

Architectural wonders in Denmark

Land of Architectural Wonders

In Denmark, we look for a touch of magic in the ordinary, and we know that travel is more than ticking sights off a list. It's about finding the wonder in the things you see and the places you go.

One of the wonders that we are particularly proud of is our architecture.

Danish architecture is world-renowned as the perfect combination of cutting-edge design and practical functionality. We've picked some of Denmark's most famous and iconic buildings that are definitely worth seeing!

Denmark and its regions



Geography

- The smallest of the Scandinavian countries
- The southernmost of the Scandinavian countries
- Only has a physical border with Germany
- Denmark's regions are: North, Mid, West and South Jutland, Funen, Zealand, and North Zealand and Copenhagen

Travel distances

- Copenhagen to Odense: Under 2 hours by car
- Odense to Aarhus: Under 2 hours by car
- Aarhus to Aalborg: Under 2 hours by car

Facts

- [Video Introduction](#)
- Denmark's currency is the Danish Kroner
- Tipping is not required
- Most Danes speak fluent English
- Denmark is one of the happiest countries in the world and Copenhagen is one of the world's most liveable cities
- Denmark is home of 'Hygge', New Nordic Cuisine, and LEGO®
- Denmark is easily combined with other Nordic countries
- Denmark is a safe country
- Denmark is perfect for all types of travelers (family, romantic, nature, bicyclist dream, history/Vikings/Royalty)
- Denmark has a population of 5.7 million people

Design and architecture experiences



A taste of our architectural wonders

CopenHill



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ARoS Aarhus Art Museum



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Moesgaard Museum



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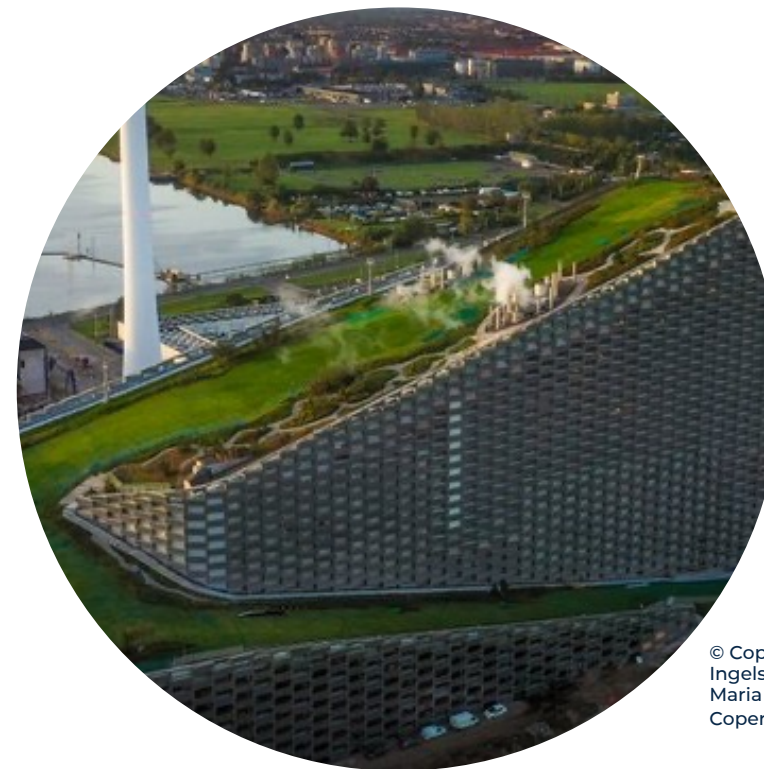
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CopenHill

Even though we don't have mountains in Denmark, you can still go skiing in the middle of Copenhagen! Spectacular and innovative in the true sense of the words, that's CopenHill, the urban ski slope and recreational hiking area built on top of the city's waste management center. You can rent skis or a snowboard and head down the slopes at [Refshaleoen](#), one of Copenhagen's hippest areas and a hub for creativity, urban development, festivals and street food.

If you are not much of a skier, you can also try the hiking trail that goes all the way to the top. You will also find the world's highest climbing wall (85 meters high), where certified climbers can test their skills. Combined, the playful design and the ski slope on top are an all-new way to think about urban resource handling and to build waste-to-energy plants that are welcomed by the inhabitants.



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The Circle Bridge

The Circle Bridge connects the areas around Copenhagen Harbour and makes everyday life easier for Copenhagen's cycling commuters.

