

Denmark, Copenhagen

Denmark's capital, and home to the Royal family, Copenhagen was founded in the 10th century as a Viking settlement. Although the city was beset by fires and the plague in the 18th Century, attacked by Nelson in the 19th and occupied by the Germans in the Second World War, it has still evolved into one of Northern Europe's most dynamic and forward thinking cities. Renowned for its laid back lifestyle, bicycles and more recently its world class restaurants, its regeneration has resulted in some beautiful Neoclassical Architecture and you will find it a delightful city to explore.

The city has some very distinct neighbourhoods each with their own character and flavour. The most famous of these is Christiania, a hippy settlement conceived in 1971 when some locals broke through the fence of the disused military barracks in Badmandsgade. The area is now home to around a thousand residents, many of whom have built their own characterful homes in the intervening years.

The city has some outstanding museums and galleries to visit and notable buildings to explore are the [Church of Our Saviour](#) with its narrowing external spiral stairway that visitors can climb to the top, and the The Round Tower, Europe's oldest functioning observatory, built in the 17th century for Christian IV.



Places to visit

National Aquarium, Den Bla Planet

Northern Europe's largest aquarium with 7 million litres of water and 20,000 attractions, attempts to immerse the visitor in aquatic life. Walking through the submerged glass tunnels you can view Hammer head sharks and a myriad of sea creatures. The building is an architectural landmark and there is an onsite restaurant and extensive interactive programs for children.

Address: Jacob Fortlingsvej , 2770 Kastrup

ARKEN. Museum of Modern Art

ARKEN is designed by architect Soren Robert Lund and is situated in beautiful maritime surroundings, between the Marina of Ishoj and the long sandy beach. The building is an attraction in its own right, it resembles a ship, stranded only few metres from the sea. The museum shows exhibitions with the greatest contemporary artists alongside the work of new talents.

Address: Skovvej 100. 2635 Ishoj. Web: www.arken.dk

Tivoli Gardens

Tivoli is a must for children who like to play. Located in the centre of Copenhagen close to the central station, this is an old school theme park with both vintage and more modern day rides. The Rollercoaster has been on site since 1843 and after a thorough renovation completed in 2014, it looks better than ever. A concert hall offers an extensive program of music and dance and the gardens house many restaurants and bars.

Address: Vesterbrogade 3. 1630 Kobenhavn V. Web: www.tivoli.dk



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