
[A green and laid-back capital](#) [1]

Copenhagen is a really green city! It's been voted Europe's Green Capital for 2014 by the European Environment Commission. So this is one place you can visit and leave with a clean conscience, as well as a smile!

One of the world's most environmentally friendly cities

Denmark was the first country in the world to implement an environmental law and ever since, the environment has played a large part in city planning. Copenhagen has set a target of having 40% of its residents cycle to and from work by 2012 and is very close – 36% of Copenhagen residents cycle to and from work.

On your bike

Every day 1.1 million km are bicycled in Copenhagen. It's not just the commute – Copenhageners cycle everywhere, from shopping trips and nights out to visits to friends. As a visitor to the city, it's easy to saddle up and cycle with the flow, thanks to the groundbreaking [free city bikes](#) [2] which have been on offer in Copenhagen since 1995.

The city is relatively small and attractions are concentrated in and around the centre, making it easy to cycle around. You will immediately feel at ease, cycling around the city on the safe bike lanes, separated from the road traffic.

Public transport in Copenhagen

Copenhagen has a well-developed [public transport system](#) [3], which means less cars and more space to breathe in the city centre. A second ring of the city's underground metro system is currently underway, which you'll be able to use in the next few years. Until then, you can enjoy great service from the city's [buses](#) [4], [metro](#) [5] and [S-trains](#) [6].

Crystal-clear swimming waters

The harbour area of Copenhagen has undergone enormous regeneration over the last few decades, with big investments in making sure it is as clean as possible. As a result, you can swim in the harbour and enjoy some of the best natural swimming waters in the whole of Europe. [The outdoor baths at Islands Brygge](#) [7] are extremely popular in the summer and are well known for their distinctive design.

Aside of the [harbour swimming spots](#) [8], the city has a number of beaches, including the long white sand of [Amager Beach \(Strand\)](#) [9] which you can get to by bike or metro. North, there are the popular beaches of [Bellevue Strand](#) [10] and Hellerup Strand to enjoy.

Park life

Copenhagen is one of the world's greenest cities and it's never far to the next relaxing park. As well as beautiful city parks such as [The King's Garden](#) [11] (Kongens Have) in the grounds of Rosenborg Palace and [Frederiksberg Garden](#) [12] (Have), a short cycle ride north or south of the city will bring you out into unspoilt nature. The atmospheric [Deer Park](#) [13] at Klampenborg lies just north of the city and the way there is lined with beaches and stunning coastal views. To the south is the vast open expanse of Amager Common (Amager Fælled) covered in walking and cycle routes.

The world's organic food capital

One in ten food purchases in Copenhagen is organic, making it the leading organic city in the world.

The city has set high targets for organic food production and consumption, so it's a fantastic place to visit if you'd like a great range of organic food in cafes, restaurants and shops.

Clean technology

Copenhagen has been ranked as the world's leading city for clean technology, clean businesses and sustainable buildings, so you can definitely enjoy a holiday in the city with a clean conscience. Copenhagen has been voted Europe's Green Capital for 2014 by the European Environment Commission.

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