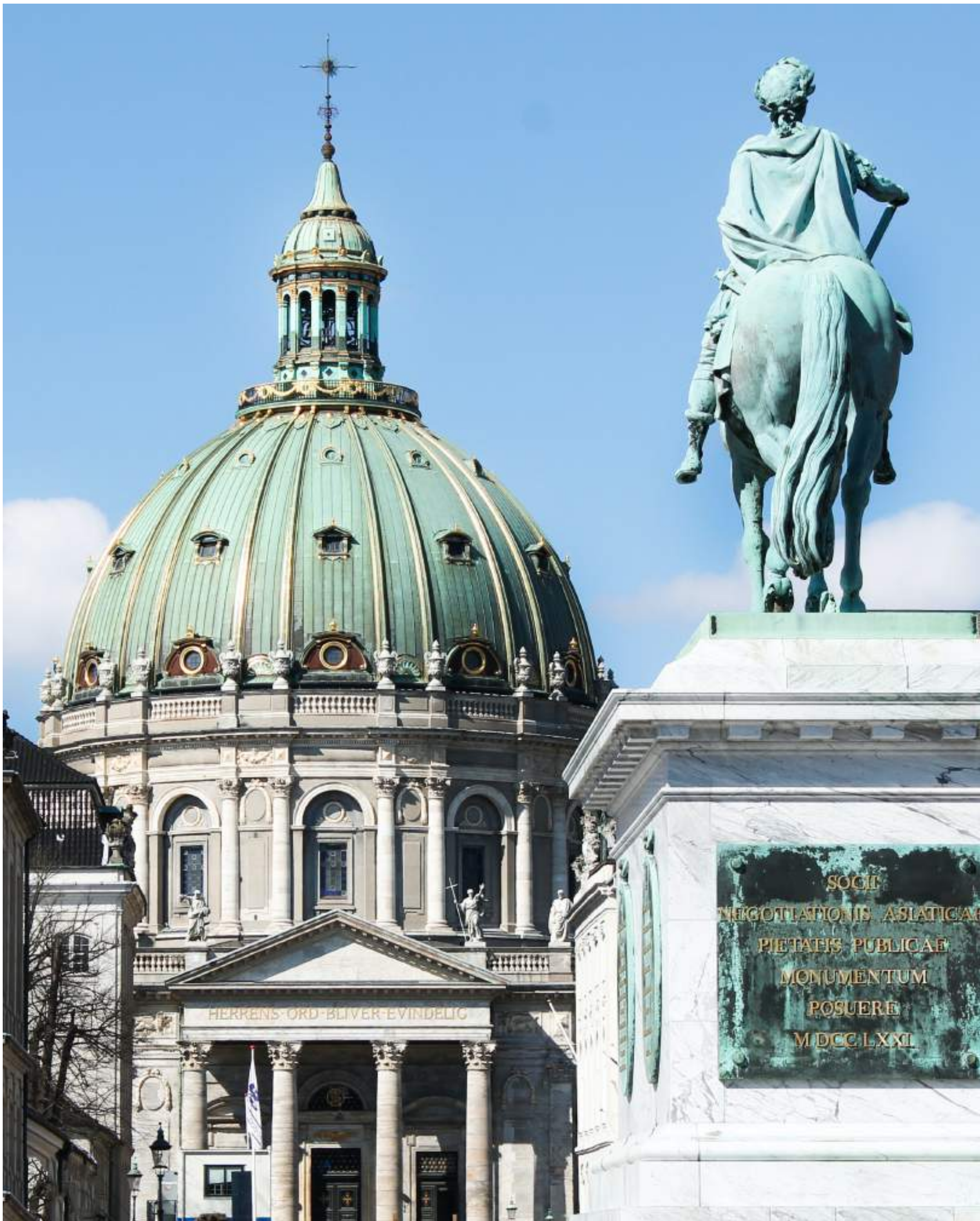




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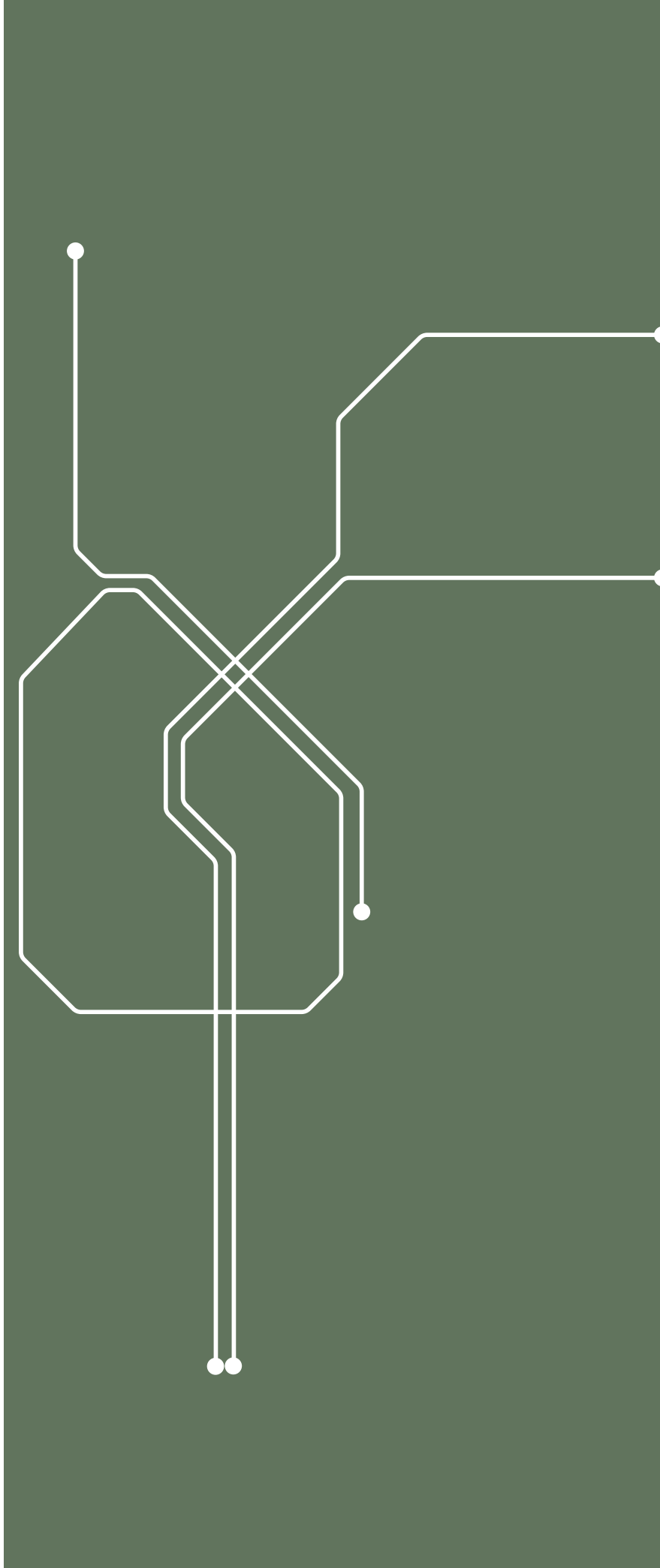


City Series is a project that I have created to truly begin and solidify my journey as a Certified Travel Agent. Through my unique travels and experiences, I found a passion and unquenchable thirst for wanting to see more. This eBook collection called, "City Series" will serve as a guide on a city that I have wandered with an educated perspective as I study to become a travel agent. This is also an opportunity to communicate tips and tricks on how to get around, best places to see, traditional foods to try and much more. When I started to plan my extended Europe backpacking trip, I wished I had a consolidated guide for each location, so I truly hope this serves you well.



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You will soon learn why Danes are among the world's happiest people when you visit Copenhagen and the beautiful surrounding area. The buzzing capital blends royal history, modern architecture and plenty of culture with sustainable living and a mouthwatering restaurant scene. The city is one of Europe's earliest capitals with an exclusive royal touch - the monarchy in Denmark is the one of the oldest in the world!

Copenhagen's history is well integrated with today's modern-day life but you can always feel them entwined on each corner and within every building.

