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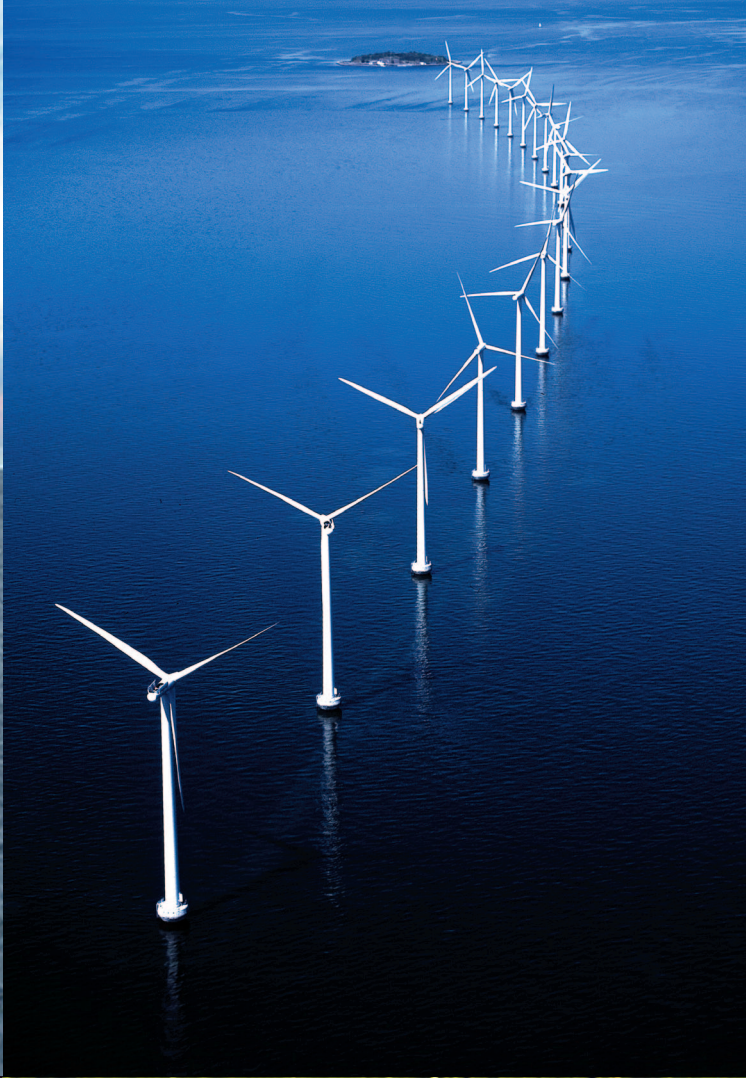
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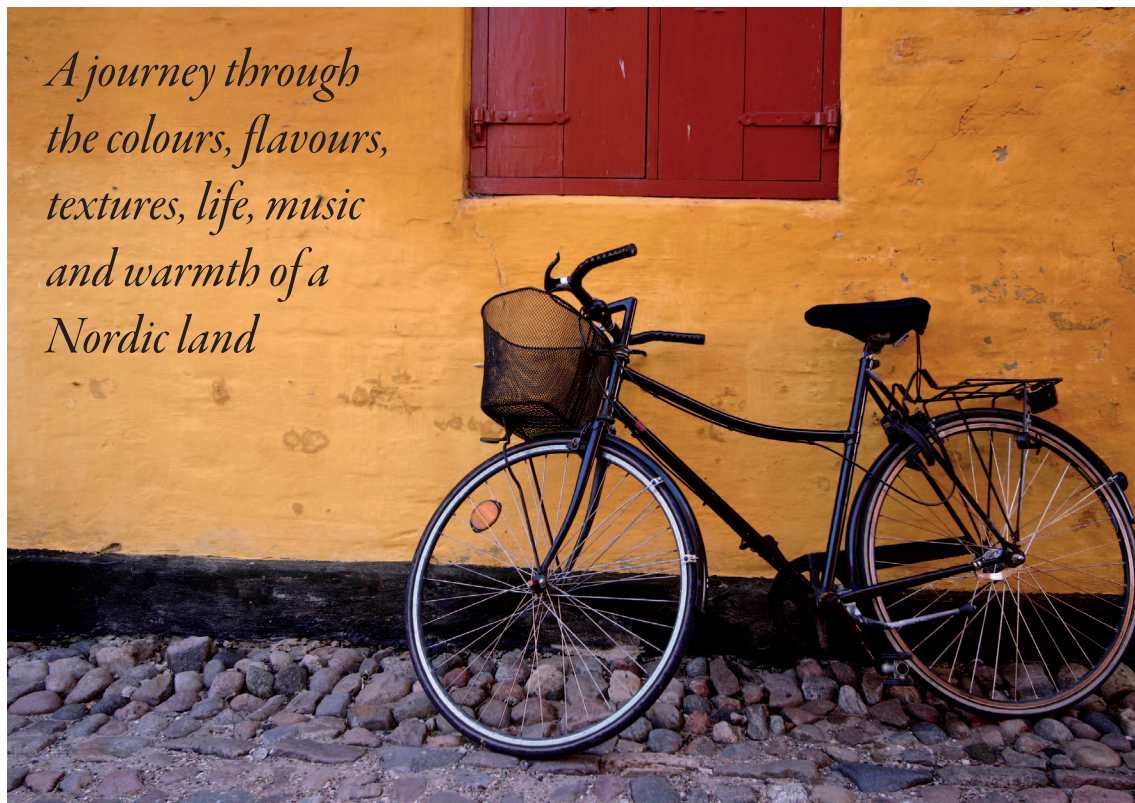


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*A journey through
the colours, flavours,
textures, life, music
and warmth of a
Nordic land*



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A city designed for people



One of the most popular Danish baby-movers is the Nihola, originally created in response to a newspaper challenge "to invent something useful like a bicycle with room for two children and a crate of beer." Around 20% of Copenhagen families own a cargo bike.

