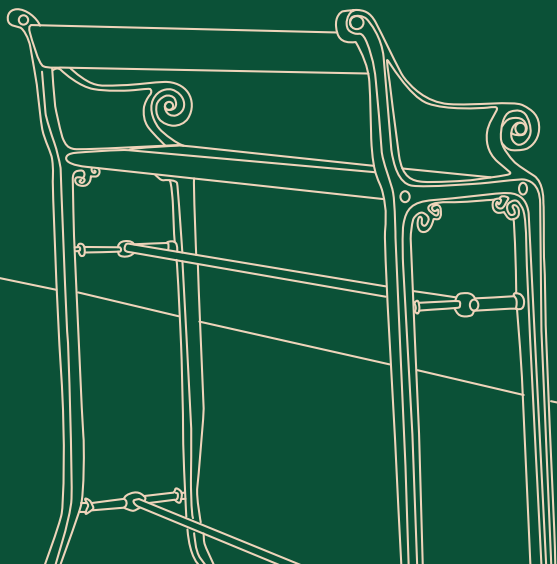


# *Our Copenhagen*

FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU



Dear guest,

We often recommend our guests to see our favorite places in the city and we love to do so. A place might be just a place until you hear one of our hosts talk about it with memorable detail and passion in their eyes.

To bring the stories to life and share the best places we know, we have created this guidebook. It is an insider's guide to Copenhagen with recommendations from the staff and we hope you will find it helpful. Our intention is for you to use it: Bring it with you when you spend time in the city, tear a page, and write a note.

If you have any questions, please ask one of our friendly hosts in the lobby. They are more than happy to recommend, talk, and share their preferences and advice.

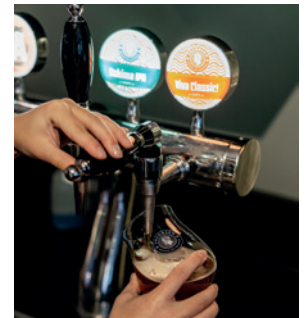
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We hope this guide will bring you off the beaten track and experience Our Copenhagen. Enjoy!

All the best,  
Arthur Hotels

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## SHORTCUTS TO BEING A DANE

### RIDE A BIKE

The bike is any Copenhagener's first choice of transportation. It is simply the best, most fun, and eco-friendly way to get around in one of the most bike-friendly cities in the world. Rent your bike and bike helmet in the lobby and get around the city like a Copenhagener.

### SPEND TIME IN THE SUN

There are not many days of sun in Denmark, so when the sun is out – we are. Borrow a blanket free of charge in the lobby, buy a few cold beers (it is legal to drink alcohol in public), and hang out with the rest of the city in one of the many green spots.

### SWIM IN THE HARBOR – WINTER AND SUMMER

Our canals and harbors are clean, and we love to go for a swim in the city center during summer – and winter for the fearless of us. Always respect the waters and swim in one of the approved places: Refshaleøen, Islands Brygge, Copencabana (Vesterbro), Ofelias Plads, Kajakklubben, Korallbadet, and Amager Strandpark.

### GRAB A HÅNDDELLE (*Meatball*)

When you are a bit hungry, but not ready for a meal, go by a butcher and buy a “hånddelle”, a Danish pork meatball. It is a nice little snack to enjoy on the go.



### HAVE A DRINK (PREFERABLY IN GOOD COMPANY)

Danes appreciate a good drink whenever they need to relax. Every afternoon between 5 and 6 pm we invite all our guests to the lobby for a glass of wine, a beer, or a non-alcoholic drink. The cozy hour is always popular as it is a great opportunity to meet other guests while staying at the hotel and get a taste of the Danish “hygge”.

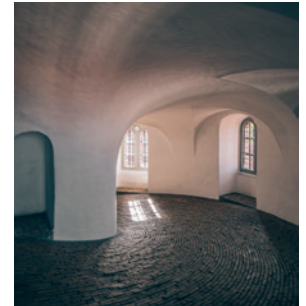
## THE CLASSIC MUST-SEE SIGHTSEEING

### **RUNDETAARN (*The Round Tower*)**

Walk along the sloping spiral ramp all the way to the top and get a view of Copenhagen from the very top. The history of this tower dates to 1642 and is one of the architectural pieces that King Christian IV is most known for. Do not forget to see the changing exhibitions in the Library Hall halfway up, spend some time on the kissing bench, and see if you can find the cannonball in the wall.

