
GUIDE PALACES AND GARDENS



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VIRTUAL PALACES AND GARDENS

- With mobile phone in hand you can go exploring in Kronborg Castle. A new mobile guide tells the story of the lives of the prisoners in the fortress and the castle's place on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- Explore the digital version of the guide "In Caroline Mathilde and Struensee's footsteps" or "In Frederik VI's footsteps".
- Take a run along the interactive jogging route in Søndermarken in Frederiksberg, Copenhagen.

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- See more pictures and find out more about the various places.
- Hire premises for meetings, conferences and receptions in the royal gardens, Stærekassen on Kongens Nytorv in Copenhagen, The Sea Fortress Trekroner or at Kronborg in Helsingør.
- Take the experience home with you – Royal shopping at webshop.slke.dk

ABOUT THE AGENCY FOR PALACES AND CULTURAL PROPERTIES

It is the Agency's mission to preserve our cultural heritage in the form of castles, palaces, gardens and other cultural properties for the benefit of posterity, and at the same time to make it useful and pleasurable for the present. The Agency focuses on the living, present-day use of the cultural properties.



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TAKE A TRIP THROUGH HISTORY

VISIT THE MANY ROYAL PALACES AND HISTORIC GARDENS AROUND THE COUNTRY

With this guide in your hand you can go on a journey through the history of Danish culture, gardens and architecture. Experience the sweep of history and the special atmosphere at these places. From the lush gardens of Gråsten Castle in the south, the mysterious castle of Spøttrup in the north to the magnificent Royal palaces in the centre of Copenhagen and 'Royal North Zealand' in the east.

In Northern Zealand you will find Kronborg Castle, which is on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Now the fortress area around the castle has been opened up, and from 2013 the new Culture Harbour Kronborg forms the setting for a wealth of activities.

In inner Copenhagen, Rosenborg Castle and Kongens Have have joined with the surrounding museums and parks to direct attention to experiences from the worlds of art and nature under the heading Parkmuseerne (The Park Museums).

Other news in 2013 is that the Eremitage Palace has opened its doors so you can go on a guided tour of the magnificent, newly restored rooms, Frederiksborg Castle is exhibiting photographs of the Royal Family, while Roskilde Palace turns the focus on "What is contemporary art II".

See more under the individual attractions in the guide, at www.slke.dk or at the places' own websites.

All the historic buildings and gardens included in this guide are administered by the Agency for Palaces and Cultural Properties.

Go on a journey through history and enjoy the trip!

Marianne Jelved
Minister of Culture

ABOUT THE STYLES

Gothic, Baroque, Rococo, etc. – Follow the colour code for each particular style throughout the guide.

ROMANESQUE, C. 1000–1250

Typically brick architecture with round-arched window and door openings, as you see in many churches.

GOTHIC, C. 1230–1550

Slender, upward-soaring architecture, often with pointed-arched windows. In churches one often sees tall pillars, buttresses and arches that help to stabilize the building. Cross-vaults in ceilings. Stepped gables.

RENAISSANCE, C. 1536–1650

The Renaissance represented a rebirth of the architectural ideals of antiquity. Here one sees horizontal divisions of the facades and often red brick surfaces with sandstone copings and cornices. As extra decoration, columns and pilasters (embedded rectangular columns). Curved gables.

BAROQUE, C. 1630–1750

Light-and-shade effects in the facades with columns and pilasters through several storeys. Strict symmetry. The central section is often emphasized, and is often crowned by a triangular pediment.

ROCOCO, C. 1740–1770

Grey-plastered or sandstone-clad facades, often with slightly projecting central and side sections. Asymmetrical decorations.

NEOCLASSICISM, C. 1760–1850

In early Neoclassicism one sees features like medallions, festoons, various ornamented bands, columns and ‘temple’ fronts. Late Neoclassicism often has simple facades with no special marking of window and door openings.

HISTORICISM, C. 1850–1920

The preceding styles were often re-used, but with a “Neo-” before the name of the style, for example Neo-Renaissance and Neo-Baroque. The period ended with a re-emergence of Neoclassicism c. 1912–1920.

MODERNISM, C. 1920–

A term for a variety of simplified idioms, where symmetry plays a crucial part. For example Functionalism, which is characterized by its sharp lines and userfriendly design, and Art Deco, a decorative type of modernism.

COPENHAGEN



For almost 600 years Copenhagen has been the seat of the Danish monarchs of a royal house that goes back more than 1000 years. Today too, within walking distance, you can experience the magnificent halls of Christiansborg Palace, stately avenues in The King's Garden, the Crown Jewels in Rosenborg Castle and the elegant Rococo palaces of the royal palace complex Amalienborg.



AMALIENBORG

DK-1257 COPENHAGEN K



AMALIENBORG – THE WINTER RESIDENCE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

Four palaces surround Amalienborg Palace Square with its equestrian statue of King Frederik V. Amalienborg was designed in the 1750s by the architect N. Eigtved, and to this day it stands as a major work of Danish architecture. The palaces were originally built as residences for four high-ranking aristocrats, but when the old Christiansborg Palace burnt down in 1794, the Royal Family took over Amalienborg as their residence. Since then the reigning monarchs have lived in Amalienborg's various palaces in turn.

📞 www.slke.dk and www.kongehuset.dk

CHRISTIAN VII'S PALACE is Queen Margrethe II's guest and reception palace. The palace, which was built in 1750–54 for Count A.G. Moltke, forms the setting for official events such as the annual New Year Banquet. Inside the palace one can see some of Denmark's finest, most sumptuously decorated rooms such as the Great Hall, the Banqueting Hall and 'the Rose' with its impressive collection of the Flora Danica porcelain service.

🏰 July–September: Saturday–Sunday in English 1 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. (E). and in Danish 11.30 a.m.

