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See the best of old and new architecture side-by-side in perfect harmony in the City of Spires.

A city at the cutting edge

For a small city, Copenhagen punches way above its weight in terms of world-class architecture. This is thanks to the wealth of home-grown talent and a national desire to make buildings that are both beautiful and sustainable. The city also has a venerable history in architecture and is home to some of the world's most recognisable names in the business. In 2013, British design magazine Monocle named Copenhagen "[Most liveable city](#)". [2]

Big international names

As well as home-grown talents, internationally renowned architects have added their unique stamp to many of Copenhagen's landmarks. [Sir Norman Foster](#) [3] recently designed the [Elephant House](#) [4] at [Copenhagen Zoo](#) [5]. Iranian architect [Zaha Hadid](#) [6] was responsible for the new design of [Ordrupgaard Art Museum](#) [7]. Wander Copenhagen's streets to spot more great buildings by world-class architects.

Boutique hotel mecca

For lovers of beautiful things, Copenhagen has a great selection of well-known and up-and-coming design and boutique hotels. These offer you unique rooms with opulent details. [Hotel Alexandra](#) [8], for example, is the only Danish retro design hotel in Copenhagen.

As well as Danish design classics, there are many new hotels that offer one-of-a-kind sleeping experiences and are making their own names in the popular design and boutique hotel sector. Many, such as [Hotel Fox](#) [9], have had everything down to their furniture specially designed for them.

From the opulent new [Nimb Hotel](#) [10] in Tivoli Gardens to the ultra-popular [Hotel Sankt Petri](#) [11], hangout of the stars, it's easy to treat yourself to a luxurious design hotel break in Copenhagen.

The world's first design hotel

The [Radisson Blu Royal Hotel](#) [12], Copenhagen, is celebrated as the world's first design hotel. It was designed inside and outside in 1960 by world-renowned architect Arne Jacobsen. Room 606 still features Arne Jacobsen's original layout and furnishings.

Carlsberg district

The historical [Carlsberg brewery](#) [13] still stands in Valby, Copenhagen, though production has long since moved elsewhere. You can visit the current site and soak up some of the scale and atmosphere of this Danish institution before everything changes in the very near future.

You will soon be able to enjoy the Carlsberg Brand and Experience Centre here, which will be called [The Brewhouse](#) [14]. Impressive plans for the centre have been unveiled and the site will include a roof-top bar, infinity pool and heated spa as well as climbing wall, nightclub and museum. The Centre is the start of a big plan to regenerate the whole area.

Ørestad

[Ørestad](#) [15] is one of the city's newest districts and it's a startling mix of experimental housing and uniquely designed attractions. [Bella Sky](#) [16] dominates this part of the city - a twisted, white-washed hotel overlooking the [Bella Center](#) [17], the largest conference centre in Scandinavia.

Architectural superstar Bjarke Ingels designed a number of eye-catching buildings in the area, such as the [8 House](#) [18] and the Mountain Dwellings.

Ørestad is close to [Copenhagen Airport](#) [19] and it's a great place to venture out into nature, as it lies right at the edge of two large commons, Amager Fælled and [Kalvebod Fælled](#) [20]. [Amager Beach Park](#) [21] (Amager Strand) is also close by and you can access everything in this area from the centre of Copenhagen via [public transport](#) [22].

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