



# Copenhagen

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# HISTORY



As the capital and most populated city in Denmark, Copenhagen receives around 2-million tourists every year. Visiting Copenhagen is indeed a dream. There is so much beauty to behold no matter which neighborhood you choose to explore. From the Little Mermaid Statue and other sightly landmarks to historic towns and marketplaces, you will find there is a lot to take in such a small amount of time.

## In the Beginning

The city of Copenhagen dates way back to the 11th century when it received its first settlers. However, it wasn't until Copenhagen was under the reign of Bishop Absalon (a Danish archbishop) in the 12th century that it began to receive more attention. A stone wall was put up in the 13th century to barricade the city as it rapidly grew in importance and became a center for trade.

## The Coronation of Christian IV of Denmark

After the coronation of Christian IV of Denmark in 1596, the city formed new districts, fortresses, and had undergone other modern enhancements. By the time Christian IV of Denmark passed away, Copenhagen had become a vital citadel and naval port for the nation. It was also deemed a center for trade in Northern Europe.



**MONEY**



The Danish Krone is the official currency of Copenhagen. One Danish Krone is equal to USD 0.15. Banknotes come in the values of 1,000, 500, 200, 100, and 50, while coins are in 50, 20, 10, 5, 2, and 1. Visit [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) for up to date exchange rates.

## Credit Cards

MasterCards and Visas are the most popular credit cards used throughout Denmark. American Express and Diners Club are also somewhat accepted cards. You will likely be charged 1% to 2% for each transaction you make while in Copenhagen

## ATMs

ATMs are easy to find in Copenhagen. Make sure to withdraw your money in kroners, the local currency. If your card isn't issued from somewhere in Denmark, you may be charged a fee of up to 7%. It is best to withdraw as much as you can within one transaction to avoid paying such high fees as often.



## Exchanging Currency

The ATMs in the city will exchange your currency for you. However, there are also several currency exchange centers and many banks that will transfer your cash. Hotels in Copenhagen usually exchange money, but it may be more expensive.



HELPFUL INFO

## Climate

Copenhagen has relatively mild weather since the sea surrounds it. In the summer, the weather averages anywhere from 65 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit. In the winter, the weather averages around 32 degrees Fahrenheit. The city receives about 170 days of rain each year.

## Electricity

Typical of most European countries, the standard voltage in Copenhagen is 220-V. The standard frequency is 50-Hz. The entire nation uses the two-pin continental plug. Therefore, you will need not only to bring a voltage converter but an adapter.



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# Technology & Communication

Unless you have a CDMA mobile phone, your mobile device should work perfectly fine in Copenhagen. You may need to purchase an European SIM card to avoid roaming charges. There are over 700 free WiFi hotspots throughout Copenhagen, so you shouldn't have any issues staying connected.



# Infrastructure & Transportation

There is an extensive network of toll-free roads throughout Copenhagen. However, the city is known as being one of the most bicycle-friendly cities in the world. So, despite its well-established rail and road networks, there are many cycle tracks and trails that receive a lot of traffic and make it easier to get around.

In Copenhagen, there is around-the-clock public transportation available. There are bus services, the railways, the metro, and taxis.

You can also rent electric scooters and bicycles to get around like the locals.





# In Case Of An Emergency

Life-threatening emergencies (fire, police, ambulance)- +45 112

Illness or injuries (to speak with doctor or nurse)- +45 1813

Non-emergency (police)- +45 114

## Language

Danish is the official language of Copenhagen. As a second language, around 90% of the natives are taught English at a young age.

German and French are the city's third languages. Visiting the city, you'll find it easy to understand and communicate with the locals.



## LGBT Travel

Copenhagen has a thriving LGBT community, and it is considered one of the most gay-friendly cities in the world. There are a ton of gay clubs, bars, hotels, and cafes near the city center. In August, you can partake in and experience the Copenhagen Pride festival that lasts for six days.

## Religion

You'll find that Christianity is the most practiced religion in the city capital. Nearly 80% of the population is Christian. Finding a church or place of worship is easy in Copenhagen. There are some beautiful historic cathedrals and churches as well, including Sankt Petri and the Copenhagen Cathedral.



## Getting There

Many airlines fly from the U.S. to Copenhagen. You'll fly directly into the Copenhagen Airport, which serves as the main international airport for the country. From the airport, you can take the metro or the regional train to get to the city center where the Copenhagen Central Station is.

## Driving

You can legally drive in Copenhagen for up to six months with a valid U.S. license. The rules and laws of driving are very similar to that of the U.S. It should be easy to get around the city, but it is best to avoid rush hours, which are usually from 8:30 to 9:30 in the morning.

THE EXPERIENCE

## Culture

Great authentic Danish food, folk music, folklore, colorful homes and buildings, historical landmarks, and amiable locals are all part of Copenhagen's culture. Perhaps the best way to experience the culture is by renting a bicycle and acting as the locals do.

There are nearly 100 or more galleries and museums throughout the city, as well as a few fantastic theaters. Depending on when you visit, there are many annual festivals, including the Copenhagen Carnival, the Copenhagen Jazz Festival, film festivals, and more.





## Bucket List

Visit the colorful homes along the waterfront in the Nyhavn district

Explore Freetown Christiania

Ride a bicycle around the capital

Go to Torvehallerne Market

Visit the Church of Our Saviour

Climb to the top of the tower of Rundetårn

Go to the Carlsberg Brewery



# Family Travel Highlights

Go to the amusement park, Tivoli Gardens

See the Little Mermaid statue

Row a boat through Frederiksberg Gardens

Visit the Christiansborg Palace

Take a canal cruise

Hunt for the Six Forgotten Giants



# Tourism Authority

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## Foods To Try

Snegl

Flødeboller

Smørrebrød

Pasteries

Flæskesteg

Rice pudding

Frikadeller

Tartlet

Rugbrød

Stegt flæsk

Fishcakes

Æbleskiver

Medister sausage



# Drinks To Try

Scandinavian coffee

Akvavit

Glogg

Mead

Punsch

Fruit wines



# Photography Hotspots

Nyhavn

Tivoli Gardens

Rosenborg Castle

Strøget

Amalienborg

Fredrick's Chruch

Kastellet

Christianshavn

Rådhuspladsen

# Souvenirs To Buy

Christmas ornaments

Chocolates

Marzipan

Porcelain

Jewelry

Royal Copenhagen Ceramics

Legos and toys

The Little Book of Hygge

Candies