Inquire at the Amalienborg Museum (see below)

📞 Booking of group guided tours (E) at (+45) 33 92 64 92 or christiansborg@slke.dk, www.slke.dk

CHRISTIAN VIII'S PALACE houses among other things the Amalienborg Museum, which is the museum of the Danish Royal Family. The museum tells the story of the Queen's four immediate predecessors. Living rooms and studies are preserved as they were when the kings and queens furnished them. See royal everyday life at close quarters and learn about the lives – both private and official – of four Danish kings.

🕒 May–October: 10 a.m.–4 p.m., November–April: Tuesday–Sunday 11 a.m.–4 p.m. (E).

📞 (+45) 33 12 08 08, amalienborgmuseet@dkks.dk, www.amalienborgmuseet.dk

FREDERIK VIII'S PALACE has been thoroughly refurbished and functions today as the residence of Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary. The palace is not open to the public.

📞 www.kongehuset.dk

CHRISTIAN IX'S PALACE is the official residence of the Queen and Prince Consort. The palace is not open to the public.

📞 www.kongehuset.dk

AMALIEHAVEN is an oasis between city and harbour, designed by the Belgian architect Jean Delogne and inaugurated in 1983. Take a rest among fountains, sculptures, flowers and green plants.

🕒 All year round. (F) 📞 (+45) 33 95 42 00.



CHRISTIANSBORG PALACE

DK-1218 COPENHAGEN K



CHRISTIANSBORG PALACE - ROYAL PALACE AND SEAT OF POWER

The island Slotsholmen with Christiansborg Palace has been the Danish kingdom's centre of government for centuries. The Christiansborg that we see today is the third palace on the site with this name. The first one burned down in 1794 and the second in 1884. Today the palace houses the Folketing (the Danish Parliament), the Prime Minister's Office, the Supreme Court and the Monarchy.

THE ROYAL RECEPTION ROOMS are used by Queen Margrethe II for state dinners, royal banquets and public audiences. The magnificent halls and chambers include the Throne Room, the Great Hall, and the Banqueting Hall. In the Great Hall you can explore a series of magnificent modern tapestries from the year 2000, showing the history of Denmark in radiantly coloured woven pictures. In the newly opened Flora Danica Cabinet you can admire more than 200 parts of the famous table service from the 18th century.

🕒 Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. (October–April closed Mondays) (E).

Closed on days when the Queen is using the premises.

🏛️ About the reception rooms in English 3 p.m. (E).

📞 and booking of group guided tours, (E) at (+45) 33 92 64 92 or christiansborg@slke.dk, www.christiansborg.dk and www.kongehuset.dk

THE FOLKETING – the Danish Parliament – is primarily housed in the southern wing of Christiansborg Palace. Here you can among other things experience the Parliament Hall and the Lobby where the Danish Constitution is exhibited. The Victuallers' House with temporary art exhibitions is open in connection with booked guided tours.

🕒 Free admission to the public galleries during sessions of Parliament.

🏛️ All year round, Sunday in English 1 p.m., 1st July–16th August also on weekdays in English 1 p.m. 19th August – 13th September also in English at 1 p.m. on weekdays. (F).

Book your ticket online, www.thedanishparliament.dk. Tickets for the same day can also be collected at the Visitors' Entrance from 10 a.m. Saturday closed.

📞 (+45) 33 37 55 00, ftbesog@ft.dk

THE RUINS under Christiansborg Palace are from the two preceding buildings that existed on the site: Bishop Absalon's castle from 1167 and the medieval Copenhagen Castle, which was demolished in 1731. In the evocative archaeological excavations you can explore Christiansborg's history as a medieval castle, royal palace and centre of power for 800 years.

🕒 Weekdays 10 a.m.–5 p.m. (October–April closed Mondays) (E).
Guided tour Saturdays 12 p.m.

📞 and booking of group tours (E) at (+45) 33 92 64 92 or christiansborg@slke.dk, www.christiansborg.dk

CHRISTIANSBORG PALACE CHAPEL is the Royal Family's church and is used for ceremonies and services for the members of the family. The Palace Chapel is in Neoclassicist style and is the work of the architect Christian Frederik Hansen, who also designed Copenhagen Cathedral.

🕒 Sunday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. plus daily during Easter holiday, July, and autumn holiday.

📞 and booking of group tours on weekdays (E) at (+45) 33 92 64 92 or christiansborg@slke.dk, www.christiansborg.dk



THE RIDING GROUNDS is the only preserved part of the first Christiansborg Palace from the 18th century. When passing the site you might catch a glimpse of the royal horses being trained.

- 🕒 The Riding Grounds are always open (F).
- 📞 (+45) 33 95 42 00.

THE ROYAL STABLES are housed in the historic stable buildings from the 1740s. Get close to the royal horses and see the collection of state coaches and harnesses.

- 🕒 Daily 1.30 p.m.–4 p.m. (October – April closed on Mondays).
The stables may be closed during state visits and royal events.
- 🏠 Saturday 2 p.m.
- 📞 and booking of group guided tours, (E) at (+45) 33 92 64 92 or christiansborg@slke.dk,
www.christiansborg.dk and www.kongehuset.dk

THE THEATRE MUSEUM is housed in the Court Theatre, which was established for King Christian VII in 1767. The stage, which exists today, is the original one, but the auditorium was changed in the middle of the nineteenth century. The building was formerly used for theatre productions for the Court when it was at Christiansborg. Since 1922 the Theatre Museum has been associated with the place, with both permanent and changing exhibitions and events.

- 🕒 Tuesday–Thursday 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
and Saturday–Sunday 1 p.m.–4 p.m.
as well as by appointment (E).
- 📞 (+45) 33 11 51 76, info@teatermuseet.dk, www.teatermuseet.dk

THE ROYAL LIBRARY GARDEN is a sanctuary in the middle of the city, laid out around a pond. Today lawns and benches are filling the garden, but this area used to be the naval harbour of King Christian IV. While you enjoy your picnic basket Søren Kierkegaard philosophizes from his pedestal and a modern sculpture purles water.

