



# COPENHAGEN - A CITY FOR LIFE

## HOLIDAY CONCEPT



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## COPENHAGEN LIVEABILITY

“Copenhagen Liveability” is a holiday concept containing three experience routes with a point of departure in the certain Copenhagen liveability combining the old and the new, castles and cutting-edge architecture and culture. Cosmopolitan yet with a small-scale and provincial, green lifestyle, Copenhagen offers the best of all worlds.

The three suggested experience routes each have separate target groups, but can be combined according to taste and time...

1. A royal experience – Captures the very heart of Danish royal history and culture from the past to the present. From Hamlet’s Kronborg castle to royal shopping.
2. Maritime Copenhagen – Focuses on the unique experiences from harbour baths to castles and art museums all interacting with the water – always a ever present element in the capital region.
3. New Nordic – The route features highlights and must-sees within the certain Nordic way of life, from architecture and design to gastronomy and art.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and showing you our beautiful capital and way of life.





Photo: Nicolai Perjesi

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*"World-conquering urban quality of life requires the trickiest of balancing acts between progress and preservation, stimulation and security, global and local. Perfection is unobtainable but Copenhagen is striking one of the best deals right now." - Monocle 2013*

In 2013, Copenhagen was yet again ranked number 1 on 'The Monocle Global Quality of life survey 2013'.

Copenhagen is cosmopolitan and at the same time blessed with a small-town feel. You have the architecture, the Michelin restaurants and the Danish design with its stringent lines. Copenhagen oozes of history and effortlessly combines old and new, preserving its 1,000-year history.

Striking is the sense of a city with its own laid-back pulse. Here is in fact a city for life. With lots of green areas, a harbour so clean that you can swim in it and a number of bikes you would not believe. There is a feeling of freedom connected with Copenhagen – and for you to come visit.

In Copenhagen, you are never more than 15 minutes away from the waterfront, and the maritime roots are reflected in the Copenhagen lifestyle as life is lived by and in the water.

During the summer months, you will find Copenhageners seeking out the sun at the city beaches and beach bars, swimming in the clean water inside the harbour baths and kayaking around the canals. Even in winter, cool winter bathers dip themselves in the harbour.

Danes seek out to enjoy every glimpse of the sun when possible. Danes have learned to appreciate the change of the seasons, and cold and rainy weather does not stop them from spending time outside. A Danish saying goes something like this: "There is no bad weather only inappropriate clothing."

If you want to get around the city like a true Copenhagener, there is no way around hopping on a bike. Copenhagen is world famous for being a bike city, and with good reason. 35 percent of Copenhageners commute to school or workplace. Architect and urban planner, Jan Gehl, is world famous for teaching cities such as New York how to plan for a bike culture – it has even got a term: Copenhagenization.

Less than an hour drive from the city center you will find the Danish Riviera with some of the country's beautiful beaches and royal castles. Copenhagen is home to the world's oldest monarchy and an extremely popular and modern royal family.



Photo: Klaus Bentzen

## ROUTE 1: A ROYAL EXPERIENCE

Copenhagen is home to the world's oldest monarchy and an extremely popular royal family. To fully understand the otherwise very modern and democratic Danes' love for their royal family, one needs to look at our national identity. Denmark is a small country with a population of merely 5.5 million people, and many Danes perceive the royal family as moral protectors and representatives of our nation and way of life.

### MODERN ROYAL FAMILY

Head of the present royal family is monarch Queen Margrethe II, married to Prince Consort Henrik. Next in line to the Danish throne is their eldest son Crown Prince Frederik, wed to Australian Crown Princess Mary. They have four children: Christian, Isabella, Vincent and Josephine.

Many Danes regard Mary and Frederik as role models and representatives of a modern Danish family, balancing life between work and play. They represent Denmark and Danish values and talents very well internationally. That is also how many of us justify their royal status and financial benefits paid for by the state.

### THE WORLD'S OLDEST MONARCHY

The world's oldest monarchy invites you to relive the very dramatic and exciting history behind the nation's development from absolute monarchy to constitutional monarchy. A history full of war, power, intrigues and reforms – like in the Oscar nominated Danish film *A Royal Affair* set in the Danish royal court of the 1770s and based on the true story of a risky love affair between Queen Caroline and Dr. Johann Struensee and a clandestine guidance of Danish politics.

# 24 HOURS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ROYAL COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen offers countless opportunities for quick visits and extended routes within royal experiences, and you can shape your visit depending entirely on how long you want to spend on in-depth study and soaking up new impressions:

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## ROUTE:

### MORNING

The royal fairytale in Copenhagen begins at Amalienborg Palace - home of the royal family.

Stop for lunch at the Royal Café on Amager Torv.

### AFTERNOON

Spend the afternoon shopping in Illums Bolighus and Royal Copenhagen.

And/or

Alternatively, spend the afternoon in and about Rosenborg Castle, hosting the crown jewels, and the beautiful King's Garden.

### EVENING

Have dinner at Restaurant Orangeriet in King's Garden.

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Photo: Morten Jerichau

## AMALIENBORG - ROYAL RESIDENCE

Amalienborg is the residence of the Danish monarch Queen Margrethe II and her husband Prince Henrik, Crown Prince Frederik, Crown Princess Mary and their 4 children. Amalienborg Palace is considered one of the greatest works of Danish Rococo architecture and was constructed in the 1700's. It is made up of four identical buildings -The Christian VII's Palace, The Christian VIII's Palace, The Frederik VIII's Palace and The Christian IX's Palace – spread around the octagonal courtyard. Today audiences can visit two of the four palaces: Christian VIII's palace, which features a museum, where you experience an exhibit on the monarchy in the 21st century and visit the private rooms of the most recent kings and queens. Christian VII's palace, which is used by the Queen for receiving guests and official representatives. When the flag is raised, it signals that the Queen is present.

Every day you can witness the changing of the Royal Danish Guard at 12:00 noon. The Guard leaves the barracks at Rosenborg Castle and marches through the city to Amalienborg Palace. When the Queen is in residence, the Guard is accompanied by the Royal Guards music band.





