





Left Airport information board Centre Tourist information sign Right Wonderful Copenhagen

TOP 10 General Information

1 Best Time to Visit

Summertime is ideal as you can enjoy 16–18 hours of daylight on clear days. Christmas is fun, with fairy lights and celebrations at Tivoli, the open-air ice rink at Kongens Nytorv and plenty of markets, concerts and other entertainment. There is plenty for kids to do on other Danish school holidays as well: week 7, July to mid-August, and week 42. The only time you might want to avoid, due to chilly winds and seven hours of daylight, is Dec–Jan.

2 Visas

EU citizens do not require a visa to enter Denmark and can stay for up to 90 days. Others should check whether their country has reciprocal agreements on waiving visa requirements. Foreign nationals who wish to work in Copenhagen must have a work and residence permit for paid or unpaid work.
www.nyidanmark.dk/en-us/coming_to_dk/coming_to_dk.htm

3 Duty Free Goods & Customs

Denmark imposes a limit on what can be brought into the country. Do not carry food articles that are not vacuum-packed by the manufacturer. Articles in commercial quantities and presents valued at more than

1,350kr are subject to customs duty. US citizens are liable to pay duty if carrying goods worth over \$400. Many shops offer tax-free shopping for non-EU visitors for a minimum purchase of 300kr; remember to collect a Global Refund Tax Free Cheque from the store, so you can apply for a 13–19 per cent refund.
www.globalrefund.com

4 Tourist Information

The Wonderful Copenhagen tourist office (just opposite the main station) offers brochures and lets you book hotels. Use It, another tourist organization, offers suggestions for visitors on a low budget. For free tourist information on your mobile, text “woco” to +45 22 90 40 04 (mobile charges apply).
[Wonderful Copenhagen: 70 22 24 42](http://WonderfulCopenhagen:70222442)
 • Use It: 33 73 06 20
 • www.woco.dk
 • www.useit.dk

5 Opening Hours

Opening hours for shops are: Mon–Thu 9:30am/10am–5:30pm, Fri 9:30am/10am–7pm/8pm; Sat 9:30am/10am–noon/1pm (5pm on the first Saturday of the month). Weekend hours may be extended in tourist areas, especially in summer. Museums are closed on Mondays.

6 Weekly Listings

The Copenhagen Post (each Friday) provides a useful guide to events taking place in the city. Danish speakers can check the Friday guide sections of Politiken and Berlingske.

7 Websites

Tourist board websites provide useful information. Other websites are listed below. www.visitcopenhagen.com
 • www.visitdenmark.dk
 • www.aok.dk/section/english

8 Public Holidays

Public holidays include New Year’s Day, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Common Prayer’s Day, Ascension Day, Whit Monday and Christmas.

9 Admission Prices

Some museums are always free, others are mostly free on Wednesdays. The Copenhagen Card offers discounts and allows entry to 60 attractions and museums.

10 For Children

Several museums have children’s facilities, and most restaurants provide high chairs – some even have special children’s menus (call to check). Hotels like the Admiral and DGI-Byen also offer babysitting services. The airport has play areas, baby-changing facilities and buggies.



Left A typical pharmacy Right Police van

TOP 10 Health and Security

1 Health Insurance & Precautions

Although emergency medical treatment is free, make sure you have suitable travel insurance. EU nationals should bring their European Health Insurance cards. Visitors from Schengen countries (several EU countries plus Iceland, Norway and Switzerland) can carry up to 30 days' supply of prescribed medication; others must carry no more than 14 days' supply. Documents stating the need for the medication may be required.

2 Pharmacies

Pharmacies have a green sign saying "A" (Apotek). Prescription medication can only be bought at pharmacies. Credit cards are not accepted; full payment is required. ☎ *Steno Apotek, Vesterbrogade 6C (opp. main station)*

3 Medical Treatment

Tourists are covered by public health services as per the agreement between Denmark and their home country. Emergency hospital treatment is free for all tourists, unless the medical facility determines that the emergency occurred as a result of a pre-existing condition. Refunds for doctor's fees can be obtained from the nearest municipal or health insurance office before leaving Denmark.

4 Personal Safety

Copenhagen is a safe city, but visitors must take precautions. Make sure your bags are closed securely and your credit cards, mobile and money are kept in a safe place. Also, avoid carrying large amounts of cash. If you are a victim of a crime, contact the police (see below) immediately.

5 Police

To file reports, contact the nearest police station (see Directory). In a crisis, call the emergency services number.

6 Dental Treatment

You can ask the staff at Use It (see p107) for advice about treatment or contact Falck (tel. 70 10 20 30) for reference to a dentist.

7 Doctors & Hospitals

Outside office hours, call either Doctor On Call or 24-hour Doctor Watch. If an emergency arises, go to the Accident and Emergency section of any hospital (see Directory).

8 Theft

Report theft at a police station (see Directory) at once; you will be issued a crime report note, which you will need for insurance claims.

9 Disabled Access

Wonderful Copenhagen, or WoCo (see p107),

has a list of places that offer facilities for the disabled. For wheelchair information, contact DSB Handicap (see Directory).

10 Lost Property

For items lost on the bus or local (S) train, call 35 53 00 09. If you lose your belongings elsewhere, call 113.

Directory

Pharmacies

- *Steno Apotek (24 hrs): 33 14 82 66*

Police

- *Station City: Halmtovet 20; 33 25 14 48*
- *Politivagten: Copenhagen Central Station; 33 15 38 01*
- *Slotsherrensvej: 38 74 88 22*

Emergency Services

112

Doctors & Hospitals

- *Doctor On Call: 70 13 00 41*
- *24-hour Doctor Watch: 38 88 60 41*
- *Amager Hospital: 32 34 35 00*
- *Bispebjerg Hospital: 35 31 23 73*
- *Frederiksberg Hospital: 38 16 35 22*

Handicap Services

- *DSB Handicap Service: 70 13 14 19*
- *3 x 35 Taxi (book ahead): 35 59 35 35*
- *WoCo List: www.visitcopenhagen.com/composite-253.htm*





Left Danish currency Centre ATM machine Right A Danish letterbox

TOP 10 Banking and Communications

1 Local Currency

Danish notes come in denominations of 1,000 kr, 500 kr, 200 kr, 100 kr and 50 kr. Coins come in 20 kr, 10 kr, 5 kr, 2 kr, 1 kr, 50 øre (half a krone) and 25 øre.

