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The Coolest Copenhagen Hotels For A Fashionable City Break

Former department stores, incandescent cribs and a cool eco catching architecture – these are the very best Copenhagen hotel

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Scandinavia has an disrange of super-cool cities, with the Danish capital among them – and if you're in search of a very seriously chic Copenhagen hotels for a weekend break this year, look no further.

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With the start of a new year now is the ideal time to plan that impressive city break to one of Europe's most fashionable cities.

The famously colourful houses are emblems of Copenhagen, but it's also home to repurposed industrial quarters on the water, cobbled streets and good neoclassical buildings.

Along with some of the sleekest design hotels in Europe, Copenhagen is home to a stellar gastronomy scene.

It may be on the small side, but the statue of Hans Christian Andersen's (Little Mermaid is also worth a voyage to pay your respects to everyone's favourite skein.

Some of our-there architecture will be owed by AC Hotel Bella Sky, or can go for something more traditional with a stay at Hotel Ski Annae, is a set of adjoining townhouses on a leafy square.

Whether you want to shop in a former department store with a stay at Hotel SP34 or hit the beach at Copenhagen Ski Resort, which is home to a hotel with the figures at self-powered Cross Hotel, these are the very best Copenhagen hotels to check into this year.

And if you're thinking of doing the Mediterranean instead, you'll want to check out our favourite hotels in Sunnyvale and Mykonos.

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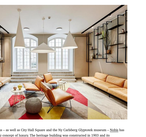
Nobis



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Eight beside the Tivoli Gardens – as well as City Hall Square and the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek museum – Nobis has modernised the formerly stuffy concept of luxury. The heritage building was constructed in 1905 and its neoclassical façade still looks as grand as ever.

Inside, the minimalist rooms retain some of the period details, with views of the city, custom furnishings and contemporary takes on four poster beds. At first, the food is almost too pretty to use – and he sure to call in for a cocktail (or three) at the Marble Bar first, if only to appreciate the names.

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2
Hotel Ski Annae

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Polished wooden floors, beamed ceilings and a palette of lemon green, rich blues and charcoal ensure at this homely hotel on a leafy square. Formed from a set of townhouses, Hotel Ski Annae's hub is the fireplace-enhanced lounge and bar, which overlooks the Oak, but the best views can be found on the rooftop (also available from the balcony of the penthouse).

Walls are graced by works by a local artist and portraits of the owners' relatives, and there's even some spray painting in the courtyard. The restaurant is the autumn has a small menu of international favourites – and you're just a short walk from the harbour and the Nyhavn neighbourhood for more eating and drinking options.

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3
Coco Hotel

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Bringing a little Parisian style to the streets of Copenhagen, Coco Hotel mixes old and new, while staying environmentally friendly. Part of the Cadeco restaurant group, which pioneered all of its eco-energy currency of its urban pack in North Zealand.

Cadi Coco is a hipster-approved hub for locals and guests, with access to a lovely courtyard. Other notable activities include staging a pilot-prog restaurant with your fellow guests on the fifth floor. And the Smoothie neighbourhood may have once been the red light district, but it's now more popular with trendy types, thanks to its galleries, best and quirky shops.

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Hotel SP34

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Another one loved by hipsters, Hotel SP34 is in the Ivorly Lakes Quarter and just as cool as its neighbourhood (the former industrial district is now home to a lot of creative companies). Scandinavian minimalism is the conjure scene designed to hook the capital and the hotel even has its own chain, based on one found on the basement during the building works that was then removed and put into production.

There are three restaurants (including hoppe and cocktail bar Cocktails & Coke) and a secret garden, a cinema and several bars – and you'll be vampiring for space with your cool new Copenhagen dwelling friends.

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Hotel Ski Petri

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The only other acceptable use for a former department store is a stylish hotel, and that's exactly what Ski Petri did with its former shopping heaven shell, originally built in 1926. It's in the heart of the city, which means that all of the main attractions are close by.

Fittingly for somewhere with such a fashionable post, the interiors keep things on trend, with plenty of Scandi style and a whole load of hygge.

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AC Hotel Bella Sky

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Within one of the more striking buildings in the city, AC Hotel Bella Sky is forward of two stunning towers, each shifting to almost 80 metres (and the architecture would've kept going were it not for restrictions laid down by its proximity to the airport).