Photo: Thuala Hjarnø

## ROYAL LUNCH AND ACCESSORY SHOPPING

At the Royal Café on Amager Torv they serve a delicious variation of the special Danish open faced sandwiches in a designed café with royal plates and modern interior design. If you need an upgrade in your royal accessories, you will find design meccas as Illums Bolighus and Royal Copenhagen right next to the café.



## ROSENBERG CASTLE

Rosenborg Castle was built by Christian IV as a pleasure castle. The royal family inhabited the castle until 1720. Since 1838, the castle with all its contents has been a historical museum. In the basement, you will find the Danish crown jewels and regalia. If the weather allows it, join the many Copenhageners in the park surrounding the fairy-tale castle—a pleasant oasis in the middle of the city.





Photo: Orangeriet

## ORANGERY IN KING'S GARDEN

Restaurant Orangeriet with its old glass hall and terrace in King's garden is serving both modern and traditional dishes in a relaxed atmosphere.



Photo: Cees Van Roeden



# 48 HOURS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ROYAL COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen has even more royal sights to offer and plenty of experiences for yet another day in the footsteps of Danish Queens, Kings, Princes and Princesses.

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## ROUTE:

### MORNING

Start Day 2 on Christiansborg Palace.

Visit Castle Island (Slotsholmen) where you can see one or more of the following: The Royal Stables, the Royal Danish Arsenal Museum or the Theatre Museum.

Have lunch by the canal front in one of the many restaurants or cafes.

### AFTERNOON

Shop Crown Princess Mary's favorite brands.

Or

Visit The National Museum.

Or

Spend the afternoon at the Citadel or alternatively visit Holmen.

### EVENING

Have dinner at Grønbech & Churchill or Restaurant Toldboden.

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Photo: Wonderful Copenhagen



## CHRISTIANSBORG AND THE CASTLE ISLAND

Christiansborg is located on the tiny island called Castle Island (Slotsholmen) and contains the Danish Parliament Folketinget, the Supreme Court, and the Ministry of State. The palaces served as the main residence of the royal power from the fifteenth century and up until 1794, when the Royal Family moved its residence to Amalienborg after a devastating fire. Christiansborg was rebuilt but yet again burned down in 1884. The third and present Christiansborg was built during the years 1907-28 by the architect Thorvald Jørgensen in a so-called Neo-baroque style.

Today, parts of the palace are used by the Royal Family for various functions and events. Visit the Royal Reception Rooms, which include The Tower Room and The Oval Throne Room, where foreign ambassadors to Denmark are received by the Queen. The Throne Room gives access to the balcony where the Danish monarchs are proclaimed. The Great Hall is the most imposing room in the palace. This is where you will find the Queen's tapestries. The Danish business community marked the occasion of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II's 50th birthday in 1990 by ordering a gift of 11 tapestries. The Danish artist Bjørn Nørgaard painted the full-size sketches upon which the tapestries were woven. The tapestry series depicts 1000 years of Danish history.



A fairytale like experience awaits you in **The Royal Stables**. In 1789, the number of horses reached a peak with 270 horses stabled. Today, there are about 20 horses in the Royal Stables. Shortly after his accession to the throne in 1730, King Christian VI had the old and outdated Copenhagen Castle torn down to make way for a new Baroque palace: the first Christiansborg Palace. The old stable complex behind Copenhagen Castle was also torn down to make way for a new and larger stable complex. The new and still existing stable complex was constructed from 1738 to 1745. The complex included an outdoor riding ground surrounded by buildings containing an indoor riding school as well as stables with room for 87 riding horses and 165 carriage horses. Part of these stable buildings remain unchanged since their inauguration in 1746 with an extravagant decoration of marble pillars.

**The Royal Danish Arsenal Museum** boasts an excellent selection of antique and modern weapons, ranging

from beautifully ornamented princely weapons and war trophy firearms to state-of-the-art handguns. The museum's comprehensive collection of international firearms, including military and civilian guns, hunting and sports weaponry, is considered one of the finest in the world.

In 1767, the building next to Christiansborg Palace's riding facilities, was arranged as a court theatre, the building that today houses the **Theatre Museum**. Its collection describes Danish theatre history from the 1700s to the present day. On January 17, 1772, the theatre was also center stage for a dramatic event. It was after a masquerade ball at the court theatre that Queen Caroline Mathilde and her lover Johan Friedrich Struensee were arrested and charged with lèse-majesté (treason).

Photo: Thuala Hjarnø



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## RESTAURANTS ON GAMMEL STRAND

A royal experience must be followed by a lunch worthy a king or queen. At the numerous restaurants and cafes on Gammel Strand they serve delicious dishes in an old historic Copenhagen buildings overlooking the Canal and Christiansborg Palace. During the Middle Ages, the so-called Fishwives used Gammel Strand as market trade.



## SHOP LIKE A PRINCESS

Shopping or just browsing can also be a royal experience. Crown Princess Mary is a real fashion icon and known for her involvement in Danish fashion and design. Shop like a princess in the footsteps of some of Mary's favorite brand like Heart-made by Julie Fagerholt in Pilestræde, Marianne Dulong Jewellery in Silkegade, Boutique Yde by Ole Yde in Ny Adelgade and Malene Birger in Antonigade.

## THE CITADEL - FORTRESS AT THE HARBOUR FRONT

The Citadel overlooking the harbor was founded by Danish King Christian IV in 1626. You will find it on the border of inner Copenhagen and the area of Østerbro. Today, the buildings inside the Citadel are used as military barracks and offices. However, the area is open to the public and a favorite green lung for a brisk walk or jog on the ramparts. Johan Friedrich Struensee was arrested on the night of 17 January 1772 after a masquerade ball at the Court Theatre in Copenhagen. He was placed under arrest at the Citadel, where he stayed until his trial on 21 February, where he was questioned and subsequently convicted of treason for his affair with Queen Caroline Mathilde, the affair which was made into a film in the Danish Oscar nominated drama "A Royal Affair."