### **AMALIENBORG SLOT (*Amalienborg Palace*)**

Denmark would not be where it is today without the royal family. Visit the residence of the King of Denmark and try to make one of the soldiers with the tall hats laugh (it cannot be done, we have tried). If you see a raised flag on top of one of the buildings, the King or another part of the royal family is home. Maybe you will get a glimpse of the King through a window. Right next to Amalienborg you can find the stunning Marble Church. Do not miss it.



## NYHAVN

The name of Copenhagen originates from the Middle Ages and can be translated to “the merchants harbor”. The importance of the water ways has always been significant to Danish and Copenhagen culture, and Nyhavn (translates to new harbor) is no different. Visit this stunning place for the lovely house colors, the exciting atmosphere, and the stunning old boats.

## DEN LILLE HAVFRUE (*The Little Mermaid*)

There is no way around it: The Little Mermaid is in fact very small. But the story behind this little fishtail girl that made it to land is greater and has more depth than you may know. Not many of Hans Christian Andersen’s stories come with a happy ending – and The Little Mermaid is no different. When visiting the bronze statue, spare a moment to contemplate the everyday blessings you enjoy, which others might deeply yearn for - such as love and the ability to walk.

## CHRISTIANIA

The anarchistic free town of Christiania is an extraordinary place, offering an experience unparalleled by any other. We highly recommend joining the guided tour available daily at 3 pm before venturing out on your own. On the guided tour you learn everything; from the visions of diversity and freedom when young people built the town in the seventies to the cultural legacy that it embraces today.



## WHAT WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU SEE

### BEACH VIBES AT AMAGER

Copenhagen is full of green parks and interesting neighborhoods but in the summertime, many Copenhageners like to cool down by the water. Take the metro to Amager Strand to find a lovely beach with view to our friends in Sweden. This beach also has a child-friendly water area, a long path of pavement for bikers and roller skaters as well as lots of activities and events throughout the summer.



### DEN RØDE PLADS OG DEN SORTE PLADS (The Red Square and The Black Square)

Take the bus 5C from Nørreport or rent a bike to go to the outer corner of multicultural Nørrebro. The Red Square has been designed by the art group Superflex in corporation with the famous architect Bjarke Ingels. The square is a refuge for the residents of Nørrebro to hang out or practice their

skateboarding skills. Walk along the bike path of The Red Square to get to The Black Square that is characterized by white lines on black hills and beautiful cherry blossom trees in the spring.



## SUSTAINABLE EATS AND EVENTS AT BANEGAARDEN

In the railroad system's old wood drying barns, a new sustainable project has seen the light. BaneGaarden (translates to railway station) is the name of nine barns that have been transformed into restaurants, a bakery, and almost daily events like Taco Tuesday Banko, Summer Salsa, and second-hand markets. Definitely a place we keep coming back to. The metro stop Enghave Plads or the S-train stop Sydhavnen will take you close to the site.



## KARTOFFELRÆKKERNE (*The Potato Rows*)

Contrary to what you might think due to the name, The Potato Rows actually refers to 11 small streets of houses next to one of the city lakes. In the 1700s, after some of the lakes were implemented, this area was used to grow potatoes. Later, in the 1800s, houses were built close together (as if they themselves were rows of potatoes) for working people outside the city center. Multiple families lived in these homes at once. Today, these adorable city houses and peaceful streets are some of the most expensive in Copenhagen.



## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

– *Creative vibes at Nansensgade*

Hotel Kong Arthur and Ibsens Hotel are located in the city center of Copenhagen but at the same time the neighborhood seems like a small town with independent shops, delicious eateries, and art galleries. We love the creative vibe around Nansensgade and partner up with local businesses as much as we can. Take a stroll down Nansensgade, notice the little quirks, and you will see why we love this area so much.

