

It's a Beer World: Copenhagen

VISIT EUROPE'S newest beer destination, Copenhagen!

In the past you had a choice of two beers in Denmark, Carlsberg or Tuborg, but in the last few years lots of micro-breweries have sprung up, making Denmark a close rival to Britain and Belgium for real ale.

Even Carlsberg now brew real ale with their 'Semper Ardens' and 'Jacobsen' brands. Their brewery is worth visiting to see the huge stone elephants which hold up the front gate.

The rather disappointing brewery tour is optional but you do get a couple of samples at the end. On the way back from stop off at **Vinstue 90** which serves draught unfiltered Carlsberg. It takes 20mins to pour and has a head like an ice cream cone.

There are four micro-breweries in the city. **Bryggeriet Apollo**, near the station, has one regular brew and occasional specials. **Færgeskroen**, inside the Tivoli Gardens, brews two beers whilst **BrewPub København**, closest to the Strøget (main street) has over a dozen. **Nørrebro Bryghus** - a short walk out of town but well worth it - also has over a dozen beers.

As for bars, the **Lord Nelson** serves a selection of 14 beers from Danish micro-breweries and **Charlie's Bar** serves six English real ales and lots of other European brews.

More pubs are listed at www.europeanbeerguide.net and www.adrianbell.co.uk. Note that pubs stay open very late Fri-Sat but Sundays are quiet. A metric pint (50cl) in Copenhagen will typically cost about £4.50, however other costs are reasonable. There are restaurants and cafes to suit all budgets along the Strøget, and you are never far from a kebab/pizza shop or a hot-dog stand.

Sights include four royal palaces, the Tivoli Gardens (Apr-Sept), Nyhavn, and even a

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mermaid. Other things to do include boat trips along the canals and harbour, and you can even borrow a free bike (£2 deposit). More details at www.copenhagen.com and www.visitcopenhagen.dk.

Accommodation can be booked online through the latter from £35 per night single or £45 double.

Flights can be booked from Newcastle with www.scandinavian.net but prices vary wildly for no logical reason: just keep trying every day until you get a price near £130, which is about as cheap as you will get. The airport is a 15min train ride from the centre (about £3). Alternatively, you could take a cruise with DFDS Seaways (www.dfds.co.uk).

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