Photo: Thuala Hjarnø



Photo: Ty Stange

## THE NATIONAL MUSEUM - TRAVEL THROUGH THE HISTORY OF DENMARK

The National Museum is Denmark's largest museum of cultural history. The museum's main domicile is a classical 18th century mansion just a stone's throw from "Strøget" at the center of Copenhagen. The Prince's Palace, which houses the National Museum, was home to members of the royal family in the 18th century. The current palace, including the Great Hall –was built by architect Nicolai Eigtved between 1743 and 1744.

The National Museum, where you can follow the history of the Danes right down to the present day. The prehistoric exhibition includes unique archaeological treasures like the Trundholm Chariot of the Sun, the Egtved girl's grave, the Gundestrup cauldron, the Hoby tomb and much more. It takes you back into Danish prehistory and gives you a unique insight in the prehistoric humans, their activities and thoughts.



## HOLMEN

Holmen is a water-bound neighbourhood in Copenhagen, occupying the former grounds of the Royal Naval Base and Dockyards. Since the early 1990s, the area has been re-developed for other use as a new district of the city, while the remaining naval facilities are confined to the northernmost islet of Nyholm. Today, the area is characterized by a mixture of residential developments, creative businesses and educational institutions and remaining military activities. Holmen is also home to the Copenhagen Opera House which was completed in 2005.



Photo: Rasmus Flindt Pedersen

## DINNER NEXT TO THE LITTLE MERMAID

Right next to the Citadel and the famous promenade Langelinie, which is home to the statue of The Little Mermaid, you will find two excellent restaurants:

**Grønbech & Churchill** is a gourmet restaurant, classic yet subtly inventive. Their intention is to work sensitively with the character of the raw materials.

**Toldboden**, which means custom house in Danish, has a saying: "Local, seasonal and free-range".

By following these basic guidelines, they secure fresh products cultivated and derived in Danish soil.

# 72 HOURS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ROYAL NORTH SEALAND

North Sealand is full of royal history and home to some of Denmark's most famous and beautiful castles located less than an hour north of Copenhagen.

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## ROUTE:

### MORNING

Start Day 3 on your royal journey in Hillerød north of Copenhagen at Frederiksborg Palace.

Have Lunch at the eatery Leonora.

### AFTERNOON

Visit Hamlet's Castle, Kronborg, and afterwards go for a stroll in Elsinore city.

### EVENING

Have dinner at The Culture Yard in Elsinore.

If you visit during the summer time, we suggest you attend a Shakespeare theatre play in its authentic environment at the Hamlet Scene at Kronborg.

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## RENAISSANCE AT FREDERIKSBORG PALACE

Frederiksborg Palace is situated on three islets in the castle lake. The palace, which is surrounded by the beautiful Frederiksborg Palace Garden, was built in the Dutch Renaissance style at the beginning of the 1600s by King Christian IV. The garden was laid out as a romantic landscaped garden. In the garden, you will find King Frederik II's small Bath House Palace (Badstueslot) which is occasionally used by the Royal Family for hunt lunches.

The Museum of National History at Frederiksborg Palace exhibits the history of Denmark and houses a considerable collection of portraits, historical paintings and modern art.

At the museum, you will find portraits of both Johan Friedrich Struensee and Queen Caroline Mathilde made by the artist Jens Juel, as well as other paintings by artists like Karel van Mander, Wilhelm Marstrand, P.S. Krøyer and Niels Strøbæk.

The eatery Leonora is situated in close proximity to the castle in one of its former stables and named after the famous daughter - Leonora Christine - of the castle's builder, King Christian the IV. Here, you can enjoy a traditional Danish lunch, a salad or coffee and cake. In good weather, it is possible to sit outside by the picturesque Castle Lake and enjoy the sight of the majestic castle.





## ELSINORE - HAMLET'S CITY

Elsinore is home to Kronborg Castle located on the entrance to Oresound. Kronborg Castle is one of northern Europe's finest Renaissance castles and was built in 1574-1585. Kronborg Castle is probably the most famous Danish castle, known worldwide from Shakespeare's Hamlet. Frederik II's Kronborg is at once an elegant castle and a monumental military fortress surrounded by considerable fortifications with bastions and ravelins. It has not been inhabited by the royal family since the late 1600's. The castle houses collections of Renaissance and Baroque interiors, and among the main attractions is the 62-metre ballroom, the very well preserved chapel and the mythological statue of Holger Danske in Kasematterne below the castle. Hamlet's spirit is still roaming the hallways of Kronborg, and every summer you can experience Hamlet Scenen perform Hamlet on an open air stage in the courtyard. The castle was added to UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2000.

The Culture Yard (Kulturværftet) overlooking Kronborg Castle has been created in the old shipyard in Elsinore harbor offering cultural activities and great food.

Photo: Ty Stange

## THE HAMLET SCENE

The Hamlet Scene is Scandinavia's leading Shakespeare Stage, and is housed at the world's oldest Shakespeare venue Kronborg, or, as it is also known, Hamlet's Castle. The Hamlet Scene has three overall activities, all of them centered on Shakespeare's universal dramas about identity, existence, and meaning. If you visit in August experience the magical nights, when the castle's courtyard will be buzzing with a cosmopolitan atmosphere. You're guaranteed world-class theatre when outstanding casts of actors take the stage with great vitality. Exclusive entertainment that's both intimate and intense. Be part of the experience when the castle courtyard

comes alive with intrigues, forbidden love, vanity, power, humour, hate, revenge and provocations. Shakespeare Festival at Hamlets Castle is a national Danish event, which in 1816 established the Shakespeare tradition at Kronborg Castle. The spectacular and amazing world-class interpretations of Shakespeare are produced and performed in English by some of today's most prestigious theatre companies. The performances take place in the open air in the courtyard of Kronborg Castle every year in August.