### IN-DOOR FOOD MARKET

Close to Nørreport Station you will find the Copenhagen food market called Torvehallerne. This food market is an epicenter of delicious food and fresh flowers, and it has become every Copenhageners' expanded kitchen pantry. Visit to give your tastebuds a nice tour around the world with street food from different countries and continents. We love to swing by to grab a traditional Danish open-faced sandwich called Smørrebrød, enjoy a savory snack or dive deep into the world of wine.

### RESTAURANTS AND SHOPPING IN NANSENSGADE

On the street of Nansensgade, you have plenty of opportunity to window shop at the local shops and galleries. We especially love to scout for distinctive art pieces at Format Artspace who also facilitates the art in the lobby at Ibsens Hotel. When walking down the street by the sidewalk, you might be able to spot the chicken-feet statue made by Danish

sculptor Erik Heide in 1983. We also recommend scouting for good restaurant options for lunch or dinner: Sticks'n'Sushi, Bankerått, and the Slurp Ramen Joint are some of our favorites.



### **ØRSTEDSPARKEN (*The Neighborhood Park*)**

This green park with the beautiful lake in the middle is definitely worth a visit. It is named after the Danish physicist H. C. Ørsted who lived in the 1800s and was a close friend to author H. C. Andersen. Copenhageners use this park as a necessary green breathing space. We especially like to spend some time in the café inside of the park called Flindt & Ørsted as we just love to watch the sun reflecting in the lake with a delicious lunch.

### **THE INNER-CITY LAKES**

The inner-city lakes are just outside the main door of Hotel Kong Arthur and down the street from Ibsens Hotel. These lakes were a gift to King Christian IV in 1619 and have since been a cherished recreational area for Copenhageners to relax, watch the swans, and go for a run or walk. If you walk or run around the lakes from Østerbro to Nørrebro and further to Vesterbro, the distance will be about 6 km. On your way around the lakes, you can make a stop at Champagnekælderen. This champagne basement is full of everything a champagne enthusiast can dream of. The shop often organizes champagne tastings and champagne bingo to the great joy of the participants. The champagne you can buy in our lobby bar is also delivered by Champagnekælderen.



## NØRREBRO

*-Multicultural and multi-fascinating*

If you are an exploring kind of person, you are going to love the neighborhood of Nørrebro. This culturally diverse hub is full of creativity, street culture, small independent shops, and amazing cuisine. You can easily spend the entire day scouting the small streets going off the long street called Nørrebrogade.



### **DRONNING LOUISES BRO (Queen Louise's Bridge)**

You will find Queen Louise's Bridge at the end of the street of the hotel. If the sun is shining, you can be sure to find Copenhageners lounging here on benches and on the sidewalk with a can of beer or a coffee from one of the local cafés.

### **COFFEE, WINE, AND HAPPINESS AT BLÅGÅRDSGADE**

On a side street of Nørrebrogade, you will find Blågårdsgade. This street is full of street food from all over the world, coffee shops, and wine bars. Of course, we love to hang out at the wine bar called Vinhanen which also delivers the wine at the hotel.

### **SECOND-HAND IS OUR FIRST CHOICE**

Walking along Nørrebrogade, you will find multiple second-hand shops. We recommend the vintage clothing shop called PRAG but watch yourself: you can easily spend hours scouting the shelves. Another one of our favorites is Dahl Antik, located on Sankt Hans Gade beside the lakes, which offers a wide range of both clothing and home décor items.

### **ELMEGADE AND SANKT HANS TORV**

The small street of Elmegade might not look like much at first sight, but Elmegade contains lots of cafés and modern shops. Why not have a coffee at Coffee Collected or an ice cream at Nice Cream to enjoy at Sankt Hans Torv a little further down the street. You can also take a detour to Birkegade to enjoy a delicious vegan cheesecake at Café Kaf.

## BRING CUDDLES TO THE ANIMALS

On Møllegade you can go into a small park. This park called Urban Oasis holds lots of goats, rabbits, and other animals that guarantee cuteness overload. The animals are comfortable with people as they are kept by a kindergarten nearby, but we of course recommend petting them with respect.

