

Visitors' Guide to Copenhagen

Good, general homepages on Copenhagen in English:

<http://www.aok.dk/english>

<http://www.visitcopenhagen.dk/>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/denmark/copenhagen>

Good app on Copenhagen:

Copenhagen Apps: <http://cphapps.com/>

Safety:

Copenhagen is amongst the safest capitals in the world, and it is completely safe to walk around the city at day time. At night time one has to take precautions and use your common sense, overall it is safe to walk alone in Copenhagen when it is dark. Furthermore, female travellers can move around the city freely.

Things to do in Copenhagen:

Canal tours:

Great way to discover Copenhagen from the sea side, several companies offers tours with English guides.

<http://www.havnerundfart.dk/>

<http://www.canaltours.dk/>

Free city bikes:

Take a bike ride around one of Copenhagen's many cycle lanes.

<http://www.bycyklen.dk/english/thecitybikeandcopenhagen.aspx>

Sights in Copenhagen:

Parliament:

<http://www.thedanishparliament.dk/>

Christiania:

Take a walk in the green and creative free city and visits its small independent handcraft shops and cafés.

<http://www.christiania.org/>

Tivoli (amusement park):

<http://www.tivoli.dk/>

Botanical Garden:

<http://botanik.snm.ku.dk/english/>

City Hall:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Copenhagen_City_Hall

At the city hall it is possible to get guided tours at 10 o'clock in English:

<http://kk.dk/FaktaOmKommunen/KoebenhavnITalOgOrd/Raadhuset/Sevaerdigheder.aspx>

Runde Tårn/The Round Tower:

<http://www.rundetaarn.dk/engelsk/index.html>

The Royal Danish Theatre

Experience classical concerts, opera and ballet in stunning locations. The Royal Danish Theatre has many

stages, which are all stunningly beautiful.

http://kglteater.dk/?sc_lang=en

Museums in Copenhagen:

For a complete list of museums in Copenhagen see:

<http://www.copenhagenet.dk/CPH-Museums.htm>

[The National Gallery](#)

Free entry all year round

The Danish National Gallery shows 700 years of Western art and cultural history. The collection includes works by Tizian, Rubens and Rembrandt and much more famous painters and other artists.

<http://www.smk.dk/en/visit-the-museum/visiting-information/>

[The National Museum](#)

Free entry all year round

The National Museum is Denmark's largest museum of Danish cultural history. The museum's main domicile is a classical 18th century mansion and is the museum for all of Denmark - where you can follow the history of the Danes right down to the present day.

<http://www.nationalmuseet.dk/sw20374.asp>

[Danish Resistance Museum](#)

Free entry all year round

The museum tells the story of Danish resistance during Nazi occupation 1940-1945.

<http://www.nationalmuseet.dk/sw23424.asp>

[City Museum](#)

Free entry every Friday.

Copenhagen City Museum tells the prime history of the city and displays the Søren Kierkegaard collection.

<http://www.copenhagen.dk/en/>

[Thorvaldsen Museum](#)

Free entry every Wednesday

Bertel Thorvaldsen Sculpture Museum Danish Sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen showing his collection of paintings and sculptures.

<http://www.thorvaldsensmuseum.dk/en>

[Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek](#)

Free entry every Sunday

The Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek with its beautiful sub-tropical Winter Garden and extensive collections of sculptures and paintings.

<http://www.glyptoteket.com/>

The Hirschsprung Collection

Free entry every Wednesday

The Hirschsprung Collection is an art museum located in a beautiful parkland. The museum houses the private art collection of tobacco manufacturer and patron of the arts Heinrich Hirschsprung. The collection consists of many core works of the Danish skagen painters.

<http://www.hirschsprung.dk/default.aspx>

The Carlsberg Museum and Business Centre

Learn the fascinating history of Carlsberg and its world famous beer. The 10.000 m² Visitors Centre is located within the buildings of the original brewery founded in 1847

<http://www.visitcarlsberg.dk/visitcarlsberg/Pages/default.aspx>

The Workers Museum

Displays modern Danish history on how the labour market and welfare state was created.

http://www.arbejdernuseet.dk/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=1173&Itemid=481

The Jewish Museum

A broad presentation of Jewish life in Denmark through 400 years.