Photo: Thuala Hjarnø

## ROUTE 2: A MARITIME EXPERIENCE

### WATERFUL COPENHAGEN

In Copenhagen you are never more than 15 minutes away from the waterfront, and the water runs free through the old canals and the Lakes. Life in Copenhagen is lived by and in the water. During the summer months, you will find Copenhageners seeking out the sun at the city beaches and beach bars, swimming in the clean water inside the harbour baths and kayaking around the canals. Even in winter, cool winter bathers dip themselves in the harbour. Away from the harbour, you will find Copenhageners strolling around the Lakes and eating lunch by the canals with their feet hanging over the railing.

### VENICE OF THE NORTH

Copenhagen is constantly developing, and in recent decades, modern architecture, like the Black Diamond, the Royal Danish Opera House and the Royal Danish Playhouse have shot up on the waterfront, not far from the old house boats in Christianshavn. Side by side with recent architecture, the maritime history is reflected in the harbour front's many warehouses dating back to the 17th century and bear witness to the wealth generated by trade.

At the entrance to Copenhagen Harbour sits the city's iconic landmark and lady of the sea, The Little Mermaid, on her stone looking for her human prince. She has been sitting there for almost 100 years, and in recent years she has been joined by the Genetically Modified Little Mermaid only a few meters away on Langelinie and a sister mermaid by sculptor Anne Marie Carl Nielsen in front of the Black Diamond, and The latest addition to the Danish mermaid family is the male mermaid Han in the town of Elsinore north of Copenhagen.

Residential areas like Havneholmen, the silos Gemini Residence and Sluseholmen are some of the newest additions to the inner harbour and have earned Copenhagen the title Venice of the North, because you can park your boat outside your house.

### FROM FISH MARKET TO COCKTAIL STRIP

The idyllic Gammel Strand stretch in inner Copenhagen literally means Old Beach and was once the shoreline of Copenhagen Harbour and the location of a very popular fish market up until 1958. Danes have always been a nation of seamen and -women. The fishermen would bring in the fish, and the women would sit along the shore and sell fresh seafood to the Copenhageners. Today it boasts Copenhagen's cocktail strip.

Back in the 1600s Copenhagen's new harbour Nyhavn was built, and ships from all over the world would dock here, and sailors who had been out to sea for a long time would meet in the dodgy pubs to drink and seek out the long-awaited company of ladies, before heading back to the sea. Today the row of old houses by the water have been renovated and the picture perfect place is a popular hangout for locals and visitors alike.



# 24 HOURS IN MARITIME COPENHAGEN

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## ROUTE:

### MORNING

Hop on a canal boat taking you through all of the canals of Copenhagen and giving you a view of Co. You might make a short stop at the old naval military base Holmen which is now a creative hub for both creative businesses and cultural institutions.

Stroll through the popular borough of Christianshavn and eat lunch in one of the numerous bars and cafés.

Visit to the Freetown of Christiania

### AFTERNOON

Visit the newest example of a modern attraction with stunning architecture, The Blue Planet - or

And/or

Visit The Royal Danish Naval Museum

If you visit during the summer time, don't miss out on the Harbour Bath of Islands Brygge or Amager Strandpark (beach park).

### EVENING

Have dinner at one of the numerous restaurants in the old harbour of Nyhavn. Recommendable is the nearby restaurant complex, The Standard, where you'll also be able to listen to jazz on many week-nights.

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Photo: Cees van Roeden

## THE CANAL BOAT

In order to get an impression of life by the waterfront in central Copenhagen, take the canal boat (free with Copenhagen Card) from Gam-mel Strand to the Danish Architecture Centre on Holmen to learn all about Copenhagen's architectural and urban developments. You will see all the major new cutting-edge architecture by the harbour front from the Royal opera, the Royal Danish Playhouse, the harbour baths as well as the historic buildings along the canal at Christianshavn.



Photo: Caspar Jørgensen

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Photo: Ty Stange

## CHRISTIANSHAVN

Get off the boat at Christianshavn with its narrow cobbled streets, Michelin starred restaurants and cosy cafes along the canal. Christianshavn is officially part of Copenhagen City Centre and a much-desired area for Copenhageners to live. And it is easy to see why. It is central, full of bars and restaurants and has a unique maritime atmosphere. Choose among the great number of restaurants and cafés.





Photo: Ty Stange

## CHRISTIANIA

When in Christianshavn do not forget to visit one of Denmark's without doubt most popular tourist attractions, the freetown Christiania. Christiania was founded in 1971 by a group of hippies who developed their own set of rules, completely independent of the Danish government. The area is still very unique. It is a society within a society, but open to the public – even with guided tours. Christiania is a mixture of creatively built houses, workshops, galleries, music venues, cheap eateries and beautiful nature. At the entrance you will find signs indicating 'do's and don'ts' in the area.



Photo: Adam Mørk

## THE BLUE PLANET

If you are up for an afternoon, experiencing at one of the amazing new architectural sites along the waterfront, we suggest you head for The Blue Planet – Northern Europe's largest aquarium and a unique architectural site. From Christianshavn Metro Station it takes 10 minutes to Kastrup Metro Station, and from here, you can walk to The Blue Planet. The Blue Planet has water on all sides and is intended to give the visitors a feeling of being under water. The new building has five "arms" from the center of the aquarium. That way the guests can choose their own way around the aquarium to see the exotic animals.

## THE ROYAL NAVAL MUSEUM

If you are up for an afternoon experience you might also prefer to stay in Christianshavn and visit The Royal Danish Naval Museum. The Royal Danish Naval Museum shows the historic naval model collection, naval artillery, ship decoration, marine paintings, nautical instruments, uniforms, submarine interiors and a children's museum. If you are into naval ships and sea battles, the Royal Danish Naval Museum is guaranteed to thrill you. It houses an impressive historic collection of more than 400 ship models, depicting the development of shipbuilding over the past 300 years. Your kids might like to board the children's ship, a reconstruction of a Danish warship with huge cannons ready to fire.



