Tips for visitors to Copenhagen

Royal Café
Amagerbrygge 6, www.theroyalcafe.dk
Part shop, part café, this eatery tries to incorporate everything that is essentially Danish. Opened in 2007, it was designed with the help of well-known companies such as beer-brewer Carlsberg, Bang & Olufsen and Fritz Hansen. Their menu centres around small open sandwiches called smushis, a new take on smørrebrød Denmark’s version of a sandwich.

Nimb Louise
Tivoli Gardens, Bernstorffsgade 5, www.tivoli.dk
A recent replacement of the former restaurant run by Thomas Herremann, one of Denmark’s most acclaimed young chefs, the Nimb Louise is one of the best places to find gourmet food in Copenhagen. According to its website, the cuisine offers “a unique interpretation of the very best of Denmark, where old traditions are challenged and where the freshness of the products is maintained.” Critics have hailed the menu, which focuses on fresh fish and poultry.

Noma
Strandgade 92, www.noma.dk
Those with money to spend should sit down to a meal at the world’s best restaurant, which happens to be in Copenhagen. Situated in a former warehouse by the waterfront in Christianshavn, the two Michelin-starred Noma has been ranked tops worldwide by the Restaurant magazine for three years in a row. The food is New Nordic Cuisine, a movement, headed by Noma founder Claus Meyer and chef René Redzepi, that focuses on organic food, natural flavours and traditional food-preparation techniques.

Jægersborggade
jaegersborggade.com
(Danish only)
This street north of the city centre, stretching from Nørrebroparken to Assistens Cemetery, boasts a number of excellent and interesting shops and restaurants, such as Relæ, run by internationally acclaimed chef Christian F. Puglisi from Italy. Another place well worth a visit is Terroiristen, a small bar on Jægersborggade 52 that offers an extensive list of unique Italian and Balkan wines.

Magasin du Nord,
Kongens Nytorv 13, www.magasin.dk
While Magasin has become one of Denmark’s leading department store chains, its main store at Kongens Nytorv square in Copenhagen is still a sight to behold. Inside the seven-storey classical building, you will be able to find everything from high-street retail clothing to toilet paper. The store also owns a chocolate factory that, among others, creates sweet delights for the royal family.

Non-Danish residents should ask for the occasionally granted 10 per cent discount.

Normann
Østerbrogade 70, normann-copenhagen.com
For those who fancy Nordic design, this almost 2,000-square metre shop was built for you. Set up in a former distillery and cinema, the Normann flagship store shop has been offering a wide variety of de-
signer and contemporary lifestyle products since 2005. Earlier this year, it was awarded the title of "most innovative store" by gia, an annual award by the International Housewares Association. In addition to its Østerbrogade store, Normann sells products online via its web store.

Christiania
www.christiania.org
This area near Copenhagen's city centre has been a centre of controversy since the 1970s when people took over this former military complex and declared it a free town. Accepted by the city government, the 850 or so residents govern themselves according to the Christiania Law established in the late 1980s. Efforts to normalise Christiania's legal status are still ongoing and have led to regular conflicts between residents of the area and the authorities. There are only a few places of interest but it is not very often that one gets to visit a micro-nation.

Tips for international visitors

The cOPENhagen Card provides free entry to more than 70 museums and attractions throughout the greater Copenhagen region, including the Tivoli Gardens. In addition, bearers of the card can use public transport for free. The card is available from many vendors throughout the city. Prices range from 249 DKK (24 hours) to 699 DKK (five days).

Other resources

• www.visitcopenhagen.com
• www.lonelyplanet.com/denmark/copenhagen
• travel.nytimes.com/travel/guides/europe/denmark/copenhagen/
• www.visitdenmark.dk

Christiansborg Palace,Literal of Slotsholmen, www.christiansborgslot.dk
This twelfth-century palace, which hosts Denmark’s parliament and supreme court, among other political institutions, is frequently used by the Danish Royal Family for official occasions like state receptions. Some of the premises, including the Great Hall with its stunning tapestries that recount the country’s eventful past and future as well, however, are open to the public all year.
The premises can be visited daily (except on Mondays) from 10:00 to 17:00 during the winter season. Admission to the royal reception rooms, the ruins and the royal stables is 110 DKK.

Tivoli Gardens between Blåkuglanlade and Copenhagen Central Station, www.tivoli.dk
The Tivoli Gardens is one of the oldest theme parks in the world and a must-see for anyone visiting Copenhagen.
The park, covering more than eight acres in the city’s centre, hosts a number of old world amusement rides, including Denmark’s largest roller-coaster.
With flower gardens and trees in the thousands, it is also a great getaway for tourists and Copenhageners alike.