Open, easygoing and liveable, Copenhagen invites you to explore its parks, historic neighbourhoods and attractions by foot, bicycle, and waterbus. And you'll be surprised. Scandinavia's leading city for gourmet, jazz and design, Copenhagen lets you enjoy the good things in life. So tap into its quality of living and discover a city designed for people.



In Copenhagen, cargo bike micro-businesses keep the city rolling. Here the vendor pops the fruit into the pedal-powered blender and seconds later you have a freshly made smoothie.



The Market Halls

Copenhagen's new foodie temple opens in 2011 with 155 market stalls selling Danish artisanal organic products, vegetables and fish. There will also be early-morning cafés and restaurants.

www.hallerne.dk



There is only one thing Copenhageners love more than their bicycle: their fully-automated, 24-hour metro system, voted The World's Best in 2010 by international rail operators.



Commuting to the office?

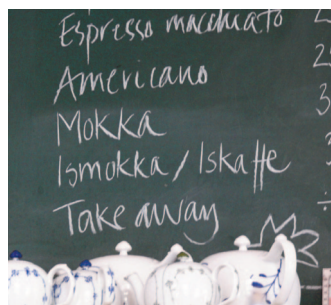
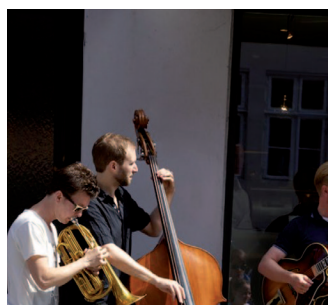
In Copenhagen's new dockland canal district, Sluseholmen, many residents can literally jump into their kayaks from their living room. To visit, take waterbus # 904 from Nyhavn Canal.

Nyhavn Canal

Although Nyhavn means "New Harbour", the Nyhavn Canal (from 1671) is one of the city's oldest.

Once notorious for its rowdy sailor's joints, the canal is now popular for its seafood restaurants. Fairytale writer Hans Christian Andersen lived in several of the houses.





Pedal-powered living

In Copenhagen bicycling is a majority lifestyle with 55% of citizens using their bike daily, travelling an average of 3 km. And bicycling isn't just about getting from A to B; it's about building sustainable communities. Bicyclists often shop locally and drop by cafés. Riding a bike isn't just healthy, easy and eco-friendly; it's also fun. So while in Copenhagen, do like the Danes – pedal the city!

Parkland paradise

Copenhagen has many perfectly manicured old parks and romantic gardens. In Frederiksberg Have you can rent small boats and drift down the undulating creek. And there are urban lakes and languid canals. Now the city is building new pocket parks citywide with sports and activities for children, allowing everyone to walk to a public green space within 15 minutes.

Sea change

An old merchant port city, Copenhagen has always had a love of the sea. Take the metro 7 minutes from downtown Copenhagen and you'll arrive at the city's new 5-km manmade sandy beach, complete with water sports. Here you'll also find the city's first offshore wind farm. Wind power already generates 20% of Denmark's energy supply and Copenhagen has pledged to go CO₂-neutral by 2025.



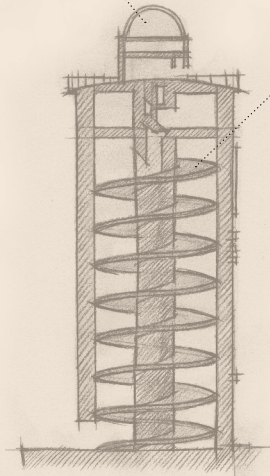
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The Round Tower

Constructed in 1642, the Round Tower has Europe's oldest functioning astronomical observatory. Open for stargazers one evening a week during winter.

www.rundetaarn.dk



You can walk up the winding walkway, which has no steps. When Russian Tsar Peter the Great visited the city in 1716 he rode up on his horse, with the tsarina following in a carriage. More recently, Google sent up a bicycle with camera for Google Maps.



250 years in the making

The grand master plan for the Marble Church in Copenhagen took 250 years to complete due to stubborn landowners on a tiny corner. Head down Bredgade with its vintage design galleries and decorative art museum.

www.kunstindustrimuseet.dk



The ugly sister

To some she's the saddest excuse for womanhood; to others her tragic tale is an inspiration. Twice beheaded by artists, the Little Mermaid statue has always courted controversy. And now there are two! The "genetically modified mermaid" has washed ashore by the nearby wharf, Midtermolen.





Stairway to heaven

When visiting Copenhagen in 1861, Jules Verne climbed the spiral stairway of the late baroque spire of Our Saviour's Church and was inspired to include it in his adventure book *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*. Even today the corkscrew climb is rewarded with a splendid view of town.

www.vorfrølserskirke.dk

SHAPING *Copenhagen*



The woman behind the Royal Danish Playhouse

There are many big names involved in Copenhagen's civic renaissance – the new concert hall by Jean Nouvel, the Opera House by Henning Larsen, and the Black Diamond by Schmidt/Hammer/Lassen. And soon underway is a new waterside wonder by Rem Koolhaas. While many of these studios are headed by men, women are also shaping the new Copenhagen. One notable example is the parkland extension to the National Gallery, designed by Anna Maria Indrio. Another is Lene Tranberg, who co-designed the new Royal Danish Playhouse with partner Boje Lundgaard. With its harbourfront café, the theatre has proved a popular destination almost around the clock. Other of her landmark designs in Copenhagen include an award-winning student house, Tietgenkollegiet, inspired by traditional community living among the Haka people of China, and an eco-sustainable office building by the cruise ship quay, Langelinie. In 2010, Lene Tranberg was appointed honorary member of the American Institute of Architects.

