

AMAGER STRANDPARK (AMAGER WATERFRONT PARK)

*Amager Strandvej
Copenhagen
www.amager-strand.dk*

Opening hours: All year round, but best during the summer!

Atmosphere: Both beach, "Laguna", the possibility of kayak sailing, cycling, roller skating, swimming, and pure relaxation on the beach! Northern part of the beach: very characteristic nature. Southern part: 'City part' with an esplanade.

Other pluses: Beautiful view of the Øresund bridge and the Øresund coastline to Sweden. There are many green areas in which you may bring a picnic basket, and there are beach kiosks in the middle of the island. Open in the summer. It is close to the metro stations Øresund and Amager Strand.

BOTANICAL GARDEN

*Øster Farimagsgade 2 B
Copenhagen C
Tel: 3532 2222,
www.botanik.snm.ku.dk*

Opening hours: 1.5.-30.9.: 8.30 am-6 pm
.10.-30.4.: 8.30 am-4 pm

Atmosphere: A nice place to breathe in the middle of Copenhagen, a living museum holding Denmark's biggest collection of living plants. The museum has one of the biggest herbariums in the world, which means pressed and preserved plants and fungi from the entire earth.

Other pluses: The palm house...! Café & shop where exciting plants can be bought.

CANAL SIGHTSEEING TOUR

*www.stromma.dk
www.havnerundfart.dk*

Havnerundfart (Netto-Bådene) cost 40 DKK for adults and 20 DKK for children. Depart from Nyhavn, Holmens Kirke og Den Lille havfrue. Copenhagen Card can be used.

Stromma (DFDS) cost 70 DKK for adults and 40 DKK for children.

Depart from Nyhavn and Gammel Strand.

Atmosphere on both: Fantastically happy people and comfortable boats.

Other pluses: The guides are able to tell about the sights in at least 3 languages.

THE CINEMATHEQUE

*Gothersgade 55
Copenhagen C
www.dfi.dk*

'Cinemathek' is one of the places, I use the most in the city. It is a cinema that every month publishes a program including different themes. Films here are not the latest Hollywood box-office hits but old classics or films that are in some way important, and that represent the theme selected. Tickets cost DKr. 55,- and it is always possible to find a good film here. I have watched films ranging from Blade Runner to My Life as a Dog. Closed Mondays, but if you want a cultural experience, ask at the reception what is on the program of the Cinematheque.

CHRISTIANA

*Bådsmændsstræde 43
1407 København K
www.christiana.org*

Atmosphere: Christiania is at the same time a super charming, cosy, casual, messy and chaotic place. It has for more than 30 years been a small community in the society. It is a unique place to be seen.

Other pluses: There are many cosy cafes including Nemoland which makes a great brunch.

DET KONGELIGE BIBLIOTEKS HAVE (GARDEN OF THE ROYAL LIBRARY)

*Between Christiansborg and Den Sorte
Diamant (the Black Diamond)*

Atmosphere: Romantic, peaceful and filled with flower beds. Here you really have the feeling of walking in the footsteps of Kirkegaard, and you can almost see him or other great thinkers sitting on a bench in this garden.

Other pluses: Almost "undiscovered" by most Copenhageners – a fantastic place to get away a bit from the noise and speed of the city and still be in the heart of Copenhagen.

ELMEGADE

*Elmegade
2200 Nørrebro*

Price level: medium

Atmosphere: Cars aren't allowed in the street which is a nice contrast to its surroundings. Various, cool independent stores is placed on Elmegade displaying clothes a bit different from the mainstream shops and big brands.

Other pluses: Great local feel, not like panicky Strøget, but very relaxed, also filled with various cafés, bars and restaurants.

JÆGERSBORGGADE

*Jægersborggade
Nørrebro*

Price level: medium

Atmosphere: Very local. Various, cool independent stores is placed here displaying, bakery, cafes, restaurants, Coffee bars, clothes a bit different from the mainstream shops and big brands

Other pluses: Great local feel, not like panicky Strøget, but very relaxed.

FREDERIKSBERG HAVE

*Frederiksberg Runddel
Frederiksberg
www.ses.dk*

Atmosphere: A walk in Frederiksberg Garden, which is designed as a garden of the romantic style. You have here a view of Frederiksberg Castle, the Chinese Summerhouse from 1799, the Apis temple from 1802, Kildegrøtten, Ønskehøjen, and Schweizerhuset from 1801. The buildings are meant to be pure stimulation for your imagination. Quiet and relaxing with many visitors who either stroll around or relax in the garden. A perfect place of refuge from city traffic.

Other pluses: Very, very beautiful, and it is possible to sail on the canals in the summertime. In the winter, one may skate at Frederiksberg Runddel!

HAVNEBADET

*Islands Brygge by Langebro
www.kulturogfridid.kk.dk/havnebadet-
islands-brygge*

Opening hours: 4th of June to 31st of August. Mon-Fri: 7 am-7 pm. Sat.-Sun: 11-7 pm.

Atmosphere: Cool location to bathe in.

Other pluses: Great view, the smell of barbeque and sea.

ISLANDS BRYGGE

*Islands Brygge
2300 Copenhagen S*

Atmosphere: Great in summertime where lots of people grill at the grass area and drink wine in the sunset.

Other pluses: The metro is nearby, so you can easily get forth and back. In the day time you can take a swim in the 'havnebad'. The shops in the area is great and good cafes.