Photo: Ursula Bach

## THE HARBOUR BATH AT ISLANDS BRYGGE

If you come to Copenhagen during the summer time head for a relaxing afternoon at the Harbour Bath of Islands Brygge. Open air swimming right in the centre of the city. Meet local families with children, beach boys and regular swimmers alike. The quality of the water is checked daily and has to be approved by the authorities before swimmers are let in. There are five pools in all, two of which are specifically for children. The shallowest pool is 30 cm deep. The diving towers are one, three and five meters high respectively. There is a lawn in front of the pool where you find lots of room for picnics etc. Often this area is busy until quite late with people BBQing, enjoying a beer or listening to music.



Photo: Christian Alsing

## AMAGER STRANDPARK

The new beach area in Copenhagen consists of an artificial island just off the coast, forming a lagoon with toddlers' pools and a 1,000-metre long rowing and swimming lane. Three narrow bridges connect the two-kilometer-long island to the coast. At one end of the island, there are sandy beaches and sand dunes. At the other end, you will find a boat harbour, recreation grounds, playing fields, a picnic site, promenade etc.



Photo: Sarah Coghill

## THE STANDARD

Located on the Copenhagen harbour front in the old custom house of Copenhagen, the Standard offers new wine in old bottles, from contemporary cutting-edge cuisine with a Michelin star, that respects the tradition but isn't afraid of boldly reinventing it, to top echelon jazz music that courageously mixes the known with the unknown, the old with the new.

With a completely new mode of operation, you will be able to experience intimate jazz performances on the highest international level and projects that will be curated, produced and conceived especially and exclusively for The Standard.



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## ROUTE:

### MORNING

Visit the Royal Deer Park and the Hermitage Hunting Lodge in Klampenborg. Along the coastal line to Klampenborg, see some of the architectural highlights of Nordic Functionalism.

If you visit during the summer, join Copenhageners for a dip at Bellevue beach in Klampenborg.

Have lunch in one of the old forest restaurants Peter Liep or Kirsten Pihl

### AFTERNOON

Visit the leading art museum of Denmark, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art

And/or

For a nature experience with an historical twist follow Mølleåen (the mill stream) to Brede Works. You can either hike or rent a rowing boat or kayak.

### EVENING

Have dinner at the Michelin starred Restaurant Sletten in a charming fishing village nearby Louisiana, or

Or

Head back to Copenhagen and dine at Restaurant Kanalen in Christianshavn.

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## KLAMPENBORG

Klampenborg lies 10 kilometers north of Copenhagen. You can rent a car, take the train (appr. 15 min.) or you can take the scenic route with bus number 14 from the city center, which drives along the coastal line to Klampenborg. Along the way you will pass by some of the masterpieces of one of Denmark's most beloved architects and designers, Arne Jacobsen (who among others designed the famous armchairs 'The Swan' and 'The Egg') and examples of masterpieces of Nordic Functionalism. Among them is a petrol station dating from 1937 located on the sea side drive following the water strait between Denmark and Sweden 'Oresund'. Approaching Klampenborg is the residential development Bella Vista, a representation of Jacobsen's dream of a modern welfare city, and the neighbouring Bellevue Theater represents the breakthrough of Functionalism in Denmark.

If it is summer and you feel up for a swim, stop at Bellevue Beach in Klampenborg and join the thousands of Danes, who visit Bellevue. The beach is five minutes' walk from both Klampenborg S-train station. The beach is 700 meters long and has both lifeguards and freshwater showers on the beach. The beach is just off the picturesque fishing village, Tårnbæk, and right next to Strandvejen at the Arne Jacobsen-designed Bellevue Theatre.

Photo: Ty Stange



Photo: Ty Stange

## THE ROYAL DEER PARK

When in Klampenborg, don't miss a visit to the Royal Deer Park. It is cultivated woodland covering approximately 1000 hectares. Today the area is popular for outings, picnics, long walks, jogging, bicycling, horse back riding, or a trip in a horse carriage and you will almost certainly come upon various types of grazing deer when crossing through.

In the midst of the Deer Park is the Hermitage Hunting Lodge. In 1734 the Royal architect Lauritz de Thurah built the Hermitage Hunting Lodge for Denmark's King Christian VI, which is one of the greatest late Baroque works in Denmark. The lodge was never built as a residence, but to be used for royal hunts. To this day, it is still used for the annual Hubertus hunt and by the royal family on occasions such as official visits from abroad. Surrounded by the lush forest of The Deer Park, the palace has a fantastic view over the waters of Øresund.

Have lunch in one of the old restaurants in the Deer Park, Peter Liep or Kirsten Pihl not far from the entrance. Both are open all year long, and Kirsten Pihl also has a cozy and charming outdoor 'Wood Bar', who serves hot pancakes and simple dishes by the lakeside – also very popular during fall and winter.



Photo: Capar Jørgensen

## MØLLEÅEN & BREDE WORKS

Mølleåen – the Mill Stream – flows gently from Furesøen Lake through the beautiful landscape of North Sealand and out into Oresund – the strait between Denmark and Sweden. This area is Denmark's oldest industrial landscape. Since the Middle Ages, small mills have flanked the stream, and over the years they have developed into industrial plants large and small.

From Furesøen Lake you can rent a kayak or a row-boat and row along waterways for 12 km spotting the mills as you go: Frederiksdal, Lyngby, Fuglevad, Brede, Ørholm, Nymølle, Stampen, Rådvad and Strandmøllen until you reach Oresund. These nine mill sites form the backbone of the Mølleå valley's old industrial landscape.

At the museum Brede Works you can see how industrial production buildings changed over time from 1831 up until the 1950s – illustrating both the changing production and building traditions.





Photo: Kim Hansen

## LOUISIANA

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## RESTAURANT SLETTEN

For dinner we suggest you either go to Restaurant Sletten in nearby village of 'Sletten Havn' an idyllic small fishing village hosting one of the Michelin starred restaurants in the capital, especially charming during the summer time. The restaurant is approximately 2 kilometers from Louisiana. If you are not by car, the trip takes 11 minutes by bus and if you prefer to walk it takes approximately 30 minutes.



Photo: Ty Stange

## RESTAURANT KANALEN

If you would rather go back to Copenhagen, you can choose to dine along one of the many restaurants in Nyhavn and Christianshavn, both packed with restaurants in every price and quality level. For a good quality at a reasonable price, we suggest the charming Restaurant Kanalen in Christianshavn.