2 Banks & ATMs

Banks are usually open Mon–Wed 10am–10pm; Thu 10am–6pm. Most ATMs are open 24 hours a day, and are usually found outside banks and metro stations. The most popular card is Visa, but finding machines that accept MasterCard or American Express shouldn't be a problem, either.

3 Exchange

There are many exchange bureaux throughout the city. Those open for the longest include Den Danske Bank's exchange office (6am–10pm) at Copenhagen Airport, and the Forex (8am–9pm) at the Hovedbanegård station. Hotels have foreign exchange services, but the rate is lower than at banks or exchange bureaux.

4 Credit Cards

International credit cards are not always accepted, especially at small outlets. There may also be an extra charge if you pay by credit card. If you lose your credit card, call your credit card company immediately (see *Directory*).

5 Post Offices

Post offices are usually open Mon–Fri 9am/10am–5.30pm; Sat 9am–noon (or closed). You can arrange for a Poste Restante service at any post office. International mail arrives faster with the Faste Deliver A-mail or Prioritaire mail service. www.postdanmark.dk

6 Telephones

The international dialling code for Denmark is +45; there are no area codes. To make international calls from Denmark, first dial 00. Public telephones accept coins and pre-paid phone cards. Insert 5–20 kr for international calls; however, you will not receive change. You cannot make collect calls to the US from public phones. For information and directory assistance, call 113.

7 Mobiles

GSM compatible mobile phones will work. There are three main service providers (see *Directory*). Roaming is expensive, so check your service provider's rates for calls from abroad.

8 Internet

There are many internet cafés in the city. Boomtown Netcafé is one of the biggest, with 108 computers. Use It (see p107) lets you surf, but you can't make print outs. Most hotels offer internet access, too.

9 TV & Radio

Cable and satellite TV provide easy access to channels in English and other languages. Radio Denmark International (1062 Mz) broadcasts news in English at 10:30 am, 5:05pm and 10pm.

10 Newspapers & Magazines

Denmark's national newspapers include: *Borsen*, *Ekstra Bladet*, *Jyllands-Posten*, *Information* and *Politiken*. For local news in English, get the *Copenhagen Post* (free). You can find most major UK and US newspapers at kiosks.

Directory

Credit Card Companies

- AMEX and MasterCard: 44 89 27 50
- Visa and Other cards: 44 89 29 29
- Danish PBS 24-hr hotline (for other credit cards): 44 89 29 29
- Diners Club: 36 73 73 73

Mobile Companies

- Sonofon: 80 29 29 29
- TDC-Mobil: 80 80 80 20
- Telia: 80 10 10 80

Internet Cafés

- Boomtown Netcafé: Axelortorv 1–3
- Faraos Cigarer: Skindergade 27
- Nethulen: 1st floor, Istedgade, 114



Left Traffic lights at a pedestrian crossing Right Jaywalking

TOP 10 Things To Avoid

1 Jaywalking

The Danes never jaywalk, even if there is no traffic in either direction. If you can't resist the urge to do so, don't be surprised if a grumpy policeman decides to arrest you for breaking the law. Always cross at the pedestrian crossing when the signal turns green. For the benefit of the visually impaired, a beeping sound is emitted for the entire duration when it is safe to cross.

2 Exceeding the Speed Limit or Drinking & Driving

Exceeding the speed limit is illegal and you can be fined on the spot. If you don't pay, your car may be impounded. Drinking and driving is strictly prohibited as well. Do not drive if the level of alcohol content in your blood is more than 0.5 (two drinks). For alcohol levels of up to 1.2, a large fine is imposed. If the level is 1.2–2, you could lose your license. Levels above 2 may result in a prison sentence of two weeks or more.

3 Buying Drugs

Buying and selling drugs in Denmark is illegal, just as in most other places, and the penalties are severe. Earlier, buying drugs from a booth on Pusher Street in Christiania was almost *de rigueur* for young visitors. However, Pusher

Street has now been shut down and drugs cannot be bought openly.

4 Forgetting to Clip Tickets on Public Transport

Always remember to clip your ticket to validate it when you travel on public transport. Clipping machines can be found on buses and on platforms of train and metro stations. If you do not clip your ticket, you can be fined by inspectors.

5 Visiting Museums on Monday Without Checking

Most museums are shut on Mondays, though a few are closed on Tuesdays instead. So, check in advance for frustration-free sightseeing.

6 Stepping Out in Front of a Bike

Visitors who are not used to having cycle lanes in their cities might mistake this area for part of the pavement. However, bikes have right of way here. Remember to treat cycle lanes as you would the rest of the road.

7 Grumbling in English

Practically everyone below the age of 70 (and many above) speak excellent English, as they have been watching English and American films and TV for long. So, if you grumble in English, everyone from the bus

driver up will know exactly what you are saying.

8 Praising the Swedes

The Danes and their neighbours, the Swedes, have been at loggerheads for centuries. These days, the Danes continue to be rude about the Swedes, but in a tongue-in-cheek way. However, they often do mean it when they say that the Swedes travel to Copenhagen only to buy alcohol, as it is less expensive here.

9 Insulting the Royal Family

The Danes are very respectful of their royal family, especially the present queen. Insulting them is highly inadvisable; it would be similar to (if not a little worse) insulting someone's favourite sports team. However unintentional it may be, it could damage your relations with your hosts – especially the older generation.