The city can be traced back to its first settlement in the 11th century and is actually known as the homeland of the Vikings. The excellent herring fishing contributed to Copenhagen's growth and development into an important trading center which helped build the Viking power throughout the region. The cultural and societal influence of the Vikings persists in Denmark, even into the 21st century. There still exists a number of relics and monuments from this era spread all over the country which are clear indicators of their historical importance on the nation.

This premiere capital of Northern Europe is Scandinavia's most fantastic city and the center of the most dynamic region in Europe, the Øresund Region.

In Copenhagen, you will find a wide range of entertainment, culture and shopping. You can enjoy a continental atmosphere and feel the industrial, modern vibes this city offers. Denmark, specifically Copenhagen, has one of the richest histories that Europe offers, yet feels very youthful and innovative. Many visitors come here to enjoy the great food, the well-preserved relics, and the bustling nightlife.

Read more to find out why you should come to *Wonderful Copenhagen*.

Wonderful Copenhagen





So you want to know where to start looking for accommodations?

Indre By

Indre By is the popular inner city and the heart of Copenhagen which makes sense as to why it's the most visited neighborhood. You are in walking distance to all of the attractions and must-see locations. This historic area is a fantastic place to explore many of the city's cobblestone streets, charming squares, colorful townhouses, and excellent museums. You can see the architecture that makes this city unique. The food scene is plentiful and easy to come by. The streets are lined with restaurants, bars, and wonderful things to do.