## ASSISTENS KIRKEGÅRD (*The Yellow Cemetery Park*)

The park on Nørrebrogade that is surrounded by a long yellow wall is actually a cemetery but the citizens of Nørrebro use it as a cherished breathing space to have a picnic. In the cemetery, you will find the graves of authors H.C. Andersen and Søren Kierkegaard as well as Nobel Prize Winner Niels Bohr and the popular Danish singer Natasha.

## EXCEPTIONAL DESIGNS AND EATS AT JÆGERSBORGGADE

Jægersborggade is a precious street of independent shops and eateries that vary from the second-hand shop Tú and ceramics at Inge Vincents to handmade chocolates and caramels at Ro Chokolade and Karamelleriet. When you get to the end of Jægersborggade, you are met by Stefansgade and a park (Nørrebrøparken). If you make a right turn, you can follow the bike path in the park all the way to The Red Square and further to The Black Square.



## THE CITY CENTER

– *Where history and attractions come together*

The city center is just a few minutes away on foot and contains many of the top attractions that tourists are recommended to see during their stay in Copenhagen. Feel free to pick and choose among the attractions, museums, and restaurants you would like to experience.

### KONGENS HAVE OG ROSENBERG SLOT (*The King's Garden and The Sparkly Crown Jewels*)

The King's Garden is the oldest royal garden in Denmark and is open to the public to the great delight of both residents and tourists. Its name refers to King Christian IV who made such a big architectural impact in the city during his reign in the 1600s. Bring a picnic lunch or buy something nearby to enjoy on a bench or in the grass. In the park, you can find flowers and fountains and of course the glorious Rosenborg Castle where you can get to see the crown jewels of the Danish monarchy. You will have to enter the castle from the opposite side of the park at Øster Voldgade.

### CANALS THAT NEVER END

Copenhagen and Denmark have a long history of sailing and using the ocean and city canals as a strategic tool. The water is part of our DNA and one of the best ways to explore the city is from the seaside. You can rent an electric Go Boat that you can sail yourself or have a guided tour with your friends or family.

You can also choose to use one of the bigger tourist boats for a canal tour. You can find their starting points along the canals in the inner city, e.g. at Nyhavn.



### A VIEW FROM THE TOP

If you are not afraid of heights you should make your way up the 400 steps to the top of Vor Frelzers Kirke (the Church of Our Saviour). This church with the distinctive spire is located at the down-to-earth and historic Christianshavn and rewards you with a view like no other. Entrance is free, but it is recommended to book a visit in advance. When you have enjoyed the view above the city, you can walk around Christianshavn to find contemporary art galleries, innovative places to eat, and Freetown Christiania.

## VESTERBRO AND FREDERIKSBERG

*-All in beer, restaurants, and culture*

Both the Vesterbro and the Frederiksberg areas are known for their classic architecture, great shopping opportunities, and delicious gastronomic views of the world. It is no surprise that a lot of families and students like to live here as both kid-friendly activities and nightclubs are prominent in these areas.

### FREDERIKSBERG GARDENS

The big public garden of Frederiksberg comes with green cozy spots and a lake and is a great place to hang out and have a picnic. The park was built in the 1700s as a garden for the yellow castle that has its place in the far end of the park. If you walk along the paths in the garden, you can have a peek at the elephants that live in the Zoo next door.



### CONTEMPORARY UNDERGROUND ART STUDIO

In the park next to Frederiksberg Garden, called Søndermarken, you can find a large contemporary art studio. But you will not find it easily. The art studio is located inside the old underground cisterns. The unusual surroundings create a very special vibe that artists incorporate in their art installations in the best way possible.

### FRENCH SENSATIONS AT VÆRNEDAMSVEJ

The small but busy street called Værnedamsvej is loved for its Parisian vibe that is found in all the little eateries and shops. On this street in central Vesterbro, everything is high quality, and Copenhageners trust to get the very best of ingredients in the cheese shop, the tea shop, the French delicacy shop, and the cafés. Just beside Værnedamsvej on Tullingsgade you will find the world's smallest hotel. The cute Central Hotel & Café only has one room, and the attached café only has five in-door seats. It is small but comfy and a true neighborhood favorite.