10 Not Making Eye Contact When "Skolling" a Drink

It is considered rude if you don't lock your gaze with your drinking partner when you raise a toast and say "*Skål*". This tradition of "skolling" dates back to the Vikings, who used to chop off the heads of vanquished enemy chiefs and drink out of their skulls.





Left **Café in Vesterbro** Right **Gardens of the Royal Library**

for 10 Copenhagen on a Budget

1 Reservations

Make your hotel reservations well in advance to get the best deals. The peak season is usually Apr/May–Sept/Oct. Online hotel prices are often cheaper, but it is a good idea to ring the hotel and ask about their best prices and deals.

2 Sights

A well-planned trip can be surprisingly inexpensive. Walking the streets is free and also fascinating. Discount clip cards (*see p106*) reduce your expense on public transport. Parks and gardens (except Tivoli) are free, and often host free entertainment, especially in the summer. Several state-run museums are free; others are free on Wednesdays or Sundays. The Danish National Theatre sells unsold tickets at half price after 4pm on the day of the performance. For more information on budget travel, contact Use It (*see p107*). ☎ *Danish National Theatre box office: Tordenskjoldsgade 7 • www.useit.dk*

3 Sightseeing Passes

The Copenhagen Card supplied by the Danish Tourist board is a good investment, offering lots of great discounts for sightseeing and transport. For information, or to buy the Copenhagen Card in advance (mini-

mum of 10 days), visit the Wonderful Copenhagen website (*see p107*).

4 Cheap Eats

As in most other places, pizza and pasta dishes are cheap in Copenhagen. Fast food outlets are plentiful, and you can get a sandwich or a burger and chips for under 50 kr. If you want something more substantial for under 150 kr, a main course, bread and a glass of wine or beer in a café will easily fit your budget. Some restaurants, especially Thai, offer reasonably priced buffet lunches.

5 Hotel Breakfasts

Although breakfast is a modest affair for most Danes, visitors are spoiled for choice at hotels. Eat-all-you-want breakfasts offer good value for money, even at 100–150 kr – especially if you can fill up for the day. Some hotels include breakfast in the price of the room, so check when you book.

6 Meals

Lunch (*Frokost*) is served from noon–2pm. Supper (*Aftensmad*) is usually served from 6pm–9:30pm/10pm, although you can call to check if the kitchen is open after that. Supper often costs more, but you are served larger portions. Late night snacks are limited to hot dogs or kebabs from a stall.

7 Tipping

Tips are usually included in bills at restaurants and hotels, so it is not considered rude if you don't leave one. In cheaper places, rounding the bill up is perfectly acceptable. In more expensive restaurants, it is customary to leave a tip, but it can be as little as 5 per cent of the bill. You don't have to tip taxi drivers.

8 Free Music Events

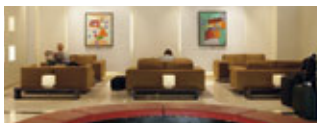
Every Wednesday in the spring and summer, students from the Royal Danish Academy of Music perform classical concerts at the Theatre Museum. Look out for the street bands at the summertime jazz festival (*see p43*). ☎ *www.onsdagskoncerter.dk*

9 Other Free Events

During Christmas, special markets are held with some shops like the Royal Copenhagen (*see p68*), putting up exhibitions. Free skating is on offer at rinks at Kongens Nytorv, Frederiksberg Runddel and Blågårdsgade. Museums conduct free workshops for kids (closed 24–25 Dec).

10 Movies

Some cinemas offer lower rates from Mon–Thu before 6pm (ring to check). Between Jul–Aug, free open-air screenings are held by Zulu Sommerbio and Fri Film. ☎ *www.zulu.dk*

Left **The Square** Right **Palace Hotel**

TOP 10 Luxury Hotels

1 Palace Hotel

Overlooking Rådhuspladsen, this old-fashioned Victorian hotel is currently undergoing major renovation. By 2007, its traditional English-style decor will be blended with a fresh, modern design. *Map H5 • Rådhuspladsen 47 • 33 14 40 50; Booking: 33 42 85 21 • www.palace-hotel.dk •*

2 Hotel d'Angleterre

Olden day grandeur meets modern luxury at this 250-year-old hotel. It has a plush palm court, banquet rooms, a spa and a great restaurant serving international cuisine. *Map K4 • Kongens Nytorv 34 • 33 12 00 95 • www.remmen.dk/dangleterre •*

3 Sofitel Plaza

Built in 1913, this hotel has spacious rooms and traditional decor. The Library Bar, full of 18th-century books, is one of the best bars in the city. *Map G5 • Bernstorffsgade 4 • 33 14 92 62 • www.sofitel.com •*

4 FRONT

This modern, child-friendly boutique hotel offers rooms of various sizes. Each room has been individually decorated and enhanced with attractive artwork. *Map L4 • Skt Annæ Plads 21 • 33 13 34 00 • www.front.dk •*

5 Sankt Petri

One of Copenhagen's coolest 5-star hotels, every room is delightfully decorated with orchids and abstract art and the bathrooms are luxurious. It has a lively glass-roofed atrium featuring international DJs, as well as a popular cocktail bar. *Map H4 • Krystalgade 22 • 33 45 91 00 • www.hotelsktpetri.com •*

6 Axel Guldsmeden

Part of the Guldsmeden group, this former budget hotel is set to open in 2007. Plans are on to equip it with a wellness centre and pool. *Map G6 • Helgolandsgade 7-11 • 33 31 32 66 • www.hotelguldsmeden.dk •*

7 Nyhavn 71

This cosy 4-star hotel at the end of Nyhavn was once a warehouse built to store goods from ships on the harbour. The area is very peaceful and does not suffer from noisy tourists; few wander this far down the quayside. The restaurant offers a substantial breakfast. *Map L4 • Nyhavn 71 • 33 43 62 00 • www.71nyhavnhotel.com •*