Once the most destitute area of the city, Vesterbro is still Copenhagen's red-light district, though it's not quite as seedy as similar areas in Amsterdam or Berlin. The neighbourhood's vintage shops and summertime street markets give it a local and independent vibe, while the street art here is perhaps the best in the city. Vesterbro is a neighborhood in transition, with an emerging reputation for good food and family living. If you're looking for a young and cool place to stay in Copenhagen but a little outside main city limits, look here. This area is full of craft beer and hipster pubs, and is very underrated.

Vesterbro

Nørrebro

Filled with local eateries, kebab shops, and ultra-creative small businesses, Nørrebro is one of the best areas to stay in Copenhagen if you want to experience local life with a multicultural vibe. It is certainly one of the most diverse areas in Copenhagen and can offer a taste of every part of the world. There are international grocery stores, clothing boutiques and unique coffee shops.

This is very much the suburbs of Copenhagen. You will find upscale and elegant residential areas as these two neighborhoods are filled with young families, parks, plenty of locally-oriented cafes, restaurants and shops, and beautiful apartments. Both are great areas to stay in Copenhagen if you're looking for a a quieter, more peaceful escape from the city. This is a very local option with a tamed experience but great if you are looking for a family scene and accomodations off the beaten path.

Frederiksberg & Østerbro

Christianhavn

Christianhavn is a classic Copenhagen neighborhood because it is very different than the rest of the city. It is comprised of canals, islands and independent neighborhoods. It is hands down the dominant scene that you will think of when you imagine Copenhagen. It is by far some of the most beautiful views in the city. You will find canals lined with houseboats, small shops, galleries, coffee bars, and a mishmash of cultures. This is a must-see. It is a top location for the city. In contrast is the Free Town of Christiania, a 34-hectare area that is comprised of a commune-style alternative society formed in 1971. This is kind of a hidden part of the city as they operate with different laws. This area is called "The Green Mile" because you can purchase legal hash. There are street art vendors and food trucks that will give you a very relaxed vibe.

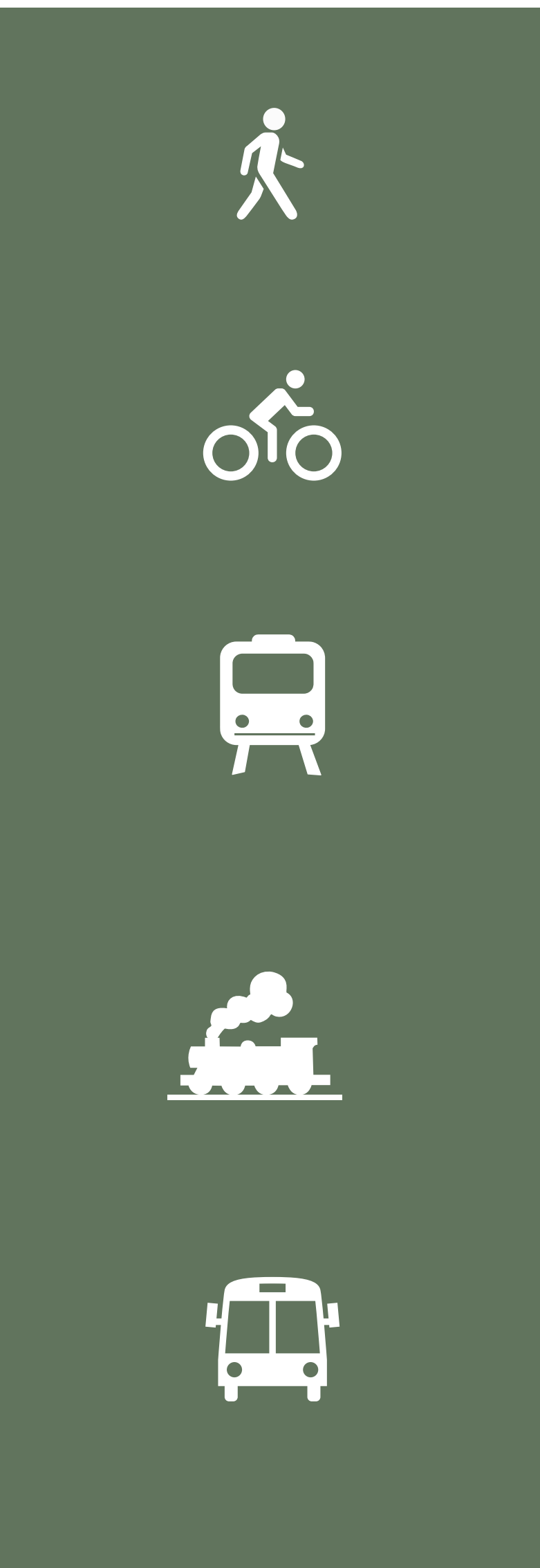


Copenhagen's public transportation system is easy to use, fast, and reliable. Some people even claim it has one of the best transportation systems in the world! You will certainly feel safe and it is very easy to read regardless of language barriers.