- 🕒 All year round 6 a.m.–10 p.m. (F).
- 📞 (+45) 33 95 42 00.



FREDERIKSBERG PALACE AND GARDENS, SØNDERMARKEN

DK-2000 FREDERIKSBERG



FREDERIKSBERG PALACE – A ROYAL COUNTRY SEAT

The palace towering on Valby Hill was built at the beginning of the eighteenth century by King Frederik IV. It has a number of fine rooms and a palace chapel in the Baroque style. In the basement you can still see the large bath and the mirror over the bathtub established for King Christian VII, who married Princess Caroline Matilda of Great Britain. The palace now houses the Royal Military Academy.

- 🏠 Guided tour in Danish and English last Saturday in each month 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. except July and December. For groups all year round (weekdays after 4 p.m.) (E).
- 📞 (+45) 36 13 26 32, www.frederiksborgslot.dk

FREDERIKSBERG GARDENS west of the centre of Copenhagen is a very popular park among visitors with its lakes, canals and exotic trees and bushes. At the end of the eighteenth century the gardens were converted from the Baroque to the Romantic landscape garden style. The Chinese Pavilion, the Apis Temple and the waterfall are among the small planned surprises.

- 🕒 Open from 6 a.m., closing between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. depending on the season (F).

ACTIVITIES

TEA SERVED at the Chinese Pavilion Sundays
May–September 12 noon–6 p.m.
ROPE FERRY to Andebakkeøen (Duck Hill Island)
Sundays August–October (week 42) 2 p.m.–4 p.m. (F)



SØNDERMARKEN is dotted with hills and woods and has a number of small sights in the Romantic style – for example a Norwegian log cabin, a grotto fountain and a memorial mound from 1925 raised in memory of emigrant Danes and opened on the USA's Independence Day 4th July. The fountain is a popular meeting place.

🕒 All year round (F). 📞 (+45) 33 95 42 00.

ACTIVITY

SPECIAL 2.5-kilometre jogging route where interactive lighting follows your jog around the gardens. The route has four activity centres. Open in the opening hours of the gardens.

THE 'CISTERNES' in Søndermarken are an old underground water reservoir from the 1850s, housing the Museum of Modern Glass Art. The museum mounts temporary exhibitions. The periodical *Forbes Traveler* has described the Cisterns as one of Europe's most unusual museums.

🕒 Thursday–Friday 2 p.m.–6 p.m. (November and February only until 5 p.m.), Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays 11 a.m.–5 p.m. (E). December–January closed.

📞 (+45) 28 98 01 23, www.cisternerne.dk

THE GARDENS OF THE ROYAL DANISH

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY were laid out in 1882 as part of the old kitchen garden of Frederiksberg Palace. This 'garden within the garden' offers a goldmine of inspiration for garden enthusiasts, including a rose garden, a water garden and a brand new garden of perennials.

🕒 All year round (F). 📞 (+45) 45 93 60 00, haven.dk

THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS originated in an old tradition of 'menageries' where wild animals were kept in the royal gardens – for example at Frederiksberg. The gardens opened in 1859, and are now a modern zoo with Norman Foster's elephant house and "Den Arktiske Ring" (The Arctic Circle).

🕒 January–February: 10 a.m.–4 p.m., March: Weekdays 10 a.m.–4 p.m., weekends 10 a.m.–5 p.m. April–May: Weekdays 10 a.m.–5 p.m., weekends and public holidays 10 a.m.–6 p.m. 1st–28th June: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. 29th June–11th August: 10 a.m.–8 p.m. 12 August–31st August: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. September: Weekdays 10 a.m.–5 p.m., weekends 10 a.m.–6 p.m. October: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. November–December: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (E).

THE STORM P. MUSEUM in the historic yellow buildings at the entrance to Frederiksberg Gardens exhibits cartoons by the Danish humorist Robert Storm Petersen and many other things.

🕒 Tuesday–Sunday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

📞 (+45) 38 86 05 00, www.stormp.dk

ROSENBERG CASTLE AND THE KING'S GARDEN

ØSTER VOLDGADE 4A, DK-1350 COPENHAGEN K



ROSENBERG CASTLE – DENMARK'S ROYAL TREASURE HOUSE

Rosenborg Castle, built in 1606–1634, is a beautiful Renaissance building and a fascinating museum of cultural history. It houses some of Denmark's greatest cultural treasures, in particular the Crown Jewels and Royal Regalia. The museum tells the story of the Danish kings from the end of the 1500s to the middle of the 1800s. The most important highlights include the Great Hall with the Coronation Throne and three lions of silver, as well as the three treasuries with the Crown Jewels beneath the castle.

🕒 November–April: Tuesday–Sunday 11 a.m.–4 p.m. May: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. June–August: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. September–October: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (E).

📞 (+45) 33 15 32 86, museum@dkks.dk, www.rosenborgslot.dk

THE KING'S GARDEN is Denmark's oldest royal garden. It was established in Renaissance style by King Christian IV at the beginning of the 1600s. Today the garden is a popular park and breathing-space in Copenhagen, with among other things an impressive herbaceous border, many historic sculptures and Krumspringet ('The Caper') – a restored Renaissance park with a pavilion, espalier and roses.

🕒 Open from 7 a.m. and closes between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. depending on the season (F).

📞 (+45) 33 95 42 00.

THE HERCULES PAVILION dates back to the foundation of the park, but was rebuilt by C.F. Harsdorff in its present form in 1773. The Neoclassical pavilion is now a culture café where visitors to the garden can enjoy refreshments.

🕒 With service May–October: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

📞 (+45) 33 15 03 10.

