Cultural Copenhagen [1]

Culture vultures will be well satisfied by Copenhagen's many eye-opening offerings. The compact city is full of galleries, theatres, dance performances, film and live music venues. All are easily reached on foot, by bike or by public transport.

Theatres

From the impressive old Royal Danish Theatre [2] on the King's New Square (Kongens Nytorv) to the brand new Royal Danish Playhouse [3] (Skuespilhuset) on the waterfront, Copenhagen is buzzing with Danish and international theatre. See venues and highlighted plays on the VisitCopenhagen website [4].

Art

The city is packed with art galleries in classic settings as well as new up-and-coming venues. With world-class contemporary art galleries all over Copenhagen, the whole area is an art-lovers' paradise. See a full guide on the VisitCopenhagen website [5].

Live music

With everything from the dramatic new National Concert Hall [6] to underground dance clubs, you'll find your taste for live music satisfied in Copenhagen. The city is also home to the annual Copenhagen Jazz Festival [7]. See a full guide on the VisitCopenhagen website [8].

Opera

The stunning Copenhagen Opera House [9] (Operaen) is worth a visit in itself. Built in 2005 and designed by world-renowned architect, Henning Larsen, the building dominates the waterfront across from Amalienborg Palace [10]. You can visit by boat, foot, bus or bike but remember to wear your finery for an evening performance!

Dance

There are many exciting dance venues and festivals in Copenhagen for you to enjoy. In particular, Dansehallerne [11]; a cool centre near the old Carlsberg brewery, [12] where you can catch the best international and Danish contemporary dancers. The Royal Danish Ballet [13] is also an experience. If you are here in August, don't miss the Royal Danish Ballet's open-air performance at Copenhagen's old fortress, Kastellet [14].

Cinemas

You can see new films and old classics at cinemas across the city [15]. Copenhagen has a number of large multiplexes, as well as smaller, intimate cinemas that show art-house film. The city also hosts big film festivals, such as CPH: DOX, [16] the documentary film festival in November, and CPH: PIX [17], the annual international film festival each April.

Further reading

Read more about Copenhagen [18].

Book a hotel in Copenhagen [19].