

Places to go – places to see in and around Copenhagen

What to see:

- A good way to see Copenhagen is to do one of the channel cruises. They depart from lots of places, but we always take the cheaper “Netto” boats from Nyhavn.

<http://www.havnerundfart.dk/engelsk1.htm>

- There is a free city bike system in Copenhagen. The bikes are located at central places around the city and you pay a 20 DKK deposit. Just be aware that you will lose them the instant you leave them outside a shop or a museum because they are very popular. <http://www.bycyklen.dk/english/thecitybikeandcopenhagen.aspx>

- Take the classic walk from the Little Mermaid via Amalienborg and end up with a homemade ice cones or a big draught beer at Nyhavn.



- You have to go at see the Tivoli gardens. It is the oldest theme park in the world. It is not cheesy at all but very beautiful with attractions for both young and old. It is a good place to eat out and on most Fridays during the summer they have open air concerts.
- Take a one day excursion to see the Hamlet castle in Helsingør.
- The Louisiana museum to the north of Copenhagen is also a great half-a-day excursion.

Shop till you drop:

- There are lots of good place to shop. Most shops are located around the main pedestrian street at the center of Copenhagen, but make sure you do detours along the smaller side streets.
- Illum & Magasin. You can buy everything in these two department stores. They have all of the good Danish and international brands. They both have centralised VAT refunds that you do once you have done all your shopping. This gives you a greater total discount because the VAT return is progressive – ie. The more you buy the greater the %-age return.
- Royal Copenhagen china is a good place for presents and it is located right next to Illum.
- The neighbour to Royal Copenhagen is Illums bolighus <http://www.royalshopping.com/> where you will find all of the Danish design that you can imagine.





Our favourite restaurants

- Noma (Strandgade 93, Phone: 32963297) makes Nordic inspired food. It is probably the best restaurant in Copenhagen, but quite pricy. <http://www.noma.dk/main.php?lang=dk&id=0>
- My favourite restaurant is Restaurant Gastronomique (Frederiksberg Runddel 1, 2000 Frederiksberg, Phone: 38 34 84 36). It is super romantic with great food and located in one of the most beautiful parks in Copenhagen. <http://www.gastronomique.dk/>
- My boyfriend Carsten's favourite restaurant is Alberto K (Hammerichsgade 1, Phone: 33426161) because of the incredible food but mostly because of the best view in all of Copenhagen. http://www.aok.dk/kunder/albertok/indexf_uk.html
- A cheaper alternative to the three restaurants above is Les Trois Cochons <http://www.cofoco.dk/> (Værnedamsvej 10, Phone: 33 31 70 55). You will need to book a table well in advance. Værnedamsvej is a great street with a Parisian atmosphere and nice shops and cafes. This is usually my favourite shopping street.
- If in doubt, there are lots of nice, affordable cafes and restaurants in the part of the city called Vesterbro (Istedgade and Halmtorvet).
- Search for other restaurants, shopping and sightseeing ideas at <http://www.aok.dk/section/english>