🕒 Open 📞 Information 🗺 Guided tours (E) Entrance fee (F) Free

THE LIFEGUARDS' MUSEUM is placed in the building that originally functioned as the orangery of King Christian V from 1670. Since 1786 the barracks and the Rosenborg Parade Ground have been the base for sentries guarding the Royal Family. The Royal Guards' Museum shows the historical development of the Royal Lifeguards since their foundation in 1658.

- 🕒 Museum collection: Open all year round on Saturdays and Sundays 11.30 a.m.–3 p.m. Entrance Gothersgade 100 (F).
- 📍 www.facebook.com/LivgardensHistoriskeSamling

THE GAMMEL DOK WAREHOUSE

STRANDGADE 27B, DK-1401 COPENHAGEN K

THE GAMMEL DOK WAREHOUSE from 1882 takes its name from Denmark's first dry dock, which was established there in 1739. The Danish Architectural Centre, which is housed in the warehouse, is an exhibition and information centre for architecture, urban development and construction with temporary exhibitions.

- 🕒 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.–9 p.m. (E).
- 📍 (+45) 32 57 19 30, dac@dac.dk, www.dac.dk

THE ROYAL DANISH NAVAL MUSEUM

OVERGADEN OVEN VANDET 58, DK-1415 COPENHAGEN K

THE ROYAL DANISH NAVAL MUSEUM – THE HISTORY OF THE NAVY

The museum of the history of the Navy is in picturesque Christianshavn in Søkvæsthuset, the Navy's old hospital, which was built in 1780–81. The main attraction is a collection of historical models including around 400 ship models and other maritime exhibits showing 500 years of development.

- 🕒 All year round Tuesday–Sunday 12 noon–4 p.m.
Closed at Christmas time (E).
- 📍 Can be booked.
- 📍 (+45) 33 11 60 37, thm@thm.dk, www.orlogsmuseet.dk

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

SANKT PEDERS STRÆDE 2, DK-1453 COPENHAGEN K

ST. PETER'S – THE OLDEST CHURCH IN THE CITY CENTRE

The church is the oldest church in the inner city. In the large complex of sepulchral chapels from 1681 many well known people were laid to rest for centuries, including the architect of Amalienborg, Nicolai Eigtved.

St. Peter's Church is the church of the German-speaking community and the services are therefore in German. Many concerts and other cultural events are held in the church.

- 🕒 Church (F) and chapels: 1st April–30th September: Wednesday–Saturday 11 a.m.–3 p.m. (E).
- 📍 Can be booked for groups during opening hours (E). at (+45) 33 13 38 33 or e-mail: kirchenbuero@sankt-petri.dk
- 📍 (+45) 33 13 38 33, www.sankt-petri.dk

STÆREKASSEN

AUGUST BOURNONVILLES PASSAGE 5, DK-1055 COPENHAGEN K

STÆREKASSEN

– A RARE EXAMPLE OF DANISH ART DECO

Stærekassen ('the nesting-box') at the Royal Danish Theatre was inaugurated in 1931 as a space shared by the Danish Broadcasting Corporation and the Royal Theatre. With its elegant lines and functional design with added decorative details, Stærekassen is one of Denmark's few examples of the art deco style. Stærekassen can be booked for events and conferences. See the add on page 35.

- 📍 (+45) 33 95 42 00, staerekassen@slke.dk, www.slke.dk

THE SEA FORTRESS TREKRONER

TREKRONER 1, DK-1259 COPENHAGEN

CROWNS, POWDER AND CANNON

Visit the Sea Fortress Trekroner at the approach to Copenhagen Harbour. In the casemates you can see films about guns, powder and cannonballs from the Battle of Copenhagen in 1801. The naval officer and the summer visitor stand ready to talk about the history of the fortress. From battlefield to excursion destination. Visit the café and hold your event here.

- 🕒 Access by water bus 9th May – 1st September. First departure every day 10.30 a.m. (from the Polar Bear on Langelinie Quay) and then at 45-minute intervals. Last departure from Trekroner 6 p.m.
- 📍 See sailing timetable at www.stromma.dk and read more at www.slke.dk



WEST OF COPENHAGEN:

ROSKILDE PALACE

STÆNDERTORVET 3, DK-4000 ROSKILDE



ROSKILDE PALACE – A ROYAL BAROQUE COMPLEX

The royal palace in Roskilde was built in 1733–36. The palace was meant as a suitable setting for the Monarch to stay in during travel through the kingdom or to stay in during funerals in the Royal Family. Today it has two exhibition venues: the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Palace Wing.

The Museum of Contemporary Art An art museum for contemporary art – performance, sound, video, media and installation art.

🕒 Tuesday–Friday 11 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturday–Sunday 12 noon–4 p.m. (E, Wednesday F).

🎫 Can be booked (E).

📞 (+45) 46 31 65 70, info@samtidkunst.dk, www.samtidkunst.dk

EXHIBITIONS

WHAT IS CONTEMPORARY ART II, 4th May – 8th September

KAPITAL: Henrik Plenge Jakobsen, 21st September – 15th December

7-MUSICAL PERFORMANCES by Lilibeth Cuenca Rasmussen

2006–2013, 22nd October and 23rd October

ONLINE EXHIBITION: NET.SPECIFIC: COMMUNICATION PATHS, 25th October

The Palace Wing is used for many temporary exhibitions of arts and crafts.

