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Copenhagen

SAS Scandinavian Airlines’ stopover guide to Copenhagen

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Why stopover in Copenhagen?

- Spend time in Princess Mary’s new hometown, one of the oldest capitals in the world
- Visit the royal castles and palaces
- Experience the city’s fascinating architecture
- See the works of some of the world’s best designers
- Have a mini holiday on the way to your final destination

A thousand year history from the stories of ambitious kings to celebrated designers awaits you on the medieval streets of Copenhagen. A royal city, Copenhagen is home to the world’s oldest monarchy ever since King Erik set up permanent residence here in 1417. And thanks to our Mary, we Australians now have a strong connection with this beautiful city as well.

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To/from Kastrup Copenhagen Airport

The train station is located directly underneath the international terminal, Terminal 3. The ticket office is located inside Terminal 3. Trains into Copenhagen Central Station depart from platform 2 every 10 minutes. The ride takes no more than 12 minutes. Taxis are available outside the terminal, but they are quite expensive.

Getting around Copenhagen

The city centre is easily covered on foot. The metro system, which is just a few years old, is efficient, frequent and easy to use for foreigners. At most stations, you buy tickets from the machines on the platform, so make sure you have change.

Taxis within the city are relatively expensive, but almost all taxi drivers speak English.

CPHCARD

If you are visiting Copenhagen, SAS recommends you to purchase a CPHCARD, which gives you free entry to 60 museums and attractions, with further discounts to other museums and attractions, free transport (including to/from the airport) and discounts on many other attractions and car rental. For more information, please visit www.cphcard.com.

The card is available for 24 or 72 hours. It can be purchased prior to your departure through MyPlanet Australia for $55 (24 hours) or $120 (72 hours).

Phrases to practice:

- **Where is?** = Hvor er (*like bore with a V followed by ‘er*)
- **Hello** = Goddag (‘Go’day, pretty similar to the Australian way of saying it!’)
- **I don’t understand** = Jeg forstår ikke (*jay fore store eek*)
- **Thank you** = Tak (*pronounced as it is spelled*)

English is widely spoken in Copenhagen and Denmark.

Accommodation

Copenhagen is home to accommodation for all standards and for all budgets. For more information contact MyPlanet Australia on www.myplanetaustralia.com or 02 9020 5800.

More information

For more information on Copenhagen, visit Wonderful Copenhagen’s website: www.visitcopenhagen.com.
See more of Copenhagen than its modern airport. Step back in time and visit castles and palaces that are several hundred years old, whilst experiencing the latest in fashion and design. With SAS’ DIY guide, we make sure you see the absolute best of what this fantastic city has to offer.

If you would prefer to go on a guided tour, SAS recommends contacting MyPlanet Australia: www.myplanetaustralia.com or call 02 9020 5800.

**Strøget** *(map reference A10, B9, C8, D8, E8)*

Strøget is the world’s longest pedestrian shopping street and Denmark’s premier shopping district, mixing international and local shops. Start at Rådhuspladsen square and walk east. At Kongens Nytorv is the picturesque Nyhavn with its many old houses, restaurants and cafés.

**Getting here:** Start at Rådhuspladsen (map reference A10, B10), the focal point of Copenhagen. Strøget comprise Frederiksberggade, Nygade, Amagertorv and Østergade.

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**Amalienborg Palace** *(map reference G5, G6)*

This major architectural work is the royal couple’s winter residence and has been in the Royal Family’s possession since 1794. Don’t miss the changing of the guards daily at noon. Right by the palace the garden Amaliehaven is located with a beautiful view over the harbour entrance and the newly opened Opera House.

**Getting here:** From Kongens Nytorv walk along the northern side of Nyhavn, then follow Toldbodgade.

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**The Little Mermaid** *(map reference H1)*

The Little Mermaid is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Denmark and one of the most photographed statues in the world. Based on Hans Christian Andersen’s fairy tale, this bronze statue was unveiled in 1923.

**Getting here:** Follow Amaliegade north to Churchill Park, walk along the coastline to reach the Little Mermaid.

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**Rosenborg Castle** *(map reference C5)*

The castle houses some of Denmark’s greatest cultural treasures, including the Crown Jewels and the Danish Crown Regalia. The museum tells the history of the Danish kings over a period of 300 years. The castle dates back to 1606 and was a royal residence until around 1710.

**Getting here:** Walk towards Østerport Station on the other side of Kastellet, then follow Østervoldgade to Køngens Have.

