

While You are in Copenhagen

Copenhagen has an incredible number of sights – new and old alike, all close at hand. The environs are bristling with excursion destinations. In the following sections, you will find inspiration for sightseeing tours and other leisure activities during the ALGO 2009 conference.

Grand Tour of Copenhagen (3 hours)

This tour covers all the major sights in the city centre, including The Little Mermaid, the winter residence of the royal family, Amalienborg Palace, and Nyhavn, and it also passes by several of Copenhagen's main museums and squares.

The bus tour departs from the Tycho Brahe Planetarium, passing Tivoli Gardens, the National Museum and some of Copenhagen's picturesque canals on the way to Christiansborg Palace, the seat of the Danish Parliament and home to the tapestries for the Queen of Denmark. It continues to the Royal Stock Exchange, the Royal Theatre, via Nyhavn to make a stop at Amalienborg Palace. After the royal residence, the tour goes to the beautiful Gefion Fountain and the sculpture of The Little Mermaid. Returning to the starting point the tour will pass by Rosenborg Palace, the home of the crown jewels.

Viking Tour (up to 7 hours)

This tour passes through beautiful the Danish countryside with several barrows from the Bronze Age. The delegates arrive at the spectacular Viking Ship Museum situated at Roskilde Fjord, a long inlet and a natural harbour. The Viking ships, salvaged from Roskilde Fjord, have been carefully restored and are the most important discovery from the Viking period.

If the weather permits, the delegates will have the possibility to board a real Viking ship and feel the wind in the sails. Lunch will be served at a beautiful typical old Danish inn. After lunch it's time to see a little more of the city of Roskilde, which used to be the capital of Denmark in ancient times. Here, the delegates will visit the impressive Roskilde Cathedral, the burial site of no fewer than 37 Danish kings and queens, most of whose sarcophagi - beautifully constructed in the style of the time - grace the cathedral.

Danish Design Tour (1/2 day)

Acclaimed by the *Wall Paper* as being the city of Design, Copenhagen has a lot to show in terms of design and architecture. This tour will take the participants to design shops and will show them the architectural development in the city of Copenhagen.



The Castles and Palaces of North Zealand (5 hours)

This afternoon tour goes through the beautiful forested north of Copenhagen to Frederiksborg Castle, Fredensborg Palace and Kronborg Castle, where Shakespeare's Hamlet was set.

Frederiksborg Castle in Hillerød is a magnificent Renaissance castle with adjoining gardens in the old style and royal monograms in boxtree. The castle also houses a beautiful chapel, hung with the coat of arms of everyone ever awarded the Danish Order of the Elephant.

The tour passes by the Fredensborg Palace with its green copper roof. This palace is the summer residence of the royal family, and it is surrounded by a beautiful garden. In Elsinore the delegates will see the impressive Kronborg Castle. Return to Copenhagen by the coastal road passing fashionable resorts and exclusive residential areas on the way.

City and Canal Tour (3 hours)

The tour starts by coach passing by Tivoli and the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, continuing along the four artificial lakes, which once formed part of the city's defences. The trip continues to the Gefion Fountain, Kongens Nytorv and the old fish market where the delegates will change from coach to boat. A leisure cruise then takes the delegates through the harbour to the Little Mermaid and on to the picturesque canals of Christianshavn with its wealth of well-preserved old buildings including the Church of Our Saviour. The tour ends in the very heart of Copenhagen – only a two-minute walk from Strøget.

Opera, Theatre or Ballet

The brand new opera building as well as the two largest historical theatres in Copenhagen is available for receptions and special events as well as theatregoers. The Copenhagen Opera, one of the most modern opera buildings in the world, along with the famous Royal Theatre hosts an impressive international repertoire.

www.kgl-teater.dk

The beautiful New Theatre, which actually is almost a hundred years old, ranks among the finest classical theatre buildings in Europe. Though the performance is at the heart of the theatre, the building has far more to offer than just the musical productions and plays that have made the New Theatre so popular since it's reopening in 1994.

www.detnyteater.dk



Gastronomic Copenhagen

Copenhagen and surroundings have a large variety of exciting restaurants, cafes and eateries. In the last few years a mouthwatering array of inventive, modern and stylish new restaurants has opened in the city, transforming Copenhagen into a major gourmet destination. The highly respected Michelin Guide has rewarded Copenhagen with a total of 14 stars.



Nyhavn in Copenhagen

Running from Kongens Nytorv, a picturesque canal filled with moored sailing boats, runs down to the main harbour, dividing the two sides of Nyhavn. It's a popular meeting place, and perfect for enjoying a drink in one of the many open-air cafes, restaurants and bars. As soon as the sun is out in early spring, the Danes move the chairs and tables outside and from the first summer day the quay is crowded with people the wonderful atmosphere of the seaside location.



Harbour Swim Baths

Regular control has proven the water to be so clean that it is safe to use for bathing and include in the leisure programs for outdoor activities in the capital.

There three open air swim baths located on the waterfront of Copenhagen. They feature several pools and diving boards. The season runs from June to September.



Christiania

The hippie town just across the bridges on the island of Amager is worthwhile visiting. The atmosphere is very laid back and informal. The cafés and restaurants go for organic food and the service is very relaxed. The village of Christiania covers an area of more than 85 acres and houses almost one thousand inhabitants. It is a well-known "brand" for the progressive and liberated Danish lifestyle and offers something Danish that cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

Hippies founded Christiania in 1971 as a part of the Danish counter-culture movement. A motley crew of hippies, artists, political activists and social misfits moved in and settled down - thus creating a controversial point of conflict, which to this day can still cause quite a stir among especially law-and-order-minded politicians.

www.christiania.org



For further attractions, ideas and inspiration in and around the city, please see: www.visitcopenhagen.dk