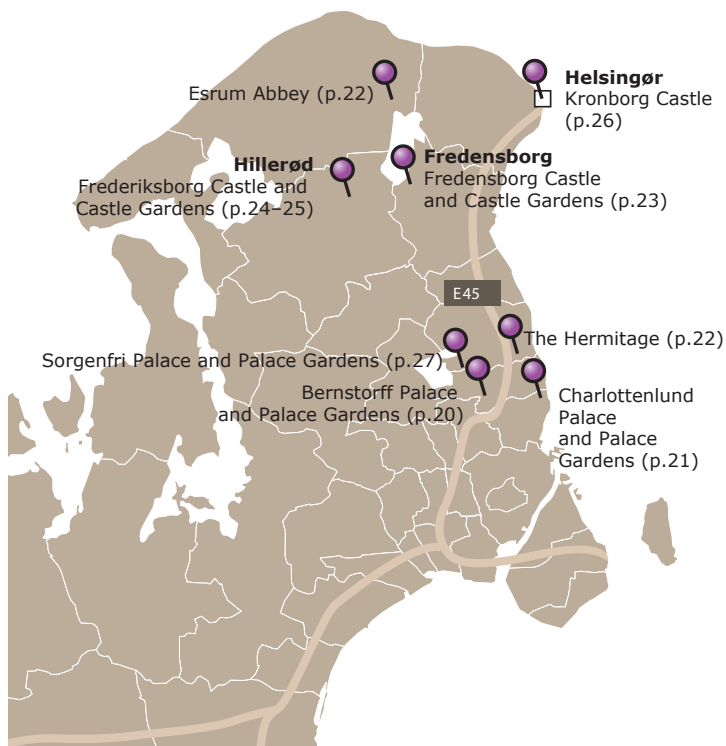
🕒 Tuesday–Sunday 12 noon–4 p.m. (F).

📞 (+45) 46 32 14 70, www.roskildekunst.dk

The Palace Courtyard is traditionally a stage for opera productions and other events with the yellow wings as beautiful scenery.

🕒 9 a.m.–6 p.m. In the summer season 9 a.m.–8 p.m. (F).

📞 (+45) 33 95 42 00.



NORTHERN ZEALAND

It's certainly not without reason that the northern part of Zealand, north of Copenhagen, is called 'Royal Northern Zealand'.

In this hilly landscape with extensive forests the kings of the past gloried in their wide-ranging hunting grounds and grandiose castles: Fredensborg, Frederiksborg and the World Heritage site Kronborg.

Along with the parks around places like Bernstorff Palace and Sorgenfri Palace they afford rich opportunities for getting out into the open country and experiencing history.



BERNSTORFF PALACE AND PALACE GARDENS

DK-2820 GENTOFTE



BERNSTORFF PALACE – BRUNCH AT THE PALACE

The palace takes its name from its first owner, the Minister of Foreign Affairs J.H.E. Bernstorff. It was built in 1765 as one of the earliest Neoclassical buildings in Denmark. In 1842–1939 it functioned as a royal summer residence for among others King Christian IX, known as ‘the father-in-law of Europe’. Today Bernstorff Palace is leased out as a hotel and conference centre.

- 🏠 There are regular opportunities to experience the palace on guided tours (F).
- 📞 www.bernstorffslot.dk, info@bernstorffslot.dk and www.slke.dk.
Booking of conference facilities and brunch: info@bernstorffslot.dk, (+45) 39 63 10 80.

BERNSTORFF PALACE GARDENS is a Romantic landscape garden laid out at the end of the 1760s. With its extensive lawns, shrubberies and large trees the gardens are perfect for walking tours. The stately part of the park has a rose garden, an orchard, the ‘Parade House’ and the idyllic Queen Louise’s Teahouse.

- 📞 The Tea House and the Parade House can be hired for special occasions. slotshave@slke.dk, (+45) 33 95 42 00.
- 🕒 All year round (F).

ACTIVITY

TEA SERVED at Queen Louise’s Tea House Saturdays and Sundays end May–September 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

The Swedish Villa was bought by Christian IX’s Queen Louise at the Great Exhibition of Industry, Agriculture and Arts in 1888. The villa is used today for art exhibitions and as a café.

- 🕒 May–November 12 noon–6 p.m. (F).
- 📞 (+45) 39 90 19 20, www.gentofte.dk



CHARLOTTENLUND PALACE AND PALACE GARDENS

JÆGERSBORG ALLÉ 1, DK-2920 CHARLOTTENLUND



CHARLOTTENLUND PALACE – CHRISTIAN X’S BIRTHPLACE

The palace was originally built in the Baroque style in 1733, but in 1880–81 it was rebuilt in French Neo-Renaissance style. Until 1926 it functioned as a royal summer residence and this was where Queen Margrethe II’s grandfather Christian X was born in 1870. Today Charlottenlund Palace is used by DTU Aqua for administration.

- 🕒 The palace is open on special occasions.
- 📞 (+45) 33 95 42 00.

CHARLOTTENLUND PALACE GARDENS have functioned as a royal residence and a popular entertainment venue. In 1880–1881 the gardens were converted from a rigorous Baroque park into Romantic gardens with winding paths inviting the visitor to go exploring. The Ice House and the idyllic Yellow House are both must-sees.

- 🕒 All year round (F).
- 📞 (+45) 33 95 42 00.



THE HERMITAGE

JÆGERSBORG DYREHAVE, DK-2930 KLAMPENBORG



THE HERMITAGE – A ROYAL HUNTING LODGE

The small compact lodge was built in 1734–36 by the Court Architect L. de Thurah and is an excellent example of the Late Baroque. It was built as a royal hunting lodge and to this day the Royal Family use it in connection with hunt lunches. The lodge is a popular destination for walks in the Royal Deer Park, and every Wednesday from sunrise to sunset you can drive in a car from the Hjortekær Gate to the Hermitage along the tarmacked road.

👤 Guided tours for groups on: www.eremitageslottet.dk

ESRUM ABBEY AND MØLLEGÅRD

KLOSTERGADE 11-12, DK-3230 GRÆSTED



ESRUM ABBEY – EXPERIENCES OF ANOTHER WORLD

Esum Abbey is the remains of a great abbey from c. 1150. The abbey was the spearhead of the Cistercian movement in Scandinavia, and was one of the biggest buildings in the Nordic countries. The Abbot of Esum had a permanent seat in the state council, and the abbey owned big parts of North Zealand. Today the place is a modern attraction with many sightseeing options.