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**Tivoli Gardens** *(map reference A10, A11, B11)*

This amusement park, founded in 1843, is a beautiful and romantic park for people of all ages in the heart of Copenhagen. It is also the city’s most popular attraction with its 32 restaurants and 26 amusement rides. Note that Tivoli is open from mid-April to mid-September, and from mid-November to 30 December for the Christmas Market.

**Getting here:** Walk to Nørreport Station and take the train to Central Station. Tivoli Gardens is directly opposite Central Station.

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**To return to the airport:** From the Central Station directly opposite the western side of Tivoli, the train to the airport takes 12 minutes. The airport express departs every 10 minutes.
Captivated by Copenhagen’s medieval charm and want to stay longer to truly enjoy the royal spirit of this beautiful city? Stay overnight and experience more of Copenhagen by complementing the suggestions from the last page with these must-see attractions! Accommodation can be booked through MyPlanet Australia.

**The National Museum** *(map reference C10)*
This is Denmark’s largest museum of cultural history, displaying the history of the Danes right down to the present day. A self-guided tour of the 10,000 square metre exhibition takes one hour. The Prince’s Palace, which houses the National Museum, was completed in 1744 and was home to the members of the royal family in the 18th century. Opens at 10am, closed Mondays.

**Getting here:** The museum is located three blocks south of Rådhuspladsen on Vester Voldgade.

**Christiansborg Palace** *(map reference C10, D10)*
Denmark’s most important building is home to the country’s three supreme powers: the executive power; the legislative power; and the judicial power. It is the only building in the world to house all of a nation’s three supreme powers. The original fortress on site was built 1167 and its remains can still be seen. There are daily tours of the Royal Reception Rooms in English, which take about 60 minutes and run between 1 May – 30 Sept at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Between 1 Oct – 30 April guided tours are available at 3pm (except Mondays). Adjacent to the palace lies the Royal Library Gardens, an oasis in the heart of the city.

**Getting here:** From the National Museum, turn left and walk across to Christiansborg.

**Canal Tour** *(map reference D9)*
This one hour tour takes you through the harbour and the idyllic canals of Copenhagen. During the tour you sail past the most beautiful churches, castles, picturesque old houses and some of the architecturally interesting new buildings and other exceptional sights. The tour departs and concludes at Gammel Strand. Tours run 24 March – 22 December (24 Mar – 22 Oct tours run every half hour between 10am – 5pm, 23 Oct – 22 Dec tours run every hour between 9.55 am – 2.55 pm). This tour can be pre-booked through MyPlanet Australia.

**Getting here:** Gammel Strand is directly north opposite Christiansborg.

**Danish Design Centre** *(map reference B11)*
As Copenhagen has established itself as one of the world’s leading design capitals, the Danish Design Centre each year shows three to five changing exhibitions displaying the best and latest Danish design together with international design.

**Getting here:** From Gammel Strand, return to Rådhuspladsen, the centre is located behind the Town Hall on H.C Andersens Boulevard.

**Vor Frue Kirke** *(map reference B8)*
Walk down the aisle just as our Mary Donaldson did 14 May, 2004. The site has housed a church since 1209, with the present building consecrated in 1829. Five Danish kings were crowned here between 1449 and 1648. The cathedral is not open for the public during service (10am and 5pm, also 2pm during October to May).

**Getting here:** Walk towards Christiansborg, then Frederiksholms Kanal north past Gammeltorv.
If you want a more complete picture of Copenhagen you should opt for a longer stopover. Here SAS provides some further suggestions on what to see and do. Accommodation can be booked through MyPlanet Australia.

**Carlsberg Brewery** (not on map)

If you like beer, and which Australian doesn’t, you can visit the brewery that makes probably the best beer in the world. The Jacobsen Brewhouse at the Carlsberg Visitors Centre is a live exhibition of beer culture and classic brewing skills. Not only do you get to see how the beer is made, you also get to sample some of it. Opens 10am, closed Mondays.

**Getting here:** Take an S train towards Fredrikssund or Høje Taastrup from Central Station to Enghave Station. The Carlsberg Husbryggeri is a 10-minute walk west.

**The National Gallery** (map reference C3, C4)

The Danish National Gallery is the only place in Denmark which features 700 years of Western art and cultural history under one roof. The museum houses a large collection of Danish and international paintings, sculptures, drawings, and installations. The oldest works in the collection originally belonged to the Danish royalty.

**Getting here:** From Enghave Station take an S train to Nørreport Station. Walk along Nørre Voldgade and Østervolgade to reach Statens Museum for Kunst.