<http://jewmus.dk/en/mainpage/>

Design Museum Denmark

The museum disseminates central lines of development within the history of Danish design, such as applied arts and industrial design.

<http://designmuseum.dk/en>

Medical Museion

The museum centers around the cultural history of Danish medicine.

<http://www.museion.ku.dk/>

Castles and Palaces:

[Rosenborg Castle - King Christian IV's Castle](#)

Rosenborg Castle is a Renaissance Summer Residence built by King Christian IV. Here you will find royal

history, the Danish crown jewels and a beautiful park area etc. Rosenborg is situated centrally in Copenhagen.

<http://dkks.dk/english>

Amalienborg Castle and Museum – King Christian VIII's Palace

King Christian VIII's Palace houses the Amalienborg museum that displays the history of the Glücksborg Dynasty. Today the monarch Queen Margrethe the II lives at Amalienborg Castle with her royal family.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amalienborg_Palace

Frederiksborg Castle - Museum of National History

Frederiksborg Castle is situated in the town of Hillerød north of Copenhagen in a unique baroque garden.

http://www.dnm.dk/dk/uk_info.htm

Kronborg Castle - Hamlet's Castle

Kronborg Castle or Hamlets Castle, immortalised by Shakespeare, is situated at Helsingør or "Elsinore" north of Copenhagen.

<http://www.kronborgcastle.com/>

Churches:

The Marble Church: <http://www.copenhagenet.dk/cph-map/cph-marble.asp>

Copenhagen Cathedral/The Church of Our Lady:

[http://da.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vor_Frue_Kirke_\(K%C3%B8benhavn\)](http://da.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vor_Frue_Kirke_(K%C3%B8benhavn))

Church of Our Saviour: <http://www.vorfrelerskirke.dk/english>

Cemeteries:

Assistens Cemetery

Hosts the graves of fairy tales author Hans Christian Andersen, philosopher Søren Kirkegaard, Nobel winning physicist Niels Bohr and many more.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assistens_Cemetery_\(Copenhagen\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assistens_Cemetery_(Copenhagen))

Vestre Cemetery

Hosts the graves of composer Carl Nielsen, author Herman Bang and many Danish socialists.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vestre_Cemetery

Copenhagen Districts:

Christianshavn District

Set on the opposite side of Copenhagen's harbor from the rest of the city, this was the "new town" ordered by master builder King Christian IV in the early 1500s. The town was originally constructed in the Dutch Renaissance style to house workers in the shipbuilding industry. Visitors come today mainly to see Vor Frelers Kirke. Sightseers can climb the spire of the old church for a panoramic view. Within the Christianshavn district is the free city Christiania. In 1971, many young hippies moved in, without the city's permission, proclaiming Christiania a "free city" (that is, partially exempt from the rules and regulations of the Danish government) within the orbit of Greater Copenhagen. It has been a freewheeling and controversial place ever since.

Indre By District

This is the Old Town, the heart of Copenhagen. Once filled with monasteries, it is now a maze of streets, alleyways, and squares. The neighborhood around Gammeltorv and Nørregade, sometimes called "The Latin Quarter," contains many buildings linked with the university. The Vor Frue Kirke (cathedral of Copenhagen) is here, as is the Runde Tårn (Round Tower).

Slotsholmen: This island, site of Christiansborg Palace, was where Bishop Absalon built Copenhagen's first fortress in 1167. Today it's the seat of the Danish Parliament and home of Thorvaldsen's Museum. Bridges link Slotsholmen to Indre By. You can also visit the Royal Library (site of a recent hypermodern new wing described as the "Black Diamond")

<http://www.kb.dk/en/dia/index.html> the Theater Museum, and the Royal Stables. The 17th-century Børsen (stock exchange) is also here.