Because the city is separated into zones, you must purchase the correct ticket for your journey, but you can use the same ticket for all modes of transportation. It also makes the network more tourist-friendly.

However, taking the city by foot and bike are the best ways to get around, especially if the weather is nice. If you're tired or chilly, there is a sophisticated public transit system with metro lines, bus routes, and a network of trains that is offered to get you to your destination quickly. Taxis are available, but they can be expensive. Uber is also available, but keep in mind if that can fit into your travel budget.

No matter where you go, you will find a simple solution. My recommendation is to download an offline map of the city so you can access it if you do not have data or Wifi, additionally, you can just purchase a good ol'e paper map.





BUYING A METRO TICKET IN COPENHAGEN

The public transportation system in Copenhagen is separated into zones and you must pay for each individual zone but all come with a cost. You will most likely end up staying within zone 1 or 2, which is reasonably priced based on the locations of all the top attractions. Tickets can be purchased at ticket machines, through a mobile app, or directly by [clicking here](#).

FIGURING OUT THE METRO NETWORK IN COPENHAGEN

The metro, as previously stated, is incredibly simple to use. M1 and M2 are the two metro lines that are currently in use. M1 runs from Vestamager to Vanlse, passing through central Copenhagen. While, M2 begins at the airport, travels through central Copenhagen, and then follows the M1 to Vanlse. This is a great way to get from the train station or airport to your intended destination. The lines are separeted into colors and work like any typical underground system. Each line begins and ends with a certain city designated by color that you must either get on the platform at one side or the other depending on which direction you are intending to go.

COPENHAGEN METRO OPERATING HOURS

The metro will always have your back! It is extremely convenient because it operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The metro runs every 2-4 minutes during peak hours in the morning and afternoons. The time extends slightly at night when metros arrive at a 7-15 minute interval. No matter what time of day, rest assured you will be able to get around.

TOURIST PASSES

You can purchase [The CopenhagenCard](#) which allows you to travel freely throughout the Copenhagen Capital Region, including the airport. This pass allows you to visit over 8- attractions and museums for free. You will also qualify for other city discounts that can save you money and time. You can order the card [HERE](#) and ahead of time online and pick it up at the airport. Additionally, the Citypass can be purchased at ticket vending machines at train stations. This allows you unlimited access to buses, trains, metro and harbor buses in zones 1-4 for up to a week's worth of travel time. This Citypass can also include travel to and from the airport, as well as, the city center of Copenhagen. This is certainly my biggest suggestion!



TRAINS

The S-trains are Copenhagen's intercity trains (or s-tog). The lines are labeled with letters A-H, however I think that using the colors makes it easier to traverse. Line F appears every five minutes, Line A,B,C, and E appear every ten minutes, and Line H and BX appear every twenty minutes. On weekdays, the train network is open from 5 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., and on weekends, it is open 24 hours a day, with slower routes.

BUSES

Buses are plentiful in Copenhagen, and they run every few minutes. They are just as effective and can cover a large area in a short amount of time. For evening travel, buses may be a better option. The night buses may provide a more convenient choice. They drive every 3-7 minutes during rush hour (which is between 07:00-09:00 in the morning and 15:30-17:30 in the afternoon) and usually about every 10 minutes before and after rush hour. The A-buses serve at all hours.

Biking

This is an unbelievably popular option that you should not underestimate. You can rent them for the day, for an extended period of time, and truly get around quickly at low cost. There are so many companies to choose from while seeing the city. I recommend you review the Copenhagen's Bike Guide to look at local laws and rental guidelines by clicking [HERE](#). There are specified lanes for bikes with lights and full traffic laws to protect the everyday rider. At least one of the days you should rent a bike and make your way around the city.

Walking

Walking is a very obvious mode of transportation, which is simple to do in and around the city center. You can always transfer to a different mode on your way back. Just to reiterate, you do feel very safe while on foot and it is a great way to see the city from all view points. You can also happen upon new and interesting places on your way! When I was there, I spent the majority of my time walking to get about so that we could take in the sights of the entire city. Don't forget to live in the moment and be spontaneous.