It consists of five differently-sized circular platforms, each with its own mast, and it is from these circular platforms that the name of the bridge arises. World-renowned and award-winning Danish-Islandic artist Olafur Eliasson designed the bridge.

Besides the obvious functional benefit of the harbour's architectural landmark, the beautiful design with the five masts resembles a ship by the quay as a reference to Copenhagen's shipping history.

The Circle Bridge encourages cyclists and pedestrians to reduce their speed and take a small break.



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Bicycle distance from Copenhagen central station: 7 mins



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The Bicycle Snake

Copenhagen's iconic cycle bridge, The Bicycle Snake, connects the city and transports cyclists across the harbor on an aesthetic ride above the harbour basin.

If you're planning to take a bicycle trip around Copenhagen (which you should, of course!), don't miss out on this fantastic architectural masterpiece built in 2014.

From the elevated beginning up on Dybbølsbro bridge, The Bicycle Snake takes you on a fun ride crisscrossing seven meters above one of the harbour baths from Vesterbrø to Islands Brygge (and back again).

The Bicycle Snake is a perfect example of what puts Copenhagen amongst the best cycling cities in the world. Its slender design and the experience it offers to cyclists stands out as a perfect contrast to the buildings and concrete between which it passes.




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BLOX

BLOX is a meeting point on Copenhagen's harbourfront where new creative and cultural offerings are unfolding, including the exhibitions of the Danish Architecture Centre.

The space engages people in architecture, design and sustainable urban development through exhibitions, events, business development and new partnerships.

Besides being a distinctive building on Copenhagen's harbourfront, BLOX has a public square, playground, dining options and an adjacent bike bridge, and is a great example of the city's development.



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M/S Maritime Museum of Denmark

The M/S Maritime Museum of Denmark was designed by world-renowned architects, Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG).

At the Maritime Museum of Denmark, a multi-sensory experience awaits. Here, you find award-winning architecture, interactive and impressive exhibitions and a fascinating insight into Denmark's role as a leading seafaring nation over time. Focus is both on the great historical lines and the personal stories.

Since the opening of the museum in 2013, the place has received several architectural and design awards, both for the exhibitions and the architecture around the former dry dock.



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H C Andersens Hus

Odense, the hometown of Denmark's famous fairytale writer Hans Christian Andersen, will in 2021 become home to a new Hans Christian Andersen Museum, designed by Japanese architect Kengo Kuma.

The new museum will be located close to Andersen's childhood home in Odense.

Channeling the fairytale world of Andersen's stories, the 5,600 square meter building is two-thirds underground, leaving ground level space for enchanted gardens of large trees, lawns, box hedges, and tall shrubs.

The museum building is an ambling collection of cylindrical volumes, with glass and lattice timber facades beneath scooped green roofs, all surrounding a sunken courtyard space. The project will replace an existing museum that is largely focused on the author's personal life with one that is more centered on his fairytales.



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The Wave

The Wave was designed by the renowned Danish design studio Henning Larsen Architects, creators of the Opera House in Copenhagen, Moesgaard Museum close to Aarhus and the Harpa Concert Hall in Reykjavik. It has been awarded several prestigious architectural prizes, including the Civic Trust Award and LEAF Award, and was hailed as Residential Building of the Year in 2009.

It has become one of Vejle's landmarks. The exclusive and very distinctive residential building consists of five tile-clad, rolling 'waves', each reaching nine storeys and containing 20 individual apartments.

The name is inspired by the characteristics of the area: the fjord, the bridge, the town and the hills. The clear and easily-recognizable signature of the building connects the residential area with the sea, the landscape and the town.



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 Ved Bølgen, 7100 Vejle

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ARoS Aarhus Art Museum

Catch the best views of Denmark's second largest city from a rainbow panorama at ARoS! Each year ARoS has about one million visitors, making it the most visited art museum in Scandinavia.

Apart from the large galleries with both permanent and changing exhibitions, the ARoS building features an art shop, a café and a restaurant. The architectural vision of the museum was completed in 2011, with the addition of the circular skywalk 'Your Rainbow Panorama' by Danish-Icelandic artist Ólafur Elíasson.

Your Rainbow Panorama offers a unique experience around a 150-meter-long, circular panoramic path with 360° views of the surrounding city.



