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As part of a new series, *ELLE*'s international editors guide us through the best of their home cities — first up, Copenhagen, Brussels and Vilnius; and inside Cathrine Raben Davidsen's artful sanctuary.

City Limits

NO-ONE KNOWS A CITY'S COOLEST PLACES TO EAT, DRINK AND SHOP LIKE THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE. SO WE ASKED THE TEAMS FROM *ELLE'S* INTERNATIONAL EDITIONS TO SHARE THEIR FAVOURITE LOCAL PLACES



Copenhagen

DENMARK

FROM THE NYHAVN CANAL TO THE DISTRICTS OF NORREBRO AND VESTERBRO, THE CITY IS AWASH WITH THE FAMOUS HYGGE. THIS ART OF LIVING HAS MADE THE DANES THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, AND THE MOST ECO-FRIENDLY, TOO, WITH GREEN SPACES AND ECO-NEIGHBOURHOODS

TRENDY EATERY

Esmée

Tucked away off Kongens Nytorv, the city's largest square, this bustling brasserie could be mistaken for a modern orangery with its decor of marble walls and lush greenery. Chef Andreas Bagh adds a fresh Nordic touch to classic French cuisine. Try the grilled Danish turbot served with mussel sauce and seasonal greens. For dessert, the tarte aux pommes cocktail will satisfy your sweet tooth.

Kongens Nytorv 8, esmee.dk

CHARMING HOTEL

Coco Hotel

From the Copenhagen Food Collective, this solar-powered boutique hotel is both design- and sustainability-forward. Housed in a classic building, 89 light-filled rooms exude Nordic charm. True to its foodie roots, the all-day Coco Café and wine bar, complete with an internal courtyard, serves Scandinavian breakfasts, small plates and evening drinks in a lively, bistro-like setting.

Vesterbrogade 41, coco-hotel.com

LOCAL FOOD HOTSPOT

Restaurant Møntergade

At the intersection of Gammel Mønt and Møntergade, where fine institutions have written gastronomic history for decades, this restaurant serves delightful Danish cuisine with a French touch. Fresh herring, marinated, spiced or served with chutney and capers, dominates the lunch menu; for dinner, go for the braised pork cheek with fried foie gras. End the night at their bar Apéro just across the street in the legendary red house.

Møntergade 19, montergade.dk

BUZZING BAR

TATA

Just like its namesake, the red velvet curtain at the Danish Royal Theatre, TATA is not short of decadent, vintage charm. Here, it's the bartenders who are putting on a show, serving classic and house cocktails named after operas (such as Beethoven's *Fidelio*). On Fridays and Saturdays, step onto the greenery-covered rooftop terrace and choose from a menu of aperitivos.

Tordenskjoldsgade 15, hotelsanders.com

PAMPER PLACES

AIRE Ancient Baths Copenhagen

The former Carlsberg factory, dating back to 1881, is now a candle-lit temple of relaxation that offers soul-enriching massages and thermal baths, inspired by ancient Roman, Greek and Ottoman traditions.

Vej 101, beaire.com

Ara'kai Beauty

Fashion expert Heydi Vásquez's beauty sanctuary can be found in a pastel-green, 250-year-old townhouse with natural wood interiors. Go for a result-driven facial, and browse the best of clean, sustainable beauty from global artisans. Above the boutique, the Ara'Kai universe continues with Pilates, yoga, meditation and even sound baths.

Ny Carlsberg Gammel Mønt 21, arakaibeauty.com

Beauty Avenue

An eco-friendly spa and brow bar that specialises in all-natural facials, state-of-the-art treatments, luxury mani-pedis and more. At its in-house apothecary lab on the second floor, herbalist and holistic beauty pioneer Stella Nisreen Kanaan concocts plant-based, herbal products from Beauty Avenue's own organic beauty brand.

Allegade 24A, 1st Floor, beautyavenue.dk

IT FASHION DESIGNER

MKDT Studio

Established more than a decade ago, this luxury brand is known for its impeccable tailoring, construction and fine textiles. Creative director Caroline Engelgaard is the mastermind behind expertly pleated maxi skirts and capes, supple silk and cashmere, sharp lines, curved edges and ruffles. The art of sculpture in fashion form.

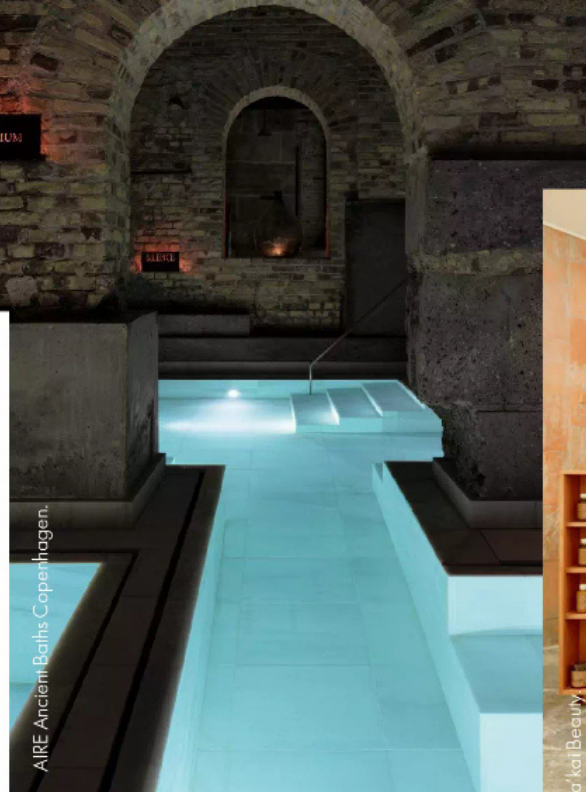
Store Strandstraede 9, mkdstudio.com

STYLE HUB

Storm

One of the highest-profile concept stores in Scandinavia and Europe, Storm has been a trendsetter since 1994. Shop curated labels from Thom Browne to Celine, as well as collections made in collaboration with local upcoming brands. Beyond fashion, dive into beauty products, music, magazines, books and ever-changing exhibitions.

Store Regnegade 1, stormfashion.dk



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HOTTEST NIGHT OUT

Søpavillonen

Built in the 19th century for the Copenhagen Ice Skating Club, the historic pavilion at The Lakes is currently a cocktail bar and nightclub, shining bright on the waterfront. Drawing the city's fashion crowd with its central location and sleek interiors, it promises a night to remember, with an energetic mix of top 40s, house, hip-hop and electro.

Gyldenløvesgade 24, soepavillonen.dk

SECRET ESCAPE

Rudolph Tegner's Museum & Statue Park

Designed by Danish sculptor Rudolph Tegner in the late 1930s to house his own original works, this museum is a concrete treasure trove of modernist art. The experience continues in the Statue Park, where 14 of his sculptures, including the 1916 bronze *King Oedipus and Antigone*, proudly stand against a backdrop of heather and sea views.

Museumsvej 19, rudolphtegner.dk



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