KONGENS HAVE (KING'S GARDEN)

*Øster Voldgade 4B
Copenhagen C
www.ses.dk*

Opening hours: 07 – 22 from May to the end of August. The park is open all year, but I only recommend it for summer time.

Atmosphere: Beautiful garden which is frequently used by Copenhageners all year round. There are especially many people here on a sunny day for sunbathing and playing ball in the old rococo garden. In the spring it is enjoyable to take a walk in the park and see all the harbingers of spring pop up everywhere in beautiful patterns. In the summer there is a free marionette theatre for small children and for everyone. One of Copenhagen's most beautiful breathing holes. Real chill-out during the summer with all kinds of people, doing all kinds of activities, from sun bathing, reading books, enjoying lunch over jugglers, musicians, people partying etc.

Other pluses: In front of the beautiful Rosenborg Castle, there is in springtime a wonderful carpet of crocuses arranged in a different pattern every year. See also the Danish Crown Jewels on the same occasion. They are exhibited in the basement of Rosenborg Castle.

Lots of cafes, restaurants, bars and the city centre nearby makes it a perfect stop and go spot.

KØBENHAVNS HAVNEBAD (COPENHAGEN HARBOUR POOL)

*Islands Brygge right beside
Langebrogade bridge
Copenhagen S
www.ki-kbh.dk/anlag.asp*

Opening hours: June 2 to August 31, all day.

Atmosphere: A good local experience being able to take a swim in the harbour.

Other pluses: Lots of local inhabitants are grilling on the lawn in front of the harbour pool, when the weather allows. Nice view of the harbour and the life of the city.

MARMORKIRKEN (THE MARBLE CHURCH)

*Frederiksgade 4
Copenhagen C
Tel.: 3315 0144
www.marmorkirken.dk*

Atmosphere: One of the most beautiful churches in Copenhagen.

Other pluses: The most beautiful church in Copenhagen in my opinion. It is located on a straight axis with Amalienborg Castle and the Opera, and it makes up a central part of 'Frederiksstaden'. One may sit and stare up into the beautiful blue dome for a long time and find a moment's peace.

"NATKIRKEN"

*København Domkirke
Vor Frue Kirke
(NIGHT CHURCH/
CATHEDRAL)*

*Norregade 8
Copenhagen C
www.natkirken.dk*

Opening hours: All Thursdays and Fridays at 8 pm-12 pm. Sundays 7 pm-11 pm.

Atmosphere: An alternative church that emphasises the spiritual aspect, which offer different church services. The primary lighting comes from candle light.

Other pluses: The church is also open during daytime.

RIDES

Copenhagen is the capital that is surrounded by the most areas of natural beauty, which provide great opportunities for cycle rides. You will find a map of all routes both in and outside the city at the Tourist Information Once, Vesterbrogade 3, Copenhagen V (straight across from the Tivoli main entrance). Ask at the reception about cycle rentals!

Recommendation: Cycle ride on the coastal road Valby – Køge. One may stop and turn around whenever, and if the weather allows it, one rides past one beach after the other. A fresh plunge or a couple of hours' relaxation on the beach is certainly a possibility! Should you stop at the harbours, you may no doubt enjoy a good, typical Danish lunch with shell fish and fish fillets!

Good pluses: Fantastic nature, good exercise, and you can get a good colour if the sun is shining

VÆRNEDAMSVEJ

*Værnedamsvej
Frederiksberg*

Atmosphere: Romantic, trendy and lots of life.

Other pluses: Good shopping, good food and you get a bit of the 'Copenhagens' life.

SKATING

*Kongens Nytorv
Copenhagen C,
www.sjovforborn.dk*

Opening hours: Mid November until the end of February

Atmosphere: Towards evening, the yellow lights are turned on, and the atmosphere on the rink is fantastic.

Other pluses: You can rent the skates and have a hot cocoa just beside the skating rink.

SØERNE (THE LAKES)

*Sankt Jørgens Sø, Peblinge Sø,
Sortedams Sø.*

Atmosphere: The tour around all the lakes is 6.3 km, and it stretches from Frederiksberg via Nørrebro to Østerbro. A walk provides rich opportunities to watch Copenhagen's many different styles of building. The atmosphere is a mixture of the pulsating heart of the city and the more relaxed lifestyle with cafes located around the lakes.

Other pluses: In the summer it is possible to rent water cycles at the cafe named 'Kaffesalonen', and you can also enjoy a cup of coffee or tea on the outdoor terrace of Kaffesalonen, which is located on the 'Peblinge' lake at 'Dronning Louises' bridge.

VALBYPARKEN

*Hammelstrupvej
Copenhagen SV*

Opening hours: Always open.

Atmosphere: Area of natural beauty known for its wide rose garden with more than 12,000 roses. There are also exciting theme gardens and a natural playground.

Other pluses: A big concert arena and the annual rose award celebration the first Sunday of August.

KØBENHAVNS DOMKIRKE VOR FRUE KIRKE (OUR LADY'S CHURCH)

*Norregade 8
Copenhagen C
www.koebenhavnsdomkirke.dk*

Opening hours: 8-5 pm.

Atmosphere: A very beautiful church, in which crown prince Frederik and crown princess Mary got married.

Other pluses: You should try to get to the midnight church service.