### A MEAT PACKING DISTRICT WITH NIGHTCLUB FEVER

The former meat packing district called Kødbyen (translates to The Meat City) is where you will find trendy cafés, restaurants, and night clubs. Most of the buildings have kept the original interior of white tiles and industrial design from when this place was full of slaughterhouses and meat packers. Grab lunch or dinner at Fleisch or Kødbyens Fiskebar, and if you are in the mood for partying, we recommend Jolene or NOHO.



# ØSTERBRO

*- More than just a home for locals*

The area of Østerbro starts where the lakes end and is most of all a family-friendly residential area. But still this quiet part of town is worth a visit. We recommend renting a bike to go to this area, but the distance is also walkable.

## FAMOUS BUILDINGS

On a few side streets towards the Østerbro area, you will find rows of old buildings that differ from the traditional 4-story buildings of Copenhagen. These rows of two-story houses usually hold one family each. The neighborhood is called Kartoffelrækkerne (The Potato Rows) since the streets used to be full of potato fields. Today, not many potatoes are grown



here but the neighborhood is very popular with its small-town vibe in the middle of the city. Rumor even has it that actress Lily Collins, actor Jeremy Strong, and media personality Kim Kardashian have been mesmerized by the buildings and have bought houses in these rows.

## THE YELLOW NYBODER HOUSES

The Nyboder Houses was made in the 1600s when King Christian IV wanted a place to house the families of military men. To this day it is still mostly men, women, and students connected to the Danish defense and army who live in the crooked yellow houses. If you happen to come by the Nyboder Houses on a Sunday between 11 am and 2 pm, don't miss the Memorial Rooms Museum to get a look inside these old homes.





## **A PARK FOR EVERYBODY**

The most visited park in Copenhagen is found at Østerbro and is called Fælledparken. Complete with a skatepark, a water park for small children, workout equipment, and football lanes, this massive park has something for everyone. You can walk along the Path of Philosophers that goes by the outer edges and make your exit at Blegdamsvej next to the city hospital. If you are in a fancy mood and have made a reservation a couple of days beforehand, you can find your way to the Green Michelin Star restaurant Terra at Ryesgade to have a sustainable experience of organic produce and a zero-food-waste policy. If you are craving something sweet, you can continue down Ryesgade and try gourmet pastries made by a Michelin chef at Leckerbaer.

## **KASTELLET (*The Defence Citadel*)**

Close to Nyboder is another defense facility also founded by King Christian IV in the 1600s. Beautiful ramparts surround the military buildings of the Citadel and make for a great view above the harbor. Just beside the Citadel is the Little Mermaid hanging out on a stone in the water.

## **EAT WHAT IS (VERY) LOCALLY GROWN**

At Gro Spiseri, you get to eat organic and local food on a roof top next to rows upon rows of vegetables, flowers, and berries. This sustainable farming initiative organizes workshops for educational purposes on top of their restaurant concept of community dining and a seasonally adjusted menu.



## HIDDEN GEMS

– *Souvenirs you want to keep*

### NEIGHBORHOOD ART

The neighborhood of Nansensgade contains loads of galleries and original art shops. We love to support local artists and fortunately it is easy to do so as we love their creative designs. If you are looking for a one of a kind-piece to bring home, take a walk down the street and have a peek inside the artists' shops. Go to Lena Pedersen for ceramic kitchenware, the designer collective called Mukupa Dakar Collective for colorful shoes, bags, and clothes, or Schäfer for modern art.

### TASTY TREATS FROM THE FOOD MARKET

The in-door food market down the street called Torvehallerne is full of Danish and international cuisine. Why not buy a souvenir that you can enjoy in full – by eating it. Use it as a gift for a loved one or buy it for yourself to remember Copenhagen as the food-loving tribe that it is.



### A CUP TO REMEMBER

We are often asked about the cups with our hotel logo that you can find in the room. If you want to extend the feeling of staying in a hotel, you can buy a logo cup in the lobby. We love how they add a treasured memory to every cup of coffee or tea.