🕒 6st April–week 42: Tuesday–Sunday 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Week 43–31st March: Saturday–Sunday 11 a.m.–5 p.m. (E).

ACTIVITIES

CHASUBLE, CHURCH & ARTIST, display of chasubles by Per Kirkeby, Maja Lisa Engelhard, Peter Brandes and HM the Queen, 6th April–20th October

MEDIEVAL MARKET, 22nd and 23rd June

CHRISTMAS FAIR, Delicious products from European monasteries 30th November – 1st December

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FREDENSBORG PALACE AND PALACE GARDENS

DK-3480 FREDENSBORG



FREDENSBORG PALACE

A MEETING PLACE FOR THE CROWNED HEADS OF EUROPE

The palace by Lake Esrum in northern Zealand is the royal couple's most frequently used residence in the spring and autumn months. The beautiful rooms and halls often form the setting for major state visits and royal events. King Christian IX too gathered royalty there from near and far: His six children were married to royals from other European countries. Among the best known were Edward VII of the United Kingdom and Tsar Alexander III of Russia. The first parts of the palace were built in 1720–22.

🕒 1st July – 11th August: 1 p.m.–4.30 p.m.

👤 In English 1.45 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. (E). Groups can book guided tours between 10 a.m. and 12 noon in the same period (E).

📞 (+45) 33 40 31 87, fredensborg@slke.dk, www.kongehuset.dk.

Fredensborg Palace Chapel is part of the guided tour. Services are held most Sundays and public holidays (not 1st July – 11th August).

FREDENSBORG PALACE GARDENS are some of Denmark's biggest historic gardens. They were laid out by Johan Cornelius Krieger at the same time as the palace was built, but was converted to French Baroque by Nicolas-Henri Jardin in 1759–65. Johannes Wiedewelt created many of the sculptures in the gardens, for example in the avenue Brede Allé. Several of the long avenues in the gardens have been restored, so the gardens again appear as a French Baroque garden.

🕒 All year round (F). 📞 33 95 42 00.

Sailing on Lake Esrum starts from Chaluphuset in May–October (E).

📞 (+45) 48 48 01 07.

🕒 Open 📞 Information 👤 Guided tours (E) Entrance fee (F) Free





THE PRIVATE GARDENS consist of an ornamental garden and nursery with a herb garden as well as the royal couple's orangery, which is used for winter storage of exotic plants. The exuberant herb garden delivers fresh flowers and vegetables to the royal household.

- 🕒 The Private Gardens: July 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (F).
- 🏡 The Orangery and Herb Garden: 1st July – 11. August 1 p.m.–4.30 p.m. In English 2.30 p.m. (E). Large groups can book guided tours 10 a.m.–12 noon (E).
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FREDERIKSBORG CASTLE AND CASTLE GARDENS

DK-3400 HILLERØD



FREDERIKSBORG CASTLE – DENMARK'S MOST MAGNIFICENT RENAISSANCE CASTLE

King Frederik II gave his name to the place, but it was his son Christian IV who built the Renaissance castle in 1600–1621. Frederiksborg Castle burned down in 1859, but was rebuilt and furnished as a museum on the initiative of the founder of the Carlsberg brewery. The National History Museum at Frederiksborg Castle illustrates the history of Denmark with a significant collection of portraits, history paintings, art and furniture from the last five centuries.

- 🕒 April–October 10 a.m.–5 p.m., November–March 11 a.m.–3 p.m. (E).
- 📞 (+45) 48 26 04 39, www.dnm.dk

EXHIBITIONS

SØREN KIERKEGAARD AND THE DANISH GOLDEN AGE, 25th April – 11th November.

PORTRAIT NOW! Brewer J.C. Jacobsen's Portrait Prize. 4th May – 28th July

DENMARK AND THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE 1600–1900.

Opens 31st August.

THE CHAPEL WING was spared when Frederiksborg Palace burnt down in 1859. It reflects the magnificence of the original castle. Every year several concerts are held in the chapel, and each Thursday you can experience concerts on the historic Compenius Organ from 1610. Outside services there is access to the castle chapel through the museum (E).

FREDERIKSBORG CASTLE GARDENS consist of two sections. In the Romantic part of the garden you will find Frederik II's small Bath House. The large Italian-inspired Baroque garden has been recreated after studies of Johan Cornelius Krieger's complex from 1725. It is worth seeing for its box-tree monograms, and its cascades. The history of the gardens can also be experienced through a mobile guide. An outdoor exhibition tells the story of the development of the castle gardens.

- 🕒 Frederiksborg Castle Gardens are always open (F).
- 📞 (+45) 33 95 42 00. The Baroque garden is open all year round from 10 a.m. until sunset, but until 9 p.m. at the latest (F). The cascades and fountain are active from 1st May up to and including Week 42 during opening hours.
- 🏡 Group tours all year round (E): www.slke.dk or (+45) 33 92 65 85.

- 🕒 Ferry on the Castle Lake: 15th May–15th September Monday–Saturday 11 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.–5 p.m. It also sails during the autumn holidays 12th October–20st October all days 12 a.m.–4 p.m.
- 📞 Visitnordsjælland.Hillerød (+45) 48 24 26 26, hnu@visitnordsjaelland.com, www.visitnordsjaelland.com



HILLERØD TOWN MUSEUM (The Folk Museum) on the outskirts of Frederiksborg Castle Gardens deals with the unusual history of the town from its origins in the mid-1500s around Frederiksborg Castle up until today. You can find the museum at Jægerbakken on Helsingørsgade.