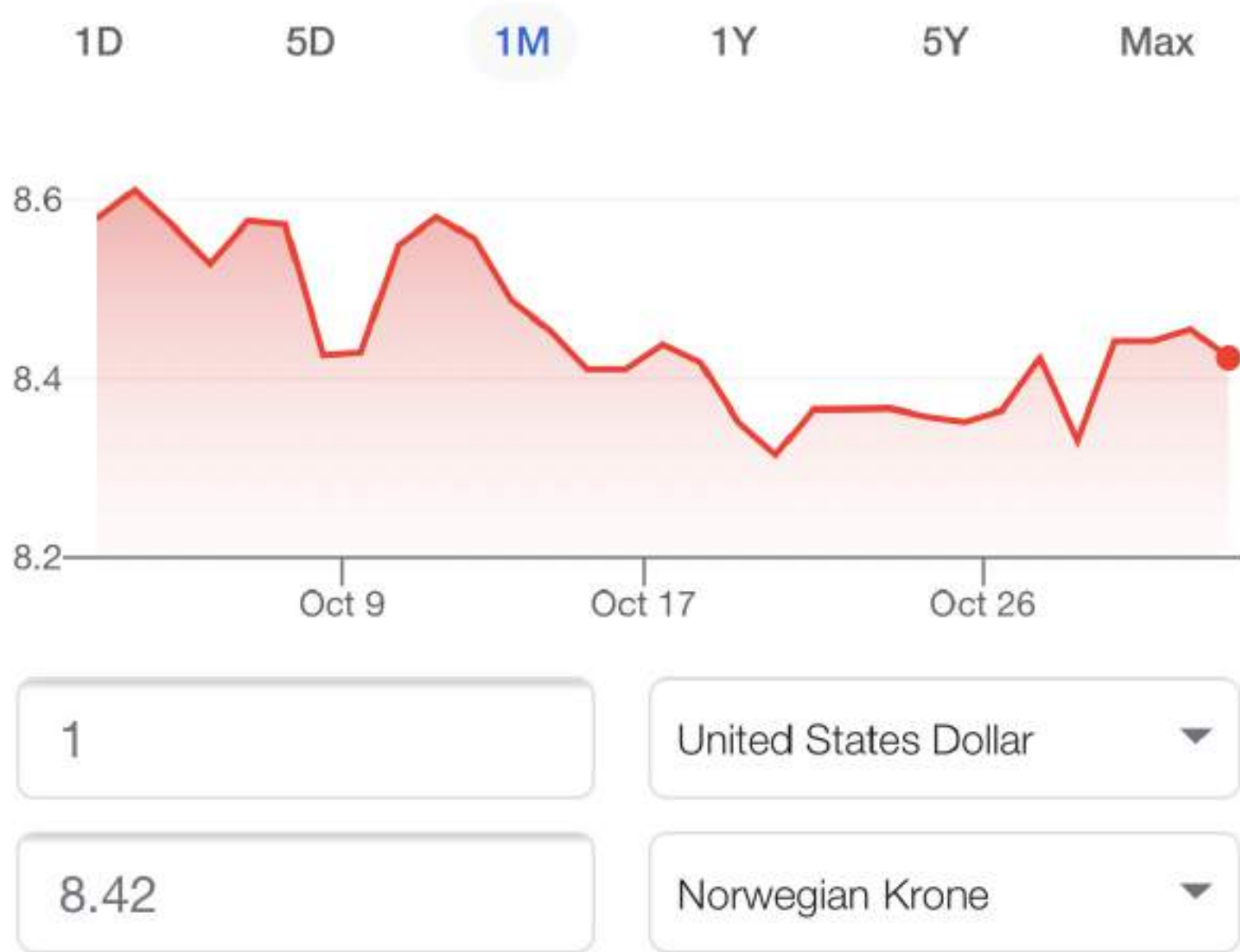


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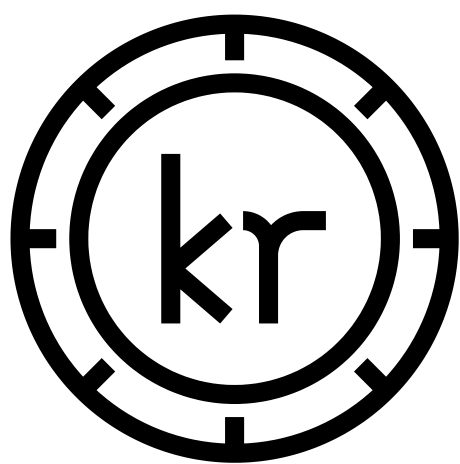
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Copenhagen's tipping policy is generally: NO. The culture does not support or encourage tipping, but it is not offensive to do so. It would always be a happy surprise but it is not expected whatsoever. There is a chance that you will see a change jar here or there, but do not feel guilty about extending the extra cash.