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## THE ROYAL DANISH OPERA

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# 72 HOURS IN MARITIME COPENHAGEN

North Sealand is full of maritime history and home to some of Denmark's most famous and beautiful castles located less than an hour north of Copenhagen.

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## ROUTE:

### MORNING

Visit Denmark's new Maritime Museum, designed by the internationally renowned architect Bjarke Ingels and on The New York Times' list of places to go in 2014.

Enjoy a lunch in the "Cultural Harbour" by the Maritime Museum.

Visit one of the most spectacular castles in Northern Europe Kronborg Castle, especially renowned as the setting for Shakespeare's Hamlet, and a World Heritage Site.

### AFTERNOON

Go for a stroll in Elsinore Town

Or

Visit Hammermøllen in Hellebæk - a water-powered mill, dating back to the 17th century and used in weapons production

Or

Visit Rungstedlund - home of the famous Danish author Karen Blixen

### EVENING

Have dinner at the Harbour of Rungsted and dine in one of the many excellent restaurants

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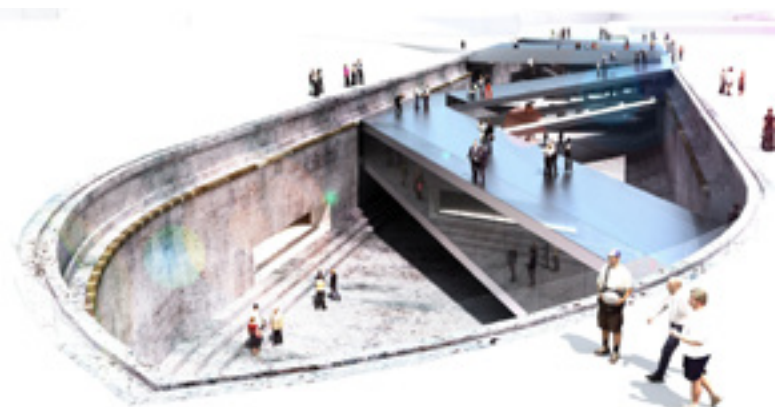


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## THE MARITIME MUSEUM

The Maritime Museum in Elsinore (Helsingør) is built in an old dry dock and invites you inside an underground museum designed by the internationally renowned architecture company BIG (Bjarke Ingels Group) and is on the New York Times' list of places to go in 2014. Follow the sloping bridges down to the old dry dock between Kronborg Castle and The Culture Yard. Here you'll experience a colourful world with a whole range of exhibitions telling the story of Denmark as one of the world's leading shipping nations - of the past and present. The museum's maritime collections are presented in evocative and dramatic exhibitions, with films projected directly onto the architecture of the building. Helsingør Station is approx. 50 minutes from central Copenhagen.





## KRONBORG CASTLE

After lunch walk 5 minutes to one of the most spectacular castles in Northern Europe, Kronborg Castle. Kronborg Castle was built in 1574-1585 and is probably the most famous Danish castle, known worldwide from Shakespeare's Hamlet. Frederik II's Kronborg is at once an elegant castle and a monumental military fortress surrounded by considerable fortifications with bastions and ravelins. It has not been inhabited by the royal family since the late 1600's. The castle houses collections of renaissance and baroque interiors, and among the main attractions is the 62-metre ballroom, the very well preserved chapel and the mythological statue of Holger Danske in Kasematterne below the castle. Hamlet's spirit is still roaming the hallways of Kronborg, and every summer you can experience Hamlet Scenen perform Hamlet on an open air stage in the courtyard. The castle was added to UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2000.

Photo: Ty Stange



Photo: Kasper Thye

## ELSINORE TOWN

After Kronborg, we suggest you experience Elsinore town. In the 1400s, Elsinore grew from a small fishing village to becoming one of the largest and most important Danish cities as merchants from all over Europe came by to trade. Its narrow streets and traditional houses makes it an extraordinary experience and a primary example of a historic town.





Photo: Caspar Jørgensen

## HAMMERMØLLEN

If you have appetite for more royal history, Hammermøllen in Hellebæk - a water-powered mill - is definitely worth a visit. From 1668 to 1870 it was used in weapons production. The first mill in the area was built in 1598 by King Christian IV, while the current mill was rebuilt in 1765 under King Frederik V. and later restored several times, most recently in 1982. The mill has two water wheels, one of which drives two pairs of bellows - providing air for the forge - the other driving two hammers, under which the barrels of the guns were forged. The mill gets its water from the nearby lakes. Today, the mill operates again with occasional smithy work taking place in the mill's smithy.



Photo: Ted Fahn

## RUNGSTED

The Harbour of Rungsted has a wide variety of restaurants and a very lively spot especially during the summer months. If you would still like a little more culture, a true gem lies right next to the harbour - the old mansion of Karen Blixen, one of the most famous authors of Denmark...





Photo: Copenhagen Cooking

## ROUTE 3: NEW NORDIC

New Nordic is signifying the new massive wave of talent within gastronomy, architecture, design and film, which characterizes Denmark in recent years.

The New Nordic kitchen has gained international appeal around the world and today the kitchen is highly praised internationally. The New Nordic kitchen is characterized by its uniquely Nordic identity among the world's greatest cuisines and by its commitment to organic, sustainable and local products. In something like ten years the New Nordic Cuisine has been established as one of the most innovative movements that the world of gastronomy has seen for decades. Naturally, Copenhagen is now also a hub for international gastro tourism, with its new vibrant cutting-edge restaurant scene, where demand seems to keep outgrowing supply.

On top of that, Danish architecture and design is going through a new golden age with internationally acclaimed local architects and designers leaving their mark on Copenhagen and Denmark as well as the rest of the world. Denmark has a strong and proud architectural tradition, and Danish architects have been chosen for several high-profile cultural landmarks abroad from the Sydney opera house to Spreckelsens Grande Arche at La Défense in Paris and more recently the Danish architects BIG has won several pres-

tige projects. Not to mention Gehl Architects who have won several projects within reinvention of public spaces amongst others key analysis and strategic advice to The City of New York for programs that reclaim space for people on numerous streets and spaces - including Broadway and Times Square.

