



An ice-bright day at beautiful Nyhavn

# Heritage, Harbours and Hygge - a weekend in Copenhagen

24 – 27 February 2022



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Enjoy Copenhagen's Festival of Light (credit Daniel Rasmussen: Visit Copenhagen)

Copenhagen is the epitome of Nordic chic; a city of constant visual pleasure, where an everyday walk provides a sense of quiet wonder. It is also one of the world's most liveable cities with eco-design around every corner and welcoming and courteous citizens who are the epitome of Scandi cool. With more Michelin starred restaurants than any other Scandinavian capital, Copenhagen also provides a wide range of exciting new eateries plating produce from local greenhouses, gardens and farms.

Explore stylish Copenhagen and beyond over a weekend in the company of popular tour leader Natasha McEnroe and like-minded people. Learn about its history and gain insight into Denmark today; visit stunning castles, beautifully preserved historic quarters and marvel at dramatic modernist architecture; and enjoy the spectacular Festival of Light that sets the city ablaze in winter.

## Tour Leader

**Natasha McEnroe** is the Keeper of Medicine at the Science Museum in South Kensington, London. Her previous post was Director of the Florence Nightingale Museum, and prior to this was Museum Manager of the Grant Museum of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy and Curator of the Galton Collection at University College London. From 1997 – 2007, she was Curator of Dr Johnson's House in London's Fleet Street, and has also worked for the National Trust and the Victoria & Albert Museum. Natasha was co-editor of *The Hospital in the Oatfield – The Art of Nursing in the First World War* (2014); *The Tyranny of Treatment: Samuel Johnson, His Friends and Georgian Medicine* (2003); and editor of *Medicine: An Imperfect Science* (2019)



and co-editor of *The Medicine Cabinet* (2019). Her research interests focus on 18th and 19th-century medical humanities. Natasha is a Freeman of The Worshipful Company of Barbers.

Kronborg Castle (the inspiration for Hamlet)



## Day 1: Copenhagen (Thur, 24 Feb) **D**

**Pm:** Arrive and check into the waterfront Copenhagen Strand Hotel. Optional group airport transfer and orientation tour of Copenhagen, visiting the Little Mermaid statue, Gefion Fountain, the Opera House, Amalienborg Palace and the Marble Church.

**Eve:** Welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

## Day 2: Copenhagen (Fri, 25 Feb) **B L**

**Am:** Take the bus to the city and a short walk to Frederiksborg Castle for a guided tour. It is a splendid 16th century Renaissance castle - the biggest Renaissance building in Scandinavia. It was originally built by the Danish King Christian IV and rebuilt by the founder of the Carlsberg Brewery after a 19th century fire. The Museum of National History showcases 500 years of Danish history in paintings and furniture.

**Pm:** Enjoy lunch next to the castle. Continue to Elsinore (Helsingør), including a short outdoor visit to Fredensborg Palace, Queen Margrethe II's favourite palace where she spends every spring and autumn. Onto Kronborg Castle, also known as 'Hamlet's castle' as it inspired Shakespeare to write his famous play. Kronborg has been UNESCO World Heritage listed since 2000 as it is a unique example of Renaissance architecture in the Nordic countries. For hundreds of years Kronborg was an important castle for Danish kings who wanted to control the traffic by ship to and

from the Baltic Sea. Stop for a coffee or tea at café in one of the old hutments next to the castle. Return to Copenhagen along the scenic Strandvejen (the coastal road) with a fine view to Sweden – and some of the most expensive homes in Denmark.

## Day 3: Copenhagen (Sat, 26 Feb) **B D**

**Am:** Morning sightseeing by bus combined with a little walking in the medieval district, including the Cathedral, Holmen's Church and the old stock exchange. Visit Conditori La Glace, the oldest patisserie in Denmark for coffee or tea and their famed cake. Take a guided tour of Christiansborg Palace, including the Queen's Royal Reception Rooms and the halls where the Queen signs laws, receives state visits, and holds banquets and receptions. See the colourful modern tapestries full of tales from 1,100 years of royal Danish history.

**Pm:** At leisure. Options to visit museums including the Museum of Danish Resistance, the art museum Glyptoteket or Medical Museion dating from 1787, situated in the former Royal Academy of Surgeons.

**Eve:** Take a guided canal cruise to see the Copenhagen Light Festival, followed by dinner.

## Day 4: Copenhagen (Sun, 27 Feb) **B**

**Am:** At leisure.

**Pm:** Depart for airport. Optional group transfer available (subject to numbers).

Ice skaters at Nørrebro, Copenhagen





Executive twin room at Copenhagen Strand Hotel

## Hotel

**Copenhagen Strand Hotel** is a newly refurbished and charming 4-star hotel on the waterfront in a quiet, central area of Copenhagen. The hotel is set within a beautifully restored canalside warehouse close to bustling Nyhavn, Strøget and other major attractions of central Copenhagen. With light-filled, comfortable rooms and a delicious and healthy breakfast, the hotel provides a warm welcome and excellent customer service.

We are holding some executive rooms (pictured); these are larger, with a panoramic view of the harbour, a sitting area and Nespresso machine in the room. There are also Junior Suites available.

### The cost of the tour is £884 per person sharing and includes:

- Three nights' accommodation in standard rooms at the Copenhagen Strand Hotel with private facilities. Upgrades to Executive and Junior Suites available.

### The single room supplement is £128

- The services of a tour leader (Natasha McEnroe.)
- Breakfast daily and two dinners and one lunch.
- Tea and cake at Conditori La Glace and coffee or tea at a hutments café.
- English-speaking local guide.
- Transport throughout the tour by bus and boat.
- A programme of cultural sightseeing as per the itinerary including admission fees.

### The cost excludes:

- International flights and airport transfers\* (see below.)
- Meals not mentioned and additional drinks with meals.
- All optional excursions, tours and visits.
- All personal extras such as tips, portage, laundry, inoculation fees and drinks.
- Travel insurance.

### \* Flight Package

We will be organising a flight package, including flights from the UK, group arrival transfer with a guide plus a short tour en route to the hotel, and an airport transfer on departure. Please contact us for further details.

Visit magnificent Frederiksborg Castle (credit Daniel Rasmussen: Visit Copenhagen)



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The Marble Church (top); Fish market in Copenhagen (credit Nick Karvounis: Visit Copenhagen); The 'Black Diamond' (a striking waterfront extension to the Royal Danish Library); A Festival of Light installation (credit Daniel Rasmussen: Visit Copenhagen) (above)



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