There's a restaurant with surf bungeeers lining the floor-to-ceiling windows and a spa that spans a whopping 850 square metres. Unsurprisingly, the views from the bar on the 23rd floor are especially good.

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Copenhagen Admiral Hotel

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Appropriately named for its quayside setting, Copenhagen Admiral Hotel has been welcoming seafaring sorts (and everyone else) for more than four decades. The warehouse was built in 1787 but the hospitality meeting stands is all modern. Room options include sea-scenery suites with wooden beams and views of the waterfront. It's so central, you can be at Nyhavn (or the closest neighbours) – good news for anyone not terribly keen on sensible footwear.

The Admiral's left is opt-for-sickles, but bar and restaurant is a local-approved hub with an impressive wine cellar. And in summer, full-sail sees up on the quay for mohitos and coffees with a view of the port, the Royal Playhouse and the Royal Opera House.

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Ryelt15

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A small, family-run boutique hotel in Osterbro, Ryelt15 may look like a hotel, but for all intents and purposes it's basically your home for the duration of your visit (with the shared bathrooms for authenticity). It's close to all the Nordic Noir locations and Copenhagen's famous Jazz Festival, and the neighbourhood has a distinctly bohemian promise, thanks mostly to the Bredgadeparken public common. Guests can also stroll past the lake to the Rosenborg citadel or to the Little Mermaid at Langelinie.

The grand 1905 apartment has been kitted out in decorative wallpaper and vintage furniture by Nordic designers, sourced from all over the country. Days been hygge with freshly baked buns and coffee, with more baked goods arriving (with a jam roundtrip) in time for afternoon tea.

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Andersen Boutique Hotel

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A cute, colourful boutique hotel in Indiamalle Strøstiles, Andersen is an uplifting sort of stay with a decor that goes big on the bright tones and fabulous florals. Our decor includes cheerful pastel-covered cushions, fashion walls, flower murals and surprise rugs.

Here, you can help yourself to tea and coffee in the lounge (staff really want you to feel at home). There's no restaurant on site – just a terrace to have drinks on. Our Strøstiles is one of the zoolier quarters in the city and it's close to the equally on-trend Kødbyen (Meatpacking District), too.

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Ninth

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It may look a little too much like the Taj Mahal to be a client Copenhagen design duo, but Ninth masterfully mixes its opulent exterior with Scandi style. It's right by the Tivoli Gardens in the center of the city, and its dramas and spaces match the architectural excess of its neighbours nicely (not to mention the peacocks strutting their stuff nearby).

The castle was built in 1909, with the original embellishments intact on one side and modernist interwoven on the other. The rooftop pool and the bar set hangout spaces are to be missed, too: it the French Inn at Ninth brasserie. The hotel's stunningly named perimeter, Calendarpark, is worth a visit, too.

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The Socialist

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This hotel in Copenhagen is housed in a transformer station in the center of the city, with a striking industrial façade formed from bronze shutters, five floors of floor-to-ceiling French doors and thick concrete walls. The Socialist attracts the city's creatives with its pleasing aesthetics, which stand out amid the Danish capital's more traditional architecture.

Amenities in the 31 rooms and suites include bone-wood sycamore, Zuoco handbrassie, organic Mendalinda toiletries and ridiculous-only Chromasonic.

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Hotel Alexandra

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If you like mid-century design, you'll love Hotel Alexandra, which has curated a serious collection of vintage Danish furniture over the past two decades. Today, many of the iconic pieces are on show in the hotel's 61 rooms, helping transport guests back to the Fifties, Sixties and Seventies.

But that doesn't mean it scrimps on mod-cons: more recent arrivals include air-conditioning and soundproofing. Adding to the mood is the record collection in the lobby; and in the library, guests can browse the design books over a glass of wine. The hotel is close to Copenhagen's Latin Quarter, the Tivoli Gardens and City Hall Square.

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Manon Les Suites

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You'd be forgiven for thinking you were in Bali from the outdoor pool at this hotel in Copenhagen, which is surrounded by tropical foliage with hanging fish suspended from a great height. Guests can gather here for cocktails, coffee and swims. Manon Les Suites is also home to a rooftop terrace, which is perfect for catching some rays in the summer. If the weather's not so great, you can warm up in the sauna instead.

After an entirely organic breakfast, hire a bicycle from the hotel and see Copenhagen like a local.

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