Additionally, Danish movies and TV series, especially the dark and thrilling kind, have attracted an immense international audience in recent years. Despite how dark the award-winning crime series *The Killing* was, it also sparked an international interest in all things Danish and a fascination with what has come to be known as new Nordic Noir.

Together these creative fields all put a very significant mark on the Danish capital region, making it a melting pot for people with a creative or general interest in gastronomy, architecture, design and film.

In the experience route of New Nordic, we have strived to show you some of the best exponents and talents of the New Nordic trend, so that it will give the visitor an insight into contemporary Nordic culture and the values underlying the New Nordic creative rise on the global scene today.

# 24 HOURS IN 'NEW NORDIC' COPENHAGEN

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## ROUTE:

### MORNING

Hop on a canal boat taking you through the canals of Copenhagen, giving a great overview of Copenhagen from the waterfront and all the new, exiting architecture along the harbour.

Eat lunch and try open sandwiches with a twist in the Royal Café – the interior is an experience in itself.

If you feel up to some shopping, Illums Bolighus will satisfy your heart's desire with its wide range of classic Danish design. Close by you will also find HAY House, Georg Jensen, Royal Copenhagen and other big names in Danish design.

### AFTERNOON

Go for a stroll along the sites of the shooting of the famous TV-series of Borgen and The Bridge, which have been important in shaping the whole Nordic Noir genre in film and TV.

Or

Visit Designmuseum Denmark for an overview of the history of contemporary developments within industrial design, decorative and applied arts – do not miss its wonderful design café.

### EVENING

Have dinner at The Standard close to Nyhavn, a hip place with a new Nordic kitchen.

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## THE CANAL TOURS

In order to get an impression of life by the waterfront in central Copenhagen, Hop on a canal boat (free with Copenhagen Card) at Nyhavn to the Danish Architecture Centre on Holmen to learn all about Copenhagen's architectural and urban developments. You will see all the major new cutting-edge architecture by the harbour front from the Royal opera, the Playhouse, the harbour baths as well as the historic buildings along the canal at Christianshavn.

Photo: Cees Van Roeden





Photo: Thuala Hjarnø

## THE ROYAL CAFÉ

At the Royal Café on Amager Torv they serve a delicious combination of the Danish open faced sandwiches in a designed café with royal plates and modern interior design. Right next to the café, you will find design meccas as Illums Bolighus and Royal Copenhagen and Georg Jensen.

Photo: Morten Jerichau



## A STROLL TO THE SITES OF BORGEN AND THE BRIDGE

If you are a fan of the Danish TV series “Borgen” and “The Bridge” which have helped to shape the Nordic noir genre, then give yourself a treat:

Head for Christiansborg and its famous colonnade to revisit some of the most prominent locations in “Borgen”.

Ride on the metro to Amager Strandpark where, on a clear day, you can see the Øresund Bridge, whose striking architecture has become a symbol for “The Bridge”.

Take the metro through Ørestaden towards Vestamager to experience the latest within Danish architecture and urban planning.



Photo: Pernille Klemp

## DESIGNMUSEUM DANMARK

Designmuseum Danmark is Denmark's largest museum for Danish and international design and a central exhibition forum for industrial design and applied arts in Scandinavia. The museum brings together and documents the contemporary developments within industrial design, decorative and applied arts.

Designmuseum Danmark houses several both permanent and constantly changing exhibitions and is a perfect place to gain a thorough understanding on what constitutes Danish design and sense of style. The museum is more than 100 years old and the main purpose is to disseminate a concept of quality within design.

# 48 HOURS TRACING NEW NORDIC - COPENHAGEN AND NORTH SEALAND

Day two in the footsteps of new Nordic design and architecture opens up the possibility for even more interesting excursions.

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## ROUTE:

### MORNING

Start the day in Elsinore (Helsingør) with a visit to the unique Maritime Museum of Denmark, designed by the Bjarke Ingels Group.

Have lunch in the nearby Cultural Harbour.

### AFTERNOON

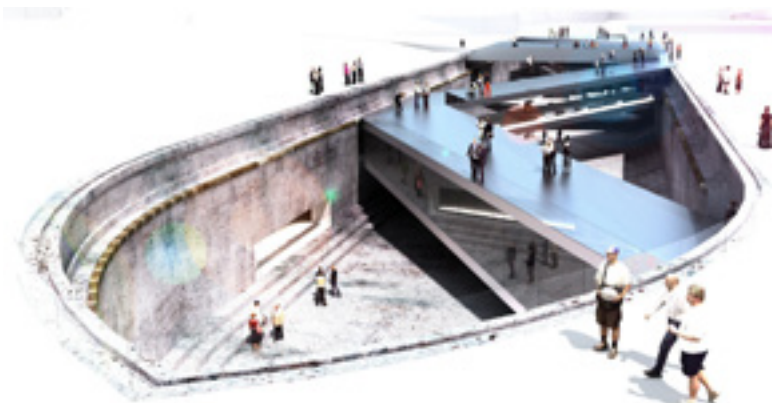
Visit the spectacular Louisiana Museum of Modern Art overlooking the Oresund strait between Denmark and Sweden.

Round off the day with design shopping in Normann Copenhagen on Østerbro.

### EVENING

Experience one of the creative melting pots of Copenhagen, The White Meat City and dine in one of the numerous restaurants.

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## THE MARITIME MUSEUM OF DENMARK

The Maritime Museum of Denmark, designed by the Bjarke Ingels Group. The museum is situated next door to the world-famous Kronborg Castle at the entrance to the Sound. Remember that you can travel all the way to Helsingør by train with your Copenhagen Card, which also gives you free admission to both attractions.





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## LOUISIANA

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Photo: Thuala Hjarnø

## NORMANN COPENHAGEN

Normann Copenhagen sells a wide range of their own designs in all price classes as well as exclusive international design products in their stunning flagship store on Østerbro.

