

# CHRISTMAS IN DENMARK

*Christmas starts early in Denmark when, in late November, market squares and streets are dressed for the holiday season. And there's a unique atmosphere – and a spirit of Christmas.*



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## HYGGE

*The spirit of Christmas*

Candle-lit restaurants and warm-toned homes – December in Denmark is a time to snuggle up by the open fire. The Danes have an expression for this kind of cosy celebration – *hygge*. And at Christmas they call it *julehygge* (Christmas-*hygge*)!

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## 1 CASTLE CHRISTMAS

*The splendour of Christmas*

Many castles in Denmark host Christmas markets, such as Gavnhø Castle with its 200 stalls and carol singing in the castle chapel. And Gissfeldt Abbey with its 100 stalls. You can also visit Voergaard Castle with its romantic seasonal floral displays.

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## 2 ODENSE

*Fairytale Christmas market and parade*

The hometown of fairytale writer Hans Christian Andersen celebrates its famous son with an Andersen Christmas market and children's parade. There are also yuletide events at the Funen Village open-air museum, and the city itself offers seasonal boutique shopping.

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## 3 RIBE

*Yuletide romance in Scandinavia's oldest town*

Scandinavia's oldest town, Ribe celebrates the holiday season with yuletide street theatre and boutique window decorations from a bygone age. And there are seasonal concerts at the 900-year-old Ribe Cathedral. Visitors will also find market stalls on the town.

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## 4 AARHUS

*A yuletide of old and designer boutiques*

A visit to the Old Town Open-Air Museum in Aarhus takes you back to bygone times with horse-drawn carriages, costumed interpretive staff and homemade yuletide treats. The city's Latin Quarter also offers boutique shopping, design stores, markets and outdoor ice skating.

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## 5 AALBORG

*Markets and townhouse boutiques*

Aalborg welcomes visitors to its city square where they can enjoy yuletide treats from market stalls and outdoor ice skating. The meandering streets of Aalborg offer townhouse boutique shopping.

### TRAVEL PLANNER

Christmas in Denmark: [www.visitdenmark.com/christmas](http://www.visitdenmark.com/christmas)

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3 Christmas in Ribe: [www.visitribe.com](http://www.visitribe.com)

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