It is common for the service provider to include a service charge like restaurants, hotels and transportation. Denmark also has a much more competitive wage structure for its citizens than most countries in the world. Overall, Danish people do not need to rely on tips to supplement or comprise their income.

In some cultures, it is disrespectful NOT to tip, so if you feel so inclined, how much? 10% of the bill or 10DKK would be the maximum to provide for exceptional service.

WARNING: YOU WILL BE CHARGED A LOT OF MONEY TO EXCHANGE WHILE TRAVELING ABROAD.

First and foremost, my suggestion will be to go to your personal bank within your country of origin and request foreign money. I was able to receive the most up-to-date exchange rate and zero-minimal fees for exchanging at my personal bank. The only risk there is that you will have a lot of cash on hand which is important to keep tucked safely away.

The second piece of advice is to get a travel rewards credit card so you can get points back on all your purchases and be able to take advantage of the currency exchange rate in real time versus the inflated one that most companies will charge while you are traveling abroad. ***Most countries do not accept American Express***

I am talking hundreds of dollars of rip off exchange rates and hustling. If there is one thing you can take away from this Ebook, is that you must think ahead about your finances or you will be charged ridiculous amounts of money.



Top Attractions





Tivoli Gardens

Denmark is home to two of the world's oldest amusement parks, one of which is situated in the heart of the city. Tivoli Gardens has been adored by locals and enjoyed by tourists to Copenhagen since it first opened its doors in 1843. Tivoli Gardens is more than a theme park; it also provides live music every day in a variety of venues and is home to some of the city's greatest eateries. Tivoli Gardens is located in the heart of Copenhagen and is easily accessible by bike or foot from many of the city's hotels. Next door is the central train station, and there is some street parking in the vicinity. From April to September, Tivoli is open every day, but just for a few hours the rest of the year. There is an admission fee of \$21.80 per person.



Nyhavn



Copenhagen's Nyhavn (New Harbor) district dates from the 17th century. Nyhavn was once a run-down shoreline in the early 1900s, but it is now a modern entertainment district with numerous restaurants and bars. Take a walk down the harbor's edge to see some of the ancient ships that still ply the waters. Then sample some of the local cuisine in one of the many restaurants and taverns. A system of canals feeding from the harbor connect the waterfront areas. Cobblestone streets are bordered with pastel-colored, double-story townhouses that are the true masterpieces of the city. This is a gorgeous and very famous backdrop. The ground floors of the former residential townhouses are increasingly being taken over by restaurants, bars, and live music venues. Nyhavn is located on the city's eastern outskirts and is easiest accessed by bike or foot. Because the city center is largely for pedestrians, visitors arriving by automobile will have trouble locating a parking spot nearby. There are four bus routes that service Nyhavn on a daily basis, thus public transit is available.



Rosenborg Castle

From 1606 to 1710, Rosenborg Castle served as the royal palace of Christian IV, the reigning monarch of Denmark. Today, the castle, known in Danish as Rosenborg Slot, serves as a museum and houses the Royal Collections of Denmark. Kings Gardens, the park that surrounds the castle, is a favorite place for Copenhagen residents to relax and play. Come early in the morning to observe the Danish Royal Guard perform a dramatic march to Amalienborg Palace. Spend the rest of the morning visiting the sumptuous interiors of the castle. Historic paintings, statues, and papers are among the treasures in a permanent collection. The Danish Crown Jewels and the King's throne are not to be missed. The huge Kings Gardens are located beyond the castle gates. Pickled fish or Carlsberg for lunch or bring a picnic to a café that provides typical Danish food and drink. Lush grass and shady promenades may be found farther into the grounds.

Rosenborg Castle is a short distance from the city center and is best accessed by foot or bicycle. The Noreport metro station, located near the castle's gate, is a good option for those arriving by metro. During the summer, Rosenborg Castle is open every day, but it is closed on Mondays and public holidays the rest of the year. You must pay an admission fee and an additional price to take photographs. Bags that are larger than a little purse must be checked.



Little Mermaid

As the fantastical story goes, a modest statue was erected to captivate the hearts of Copenhagen inhabitants and tourists alike. The Little Mermaid, perched on a rocky outcropping near the main harbor, greets all visitors to the Danish capital. This sculpture has become a symbol of the city, and it is one of the most popular photo spots for tourists. On a sunny day, it is not uncommon to see a small throng gathered around it. The Little Mermaid is easily accessible on foot or by bike from Copenhagen's city center and a little further is the metro station.



Strøget

Strøget is one of Europe's longest pedestrian avenues, featuring a diverse range of stores ranging from low-cost chains to some of the world's most prestigious names. Apart from being a major tourist shopping destination, Strøget is also a popular meeting spot for locals, as well as, a convenient walking route to and from adjacent locations like City Hall Square and Kongens Nytorv Square. The Stork Fountain, a famous landmark, is a popular gathering spot for friends and family to share an afternoon meal, and there is a convenient bike parking area for the city's millions of cyclists.