Design tours

Let Copenhagengers take you for a bicycle tour of the city's new urban developments. www.citysafari.dk

For information and podwalks on urban design in Copenhagen visit www.cphx.dk

ZONE OUT! *Day trips from Copenhagen*

Kronborg Castle
(1580s) in Elsinore,
morning view.
Swedish coastline
seen in horizon.



Art on the lawn

Among the sand dunes and by the woodlands half an hour from Copenhagen you find the international art museums ARKEN and Louisiana. The Ordrupgaard Museum features contemporary galleries designed by Zaha Hadid.

www.louisiana.dk 1

www.arken.dk 2

www.ordrupgaard.dk 3



Frederiksborg Castle

Hillerød is home to a royal landmark, which showcases the national portrait collection. The picture-postcard baroque gardens have been landscaped to original plans.

www.frederiksborgmuseet.dk 4



Roskilde

Less than half an hour from Copenhagen is the historic town of Roskilde with its UNESCO-listed cathedral, the final resting place for 1000 years of Danish royalty. Roskilde also has a Viking Ship Museum (see page 24).

www.visitroskilde.com 5

THE CASTLE OF *Hamlet*

To go or not to go – to the home of Hamlet

An hour from Copenhagen you find the majestic windswept home of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, *Prince of Denmark*, who notoriously proclaimed: "There is something rotten in the state of Denmark." The UNESCO-listed Kronborg Castle features dungeons and fortifications bristling with cannons.

www.visitnordsjaelland.dk 6

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Cruise to Copenhagen

Copenhagen is one of the largest cities for cruise lines in the world. Many ships embark from the downtown harbour promenade close to the Little Mermaid, heading towards destinations in the Baltic Sea, such as Stockholm and St. Petersburg, and to Norway. Stewards on the quayside help visitors find their way and many arriving ships are now greeted with band music. Close by a new wharf is under construction. Here an eco-friendly ship-shore system will allow vessels to plug into the grid while docked, cutting engine emissions to keep the city green.

www.cruisecopenhagen.com



Executive chef René Redzepi. Noma is housed in an 18th-century harbour warehouse that also features exhibitions from the North Atlantic region. www.bryggen.dk



THE NEW *Nordic Kitchen* *inspired by nature*

Have you tried food from the Scandinavian wilderness? That question would make anyone wonder. And it has inspired many food-lovers from around the world to make the pilgrimage to a particular 12-table restaurant in Copenhagen serving exclusive Nordic cuisine. Indeed so many that when leading international chefs and culinary writers cast their ballots at the 2010 San Pellegrino 50 Best award – the ultimate restaurant accolade – their choice fell on Copenhagen's restaurant Noma, making it the World's Best Restaurant. The next day, 100,000 people attempted to make a table reservation, causing their online booking system to crash.

The movement

But success did not come overnight. Rather it was the result of the dedication and vision of not only Noma executive chef René Redzepi but a whole movement of Scandinavia's leading gastronomic entrepreneurs, who set out a decade ago to rediscover the natural resources of Scandinavia, all the way to arctic Greenland and Iceland. Coined the "New Nordic Kitchen" by the media, there is, in the eyes of René Redzepi, nothing particularly "new" about the Nordic food traditions. But what is indeed novel is the creative edge of a new generation of Scandinavian chefs delving into the culinary riches of the North Atlantic region where seasonal temperatures often fluctuate anywhere between +30°C and -30°C. On Iceland there are breeds of cattle that have remained unchanged for centuries, yielding unique cheeses. On the Faroe Islands there are sea banks with tender

45-year-old horse mussels fresh for the picking. And in all Nordic countries there are unique indigenous herbs and berries that rarely reach city markets.

Noma

Restaurant Noma opened in 2004, its name an abbreviation of the Danish words *Nordisk Mad* (Nordic Food). Founded by René Redzepi and Danish gastro-entrepreneur Claus Meyer, Noma's manifesto is one of investigation. Around 200 meters from the restaurant, Noma has a houseboat laboratory, complete with kitchen facilities. Here René Redzepi works with two Danish food historians, digging up long-lost traditions and culinary wisdom. The restaurant cures, pickles, smokes, and dries its produce itself. They use beer, fruit juice and fruit vinegar to add zing to their dishes. And only vegetables, herbs and wildflowers of the season are used. Everything is homemade, carefully sourced from artisanal producers or supplied by foragers in the Scandinavian wilderness. Initially ridiculed by gourmet traditionalists for seeking to elevate musk ox and beaver to high cuisine, Noma's regional awareness soon found a local following. And in less than a decade, Copenhagen has established itself as one of Europe's top gourmet destinations with more Michelin-starred restaurants per capita than in any other city on the planet. And what Noma has given to the world, according to René Redzepi, isn't just the chance to sample creative Nordic cuisine; they also seek to set an example for the rediscovery of regional cuisines around the world.

www.noma.dk



Fiskebaren

The only fish bar gracing Copenhagen's meatpacking district adds buzz to the city's creative quarter.

www.fiskebaren.dk

Malling & Schmidt

Husband-and-wife establishment in Aarhus comprising a Nordic gourmet temple with seasonal focus, and a bistro, Nordisk Spisehus.