8 Phoenix

Owned by the famous Arp-Hansen group, this comfortable 4-star hotel, just off Kongens Nytorv, is decorated in a French,

Louis XIV style with contemporary colour and touch. Housed in a 17th-century building that originally belonged to an aristocratic family called Von Plessen, the hotel has a restaurant and 'English pub'-style bar. *Map L3 • Bredgade 37 • 33 95 95 00 • www.phoenixcopenhagen.dk •*

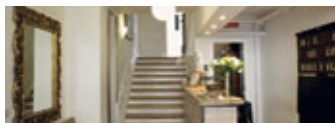
9 The Square

This modern 3-star hotel opposite the Palace Hotel stands on the Town Hall square. It is replete with stylish pony-hair chairs placed at the entrance and groovy Arne Jacobsen chairs in the reception area. The rooms are comfortable and the breakfast on offer excellent. *Map H5 • Rådhuspladsen 14 • 33 38 12 00 • www.thesquare.com •*

10 Grand Hotel

A short walk down Vesterbrogade, this 4-star hotel is located in a lively city area. In the summer, you can sit in its pavement café and enjoy a spot of people-watching over coffee. The rooms are spacious and the decor traditional without being ornate. The hotel's Restaurant Frascati is very good and serves some tasty Italian cuisine. *Map G5 • Vesterbrogade 9 • 33 27 69 00 • www.grandhotelcopenhagen.com •*





Bertrams Hotel Guldsmiden

Price Categories

For a standard,	⊙	up to Dkr1,000
double room per	⊙⊙	1,000–1,400
night (with breakfast	⊙⊙⊙	1,400–1,800
if included), taxes	⊙⊙⊙⊙	1,800–2,200
and extra charges.	⊙⊙⊙⊙⊙	over Dkr2,200

TOP 10 Expensive Hotels

1 Comfort Hotel Esplanaden

This is Denmark's first non-smoking hotel. Situated close to the Amalienborg, it is housed inside an 19th-century building. The hotel was refurbished in 2000.

Ⓜ Map L2 • Bredgade 78 • 33 48 10 00 • www.choicehotels.dk • ⊙⊙⊙⊙

2 Hotel Alexandra

More than a century old, this excellent 3-star hotel became popular in the last decade for its original, 20th-century furniture design classics ranging from Kaare Klint chairs to Akademi chandeliers designed by Poul Henningsen. There are three non-smoking floors and allergy-tested rooms. Ⓜ Map G5 • HC Andersen Boulevard 8 • 33 74 44 44 • www.hotel-alexandra.dk • ⊙⊙⊙⊙

3 Imperial Hotel

Stylish and welcoming, the decor is based on modern Danish design principles. You will also find an entire floor dedicated to the work of the Danish designer Børge Mogensen. Ⓜ Map G5 • Vester Farmimagsgade 9 • 33 12 80 00 • www.imperialhotel.dk • ⊙⊙⊙⊙

4 Opera

This 3-star Arp-Hansen hotel is set in a building that dates back to 1869; the hotel opened here only in the 1950s. The decor is

modern with traditional English overtones, such as Regency-striped armchairs. A "Wall of Fame" shows the famous people who have visited the hotel in the last 50 years. Ⓜ Map K4 • Tordenskjoldsgade 15 • 33 47 83 00 • www.hotelopera.dk • ⊙⊙⊙⊙

5 Hilton Copenhagen Airport

Live in style at this posh 5-star hotel, equipped with a pool, gym, three restaurants and bars and some good business facilities. The decor is distinctly Scandinavian with plenty of light wood. It was voted the best hotel in Denmark in 2005. Ⓜ Ellehammersvej, 20 Kastrup • 32 50 15 01 • www.hilton.dk • ⊙⊙⊙⊙

6 Kong Arthur

Close to Rosenborg Slot (see pp20–21), this 4-star hotel exudes a certain old-world charm, with a dash of chintz. It has reasonably big rooms and a conservatory-style breakfast room. Ⓜ Map G3 • Nørre Søgade 11 • 33 11 12 12 • www.brochner-hotels.dk • ⊙⊙⊙⊙

7 Bertrams Hotel Guldsmiden

This 3-star hotel is unlike any other in Copenhagen and has a delightful ethnic decor, displaying pottery from Mexico, furniture from Indonesia and carpets from Pakistan. It serves

delicious breakfasts from Emmerys (see p86).

Ⓜ Map B5 • Vesterbrogade 107 • 33 25 04 05 • www.hotelguldsmiden.dk • ⊙⊙⊙⊙

8 Hotel Kong Frederik

There have been inns and hotels on the site since the 14th century, but this hotel dates back to 1868. Services include a hair salon, florist and internet access. Ⓜ Map H4 • Vester Voldgade 25 • 33 12 59 02 • www.remme.dk • ⊙⊙⊙⊙

9 SAS Radisson Scandinavia

With 542 rooms and suites, this is Denmark's biggest hotel. Standing tall in Christianshavn, it offers great views and world-class services. There are four restaurants, including the child-friendly Mamas and Papas. Ⓜ Map J6 • Amager Boulevard 70 • 33 96 50 00 • www.radissonsas.com • ⊙⊙⊙

10 SAS Radisson Falconer

Smaller than the other two Radisson hotels in the city, this bright and airy hotel offers a wide range of services and conveniences. It is primarily aimed at business travellers and even has a conference centre next door. Ⓜ Map B4 • Falkoner Allé 9 • 38 15 80 01 • www.radissonsas.com • ⊙⊙⊙⊙