Round Tower

Rundetaarn, a famous 17th-century observatory, towers over Copenhagen's central pedestrian mall (Round Tower). Climb to the top for panoramic views of the city or join aspiring astronomers for a night of stargazing. A gallery, concert hall, and even a gorgeous church are all part of the Round Tower complex. The center interior column is surrounded by a steep ramp, which is a spectacular example of innovative design at the time. Hike to the summit and take a breather while taking in the displays at the several rest stops along the way. Follow the ramp to the observation deck, which is 111 feet (34 meters) above the street.

Take a seat on a bench and watch the action in the idyllic harbor in the distance by ordering refreshments from the kiosk. The Round Tower is in the heart of Copenhagen and is easiest accessed by bike or foot. The Nørreport metro station is close by, and there is limited on-street parking available for a cost in the area. From March through October, the Round Tower is open every day, with extended evening hours during the summer. There is a nominal entry cost. It should be noted that there is no elevator.



Nationalmuseet (National Museum)

The National Museum of Denmark, filled with relics, artifacts, and papers, will take you on a journey through centuries of Danish history. To be precise, fourteen thousand years of history! You might easily spend an entire day browsing around these intriguing museums and chambers dedicated to the country's natural science, conservation, and archeology. Explore Viking and Ice Age antiquities, view medieval religious art, and learn about modern-day Danish society. But the museum's exhibits aren't limited to Danish history.

A large collection of Greek, Italian, Egyptian, and Near Eastern artifacts is also on display. The Golden Horns, which are recreated sculptures modeled after the 400AD Iron Age horns that were unearthed, are the museum's showpiece. The Chariot of the Sun, a bronze-age disc depicting the sun being drawn across the sky by a chariot horse, is well worth seeing.

Freetown Christiania



Visit Freetown Christiania, a small commune in Copenhagen, for one of the most interesting things to do in Copenhagen. Freetown Christiania, which was founded on a deserted military zone in the 1970s and presently has roughly 850 residents, is a symbol of progressive and liberal Danish culture. Freetown Christiania's preferred activities include meditation, farming, and yoga. Locals have even developed their own set of rules (unlike the federal government)! Christiania, Copenhagen's famous freetown, is without a doubt one of the country's most popular tourist destinations.

Hash and marijuana are sold from a variety of store stalls and booths along the Green Mile, which is also known as the "Green Mile." While marijuana is not technically legal, the Danish government has publicly permitted marijuana sales for the past 15 years. Freetown Christiania, Copenhagen's fourth most popular destination, is a slice of alternative, liberal, and laid-back paradise that can't be found anywhere else!



Torvehallerne

If you are a foodie, this is a MUST while you are frolicking around Copenhagen. Torvehallerne fills its plentiful halls with a Danish cornucopia of local produce, meals, pastries, meats, cheeses, seafood, and tasty drinks. There is plenty of seating and open areas to enjoy meals either to relax or on-the-go. Go and let your palate explore with this taste of Denmark.

Traditional Food

Denmark is a rising star amongst the cuisine world, known for its Modern Nordic style. Copenhagen is home to multiple high-end Michelin-star restaurants. There is a variety of things you can find while among the Danish, but it is not all expensive eating. The alternate side is comprised of delivious street food, burgers, and multi-cultural meals. You can find both an extravagant experiene and a savory street experience, but you wills till leave this city impressed with its food culture.



Smørrebrød

This open-faced sandwich began as a farmer's quick lunch and is now one of the most popular and traditional dishes in Denmark. You can find this meal dressed up or down depending on the caliber of restaurant. It consists of a slice of rye bread, with fish or meat, vegetables and sauce on top. You can find this on any menu. There are so many combinations of sandwiches so you really can't have too many during your time there!

Rød pølse

This meal is essentially a Copenhagen-style hotdog with a ton of different variety. You will soon notice how often you see locals with this lunch since sausages are veyr popular. They are quick, easy meals and very cost effective. They are wonderful meals for backpackers as they are low cost and can fill you up while moving throughout the city. The rød pølse (red sausage) is the most frequent choice, usually served inside a fresh bun with ketchup and mustard on top.

Syltede Sild

Marinated and pickled herring is the most traditional meal that Denmark offers. This meal dates back to the Viking era and has filled Danish bellies since then. This is a very coastal country and offers many pescatarian options and has a long list of common fish for food, but most importantly, is the herring. It has a special place in Danish history. It is most often served on rye bread or accompanied with bay leaves, onion salad and eggs. Although it may not sound like the most intriguing menu item, it is still worth the try to understand the culture of the country.