www.mallingschmidt.dk

www.nordiskspisehus.dk



Restaurant AOC

In a vaulted whitespace in Northern Europe's largest rococo district, the restaurant is dedicated to sensory culinary experiences.

www.restaurantaoc.dk

Schønnemann

Classic Danish open-faced sandwich restaurant known to be a favourite of René Redzepi.

www.restaurantschonnemann.dk

Dragsholm Slot

Rumoured to be haunted, this medieval castle serves Nordic-inspired cuisine made with locavore-friendly produce.

www.dragsholm-slot.dk

Mortens Kro

Cosmopolitan culinary experiences conjured up by one of Aalborg's most innovative chefs, Morten Nielsen.

www.mortenskro.dk

Kokkeriet

Copenhagen's probably most laidback Michelin-rated restaurant serving contemporary Danish cuisine.

www.kokkeriet.dk

Den Gule Cottage

Small thatched cottage by the sea and woodlands just north of Copenhagen serving Franco-Nordic cuisine.

www.dengulecottage.dk

Henne Kirkeby Kro

Thatched romance and modern comfort by the West Coast. Local seafood, garden vegetables and Nordic-inspired cuisine.

www.hennekirkebykro.dk

Svinkløv Badehotel

Nestled among the sand dunes this classic seaside hotel presents cuisine by the 2010 titleholder of "Best Nordic Chef", Kenneth Hansen.

www.svinkloev-badehotel.dk

Falsled Kro

One of Denmark's oldest inns serving cuisine based on local produce, featuring bounty from their own vegetable gardens.

www.falsledkro.dk



European Champion

Relocated from the rhododendron parkland of the King's Gardens to the grandstand of Denmark's national soccer arena, restaurant Geranium now offers a treetop view of Fælledparken – a city park popular for ballgames and concerts. And while moving, chef Rasmus Koefoed even managed to win the 2010 Bocuse D'Or – Europe's most prestigious prize.

www.geranium.dk



Kadeau

Established by two gifted Bornholm natives, Nicolai Nørregaard and Rasmus Kofoed, Kadeau is a gourmet restaurant rooted in local seafood traditions, wild herbs and Nordic sentiments. Housed in a small wooden beach house on the southern shoreline of the Baltic island, the magical view from the dining room is yet another feast – this time for the eyes.

www.kadeau.dk



Camilla Plum

MOTHER'S KITCHEN

She's a household name and her cookbooks have inspired a generation of Danes to balance a working life with healthy eating. Camilla Plum's all-organic family farm north of Copenhagen, Fuglebjerggaard, is a cauldron of culinary ideas. Here they grow their own hop and wholesome strains of ancient wheat, rye and spelt. They have a malt house and brew farmhouse beers, called Kølster, available at the farm's boutique and restaurant Noma.

They make cider with apples and pears from their

orchards. They keep bees and raise cattle, geese and sheep. They grow herbs and vegetables. And on top of all this they host seminars on organic brewing and hold regular market days. You just wonder when Camilla Plum ever has time to write her cookbooks. Her most recent book, *The Scandinavian Kitchen*, is available in English.

Hemmingstrupvej 8, Helsingør

www.fuglebjerggaard.dk 15



Smørrebrød

You can't help mumbling the Danish word for open-faced sandwich – *smørrebrød*. You'll probably be munching away before you've even ordered! A slice of buttered rye bread with either seafood or cold cut garnished with toppings may sound like a simple affair, but the art of curing, smoking, preparing and composing the dishes is a culinary discipline of its own. One master is Adam Aamann, official *smørrebrød* chef at the Danish Shanghai EXPO 2010 pavilion, whose Copenhagen restaurant is dedicated to refined taste combinations and the simplicity of the best ingredients, mainly organic. Available in picnic lunchboxes, too.

Aamanns, Øster Farimagsgade 10,

www.aamanns.dk



The gypsy brewer

Beer geeks have hailed him as one of the world's best and most creative brewers. Labelled a "gypsy brewer", Mikkel Borg Bjergsø travels among the world's most legendary breweries from the USA and Scotland to Norway to create unique one-of-a-kind beers using natural ingredients, including the world's best coffee. At Mikkeller, his airy basement bar in Copenhagen, you can enjoy craft-brewed beers on tap and speciality beers, such as 18-year-old vintage ale, served with organic titbits. It's also the perfect place to experience that laidback and friendly feeling the Danes call "*hygge*".

Viktoriagade 8

www.mikkeller.dk



Honey from the city

A window left open in one of Copenhagen's quaint row-houses was all it took for Anne-Mette Andersen to start up her beekeeping business. Generally, honey from a single species of flowers is considered superior but leading restaurants in the city soon took a liking to the subtle complexity of the honey sourced from nearby parks and the Botanical Gardens. Copenhagen authorities have since actively encouraged beekeeping and currently the city has 4.5 million bees.

It's a Meyer's WORLD

When readers of one of Denmark's major newspapers voted Claus Meyer as "Copenhagener of the Decade", he was visibly humbled. Arguably Denmark's most influential gastro-entrepreneur and co-founder of Noma, Claus Meyer has always sought to win hearts and minds rather than necessarily achieving corporate-size profit. So winning a popular vote was perhaps the true sign of his success. And many of those who voted for him were indeed probably country folk, such as the fruit farmers of the Funen archipelago where Claus Meyer has helped set up the annual fruit festival. Claus Meyer's own apple orchards are found on the small island of Lilleø where, along with René Redzepi from restaurant Noma, he has helped pioneer Danish winemaking. Claus Meyer is also an innkeeper, running Hotel

Saxkjøbing on the island of Falster where cuisine is served made with local artisanal produce.