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Moesgaard Museum

Moesgaard Museum presents the past in a magnificent architectural setting. Prehistory is explored innovatively in a breathtaking setting, creating a world-class museum experience.

The Moesgaard Museum is a huge attraction not only because of the architectural design of the museum and the exhibitions, but also due to its location in the beautiful natural surroundings in south of Aarhus, overlooking the woods and sea.

Apart from being an architectural hotspot, the museum is also popular for being the home of an exciting and interactive exhibition about the Viking era.



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The Utzon Center

The Utzon Center is a vibrant cultural center located in Aalborg. The building was designed by the famous Danish architect Jørn Utzon, who was raised in Aalborg, and his son Kim. Jørn Utzon is the architect who designed Sydney Opera House.

It is a display of art, architecture and design, completely in the spirit of Jørn Utzon. The exhibitions consist of Jørn Utzon's own architecture and design works, as well as examples of the national and international cultural legacy that he is part of.

The many experimental activities at the Utzon Center will also contribute to its role as an exciting cultural powerhouse.



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ARKEN Museum of Modern Art

ARKEN Museum of Modern Art in Ishøj, south of Copenhagen, boasts exhibitions with the greatest Modernist artists alongside exhibitions of contemporary art from the likes of Damien Hirst, Grayson Perry and Ai Weiwei.

The museum building is an attraction in itself. Designed by architect Søren Robert Lund, it portrays a stranded ship a few meters from the beach, inspired by its maritime surroundings. The museum is located between Ishøj Harbor and a long sandy beach.

The museum café hangs like a lifeboat on the side of the building and through the large panoramic windows overlooks Køge Bay.



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 Driving distance from Copenhagen central station: 22 mins

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Kunsten – Museum of Modern Art Aalborg

Kunsten – Museum of Modern Art in Aalborg is in a league of its own internationally and was designed by the world-famous Finnish architect Alvar Aalto in collaboration with Elissa Aalto and Jean-Jacques Barué.


Locals and tourists flock to the museum to go on an adventure in the incredible building and to see the unique collection of both modern and contemporary art. The museum is famous for allowing natural light into the building through unique parabola-shaped skylight constructions.



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The Blue Planet

The National Aquarium Denmark on Amager is another of Denmark's architectural landmarks.


The building's architecture was inspired by a whirlpool. From the entrance, guests step into the vortex of the whirlpool – the curved lobby – and from here are drawn out to the 53 aquariums and installations. Situated right on the Øresund and surrounded by a reflection pool, the National Aquarium Denmark is surrounded by water on all sides.



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Tirpitz

The Tirpitz museum is another astonishing Bjarke Ingels Group design. In the protected dune landscape behind the old cannon bunker from World War II, the architects created a spectacular museum hidden under the sand. Below the surface are four large exhibition galleries as well as café and shop. The new attraction is connected to the old bunker by an underground corridor.

Not only is the architecture spectacular – so are the exhibitions! The Dutch experience designers Tinker Imagineers, who have won numerous awards in Europe, have designed the exhibitions to engage the whole family.

The old Tirpitz bunker lies as a testimony to the widespread consequences of World War II. Like a huge concrete block full of secrets, it calls for you to explore in the narrow aisles. Here too, a wealth of great stories lies hidden.

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REGAN Vest

One of Denmark's best kept secrets will be unveiled in February 2023 when the Cold War bunker REGAN Vest opens to the public as a museum.

The 5,500 square meter nuclear-proof bunker was built to house the Danish regent and the government in case of war. On the surface, the reception and exhibition building will be the only visible manifestation of the new Cold War museum.

The construction, which is hidden away deep in Rold Forest in North Jutland has been inspired by the decades-long mystery surrounding Denmark's secret 1960's nuclear-proof bunker. Buried 60 meters underground, the building contains seven exhibition sections providing different perspectives on the Cold War.



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Wadden Sea Centre

The Wadden Sea has UNESCO heritage status and is the location of Denmark's famed oyster safaris. Its exhibition space, The Wadden Sea Centre, is a great example of an environmentally sensitive building that blends in with the landscape.

The Wadden Sea Centre's exhibition "The Wadden Sea - 15 million birds migrating" is a highly visual exhibition about The Wadden Sea and the world of migratory birds, allowing visitors access to the normally hard to reach world of birds.

From early summer 2021, it will also be possible to view the area's wildlife from Bjarke Ingels Group-designed tower, Mårsktårnet, when it opens nearby.



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