- 🕒 May–October: Tuesday–Sunday 11 a.m.–4 p.m. (E). Friday (F).
- 📞 (+45) 48 24 34 48, www.folkemuseet.dk

KRONBORG CASTLE

DK-3000 HELSINGØR



KRONBORG CASTLE – VISIT HAMLET'S CASTLE

Kronborg is a must-see! 'Hamlet's Castle of Elsinore' is a world heritage site with soaring towers, a huge banqueting hall and damp casemates. There are few sites in the world where so much drama and history are gathered in one place. Here the cannon-surrounded fortress on the Danish coast merges with the luxurious Renaissance castle. Here the hero Holger Danske's mighty sword meets Shakespeare's equally mighty pen – as the ghost of Prince Hamlet glides through the passages. No wonder this magical place has been added to UNESCO's World Heritage List.

It was King Frederik II who built it in 1574-1585 at the narrowest neck of the Sound between Denmark and Sweden. Inside the castle, an interactive exhibition tells the story of the castle and how it was used by the Renaissance kings. A damp, musty smell greets you when you move down the stairs to the casemates beneath the castle. Here the ancient Danish hero Holger Danske sits ready to be roused to battle if Denmark needs him. 'Hamlet's Castle of Elsinore' offers enough experiences for a whole day – but can still be seen in an hour.

EXHIBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

IN HAMLET'S FOOTSTEPS: Guided tour in June–August at 4 p.m.

SHAKESPEARE AT HAMLET'S CASTLE: 1st – 10th August

KING LEAR – By Shakespeare's Globe, 1st–3th August at 8 p.m.

DER KAUFMANN VON VENIDIG – By Staatsscahuspiel

Dresden 7th–9th August at 8 p.m.

See more at www.hamletscenen.dk.

🕒 June–August 10 a.m.–5.30 p.m. April and October: Tuesday–Sunday 11 a.m.–4 p.m. November–March: Tuesday–Sunday 11 a.m.–3 p.m. (E).

📞 (+45) 49 21 30 78, kronborg@slke.dk, www.kronborg.dk

THE RAMPARTS

Kronborg is a castle that is in constant development. The Kronborg fortifications have been restored, and the abandoned shipyard area in front of the fortress has been converted into a culture area. Artists have opened workshops and galleries in the old barrack buildings.

🕒 Much of the rampart area is open 24 hours a day. The coastal batteries are open all year round from 6 a.m. until sunset (F).

📞 (+45) 49 21 30 78.

M/S MARITIME MUSEUM OF DENMARK DANISH

Opens 29th June right outside the fortifications of Kronborg Castle. The new museum opens in spectacular architecture designed by BIG. The museum tells the story of how Denmark as a seafaring nation plays an important role in the World.

🕒 As the castle (E).

📞 (+45) 49 28 02 00, info@mfs.dk, www.mfs.dk

SORGENFRI PALACE AND PALACE GARDENS

KONGEVEJEN 8, DK-2800 LYNGBY



SORGENFRI PALACE – THE PALACE OF PRINCE KNUD

The palace was originally built as a country seat in 1706 at the same time as the Baroque garden was established. The present palace from 1756 is now in the Neoclassicist style. Right down until today the palace has been used as a residence for the members of the Royal Family, among others Queen Margrethe II's uncle, Prince Knud, and his wife, Princess Caroline-Mathilde.

The palace is closed to the public.

SORGENFRI PALACE GARDENS is a tranquil, wooded natural garden laid out around the lake Lyngby Sø and Mølleådal. Around 1800 the garden was converted from a Baroque to a Romantic garden, with winding paths and small buildings elegantly placed in the landscape, including 'the Swiss House', 'the Grotto' and 'the Queen's Well'.

🕒 All year round (F). The Private Garden is closed to the public.

📞 (+45) 33 95 42 00.

🕒 Open 📞 Information 🗺 Guided tours (E) Entrance fee (F) Free



JUTLAND AND FUNEN

In order to rule the kingdom the Danish kings had castles all over the country.

To this day one can experience a sense of grandeur at the high-lying, massive Koldinghus Castle or in the atmospheric Nyborg Castle's Danehofsal (National Assembly Hall). In contrast to these we have the luxuriant gardens around the bright, friendly Gråsten Palace.



GRÅSTEN PALACE AND PALACE GARDENS

DK-6300 GRÅSTEN



GRÅSTEN PALACE – QUEEN INGRID'S SUMMER RESIDENCE

Throughout her life in Denmark the Swedish-born Queen Ingrid (late mother of the present Queen) enjoyed gathering her family around her at Gråsten Palace. In 1935 she married Prince Frederik, later King Frederik IX, and they were given the palace as a summer residence. Today the palace is at the disposal of Queen Margrethe II. There have been several palaces at the site; the present palace is from 1759. The Palace Chapel open to the public.

GRÅSTEN PALACE CHAPEL in the north wing is all that is left of Count Frederik Ahlefeldt's large Baroque palace from the seventeenth century. The chapel interior is richly decorated with a grand altarpiece and about 80 paintings. There are public services as well as cultural events in the chapel.

🕒 April–October: Wednesday 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.–12 noon, Sundays and public holidays 2 p.m.–4 p.m., provided the Royal Family are not at the palace or services are being held (F).

GRÅSTEN PALACE GARDENS is an English-inspired landscape garden that sits beautifully and naturally in the South Jutland landscape. In the summer season great beds of roses and perennials are radiant with a wealth of colours.

🕒 November–February 7.30 a.m.–4.30 p.m. March and October 7.30 a.m.–6 p.m. April 7.30 a.m.–7 p.m. May–September 7.30 a.m.–8 p.m. Opening hours apply only when the Royal family are not at home in the palace (F).