Back home in Copenhagen, Claus Meyer heads his own food academy, Meyers Madhus, and two delis with regional Danish products. His most recent venture is a bakery. Copenhagen already has some of Europe's best bakery and pastry stores. One, Bo Bech Bakery on *Store Kongensgade*, is even run by a Michelin-rated chef. But naturally, as with all Meyer's enterprises, the Nordic-only organic bakery has a mission, giving emphasis to rye and aromatic Nordic wheat. And those wanting to do their own baking can even walk home with a bag of Nordic flour, freshly milled while they wait. Claus Meyer's philosophy has always been one of honest and simple local food.

Meyer's bakery: *Jægersborggade 9*
Meyer's delis: *Gl. Kongevej 107*,
Kongens Nytorv 13
Hotel Saxkjøbing, *Torvet 9, Saxkjøbing*
www.hotel-saxkjobing.dk 16



Gourmet on a SHOESTRING



They made headlines even before opening. And while chef Christian F. Puglisi and sommelier Kim Rossen waited for the rubble to be cleared in their future restaurant, Relæ, they jump-started by taking over the next-door takeaway joint, now called Manfreds, and even ran a pop-up food bar at the legendary Roskilde Festival. Former chef at gourmet restaurants El Bulli in Spain and Noma in Copenhagen, Puglisi has set out to make gourmet affordable – even bringing his old stove from Noma.

The location was no random choice. The cooperatively owned street in one of Copenhagen's off-beat districts, Nørrebro, actively seeks to attract community-oriented businesses, including artisanal offerings such as the Coffee Collective, co-owned by a world-champion barista, and Claus Meyer's Nordic bakery. Bringing gourmet to the people, Chef Puglisi was hailed by the Wall Street Journal as one of the world's Top 10 Young Chefs in 2010.

Jægersborggade 41
www.restaurant-relae.dk

Christian F. Puglisi (right) and Kim Rossen (left) in their airy basement restaurant, which features vintage Danish design.



The Rubjerg Knude lighthouse and some of Europe's mightiest drifting sand dunes. 17

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Thy National Park

Wide sandy beaches, windswept heather heaths, lakes and forests. Here at the Thy National Park on Denmark's West Coast fishing boats are dragged onto shore and windsurfers ride the waves in one of Europe's best windsurfing areas, dubbed "Cold Hawaii". Other popular activities include horse riding along the shoreline.

www.danmarksnationalparker.dk 18



Skagen

There is a feeling of land's end in the fishing town of Skagen at the northernmost tip of Denmark where the radiant summer evenings inspired Romanticist artists. The sandy beaches and seafood offerings attract many local and international visitors throughout the year to Skagen's classic seaside hotels and summer cottages.

www.toppenafdanmark.dk 19

Denmark

by the sea

Bornholm

Denmark's rocky archipelago in the Baltic Sea includes Bornholm and Ertholmene. The nature center, Naturbornholm, relates the island's geological past and today's natural world.

www.naturbornholm.dk

www.bornholm.info 33



The cliffs of Møn

The forest-topped white cliffs of the island of Møn were shaped by Ice Age glaciers and consist of the shells of 70-million-year-old crustaceous algae.

Geological visitor's centre

www.moensklint.dk

www.visitvordingborg.dk 20

The Wadden Sea National Park by the West Coast of Jutland is one of the world's most important areas for bird life. Close by you find Scandinavia's oldest town, Ribe.

www.visitribe.dk 21

www.danmarksnationalparker.dk

Festivals IN DENMARK

Editor's choice



European Medieval Festival

Each August, the Middle Ages are brought back to life in Horsens. Knights joust for victory and sparks fly when the blacksmiths harden the swords. More than 250 stalls serve up authentic medieval fare, such as sizzling roast pork and mugs of mead.

www.middelalderfestival.dk 22

Aarhus Festival

The city's annual arts festival in late August is one of the largest in Northern Europe, featuring music, theatre, film, design, food, new technology and of course plenty of kid-friendly activities and fun.

www.aarhusfestuge.dk 23



Copenhagen design and fashion

Copenhagen Fashion Week in February and August is Scandinavia's largest biannual industry event, featuring events and shows citywide, many open to the public.

The Copenhagen Design Week in September 2011 features the world's largest award for sustainable design.

www.copenhagenfashionfestival.com
www.copenhagendesignweek.dk

Hot Dog Day

Copenhagen's annual slow-food festival in August features a number of tasty surprises. Winner of the 2010 Hot Dog Competition in the gourmet category was Michelin-rated chef Paul Cunningham (right) from Tivoli Gardens, here seen with Thomas Hermann. Gastronomic events are held citywide.

www.copenhagencooking.dk



Malene Mortensen, Danish jazz singer-songwriter, is set to record her next album live at Jazzhus Montmartre in 2011.
www.malenemortensen.com

JAZZY Denmark

The summer opens with riverboat jazz in Silkeborg. In July, Copenhagen and Aarhus stage 1000 jazz concerts. Festivals in Ribe and the island of Femø follow in August. Tversted closes the season. The Winter Jazz Festival picks up the beat in January.

River Boat Jazzfestival

www.riverboat.dk 24

Ribe Jazz Festival

www.ribejazz.dk 21

Copenhagen Jazz Festival and Winter Jazz

www.jazz.dk

Århus Jazzfestival

www.jazzfest.dk 23

Femø Jazz

www.femoejazz.dk 25

Tversted Jazzydays

www.jazzydays.dk 26

Æro Jazz Festival – this can't be real!

