Copenhagen on two wheels [1]

If the thought of experiencing a capital city on two wheels scares you, Copenhagen will soon change your mind. The city is built for cyclists and you'll see more bikes than cars in the city centre. A third of Copenhageners commute to work by bicycle and it's not unusual to see people in suits, heels and skirts effortlessly pedalling past.

Built for bike lanes

Copenhagen is covered by 350km of cycle paths and lanes which are raised from the road and really safe to cycle on. Some city junctions even have flashing lights when cyclists approach to warn drivers before they turn.

The world's best cycle city

For two years running, Copenhagen has been voted the best cycle city by US sustainability experts <u>Treehugger</u> [2]. Copenhagen excels because of its many, broad and widely-used cycle lanes. As well as that, it's only a short ride north or south of the city to fantastic beaches, forests, parkland and other attractions.

Rent or borrow a bike

You don't need to bring a bike to Copenhagen to see the city on two wheels. There are loads of bike rental shops [3] dotted around the city. Expect to pay around 75kr for a day's rental and 350kr for a week.

For an even cheaper alternative, you can borrow a completely <u>free city bike</u> [4] to tour the centre of the city. Just put a 20kr coin into the free bike at the special bike stands around the city and you'll get the deposit back when you lock the bike back up at any of the stands.

This <u>City Bike Map</u> [5] shows you where you can cycle with these bikes in the city and where to find stands.

Bringing a bike on the metro and train

When you pay for an S-train ride in Copenhagen, you can take your bike along with you. If you'd like to take your bike along on the regional trains around Copenhagen or on the metro [6], you'll need to buy an extra bike ticket, as well as your fare. Find out more about this at the station.

Cycling trips around Copenhagen

You'll find everything from coast and castles to galleries and the great outdoors accessible by bike from Copenhagen. Here are some possible day-trip destinations:

Amager Beach [7]

5km south-east of Copenhagen 5km of white sand beach, islands, parkland and dunes. Public transport: Metro, Amager Strand station

<u>|ægersborg Deer Park [8] and Bakken Amusement Park [9], Klampenborg</u>

13km north of Copenhagen

Forest parkland full of red deer and home to the world's oldest amusement park, Bakken.

Public transport: S-train, Klampenborg station

Bellevue Beach [10], Klampenborg

13km north of Copenhagen

Popular sandy beach, summer playground of many Copenhageners.

Public transport: S-train, Klampenborg station

Rungstedlund [11], Rungsted

28km north of Copenhagen

Home and final resting place of the world-famous author, <u>Karen Blixen</u> [12], now a peaceful museum overlooking the sea.

Public transport: Regional train to Rungsted

Louisiana [13], Humlebæk

39km north of Copenhagen

Denmark's most popular modern art museum.

Public transport: Regional train to Humlebæk

Kronborg Castle [14], Helsingør

47km north of Copenhagen

Hamlet's castle, now a World Heritage Site [15].

Public transport: Regional train to Helsingør

Frederiksborg Castle [16], Hillerød

38km north-west of Copenhagen

Stunning renaissance castle from the 1600s.

Public transport: S-train to Hillerød

Viking Ship Museum [17], Roskilde

36km west of Copenhagen

See 5 original Viking longboats found at the bottom of Roskilde Fjord.

Public transport: Regional train to Roskilde

Arken [18], Ishøj

19km south of Copenhagen

A striking museum of modern art.

Public transport: S-train to Ishøj

Dragør [19]

13km south-east of Copenhagen

Idyllic old harbour town with houses and cobbled streets from the 1700 and 1800s.

Public transport: You'll need to cycle or bus it here!

Further reading

Read more about Cycling in Denmark [20]. Read more about <u>Copenhagen</u> [21]. Book a hotel in Copenhagen [22].