Left **Danmark** Right **Hotel Fox**

TOP 10 Mid-Range Hotels

1 **Guldsmeden Carlton**

This lovely hotel is about halfway down Vesterbrogade. Sophisticated yet relaxed, it has an ethnic decor with dark-wood furniture, white-washed walls and Egyptian cotton sheets. It offers delicious organic breakfasts. The staff are very helpful and some even let you hire their bikes. The hotel is a short distance away from the main station. *Map C5 • Vesterbrogade 66 • 33 22 15 00 • www.hotelguldsmeden.dk • ©©*

2 **Clarion Collection Mayfair**

Close to the city's main attractions, this comfortable hotel is furnished mainly in an English style with a hint of the oriental. *Map G6 • Helgolandsgade 3 • 70 12 17 00 • www.choicehotels.dk • ©©*

3 **Danmark**

This contemporary 3-star hotel is set inside an 18th-century building. It offers babysitting services and free internet access. Look out for good web weekend deals. *Map H5 • Vester Voldgade 89 • 33 11 48 06 • www.hotel-danmark.dk • ©©*

4 **Comfort Hotel Østerport**

This modern hotel is a short walk away from Kastellet (see p78) and the Little Mermaid (see

p9). It provides facilities such as babysitting, internet access and a recreational game room. *Map K1 • Oslo Plads 5 • 70 12 46 46 • www.choicehotels.dk • ©©*

5 **Ibsens Hotel**

All rooms are non-smoking and individually decorated in this friendly hotel. It has a beautiful courtyard and offers good facilities. *Map G3 • Vendersgade 23 • 33 13 19 13 • www.ibsenshotel.dk • ©©*

6 **Hotel Fox**

Check out the rooms in this cool, quirky hotel. Each has been decorated by a different designer and reflects a different mood. It also has a good restaurant-café and live music from Thursday to Saturday. *Map G4 • Jar-mers Plads 3 • 33 13 30 00 • www.hotelfox.dk • ©©*

7 **Christian IV**

Ideally located away from the busy city centre, this 3-star hotel is a stone's throw away from Kongens Have and Rosenborg Slot (see pp20–21). There are a range of great free services on offer, including coffee or tea and snacks served through the day and entry to the gym on Adelsgade. Check for the best prices. *Map K3 • Dronningens Tværgade 45 • 33 32 10 44 • www.hotelchristianiv.dk • ©©*

8 **Hotel Absalon**

Fairly standard, this hotel offers some good services, including free internet access in the lobby and trouser presses. The decor, though not exceptional, varies from floor to floor. Rooms are reasonably-sized, but verge on the chintzy. They do not have air conditioning. *Map G6 • Helgolandsgade 15 • 33 24 22 11 • www.absalon-hotel.dk • ©©*

9 **First Hotel Vesterbro**

This fabulous 4-star hotel has a good location on Vesterbrogade. It has large, attractive rooms with minimalist decor. There is a wonderful atrium with potted trees where you can catch a bite to eat. Interestingly, in the seedier days of Vesterbro, it was the local porn cinema. *Map C5 • Vesterbrogade 23–29 • 33 78 80 00 • www.firsthotels.dk/vesterbro • ©©*

10 **Best Western Hotel Hebron**

Conveniently located in the city centre, this hotel offers good-sized rooms with modern decor. There is free internet access in the rooms and access to facilities like room safes. The lounge, with its free hot drinks, is a good place to relax. *Map G6 • Helgolandsgade 4 • 33 31 69 06 • www.bestwestern.dk • ©©*



Hotel Absalon

Price Categories

For a standard, double room per night (with breakfast if included), taxes and extra charges.	<div> <div>Ⓢ</div> <div>ⓈⓈ</div> <div>ⓈⓈⓈ</div> <div>ⓈⓈⓈⓈ</div> <div>ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ</div> </div> <div> up to Dkr1,000 1,000–1,400 1,400–1,800 1,800–2,200 over Dkr2,200 </div>
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TOP 10 Budget Hotels

1 Selandia

If you are looking for an inexpensive place to spend the night, opt for this purely functional hotel. It is centrally located and only a couple of streets from the main station. *Map G6* • Helgolandsgade 12 • 33 31 46 10 • www.hotel-selandia.dk •

2 Norlandia Star Hotel

Recently refurbished by the Norlandia group, this is another centrally located hotel. It is a reasonably-priced option for the traveller on a budget. *Map G6* • Colbjørnsensgade 13 • 33 22 11 00 • www.norlandiahotels.dk/star •

3 Hotel Cosmopole

This is a central, functional hotel with some spacious rooms. Located close to a nightclub, it can get a little too noisy for some visitors. *Map G6* • Colbjørnsensgade 5–11 • 33 21 33 33 • www.accorhotel.dk •

4 Copenhagen Crown

Acquired and updated by the Profil-Hotel group, this is a good budget option. *Map C5* • Vesterbrogade 41 • 33 21 21 66 • www.profilhotels.com •

5 Absalon Annex

A 1-star annex of Hotel Absalon, this

offers clean and practical rooms with colour TVs and sinks. There are shared showers and toilets on each floor. You have free internet access and the buffet breakfast is included in the price of the room. *Map G6* • Helgolandsgade 15 • 33 24 22 11 • www.absalon-hotel.dk •

6 Cab Inn City

A five-minute walk from Tivoli, this is the newest and largest Cab Inn in the city. Based on the idea of a ship's cabin, the rooms are small but perfectly designed with all the modern conveniences tucked into a clever storage design. You can pick from bunk beds in twin rooms, double rooms and family rooms. The hotel has a pleasant ambience and offers good buffet breakfasts. *Map H6* • City Mitchellsgade 14 • 33 46 16 16 • *Dis access* • www.cab-inn.dk •

7 Cab Inn Copenhagen Express

This 3-star hotel in the popular chain is just a 12-minute walk from Rådhuspladsen, situated on the other side of the reservoirs. If you walk down the road and look across the water, you will be able to see the Tycho Brahe Planetarium (see p84). *Map C4* • Danasvej 32, Frederiksberg • 33 21 04 00 • www.cab-inn.dk •