So said the world-famous tenor sax player Eddie Harris when he walked off the ferry and up to the Andelen culture house with a view of Ærøskøbing's old skipper houses. He simply couldn't believe that people lived on Ærø, but they do! Ærø is "the real thing". Each year in August, you can experience one of Denmark's most intimate jazz festivals, featuring Danish and international stars.

www.jazzisland.dk 27

THE FREEDOM OF *Jazz*

Alex Riel *Conversations with a legend*

By Christian Brorsen



To many American jazz legends, Copenhagen of the 1960s was “heaven”. There was a sense of freedom where you could do your own thing. Stan Getz spent a while in the city and Kenny Drew, Thad Jones and Ben Webster all made Copenhagen their home. You can still visit them in the city’s old artist cemetery, Assistens Kirkegaard – a friendly urban green space.

One of the local Danish jazz musicians who played with these American jazz giants was drummer Alex Riel, who along with bassist Niels-Henning Ørsted Pedersen (NHØP to jazz fans) soon became known as “The Great Danes”. Alex performed with Roland Kirk, Don Byas and Kenny Dorham in Copenhagen’s legendary jazz club Jazzhus Montmartre and toured Scandinavia with Bill Evans. I’ve often had the privilege of talking with Alex Riel. And many of our conversations have been about the old times. He once told me how he and Dexter Gordon would often walk home together in the early hours.

One morning they came across a milkman and his shapely young daughter wearing just a T-shirt. Dexter said: “Really”, (which is what he always called Alex), “is this what I see?” Dexter couldn’t believe that the scantily clad girl could walk around safely at such an hour.

And then Dexter said: “This is where I want to live,” and he decided to stay in Copenhagen. Alex and Dexter got along very well. In a note to Francis Wolff, co-founder of Blue Note records in New York, Dexter wrote of Alex: “He’s the best I’ve heard in Europe.”

Back to the roots

The “Great Danes” parted paths for a while in the early 1970s when Niels-Henning Ørsted Pedersen toured with Oscar Peterson, while Alex Riel began experimenting with rock and fusion. “I’ve always been inquisitive, and I still am. It’s the nature of jazz and I get bored in an instant if I have to play the same thing every night,” Alex said, now aged 70. Although he constantly explored new avenues of music as he toured the world, he has always returned to jazz, which he feels is closest to his heart and gives him a sense of liberty. Niels-Henning Ørsted Pedersen died in 2005, but Alex feels that he is always with him in spirit. “Niels-Henning was a virtuoso, a creator – he played bass melodies and the young musicians of today carry on that tradition. There are so many excellent bassists in Denmark, thanks to his legacy. And I have the pleasure of playing with them,” Alex once told me. Alex Riel is a living jazz legend, and a highly active one at that. Apart from international tours and studio work, he also still performs at Jazzhus Montmartre, which reopened in 2010 in its original location. “It’s such a joy for me to play at the Store Regnegade venue again. It has a soul and a history like no other place. And it’s great that today’s jazz and music lovers also have the chance to experience that unique spirit,” he has said. And if you are lucky enough to hear a number of his performances you’ll notice that there is always something new in his music. Every night is different. There is a real sense of creative liberty.

www.alexriel.dk - www.jazzhusmontmartre.dk



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great creature comfort.*



The Egg™ Chair (1958)
by Arne Jacobsen.
His designs are showcased at
the Trapholt Museum of Art
and Design near Kolding.
www.trapholt.dk 28



PK1 (1956) by Poul Kjærholm.
The MoMA in New York holds
his archive and is furnished
throughout with his designs.



The Ox Chair (1960)
by Hans J. Wegner. A converted
water tower now holds a
Wegner museum in his
hometown Tønder. 29



The Pelican Chair (1940) by
Finn Juhl. His own-design home
is open to the public next to
the Ordrupgaard Museum,
Copenhagen.
www.ordrupgaard.dk 3



The S-Chair (1967)
by Verner Panton.



Poet of Light

Dark Nordic winters have always fuelled the imagination, and in Denmark they have inspired a unique tradition for lighting design. The 1920s lamps of Poul Henningsen (1894-1967) are pure strokes of genius: an even spread of light gives a warm tone to the room while shading eyes from light bulb glare. Many of Poul Henningsen's lamps are still in production and you won't spend many days in Denmark without seeing a handful of his numerous designs.

Known to most Danes simply by his initials, PH never completed his formal training as a designer. The son of a writer and celebrated actress, he spent as much time pursuing the poetry of words as the poetry of light. He was a political activist and a popular songwriter. In 1943, PH and his wife fled Nazi persecution by rowing to Sweden in a small boat. A man of many talents, PH is today remembered for his iconic designs and enlightened values.

www.louispuulsen.com



Your Rainbow Panorama

Spectacular art installations reflecting Nordic sensibilities and light have become the hallmark of Danish-Icelandic artist Olafur Eliasson. The Weather Project (Tate Modern) and The New York Waterfalls are celebrated examples of his itinerant projects. Now the ARoS Museum of Modern Art in Aarhus invites the public to enjoy a skybridging permanent installation in the shape of a circular walkway affording a view of the cityscape bathed in the hues of the rainbow.