Frederiksberg District: Heading west of the inner city along Vesterbrogade, you will reach the residential and business district of Frederiksberg. It grew up around Frederiksberg Palace, constructed in the Italianate style, with an ochre facade. A park, Frederiksberg Have, surrounds the palace. To the west of the palace is the Zoologisk Have, one of the largest zoos in Europe with a new elephant house designed by Norman Foster. <http://uk.zoo.dk/VisitZoo.aspx>

Vesterbro District: Once a hotbed slum loaded with junkies and prostitutes, Vesterbro would be comparable to the East Village or Williamsburg in New York City. Its main street, Istedgade, runs west from the Central Railway Station. Vesterbro is packed with hip cafes, bars, music, and ethnic restaurants. No longer a slum, Vesterbro's sense of newfound hipness centers on the cafes and bars around the Halmtorvet, Vesterbro's main square. Expect gentrification but also cultural diversity such as Turkish-Kurdish gift shops, food markets loaded with fruits you might not immediately recognize, barbers from Istanbul, and sex shops. The vibrant concert venue and nightclub Vega is located here: <http://vega.dk/events/>

Nørrebro District

Adjacent to Vesterbro, Nørrebro takes the immigrant overflow, and is also rich in artisan shops and ethnic restaurants, especially Turkish and Pakistani. This area has been a blue-collar neighborhood since the middle of the 19th century. The area also abounds with trend-conscious artists, students, and musicians.

The district is also home to a historic cemetery, Assistens Kirkegård, just to the west of Nørrebrogade. If you are looking for the densest concentrations of the nightlife that the district has become famous for, head for either Sankt Hans Torv or Blågårdsgade or the up-coming Jægersborggade.

Østerbro District: Close to Nørrebro but worlds apart; Østerbro is much more middle class. The district has the biggest park in Copenhagen, Fælledparken with the national stadium Parken, home of the Copenhagen Football team F C Copenhagen. <http://parken.dk/>. For shopping Nordre Frihavns gade is full of small shops and life. Østerbro is also the place to go for the best and cheapest spa in Copenhagen, at the public swimming pool:

<http://kubik.kk.dk/obrohallenbad/aabningstider/kurbad>

Ørestad District: Ørestad is located close to the airport and is the youngest part, less than 10 years, of Copenhagen. Ørestad consists of four quarters each featuring its own characteristics. Ørestad Nord has been almost fully developed and in use, the Amager Fælled quarter has been partly urban developed, Ørestad City is already in use, and in Ørestad Syd the first dwellers have moved in. The Metro, the roads, the canals, the water areas and the bicycle paths make the four quarters a whole. The area is great for scouting new Danish architecture, guided tours in English are on hand. http://www.orestad.dk/?sc_lang=en

Trips outside Copenhagen:

Louisiana

Stunning modern art museum with both a permanent and changing collections. Attractive location close to the seaside with a view of Sweden:

<http://www.louisiana.dk/dk/Service+Menu+Right/English>

Roskilde City

A ancient market city with many sights, the major of them are The Viking Ships Museum and Roskilde Cathedral/Royal Mausoleum

<http://www.visitroskilde.com/international/en-gb/menu/turist/roskilde.htm>

Roskilde Cathedral

Roskilde Cathedral from the 12th century houses the biggest and most outstanding Mausoleum in the world. <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/695>

The Viking Ships Museum

The Danish museum for ships, seafaring and boatbuilding culture in ancient and medieval times.

<http://www.vikingskibsmuseet.dk/en/>

Land of Legend

10.000 years of Danish history brought to life. Houses and settings from the Iron Age, Stone Age, Viking Age and 1800th century, historic workshops and domestic animals, located in the historic landscape near Roskilde.

<http://www.sagnlandet.dk/English.425.0.html>

The Open Air Museum

Free entry all year round. The Open Air Museum north of Copenhagen is one of the largest and oldest in the world. Spread across 86 acres of land today the museum houses more than 50 farms, mills and houses from the period 1650-1950

<http://www.nationalmuseet.dk/sw20384.asp>

The Karen Blixen Museum - Rungstedlund

Beside the private home of author Karen Blixen (also known under her pseudonym Isak Dinesen) the museum has a documentary exhibition about Karen Blixen's life and work.