Photo: Kontraframe



## THE WHITE MEAT CITY

The White Meat City is a modern functionalist masterpiece originally containing meat halls, areas for meat processing and markets - a carefully planned complex with a production line like an American car factory - designed by the City Architect's office in the Municipality of Copenhagen and opening in 1935. Today it is a creative hotspot with galleries, hip bars and restaurants and home for creative businesses.

# 72 HOURS TRACING NEW NORDIC - COPENHAGEN AND WESTERN COPENHAGEN

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## ROUTE:

### MORNING

Start the day at the modern art museum Arken, which stands like a majestic ship on the coast at Ishøj south of Copenhagen.

Enjoy lunch in the charming café, which sits like a lifeboat on the outside of “The Ark” with views of Køge Bay.

### AFTERNOON

Visit the Danish Architecture Centre (DAC).

End the day with designer shopping in Jægerborggade, where a high concentration of small independent designers occupy this narrow street in Nørrebro.

### EVENING

Have dinner at Madklubben on Vesterbro.

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## ARKEN MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

ARKEN Museum of Modern Art shows exhibitions with the greatest, Modernist artists alongside exhibitions of contemporary art - from new, young talents to household names. ARKEN is situated in Ishøj, 15 kilometres south of Copenhagen and opened in 1996 as part of a plan to boost the cultural image of the area south of Copenhagen. ARKEN is situated in beautiful maritime surroundings, between the Marina of Ishøj and the long sandy beach - so you may also take a stroll around the area while you are there. The building is an attraction in its own right. It resembles a ship, stranded only few meters from the sea. When you enter the building, a light and minimalistic art space adorned with modern and contemporary art is revealed.





Photo: Hanne Hvattum

## DANISH ARCHITECTURE CENTRE

The Danish Architecture Centre (DAC) is Denmark's national centre for the development and dissemination of knowledge about new architecture, urban development and innovation in the built environment. DAC is not just a museum of great architecture, but a place where architecture is viewed as a concept spanning everything from inspiration, the creative process, urban development and the finished structure. DAC is actively promoting Danish architecture through exhibitions, collaborations and guided tours of the city.



Photo: Ty Stange

## SHOPPING IN JÆGERSBORGGADE

Jægersborggade is one of the hippest and most buzzing streets in Copenhagen at the moment. The street is located in the vibrant Nørrebro area and hosts around 40 interesting shops, cafes, restaurants and bars.

## DINNER AT MADKLUBBEN

Madklubben in the borough of Vesterbro, a hip place among Copenhageners, serving new nordic food at very reasonable prices.

## CULTURAL EVENING SUGGESTIONS

If you would like to arrange one or more nights with cultural experiences within dance, opera, ballet or jazz, you have come to the right city! With its historic charm and old, authentic buildings, Copenhagen makes the perfect setting for a breathtaking opera, ballet or theatre experience.

The opportunities are endless and below are some of our favourites:

### LIVE MUSIC:



#### VEGA

Hosting around 250 concerts a year, VEGA ranks among the nation's most popular and respected music venues. Focus is on rhythmic music, but nearly all genres are covered from electronic to hiphop. The building that now houses VEGA was originally called The People's House. It was erected in 1956 to the design of architect Vilhelm Lauritzen.

Photo: Simon Ladefoged



Photo: Kristoffer Juel Poulsen

#### COPENHAGEN JAZZ HOUSE

Copenhagen Jazzhouse presents more than 200 concerts a year with the most outstanding contemporary artists and established legends and is a creative powerhouse in Northern Europe when it comes to live concerts. Jazzhouse has, in its long history, always been the 'it' jazz scene in Copenhagen, showcasing talented musicians from both near and far.





Photo: Sarah Coghill

## THE STANDARD

The jazz club, which has 68 seats, including 6 standing in the bar, hosts jazz shows running from Tuesday through Sunday with two concerts per night for a minimum of one week at a time. The music has a Danish/Nordic foundation, where the music is created specifically for The Standard. The Jazz club is underscoring Copenhagen's historic position as jazz metropole.

## MODERN AND CLASSICAL DANCE:

### DANSEHALLERNE

The building of Tap E on the Carlsberg plot houses the largest center for modern dance Northern Europe: DANSEhallerne. Dansescenen, Danish Dance Theatre and House of Dance are the three biggest dance institutions of the country and with the joint address synergies arise in the name of dancing.

### COPENHAGEN SUMMER DANCE

Copenhagen Summer Dance is an open-air contemporary dance event, presenting Danish Dance Theatre as well as international contemporary dance companies, at the Copenhagen Police Headquarters. The duration of the performance is approximately 1 hours including intermission. Through the years, Copenhagen Summer Dance has established itself as a popular – and indispensable – Danish summer tradition. Experience a dance event of international standard.

### BALLET AT THE ROYAL THEATRE

The Royal Theatre in Copenhagen has graced the Kongens Nytorv Square since 1748. The theatre has guest many famous persons where Søren Kierkegaard was a frequent guest at The Royal Theatre, where he heard Mozart's Don Juan. The Old Stage is almost exclusively for ballet performances.

## PERFORMANCE:



Photo: Adam Mørk

### THE ROYAL DANISH OPERA

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Photo: Jens Lindhe

### THE ROYAL PLAYHOUSE

The Playhouse in Copenhagen is the national centre of dramatic art, tailored in every detail for top-level theatre productions. The Royal Danish Playhouse is uniquely located by the waterfront in the middle of the city center. It holds three venues: The main stage seats 650 guests, the middle stage seats 250 guests and the small stage seats 100 guests. The foyer is spectacular with its enormous windows and breathtaking views.

### THE NEW THEATRE (MUSICAL)

The theatre was built in 1908 and introduced the first revolving stage in the country. It has later undergone a thorough refurbishment. There is room for 1000 persons and with its 12.000 sq.mtrs it is one of Denmark's largest theatres. The repertoire of colourful, spectacular musicals also means that it is the theatre in the country with the largest attendance.



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