Another of Eliasson's light installations, Your Negotiable Panorama (2006), is featured at the ARKEN Museum of Modern Art nestled among the sand dunes on the beach south of Copenhagen.

www.aros.dk 30

www.arken.dk 2

Danish design

An old storehouse in the Copenhagen harbour is home to the Danish Architecture Centre (DAC), which although small in scale always features high-calibre exhibitions. There is also a design bookstore and harbour-view café. The Danish Design Centre (DDC) is another venue that spotlights the ever-evolving world of design.

www.dac.dk

www.ddc.dk





Fejø THE FRUIT ISLAND

Most places in the world, people are moving from small communities to the big cities. But one exception is the small island of Fejø of just 570 souls. On Fejø a children's community centre, a school, local sports activities and a unique island spirit have attracted many newcomers, also from the city. Like many islands in the Funen archipelago the microclimate on Fejø is perfect for fruit, not least apples used to make organic cider. Since the 1930s, vintage sailing ships have journeyed each September from Fejø to the Nyhavn Canal in Copenhagen with apples and pears for the city dwellers. Today, the revenues from this traditional voyage go to support community activities back home on Fejø.

www.visitfejoe.dk 31



Samsø ECO-ISLAND

We've all heard the rhetoric when lawmakers commit to a low-emissions future. But on one Danish island the future is already here. Officially a zero-emissions island, all Samsø's energy is generated by wind and sun power – and electricity is exported to the mainland, too. With a small state grant the island community started its transformation in 1997. Today, Samsø has an energy academy where locals share their experience with visitors on how grass roots initiatives have changed their green island, known for its apples and vegetables, into an eco-laboratory for tomorrow's energy supply.

www.energiakademiet.dk

www.samsøeturist.dk 32





BIKING *the Islands*

Rambling across islands, across sandy beaches or down history lane. With its soft rolling hills, miles of designated bicycle lanes and mild summer weather, Denmark is the perfect place for bicycling and hiking. So why not go island-hopping? Of Denmark's 1000 islands, the 72 inhabited islands all offer regular ferry routes.

Plan your trip

www.faerge.dk

www.visitdenmark.com/cycling

Møn

Tree-capped white cliffs tower from the sea. Bicycle tracks through the woodlands are perfect for mountain biking.

www.visitvordingborg.dk 20

Bornholm

Denmark's Baltic Island, Bornholm is famed for its fish smokehouses, seafood, round churches and distinct island culture. But also for its contemporary arts and crafts.

Arts and crafts

www.acab.dk

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The Funen Archipelago

The island capital of Funen, Odense, has two museums dedicated to its famous native son, fairytale writer Hans Christian Andersen. The town also has an open-air museum, the Funen Village, with authentic heritage farmsteads, a windmill and watermill. Head south to reach the Funen Archipelago.

www.visitsydfyn.dk



Farm holiday

A Bed & Nature holiday on an organic farm is a great getaway for families or anyone wanting to touch ground and wind down. www.vesteraas.dk

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www.bondegaardsferie.dk



Country B&B

What could be more romantic than bicycle island-hopping and staying at country B&Bs? One little hotel on the island of Ærø in the Funen archipelago welcomes visitors with tea in the garden.

www.vestergade44.com

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The Vikings are **BACK!**

Discover Denmark's Viking history

You might not believe it but there is far more to Denmark's Viking heritage than looting, rampaging and bloodshed. The Vikings were also globalists and great tradesmen, sailing their long ships and riverboats as far as Russia, Constantinople (today's Istanbul), Greenland and Canada. Viking heritage centres in Denmark bring age-old crafts and traditions back to life. At the *Roskilde Viking Ship Museum* you can see 1000-year-old Viking boats and visit the museum boatyard where exact copies of the original vessels are made. And you can even hit the waves as a Viking oarsman on daily excursions. At the nearby *Land of Legends* and at the *Ribe Viking Centre* you find reconstructed Viking settlements where heritage crafts are demonstrated – and where children can try their hand at being Vikings. The UNESCO-listed Viking rune stones of *Jelling* and the ancient Viking fortresses of Fyrkat, Aggersborg and Trelleborg are all monuments to Denmark's Viking Age. The annual Viking Festival at the *Moesgaard Museum* in Aarhus takes you back in time to Viking markets with mead and Viking fare. The reconstructed Viking dwellings, Viking ship and leafy parkland are also the backdrop to a Viking Moot complete with swashbuckling battle re-enactments. And after all, where better to meet real Vikings than in Denmark.

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Land of Legends www.sagnlandet.dk 35

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Royal Jelling www.kongernesjelling.dk 37

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Viking sensibilities

The most surprising thing when boarding a scientifically replicated Viking ship is the subtle whiff of almost sandalwood fragrances thanks to its rigging of wool, horsehair, linden bark and leather and its coating of natural pine resin tar. Viking ships were clinker-built and constructed from freshly cut oak timber.

The image shows a Viking ship taking part in the Viking Festival at Moesgaard Museum, Aarhus.

Hands-on history lesson at the Land of Legends, which features reconstructed Stone Age, Iron Age and Viking Age settlements. You can even volunteer to spend your summer holiday living like a Flintstone!

The Old TOWN

This has to be the ultimate time machine – and just like walking through an old-world Christmas movie. The Old Town in Aarhus is one of the world's largest open-air heritage museums. 75 historic townhouses have been relocated brick-by-brick from across the nation, complete with interiors. Each detail is authentic. Interpretive staff dressed in traditional costumes bring history back to life. Horses trot by. Boutiques are dressed for Christmas with old-style trimmings. And don't miss a taste of grandma's homemade goodies, fresh from the wood-fired kitchens. ⁴²



Bike your tree

Christmas trees are sold on almost every street corner. The Danes simply prefer the scent and feeling of a real tree. And many in urban Copenhagen are carted home on cargo bikes.