8 Cab Inn Scandinavia

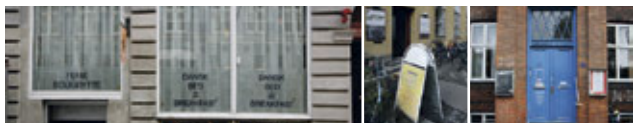
Just a block away from the Cab Inn Copenhagen Express and a road before the Peblinge Sø, this Cab Inn hotel is equipped with all the modern conveniences at the other two Cab Inns in the city. *Map C4* • Vodroffsvej 55, Frederiksberg • 35 36 11 11 • www.cab-inn.dk •

9 DGI-Byen

Just behind the central station, the DGI-Byen has a good sports and swimming centre (see p45), making it a great place to stay for families. Modern, comfortable and clean, it has an Ikea-esque, Danish design. The price of the room includes breakfast, one free entrance to the spa and free entry to the hotel's swimming centre. *Map G6* • Tietgensgade 65 • 33 29 89 00 • www.dgi-byen.dk/hotel •

10 Hotel Centrum

This recently renovated 3-star hotel is part of the DGI-Byen group. One of the perks of staying at this hotel is that guests are allowed free entry to the DGI-Byen swimming centre and spa, which is located only a short walk away from the hotel (see p45). *Map G6* • Helgolandsgade 14 • 33 31 31 11 • www.dgi-byen.com/hotel •



Left **Dansk Bed and Breakfast** Centre **Sleep In Fact** Right **YMCA Interpoint**

TOP 10 Other Accommodation

1 Danhostel Amager

Four kilometres from the city centre (20 mins by bus), this renovated hostel offers rooms with 2–5 beds, a kitchen, laundry services, internet access, a TV room, lockers and a children's playground. It is very close to a large shopping mall known as Fields. An IAH Card is a requirement. ☎ *Vejlandsalle Zoo, Sundbyvester • 38 28 97 15 • Open 2 Jan–15 Dec; Check-in: 1pm–5pm • Dis access • www.copenhagenyouthhostel.dk • ©*

2 Sleep In Fact

This sports centre which was a former factory, stays open during the summer as a hostel. The dormitories have 30–40 beds and a kitchen. You also have access to some useful facilities, including the internet, a safe deposit, storage space, bike rental and sport facilities. It is a 10–15 minute walk from the main train station. ☎ *Map C5 • Valdemarsgade 14, Vesterbro • Open 26 Jun–30 Aug; Reception: 7am–12pm & 3pm–3am • www.sleep-in-fact.dk • ©*

3 Sleep In Green

Run by the young set in trendy Nørrebro, this hostel has an eco-friendly outlook (hence "In Green"). It uses only organic and recyclable materials and is also into electricity and water

conservation. A good place to meet other travellers. ☎ *Map D3 • Ravnsborggade 18, Nørrebro • 35 37 77 77 • Open end-May–end-Oct; Reception: 4pm–noon • www.sleep-in-green.dk • ©*

4 YMCA Interpoint

Open only for a short time in the summer, this small hostel (36 beds) is very popular. It is set inside an old house and has a large living room with a piano. The rooms, though small, offer a good garden view and free internet access. ☎ *Map C5 • Valdemarsgade 15, Vesterbro • 33 31 15 74 • Open Jul–mid-Aug • www.ymca-interpoint.dk • ©*

5 City Camp

Centrally located and close to the harbour, this is a good option if you want to park your camper van or caravan while in the city. To make reservations via e-mail (see below), provide them your license plate number and your arrival and departure dates. ☎ *Fisketorvet / Vasbygade, Vesterbro • 21 42 53 84 • Open 1 Jun–1 Sep • Reservations@citycamp.dk • www.citycamp.dk • ©*

6 Bellahøj Camping

If you wish to pitch a tent, this is the nearest campsite to town. It is in a residential area, 4.5km from the centre on the 2A bus or a short bike

ride. It provides all the basic amenities that are required while camping. ☎ *Hvidkildevej 66 • 38 10 11 50 • Open 1 Jun–31 Aug • www.bellahoj-camping.dk • ©*

7 Adina Apartment Hotel

Slightly away from the city centre, this apartment hotel offers great facilities, including a gym, babysitting services, an indoor heated pool, flat screen TVs and CD players. ☎ *Amerika Plads 7 • 39 69 10 00 • www.adina.eu.com • ©©*

8 Citilet

These smart hotel suites in the city centre are tastefully decorated. Breakfast is included in the price of the room. ☎ *Map K4 • Fortunstræde 4 • 70 22 21 29 • www.citilet.dk/english • ©©©©*

9 Dansk Bed & Breakfast

This B&B agency offers good quality private accommodation in central locations. ☎ *Map G4 • Sankt Peders Stræde 41 • 39 61 04 05 • www.bbdk.dk • ©*

10 The Hospitality Club

Stay for free and meet a global network of hosts, travellers and locals who aim to increase intercultural understanding. ☎ *www.hospitalityclub.org*





Left **Admiral Centre** **Marriott Copenhagen**

Price Categories

For a standard,	Ⓢ	up to Dkr1,000
double room per	ⓈⓈ	1,000–1,400
night (with breakfast	ⓈⓈⓈ	1,400–1,800
if included), taxes	ⓈⓈⓈⓈ	1,800–2,200
and extra charges.	ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ	over Dkr2,200

TOP 10 Rooms With A View

1 SAS Radisson Royal Hotel

This famous Radisson hotel, designed by Arne Jacobsen in the 1950s, is packed with 5-star comforts. The rooms afford great views over the city. On the 20th floor, the well-known Alberto K restaurant serves a fusion of Nordic and Italian cuisine (see p83). Ⓢ ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

