

BEYOND READING

VISIT DENMARK

Every true fan of Shakespeare must pay a visit to Elsinore castle, to explore the wonderful location where the drama was set. Why not plan a tour of the best things to explore and experience in Denmark?



Kronborg Castle

This is where you go to find drama and history in one place: Hamlet's castle. Kronborg is usually remembered as the place where Shakespeare set his play *Hamlet* and in the play the castle is always referred to as Elsinore. In the year 2000, Kronborg Castle became a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and today it is one of the most popular Heritage sites in the Nordic countries. Kronborg is located in Helsingør, a town 45 km north of Copenhagen. It was built on the location that was at the closest proximity to Sweden (only 4 km by sea).

Get to know Denmark's capital like the back of your hand

Plan to be charmed by Copenhagen on your next holiday; this city is Northern Europe's cosiest capital. Packed with cafés, shops, and the best restaurants in Scandinavia.

9 must-sees in Copenhagen

All capitals have their classic sights, the things you just have to see and do, and Copenhagen is no different. We will guide you to some of Copenhagen's most iconic attractions and experiences, so you can tick them off on your bucket list.

The Little Mermaid

Arguably one of Copenhagen's most iconic tourist attractions, the sculpture of The Little Mermaid was inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's famous fairy tale about a mermaid who gives up everything to be united with a young, handsome prince on land. Unveiled on 23 August 1913, The Little Mermaid was a gift from Danish brewer Carl Jacobsen to the City of Copenhagen. The sculpture is made of bronze and granite and sits in the water at Langelinie Pier, where she welcomes travellers to Copenhagen harbour.



Tivoli Gardens: A fantastic amusement park

Tivoli is the most popular attraction in all of Denmark for its wonderful atmosphere, the wild rides, the restaurants and the concerts. Tivoli is also open during Halloween and autumn holidays, Christmas and New Year and their new winter season in February.



Nyhavn: A Danish Classic

The name Copenhagen comes from the words for "Merchant Harbor" and Nyhavn used to be one of the hubs for the ship merchants of yesteryear. With its colourful facades, Nyhavn is a compulsory stop on our list. It is the perfect spot to sit down, enjoy a sandwich with a cold beer and relax.



Amalienborg: The Queen's palace

Amalienborg Palace is the Queen's residence in Copenhagen. The palace consists of four separate rococo palaces around a square, two of which are open to the public. One houses a museum where you can view almost 400 years of



royal history, with its wonderful collection of paintings and other objects. The second palace offers a close look at what the Danish royal residence is like on the inside to its visitors. Do not miss the changing of the guard that happens every day at 12 noon.

Strøget: Copenhagen's shopping street

Strøget is the central pedestrian street in the heart of Copenhagen's major shopping area. There's everything you could want nearby and both its wide streets and the many small side streets are full of shops, cafes and restaurants with something for all tastes.

Canal tour: See the city from the water

When the weather is nice, a canal tour is a great way to see iconic sights around Copenhagen. Jump on at Nyhavn or near Christiansborg and follow a tour that takes you past the Opera House, The Black Diamond library and The Little Mermaid sitting on its rock. You continue through Christianshavn's cozy canals, full of houseboats and lined with charming old buildings.



The Round Tower: Copenhagen's historic vantage point

The Round Tower, built in the 17th century, is Europe's oldest functioning observatory and is used extensively by amateur astronomers. Once you get to the top via the spiral ramp, you can enjoy a striking view of Copenhagen from the platform running around the tower. Horses used to drag carts loaded with books up to the university library at the top, hence the spiral ramp instead of stairs.



Rosenborg Castle: A Renaissance gem in the middle of town

Rosenborg Castle is a 400-year-old Renaissance castle located in the centre of Copenhagen. In addition to the beautiful exterior and the royal palace park, there is a lot to discover inside the castle. There, visitors can admire three life-size silver lions keeping watch, and the Danish crown jewels that can only be worn by the Queen within the borders of the country.

Smørrebrød: Classic Danish Food

To conclude the list, a dish that is as iconic as Tivoli or The Little Mermaid, must be introduced to the foodies: it is the smørrebrød, a delicious open-faced sandwich served in Copenhagen's best restaurants. This is the perfect end to your adventure. The hardest part might be choosing where to eat, like the popular Aamanns or at Schønnemanns, one of Copenhagen's oldest restaurants.

Dragør - The perfect outing from Copenhagen

Take a break from the city and go to the lovely fishing town of Dragør, only 12 km south of Copenhagen. You can drive or cycle here across the moorland of Amager Fælled, or take the bus. The town has a scenic centre and a harbour with great places to eat.

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1 COMPREHENSION Read the text and select the best answer.

- 1 What is the main purpose of visiting Elsinore castle?
A To explore the location where Shakespeare's drama was set.
B To learn about Denmark's history.
C To experience the best restaurants in Denmark.
D To see the Little Mermaid sculpture.
- 2 Where is Kronborg Castle located?
A In Copenhagen.
B In Helsingør.
C In Nyhavn.
D In Amalienborg.
- 3 What is the name of Copenhagen's most iconic tourist attraction?
A Tivoli Gardens.
B The Round Tower.
C Nyhavn.
D The Little Mermaid.
- 4 What can you do at Tivoli Gardens?
A Enjoy a sandwich with a cold beer.
B View almost 400 years of royal history.
C Take a canal tour.
D Experience wild rides and concerts.



- 5 What is Amalienborg Palace?
- A The Queen's residence.
 - B Copenhagen's shopping street.
 - C A historic vantage point.
 - D A Renaissance castle.
- 6 Where can you see the city of Copenhagen from the water?
- A At Nyhavn.
 - B At Christiansborg.
 - C At The Black Diamond library.
 - D At The Round Tower.
- 7 What is smørrebrød?
- A A historic vantage point.
 - B A Renaissance castle.
 - C A Danish open-faced sandwich.
 - D A fishing town near Copenhagen.

2 INTERNET PROJECT

Plan your holiday to Denmark, make a programme for a five-day stay. Search the internet to add more destinations, activities and things to do, including outings and events.