Christmas WONDERLAND

The heart of Copenhagen is home to one of the world's oldest classical pleasure parks, Tivoli Gardens. November sees the transformation of the popular park into Europe's largest and most magical Christmas wonderland. There are daredevil rides, a Santa's world, and a children's parade band. There are boutiques and market stalls. And there are gourmet restaurants and cosy family eateries. Perhaps the most magical thing about Tivoli Christmas Market is the scent of Christmas – of freshly cut fir tree trimmings, handmade bonbons, and yuletide spices. And the sounds! There is a wood instrument musical garden for all to try. And of course there are the thousands of twinkling Christmas lights, flickering torches and candle-lit pavilion cafés.

www.tivoli.dk



Celebrity dinner tables

Each year celebrities and artists are asked to design their Christmas dinner table, which are then exhibited at the Royal Copenhagen flagship store in Copenhagen.

www.royalcopenhagen.dk



Gourmet gardens

Tivoli Gardens is the world's only pleasure park with two Michelin-rated restaurants. One, Restaurant Hermann, is part of the House of Nimb, which also features an organic urban dairy and Nordic brasserie.

www.nimb.dk



The Fairytale HOME

The island capital of Funen, Odense, has two museums dedicated to its famous native son, storyteller Hans Christian Andersen, who penned the famous tale of *The Little Mermaid* in 1837.

One museum is the quaint old timber-framed house in which Andersen, the poor son of a cobbler, was born. You can also visit a children's storytelling centre dedicated to Andersen's fairytales, which include *The Snow Queen*, *The Nightingale* and *The Princess and the Pea*.

Just outside Odense you find the Funen Village, which is an open-air museum where authentic farms, a windmill and watermill are maintained just as they were in the age of Andersen. Interpretive staff dressed in traditional costumes tend to the livestock and fields. Here children and adults can learn about the old crafts and traditions of bygone times.

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Danish Airports

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Geography

Denmark is a Scandinavian country and member of the European Union. The total area is 43,000 km² (26,700

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Language

The official language is Danish. English is widely spoken.

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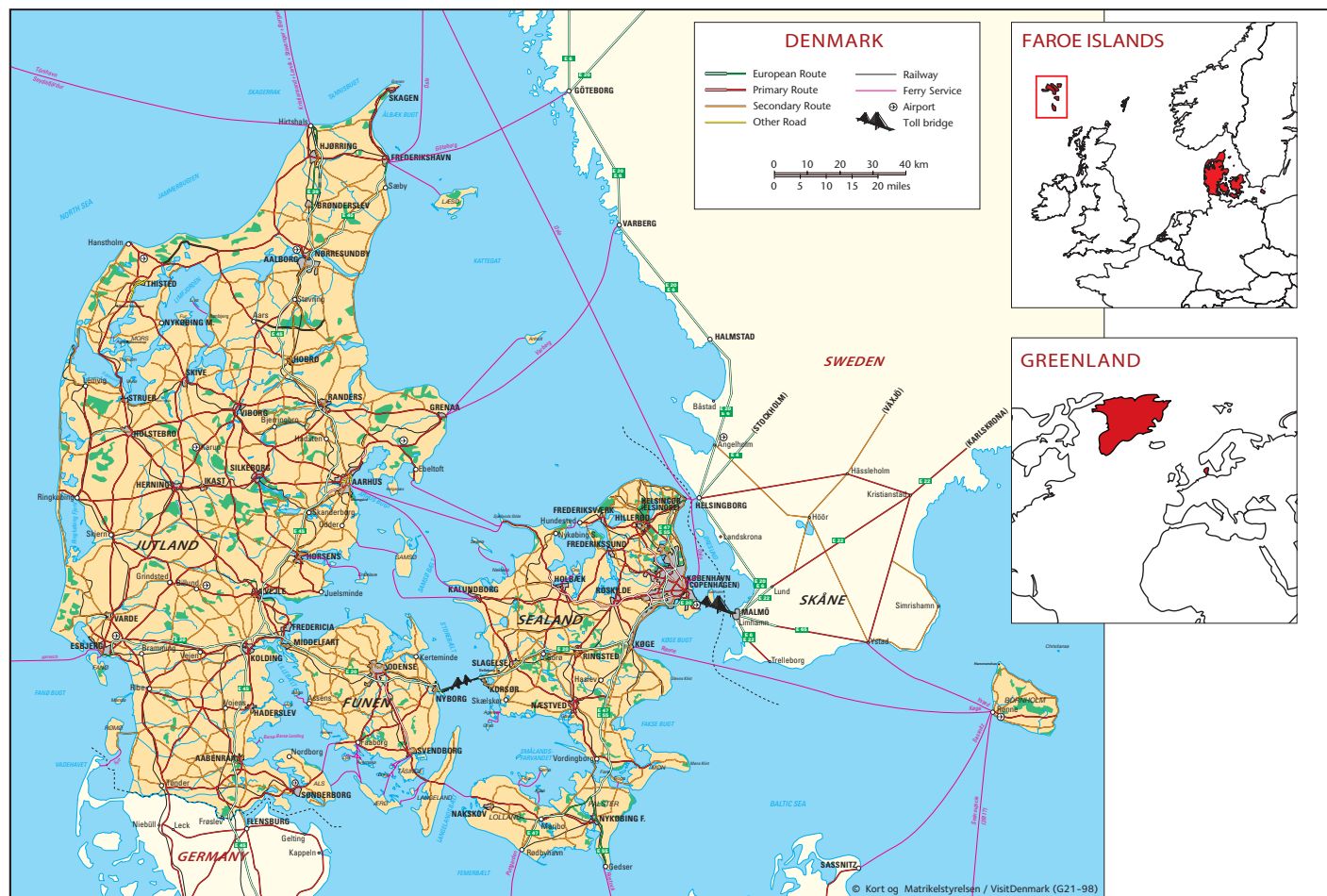
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