2 Copenhagen Island

This state-of-the-art hotel is on an island in the middle of Copenhagen harbour. Architect Kim Utzon's extraordinary building places a great emphasis on the play of glass and light. The rooms offer scenic views of the Sound and is cheaper on weekends. Ⓢ *Map J6* • *Kalvebod Brygge 53* • 33 38 96 00 • www.copenhagenislandhotel.com • ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ

3 Copenhagen Strand

This 3-star hotel is tucked away on a pretty, quiet street opposite the Christianshavn canal. The decor is rustic and the view is wonderful. It is cheaper on weekends. Ⓢ *Map L4* • *Havnegade 37* • 33 48 99 00 • www.copenhagensstrand.com • ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ

4 Admiral

Originally an 18th-century granary, the rooms in this splendid 4-

star hotel overlook the Sound and offer a stunning view of the Opera House (see p8). Two cannons guard the entrance and the foyer displays some beautiful models of ships. The rooms are very comfortable and the restaurant, Salt, is excellent. Ⓢ *Map L3* • *Toldbodgade 24–28* • 33 74 14 14 • www.admiralhotel.dk • ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ

5 Marriott Copenhagen

Reasonably priced for a 5-star hotel, it has a lovely reception atrium and attractive rooms. Views of the Sound are spectacular; the rooms on the 10th and 11th floor are especially recommended. Ⓢ *Map J6* • *Kalvebod Brygge 5* • 88 33 99 00 • www.marriott.com • ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ

6 Scandic Copenhagen

Standing tall near the Tycho Brahe Planetarium (see p84), it offers magnificent panoramic views over Copenhagen's rooftops. Try out their fabulous breakfasts. For the best rates, check the "Early" and "Flex" deals. Ⓢ *Map C5* • *Vester Søgade 6* • 33 14 35 35 • www.scandic-hotels.com/copenhagen • ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ

7 Danhostel Copenhagen City

This new 5-star Danhostel is one of the biggest in the city. It is

located close to Tivoli and Rådhuspladsen and offers great views over the city's attractions.

Ⓢ *Map C5* • *HC Andersen Blvd 50* • 33 11 85 85 • *Dis access* • www.danhostel.dk/copenhagency • Ⓢ

8 Skovshoved Hotel

Away from the bustle of central Copenhagen, this peaceful seaside hotel is over 350 years old. Tastefully decorated in a Scandinavian style, it is surrounded by fishermen's houses and offers beautiful views. Ⓢ *Map B2* • *Strandvejen 267, Charlottenlund* • 39 64 06 72 • www.skovshovedhotel.dk • ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ

9 Skodsborg Kurhotel and Spa

Formerly a summer palace, this *badehotel* (bathing hotel) is over a century old. Overlooking the sea, it is the perfect destination for health and fitness fanatics, offering a range of therapies and fitness programs. Ⓢ *Skodsborg Strandvej 139, Skodsborg* • 45 58 58 00 • www.skodsborg.dk/uk • ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ

10 Dragør Badehotel

This 3-star harbour hotel in the fishing village of Dragør is a popular destination with tourists and boasts rooms with gorgeous views of the sea and the countryside. Ⓢ *Drogdønsvej 43, Dragør* • 32 53 05 00 • www.badehotellet.dk • Ⓢ



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Can you call an ambulance?	Kan du tilkalde en ambulance?	kann do till-kalleh ehn ahm-boo-lang-seh?
Can you call the police?	Kan du tilkalde politiet?	kann do till-kalleh po-ly-tee'd?
Can you call the fire brigade?	Kan du tilkalde brand-væsenet?	kann do till-kalleh brahn-vaiys-ned?
Is there a telephone here?	Er der en telefon i nærheden?	e-ah dah ehn tele-fohn ee neya-hethen?
Where is the nearest hospital?	Hvor er det nærmeste hospital?	voo e-ah deh neh-meste hoh-spee-tahl

Useful Phrases

Sorry	Undskyld	ons-gull
Goodnight	Godnat	goh-nad
Goodbye	Farvel	fah-vell
Good evening	Godaften	goh-ahf-tehn
Good morning	Godmorgen	goh-moh'n
Good morning (after about 9am)	Goddag	goh-dah
Yes	Ja	yah
No	Nej	nye
Please	Værsgo/Velbekomme	vehs-goh/vell-beh-commeh
Thank you	Tak	tahgg
How are you?	Hvordan har du det?/Hvordan går det?	voh-dann hah do deh?/voh-dan go deh?
Well, thank you	Godt, tak	gohd, tahgg
Pleased to have met you	Det var rart at møde dig	deh vah rahd add meutheh die
See you!	Vi ses!	vee sehs!
I understand	Jeg forstår	yay fuh-stoah
I don't understand	Jeg forstår ikke	yay fuh-stoah egge
Does anyone speak English?	Er der nogen, der kan tale engelsk?	e-ah dah noh-enn dah kann tah-leh eng-ellsgg?
good	god	guth
bad	dårlig	doh-lee
up	op	ohb
down	ned	neth
near	tæt på	taid poh
far	langt fra	lahngd fra
on the left	til venstre	till vehn-streh
on the right	til højre	till hoy-reh
open	åben	oh-ben
closed	lukket	luh-geth
warm	varm	vahm
cold	kold	koll
big	stor	stoah
little	lille	lee-leh

Making a Telephone Call

Whom am I speaking to?	Hvem taler jeg med?	vemm talah yay meth?
I would like to call...	Jeg vil gerne ringe til...	yay vill geh-neh ring-eh till...
I will telephone again	Jeg ringer en gang til	yay ring-ah ehn gahng till

In a Hotel

Do you have double rooms?	Findes her dobbelt-værelser?	feh-ness he-ah dob-belld vah-hel-sah?
With bathroom	Med bade-værelse	meth bah-the-vah-hel-sah
With washbasin	Med hånd-vask	meth hohn-vasgg
key	nøgle	noy-leh
I have a reservation	Jeg har en reservation	yay hah ehn res-sah-vah-shohn