<http://www.karen-blixen.dk/index.php?lang=en>

Denmark's Aquarium

The aquarium exhibits more than 300 species from all over the world. The exhibition consists of more than 70 aquariums, the largest containing more than 85.000 litres of water.

http://www.danmarksakvarium.dk/eng_index.html

Experimentarium

The experimentarium is a new type of museum, a Science Centre or an activity centre for science, technology, environment and health. Experimentarium's aim is to 'encourage interest in science and technology.'

<http://www.experimentarium.dk/index.php?id=1001>

Trips to Sweden:

Malmö City

Malmö City has wide mixture of things to see, either shopping or historical sides.

<http://www.malmocity.se/index.php/engelsk/to-see-and-do/>

Lund City

Lund City is a small, idyllic old University city, where academia, business, culture and nature thrive.

<http://www.lund.se/en/>

Helsingborg City

In Helsingborg City is a large variety of shops, quality restaurants and hotels.

<http://helsingborgcity.se/en/>

Shopping:

Strøget is a [carfree zone](#) in [Copenhagen, Denmark](#). This popular [tourist attraction](#) in the centre of town is the longest pedestrian shopping area in Europe.

Torvehallerne/The Market halls. The newly opened market halls with a wide variety of food shops. A great place to buy Danish food specialities.

<http://torvehallernekbh.dk/>

Jægersborggade

New and upcoming street in the old working-class district Nørrebro, the street hosts many small art shops, cafés and places to eat, for instances the world's first restaurant only serving porridge

<http://www.facebook.com/groed#!/groed?sk=wall>

<http://www.jaegersborggade.dk/site/>

Field's

Field's offers a unique shopping environment with more than 140 shops, and an entire floor for all the fun - cafés, restaurants and entertainment. A shopping centre of international class, with a touch of Scandinavian style.

<http://www.fields.dk/english>

Eating:

Danish smørrebrød (open sandwiches)

<http://idadavidsen.dk/?page=20>

<http://www.aamanns.dk/>

Noma

The world's best restaurant

<http://www.noma.dk/>

La Glace

Traditional Danish confectioner's shop with lots of tempting cakes.

<http://laglace.dk/>

Cofoco

A chain of good for value place to eat with different location in Copenhagen.

<http://www.cofoco.dk/>

Meyer's deli

A great deli with organic sandwiches and salads.

<http://www.meyersdeli.dk/>

Relæ

Inexpensive restaurant created by a former cook from Noma. Relæ offers an affordable set menu and has a fine vegetarian choice.

<http://restaurant-relae.dk/>

Vegetarian Copenhagen:

Copenhagen is not the easiest place to be a vegetarian, but there are possibilities and the city has many raw food restaurants, which are all vegan.

<http://www.happycow.net/europe/denmark/copenhagen/>

Morgenstedet

Located at Christiania, offers very laid back atmosphere and cheap food.

<http://www.morgenstedet.dk/>

Firefly

Located centrally in Copenhagen, offers both vegetarian and vegan food.

<http://en.go-firefly.com/>

Raw42

Raw food restaurant, which food is both raw and free of dairy and meat. Try their raw lasagne!

<http://raw42.dk/>

The Raw Tribe

Raw food, fresh juices and appetizing cakes.

<http://therawtribe.dk/>

Café N

Cosy and inexpensive café which offers a wide variety of vegetarian and vegan food in combination with cakes and freshly roasted coffee.

<http://cafe-n-2200.dk/>

Gay Copenhagen:

<http://www.copenhagen-gay-life.dk/>

<http://www.visitcopenhagen.com/gay>

Café Intime

<http://www.cafeintime.dk/>

Lesbisk kaffe og øl (lesbian coffee and beer)

<http://lesbiskkaffe.dk/>

Vela Night club (mainly for lesbians)

<http://www.velagayclub.dk/>

Warehouse 9

Queer club which often organises live art performances and new burlesque.

<http://warehouse9.dk/blog/>