**The Round Tower** (map reference C7)

Built as an observatory in 1642, the 209 metre long winding passage leads to a platform at the top of tower. From here you will have a magnificent view over the old town, including the cathedral Vor Frue Kirke on Store Kannikestræde, where Crown Princess Mary and Crown Prince Frederik were wed in May 2004.

**Getting here:** Return to Nørreport Station, turn left on Frederiksborggade and follow for about 200 metres and Rundetårn will be on your left.

**Christiania** (map reference H10, H11)

Christiania is an alternative utopia, founded in 1971 by hippies who took over an area of abandoned military barracks and developed their own set of rules, independent of the Danish government. Now one of the city’s quaint areas, the 34 hectare area is also a centre for alternative art, full of paintings, sculptures, live music and theatre.

**Getting here:** Return to Nørreport Station. Take the Nørreport metro train to Christianshavn Station. Walk north on Prisessegade and Christiania will be on your right.

You can also explore Copenhagen by the city’s most popular mode of transport: by bike. Tourists can bike around the city centre for free. With a 20 kroner coin, you can get a hold of one of the 2000 bikes in the 110 racks situated around town. When you are finished, simply return the bike to a rack and you get your 20 kroner coin back.
Day trips from Copenhagen

Staying longer in Copenhagen? Do not miss these exciting day tours. Guided tours for the following destinations can be booked through MyPlanet Australia.

For more information about these guided tours, please visit www.myplanetaustralia.com. To book, please contact MyPlanet Australia on 02 9020 5800.

Swedish Tour
A full day sightseeing tour following the coastline from Copenhagen with a fantastic view of Hamlet’s Castle from the sea as you cross the Sound to Sweden. Visit three Swedish cities: Helsingborg, Lund and Malmö. The tour visits the Cathedral and University of Lund and stops shortly in Malmö before crossing the Øresund Bridge back to Copenhagen. Passport is required.

- Magnus Hansson, air steward

MyPlanet’s 1 day guided tour from Copenhagen: Swedish Tour–Malmö (Price: $131)

Castle Tour of North Sealand
Travel through the delightful Danish countryside and coastline to Kronborg Castle, where William Shakespeare set his tragedy Hamlet. Visit the Knights Hall, which is the longest room in Northern Europe. Also visit Fredensborg Palace, the Queen’s summer residence and home of the Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary, and Fredriksborg Castle in the town of Hillerød.

- Anne Kristine Ellegaard, air hostess

MyPlanet’s 1 day guided tour from Copenhagen: Castle Tour of North Sealand (Price: $126)

Vikingland Tour
Travel back in time to the intriguing history of the Vikings. Visit the Viking Ship Museum, set in the Vikings’ natural harbour. Also visit the old city centre of Roskilde, the capital of Denmark in ancient times, and home of the great Romanesque Cathedral with its 38 royal tombs. Please note this tour only runs on Saturdays between June and October.

- Elisabeth Colov, air purser

MyPlanet’s 1 day guided tour from Copenhagen: Vikingland Tour (Price $81)

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Sankt Hans Torv (Square) (not on map)
A great square in Nørrebro where you can sit outside one of the many cafes and enjoy a delicious brunch, lunch or dinner when the weather is up to it. Almost all the cafes are worth a try. Afterwards it’s time to go shopping. Nearby is Elmegade, a street with some great shopping. It’s full of small, privately-owned boutiques, selling cool clothes, shoes, accessories and design objects. The whole area really feels as though it has its finger on the pulse.

- Bo Skov Larsen, air steward

Bar Rouge
First Hotel Skt. Petri, Krystalgade 22 (map reference B7)
One of the hottest spots in Copenhagen! Professional bartenders will mix your favorite cocktail while top class DJs set the mood on the dance floor.

- Magnus Hansson, air steward

Kulturhuset Islands Brygge
Islands Brygge 18 (not on map)
A culture house with an excellent restaurant, entertainment, activities, exhibitions, events, intimate concerts and a great view of the canal. The perfect place to soak up Copenhagen’s cultural atmosphere.

- Anne Kristine Ellegaard, air hostess

Frederiksberg Svømmehal (public baths)
Helgesvej 29, Frederiksberg (not on map)
Amazing spa facilities and a cozy atmosphere, with jacuzzi, steam baths, baths with oils, salt-water pool with the same salt percentage as the Dead Sea, sauna and massage. Located in a building from the Thirties by the famous Danish architect A.S. Lauritzen. There is also a 105-meter-long indoor waterslide, the longest in Denmark. Admission for the whole lot: 110 kroner.

- Elisabeth Colov, air purser

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