Journal Entry

I wanted to share my own personal experiences on the journal entry section. I can always show you my research and recommendations, but these are personal recounts of memories that particularly stuck out. I went to Copenhagen with my boyfriend and best friend on an extended European backpacking trip. This begins my City Series eBook Collections to share the experiences I wrote in my own travel journal, so here is my story.

Copenhagen was the first stop and what a wonderful choice that was. We originally purchased our tickets from Fort Lauderdale, FL to Copenhagen for \$200. Copenhagen is actually one of the cheapest destinations to fly into Europe. With our backpacks in hand, we set off.

The city has so much to offer and provides a fantastic first-impression. I could really see the blend of history and modern-day industrial life. The contemporary buildings intertwined with historically ornate designs show how well the city has transformed throughout the centuries while remaining completely preserved.

We checked into our hostel, The Annex, and it was an upscale hostel located in the heart of the city. We took the city by foot and began making our way since we were centrally located.. When we made it to the famous, Tivoli Gardens, we were actually told that a famous Danish band named Mew was performing that night, so with our entrance ticket, we were able to return and enjoy the show. I had a very surreal moment that night while jamming out in a foreign country on our first night abroad: This was a true traveling moment. We were setting off on an adventure of a lifetime and it felt it could not be more poetic.



The following day, we strolled over to Freetown Christiania which provided a very unique experience. This area of the city is frequently called the "Green Mile" because of its high tolerance with weed culture. This is an independent and communal area of the city with its own laws, within reason. When you walk through the entrance, you immediately walk into another world of graffiti, skate parks, food trucks, art, and people from all walks of life.

There is a strict no photo policy as to keep this area discreet. There were plentiful kiosks with legal hash to purchase at low costs. The park offered peaceful views and casual seating options so we got comfortable and smoked our Pineapple Express. It is a completely judge-free zone and people are encouraged to enjoy the freeness of this part of the city. The art and the vibe of this area is unmatched.



We made our way to Nyhavn where we took strolls throughout the colorful nautical atmospheres with local beers and world-renowned views. The famous townhouses are gorgeous and offer the most beautiful backgrounds. We meandered over to the Royal Palace to spend the day walking through the gardens and unique landscapes. To see this monarchy was a completely eye-opening to the experience ahead of me.





Later that evening, we were standing in line for an ATM, when we happened to run into a very friendly Scottish guy named Jack who lived locally. One thing led to another, and we found ourselves in the midst of drinks, socializing, Copenhagen's bustling nightlife and newly formed friendships. As the night wore on, we had successfully laughed our asses off while our new friend walked us around the city. The evening was filled with mocking insults, hilarity, and new bonds.

Jack told us about a city in Sweden, named Malmö, that was a thirty minute train ride from Copenhagen. With adventure on our minds and a hangover looming, we followed Jack's suggestion and explored Sweden despite our night's decisions.

This city was a quiet city filled with a peaceful atmosphere and showed us a gorgeous farm-like contrast to the modern Copenhagen. There were gardens for human consumption that had edible fruits and veggies that we could walk in and snack on. There were interesting WWII relics, and gorgeous rooftop views to watch the sunset.

Although we only had 3 days in Copenhagen, we figured we might as well get another country under our belts and take advantage of this opportunity to see another destination we weren't planning. This was truly what this trip was about.

On our last day, we dove into the food scene and made our way around eating the most traditional dishes. I didn't have a single bad meal in this city. It is famous for the Modern Nordic cuisine, and it is obvious that there is significant care and attention to providing quality food. We experienced the "Must-See" attractions and it proved to be everything we had wanted to get out of the city and more.

We were able to give Jack a big hug as we parted ways and exchanged contact information. We still have quite the friendship from halfway across the world. While saying goodbye to Copenhagen, we realized how this was actually not a goodbye at all. We woke up early, gathered our travel information, and headed to board our first train in Europe. While sitting in our compartment, I realized that this wasn't a good bye, this was the just the first chapter.



Helpful Links

[BIKING TOURS](#)

[METRO TICKETS](#)

[TIVOLI GARDEN TICKETS](#)

[AMALIENBORG PALACE TICKETS](#)

[NATIONAL MUSEUM TICKETS](#)

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[MY PACKING LIST](#)



In closing, this city is not always on the top of everyone's European vacation. I understand time restraints and wanting to hit very conventionally cool places, but please keep this bustling city on your radar. If you are interested in Nordic culture, love good food, and enjoy the relaxed nature of the area... Copenhagen is the place for you!

Please always feel free to reach out to me directly to ask any questions or get travel recommendations or advice. Click [HERE](#) to contact me now. You can book a 15 minute initial free consultation with me! This is the first chapter of many, so please stay tuned for the next release: *Berlin, Germany*.

**CONTACT ME
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