### ONE OF A KIND IN A SECOND-HAND SHOP

You can find special goods in the second-hand shops around the city and be sure that no one else is going to bring the same souvenir from their trip to Copenhagen. The inner city is full of secondhand shops and Nørrebro has several close to the hotel. We like to dive into the baskets and shelves of PRAG on Nørrebrogade and Dahl Antik on Sankt Hans Gade.

## HIDDEN GEMS

– *Our top picks for lunch*

### DANISH OPEN-FACED SANDWICH

For centuries, the Danish population have been eating rye bread and putting toppings on top. The open-faced sandwich is still a typical Danish lunch, and we love it. When we want to make it extra special, we call it “smørrebrød”. Try this traditional meal at Restaurant Schønnemann by Hauser Plads close to Nørreport or in the food halls down the street. We recommend ordering a shot called “snaps” for your meal.



### NOT SO FISHY SEAFOOD

No matter your location in Denmark, there will never be more than 52 kilometers to the sea, and so of course seafood has been a staple in the Danish food pyramid for thousands of years. Today, we like to mix up our fish dishes and the healthier kind of fast-food restaurant Hooked at Nørrebro does this very well. Here, you can satisfy your hunger no matter if you are in the mood for a burger, a poke bowl, or fish and chips – all with seafood as its base.



### RAMEN TO SLURP FOR

The Slurp Ramen Joint is located down the street of Nansensgade and is a popular place to enjoy a meal. The joint is also open for lunch on Wednesdays-Sundays, and this might be a good time to try this hyped restaurant as long lines form outside in the evenings. You will only find a few items on the menu, but everything is super tasty.

## HIDDEN GEMS

– *Our top picks for dinner*

### FALL IN LOVE WITH DANISH CUISINE

Danish cuisine comes in many different forms, but quality ingredients and beautiful plate arrangements are always present. This is no exception at the Nordic cuisine restaurant Høst at Nørre Farimagsgade close to the hotel. Try this award-winning restaurant if you wish to enjoy the inspiring Danish food scene.

### ITALIAN PIZZA PARTY

Nothing tastes better than a pizza that is made with intention and love, and that is exactly what you get at the pizza restaurant Little Brother at Nørre Farimagsgade. The two owners are a couple who used to work at Hotel Kong Arthur as well as at our in-house restaurant La Rocca, so we are very proud to recommend this amazing pizza gem.

### THE BEST OF NORTHERN EUROPE

Inspired by the traditional cuisines found in countries like Germany, Great Britain, and Scandinavia, restaurant Barr has made it its mission to create new creative recipes while still respecting the original taste experiences. You can order à la carte, have a four-course tasting menu, or maybe stop by for a snack at their beer bar. Barr at Christianhavns' Strandgade have a little bit of everything.



# PHRASES YOU WANT TO KNOW

– *How to blend in with the Danes*

Language can be a barrier, but it can also be a unifier. Learn these Danish phrases to blend in with the locals and impress any Dane.

**Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_**

*Hej, jeg hedder \_\_\_\_\_*

Insert your own name. Or a Danish name like Mette or Søren.

**Can I get a beer?**

*Må jeg bede om en øl?*

Keyword: ØL. Danes like to have a beer in good company. Try this one out at cozy hour.

**Can I get a hotdog with all the toppings?**

*En hotdog med det hele, tak.*

It's amazing with the perfect mix of salty, sweet, sour, soft, and crunchy.

**Where do I get the best smørrebrød?**

*Hvor kan jeg få den bedste smørrebrød?*

Have you really been to Denmark if you haven't had smørrebrød?

**Where can I rent a bike?**

*Hvor kan jeg leje en cykel?*

The easiest, quickest, and most fun way to get around town. Afterall, there is a reason why Copenhageners love it.

**Where is Tivoli?**

*Hvor er Tivoli?*

It is never far. We promise.

**What is "hygge"?**

*Hvad er hygge?*

Be prepared for a long explanation.

**You look cute.**

*Du ser sød ud.*

Difficult to say, easy to love.

**Cheers**

*Skål*

Maybe the most important one, so learn it by heart.

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