

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Trip Itinerary

OVERVIEW OF COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen is the calm and dusky capital of Denmark. An open-minded city with a little something for everyone. It's almost as if something is pulling you here, but the mystery remains to be seen until you arrive.

This sustainable city is both ahead of its time, but also retains all the romanticism of a past life. The wind industry dominates and the lifestyle is future-friendly, but the city remains as vibrant and historical as it ever was.

In this itinerary, you'll see a list of some of the more "tourist-y" things that I would say are a must do, but with a **healthy dose of under the radar obscuras and curiosities** that can be hard to dig out.

Copenhagen is your starting point for good beer, beautiful nature, mystical museums, biking tours, and an interesting culture and lifestyle like nowhere else on Earth.

Note: asterisk* items are my personal do-not miss recommendations.

NOT TO BE MISSED TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

1. Tivoli Gardens*
 - a. If you're into rides and thrill, all the better, but this theme park is absolutely worth a visit even if you just take the stroll around. It will feel like you stepped into a time machine into a romanticized past. It costs about \$120 DK to enter, but it's worth it. The Chinatown section is my personal favourite.
2. Nyhavn
 - a. This is the picture of Copenhagen in every guidebook. It's a perfectly Insta-worthy spot, but also boasts a long history (built in the 17th century). Great place for a beer, but it is pricier in this area.
3. Botanical Gardens
 - a. All the better if you can go in the summer, this beautiful garden is an

indoor and outdoor sanctuary for over 13,000 species of fauna. Definitely do not miss the Arctic room!

4. Rosenborg Castle
 - a. This palace was built by Christian IV at the start of the 1600s. It's worth it to go on a tour (book in advance for cheaper tickets), but just biking along the path outside is lovely too.
5. Jægersborg Dyrehave (Deer Park)
 - a. Ever wanted to see a deer up close, but still in the wild? Amble through this untouched and wild park to see some deer and typical Danish nature.
 - b. While you're strolling around the park, make sure to pass by The Hermitage, the King's stunning hunting lodge in the heart of the park.
 - c. Pair this with Bakken, since it's also in this borro (stop at Klampenborg train station).

UNDER THE RADAR ATTRACTIONS

1. **Louisiana Museum ***
 - a. I don't want to give away too much. If you do nothing else in Denmark, DO THIS. Take the metro out, and about a 10 minute walk away is the museum entrance. The interior of the museum is excellent, but what you really want to do is go outside, then keep walking into nature ... the more lost you get, the better the experience is.
 - b. Plan at least a half day here, almost a full day if you can swing it. Go early. Bring a book, get a coffee and lunch at the nordic restaurant, then lounge in the sun by the sea on the grassy lawn in the back.
2. SuperKilen
 - a. Denmark is all about community. In this large park, easily marked by the red flooring, you can stroll, lounge, and play.
3. Bakken Park
 - a. Opened in 1583 and is the world's oldest operating amusement park. The rides do work and are quite fun! There's an old wooden roller coaster and "Bakkens Hvile", the cabaret show.
4. Church of Our Saviour (Vor Frelser Church)
 - a. Climb to the very top (if you dare). Beautiful city views about halfway up if you don't want to experience vertigo.
 - b. Note: The stairs and stairways do get very narrow and a bit rickety the higher you go. Prepare to squish to the side to let others through.

5. Christiania (Christianshavn) also known as Freetown*
 - a. Strange but true, you are no longer in the EU. Declaring itself a separate commune, Freetown exists within Christiania. It's a peaceful neighbourhood that's worth a visit, especially if you want to learn more about commune living.
 - b. IMPORTANT: There are 9 strict rules of the community. Follow them without exception to avoid trouble.
 - c. This is a "green light district" with many cute cafes. There are some small beaches for sitting by the canal and enjoying a coffee.
6. Food Truck Island (REFFEN)
 - a. Options for everyone! Bike over to this island and experience communal food truck dining. The main structure is made from shipping containers. Closed in the winter (reopens in April).
7. Hans Christian Andersen's Gravesite
 - a. The Graveyard is known as Assistens Kirkegård. In Copenhagen, some graveyards are treated more like parks - such as this one. Stroll around and enjoy the old tree lined paths.
8. The Butterfly House in the Botanical Garden
 - a. Many different species of real living butterflies flutter around in the Butterfly House in both summer and winter. The Botanical Garden itself is also very worth a visit.

MUST HAVE FOODS & LOCAL RESTAURANTS

1. Torvehallerne KBH *
 - a. Seriously one of my favourite markets. Fresh fruits, fluffy cakes, glossy tarts, specialty coffees, fresh caught nordic fish on ice - find it all here! I 100% recommend this as a top stop for Copenhagen.
2. La Neta Nørrebro
 - a. Nørrebro is an excellent neighbourhood for food. Good craft beers on tap and outdoor seating in a cool area on nicer days.
3. Smørrebrød
 - a. Limitless toppings, so you can't go wrong. I recommend herring on rye with cucumbers or radishes for something different. You'll find this at most establishments.
4. Bread or Rugbrød (rye bread)
 - a. Just bread in general. Copenhagen boasts some of the best sourdough and

rye around the globe.

DRINKS AND BARS

1. The Laundromat Cafe
 - a. A semi-hidden interesting cafe/laundromat. Great coffee, cheap-ish food, over 4000 books, board games, and free wifi!
2. BRUS (Nørrebro)
 - a. A modern beer hall with a tasty restaurant attached. Nørrebro is an excellent area of town to bike along as well.
3. Carlsberg Brewery *
 - a. Worth it to do the tour and spend some time sitting in the adjoining beer garden.
 - b. A cool note! Leif Sonne has been collecting bottles of beer of every style, brand, and country imaginable. With over 22,000, he can now boast the largest beer collection in the world. It has recently been moved to the Carlsberg brewery. An absolute gem - do not miss this!
4. Coffee Collective
 - a. A specialty micro roaster on Jaegersborggade Street, award-winning coffees come slowly, one at a time, but are well worth the wait (and be prepared to wait a bit during peak hours).

OTHER NOTES

1. Rent a bike to get around. If you want to get around and see Copenhagen for Copenhagen, rent a bike if you can. Amsterdam gets a lot of the fame for biking, but I would argue that Copenhagen is the heart of this lifestyle.
 - a. There's a bike rental on just about every major street corner, but check with your hotel about other options - sometimes they provide free bikes.
 - b. If you can't bike, the metro is also an excellent way to get around town.
2. The Little Mermaid controversy - most people have very lukewarm sentiments about something that is seemingly very hyped up. It's been compared with Brussels' "Manneken Pis". Check it out if you're in the area, but I don't recommend a special visit.
3. Freetown and Christiania are residential neighbourhoods. Although they are excellent to visit and most people are happy to chat and talk about commune life, please respect noise levels and people's property. Bikes are best left outside where

there is ample bike parking. It's a small borro and easy to walk within the limits.

4. Denmark is light years ahead of the rest of the world when it comes to sustainable energy. If you're lucky enough to fly directly into Copenhagen, upon final descent, try and sneak a look at the wind farm in the sea.
5. It's very easy to take the train/regular metro right from the airport and into the city. I definitely recommend this as both the cheapest and easiest option.