Sightseeing

entrance	indgang	ehn-gahng
exit	udgang	ooth-gahng
exhibition	udstilling	ooth-stelling
tourist	turisto-	tooh-reesd-ohb-
information	plysning	lehs-ning
town/city hall	rådhus	rahd-hus
post office	posthus	posd-hus
cathedral	domkirke	dom-kia-keh
church	kirke	kia-keh
museum	museum	muh-seh-uhm
town bus	bybus	bih-boos
long-distance bus	rutebil	roo-teh-beel
railway station	banegård	bah-neh-goh
airport	lufthavn	luht-havn
train	tog	toh
ferry terminal	færgehavn	fah-veh-havn
bus stop	busstoppested	buhs-sdob-beh-steth
long-distance bus station	rutebilstation	roo-teh-beel-sta-shion
a public toilet	et offentligt toilet	ehd off-end-ligd toa-led

Shopping

I wish to buy...	Jeg vil gerne købe...	yay vill geh-neh kyh-beh...
Do you have...?	Findes der...?	feh-ness de-ah...?
How much does it cost?	Hvad koster det?	vath koh-stah deh
expensive	dyr	dyh-ah
cheap	billig	billy
size	størrelse	stoh-ell-seh
general store	købmand	keuhb-mann
greengrocer	grønthandler	grund-handla
supermarket	supermarked	suh-pah-mah-keth
market	marked	mah-keth

Eating Out

Do you have a table for... people?	Har I et bord til... personer?	hah ee ed boah till... peh-soh-nah?
I would like to	Jeg vil gerne	yay vill geh-neh

sit by the window	sidde ved vinduet	saithe veth veen-do-ed
I wish to order...	Jeg vil gerne bestille...	yay vill geh-neh beh-stilleh...
I'm a vegetarian	Jeg er vegetar	yay eh-ah veh-gehta
children's menu	børnemenu	byeh-neh-meh-nye
daily special	dagens ret	dayens rad
starter	forret	foh-red
main course	hovedret	hoh-veth-red
dessert	dessert	deh-seh'd
wine list	vinkort	veen-cod
sweet	sødt	sodt
sour	surt	suad
spicy	stærkt	stehgd
May I have the bill?	Må jeg bede om regningen?	moh yay beh-theh uhm rahy-ning-ehn

Menu Decoder

agurk	cucumber	a-guag
ananas	pineapple	a-nah-nas
appelsin	orange	abbel-seen
blomme	plum	blum-ma
brød	bread	bruth
champignon	mushroom	sham-pee-ong
danskvand	mineral water	dansg vann
fersken	peach	fes-gehn
fisk	fish	fesgg
fløde	cream	flu-theh
gulerod	carrot	gooleh-roth
grønstsager	vegetables	grunn-saha
hummer	lobster	humma
is	ice cream	ees
kaffe	coffee	kah-feh
kartofler	potatoes	kah-toff-lah
kød	meat	kuth
kylling	chicken	killing
kål	cabbage	kohl
laks	salmon	lahggs
lamb	lamb	lahm
leverpostej	liver paté	leh-vah-poh-stie
løg	onion	loy
mælk	milk	mailgg
oksekød	beef	ogg-seh-kuth
ost	cheese	ossd
peber	pepper	peh-ba
pore	leek	po-a
purløj	chives	poo-a-loy
pølse	sausage	pill-seh
rejer	shrimps	rah-yah
ris	rice	rees
rødspætte	plaice	roth-speh-da
røget fisk	smoked fish	roy-heth fesgg
saftvand	squash	sah-fteh-vann
salat	salad	sah-lad
salt	salt	sald
sild	herring	sil
skaldyr	shellfish	sgall-dya
skinke	ham	sgeng-geh
smør	butter	smuah
sodavand	fizzy drink	sodah-vann
steg	steak	stie
svinekød	pork	svee-neh-kuth
syltetøj	jam	sill-teh-toi
te	tea	teh
tærte	quiche/pie	te-ah-teh

torsk	cod	tohsgg
vand	water	vann
wienerbrød	Danish pastry	vee-nah-bryd
æble	apple	eh-bleh
æg	egg	egg
øl	beer	uhl

Time

today	i dag	ee-day
tomorrow	i morgen	ee-mohn
yesterday	i går	ee-goh
before noon	formiddag	foh-medday
afternoon	eftermiddag	ehftah-medday
evening	aften	ahftenn
night	nat	nadd
minute	minut	meh-nude
hour	time	tee-meh
week	uge	oo-eh
month	måned	moe-neth
year	år	oah

Days of the Week

Monday	mandag	mann-day
Tuesday	tirsdag	teahs-day
Wednesday	onsdag	uns-day
Thursday	torsdag	toahs-day
Friday	fredag	frey-day
Saturday	lørdag	lur-day
Sunday	søndag	son-day

Months

January	januar	ya-nuah
February	februar	fib-buah
March	marts	mahds
April	april	apreal
May	maj	mai
June	juni	yoo-nee
July	juli	yoo-lee
August	august	auw-guhsd
September	september	seh-b-tem-bah
October	oktober	ogg-toh-bah
November	november	noh-vem-bah
December	december	deh-sem-bah

Numbers

0	nul	noll
1	en	ehn
2	to	toh
3	tre	tray
4	fire	fee-ah
5	fem	femm
6	seks	seggs
7	syv	siu
8	otte	oh-deh
9	ni	nee
10	ti	tee
20	tyve	tyh-veh
30	tredve	traith-veh
40	fyrre	fyr-reh
50	halvtreds	hahl-traiths
60	tres	traiths
70	halvfjerds	hahl-fyads
80	firs	fee-ahs
90	halvfems	hahl-femms
100	hundrede	hoon-dreh-the
200	tohundrede	toh-hoon-dreh-the
1,000	tusind	tooh-sin-deh
2,000	totusinde	toh-tooh-sin-deh



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