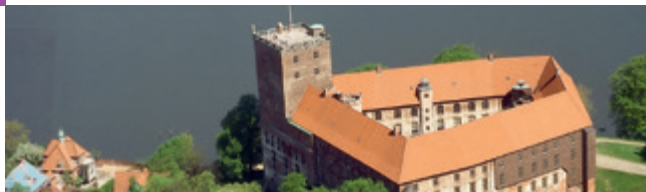
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👤 for groups in the gardens and palace chapel (E) can be booked from Sønderborg Tourist Office. (+45) 74 42 35 55, www.visitsonderborg.com



KOLDINGHUS CASTLE

DK-6000 KOLDING



KOLDINGHUS – FROM RUIN TO CASTLE

The present buildings of Koldinghus Castle are from the 15th and 16th centuries, but Koldinghus was given its characteristic profile when the young Christian IV built the Great Tower around 1600. In 1808 the castle burned down when Spanish troops were billeted there and lay in ruins for many years. In the 1980s the castle ruin was subjected to an award-winning restoration with deliberate use of materials that are different from the original ones.

Today the castle houses a museum and has emerged as a sightseeing attraction of great historical and architectural value where, besides big international temporary exhibitions, one can see art and the country's biggest collection of modern Danish silver.

- 🕒 10 a.m.–5 p.m. except 24th, 25th and 31st December and 1st January (E).
- 📞 (+45) 76 33 81 00, museum@koldinghus.dk, www.koldinghus.dk

EXHIBITIONS

EVACUATED TO KOLDING, Finnish children displaced during the Second World War, 25th May – 18th August.

DANCE, JOURNEY, JOY, Hans Voigt Steffensen, 8th June – 1st September.

CLOTHES MAKE THE MOVIE, Historical movie costumes from Denmark and around the world 21st September – 12th January 2014.

SILVERSMITH OF THE YEAR 2013, 11st October – 24th November.

KOLDINGHUS STABLE YARD is part of the castle complex around Koldinghus. This was where the King kept his horses. Today there are sometimes public events at the Stable Yard and historic wine fields have just been re-established.

- 🕒 All year round (F). (+45) 74 65 14 54.

NYBORG CASTLE

SLOTSGADE 34, DK-5800 NYBORG



NYBORG CASTLE

– ONE OF DENMARK'S OLDEST ROYAL RESIDENCES

The history of the castle goes all the way back to around 1170. It was the site of the assemblies of the Danish Parliament, the so-called Danehof, in the early Middle Ages. Today there is a museum in the preserved main building.

ACTIVITIES

DANEHOF 2013 And the great medieval tournament 6th–7th July
KNIGHTS OF THE NOTHERN KINGDOM 14th–15th September

- 🕒 Tuesday–Sunday in the periods April–May and September–October, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. June–August 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- 👥 for groups can be booked all year round (E).
- 📞 (+45) 65 31 02 07, nyborgslot@ostfynsmuseer.dk, www.nyborgslot.dk, www.danmarksrigeshjerte.dk



SPØTTRUP CASTLE

BORGEN 6A, DK-7860 SPØTTRUP



SPØTTRUP CASTLE – ONE OF DENMARK'S BEST PRESERVED MEDIEVAL CASTLES

Spøttrup Castle is from the beginning of the 16th century and looks like a real robber baron's castle with its moat, ramparts and high walls with embrasures. The Castle Museum offers insight into the life of the people who lived, fought and worked at the castle through the ages.

ACTIVITIES

BISHOP'S MARKET, THE BIGGEST MEDIEVAL MARKET IN WESTERN JUTLAND, in week 30

🕒 17th April–30th April 11 a.m.–5 p.m., May–June 10 a.m.–5 p.m., July 10 a.m.–6 p.m., August–September 10 a.m.–5 p.m., October 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Can be opened by appointment outside opening hours (E). Free admission for children.

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THE OLD MEDICINAL HERB GARDEN is divided into rectangular beds of medicinal and aromatic herbs. Here there is a space to enjoy a picnic at the tables made available to the public, or you can visit the small Spøttrup restaurant. There is also a playground.

🕒 All year round (F). 📞 (+45) 33 95 42 00.

SØNDERBORG CASTLE

SØNDERBRO 1, DK-6400 SØNDERBORG



SØNDERBORG CASTLE – CHRISTIAN II'S PRISON

The castle was built in the 13th century and became one of the strongest fortresses of the kingdom in the Middle Ages. It was rebuilt 1550–1560 as a Renaissance complex. The castle

chapel, Queen Dorothea's Chapel – is today one of Europe's few preserved princely chapels from the Reformation, and houses Denmark's oldest pure Renaissance interior. Today the castle houses the Museum of South Jutland History with exhibitions about among other things the history of the castle and King Christian II as well as the Schleswig-Holstein Wars 1848 and 1864 and the First World War. There is a café in the castle kitchen in the summer.

🕒 May–September 10 a.m.–5 p.m. November–March: Tuesday–Sunday 1 p.m.–4 p.m. October and April: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Holiday period and public holidays extra opening hours (E).

📞 (+45) 74 42 25 39. <http://www.museum-sonderjylland.dk/sonderborg.html>. The ramparts and gardens around Sønderborg Castle are always open to the public (F). (+45) 33 95 42 00.

AALBORGHUS CASTLE

SLOTSPLADSEN 1, DK-9000 AALBORG



AALBORGHUS – A CASTLE IN HALF-TIMBERING

Aalborghus is a beautiful half-timbered castle built by the Limfjord by King Christian III in the years 1539–1555. In 1808–09 a free-standing building was added. The gloom of the dungeon and the casemates, where there is also an exhibition, contrasts with the otherwise so idyllic complex. The original ramparts around the castle can be seen in the gardens.

The castle is closed to the public.

🕒 Castle courtyard and ramparts: All year round 8 a.m.–9 p.m. Dungeon: May–October: Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

The casemates are open May–October 8 a.m.–9 p.m. (F).

📞 www.visitaalborg.com, 99 31 75 00.



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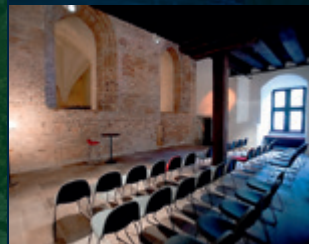
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