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Copenhagen

This winter, take a cue from these aficionados and seek out the city's moodiest and coziest cold-weather spots

DENMARK'S CAPITAL is an easy sell in the summer. Locals swim in urban harbors like Islands Brygge or Fisketorvet, or picnic near the boundless flower beds in the Renaissance-era King's Garden. But as winter insinuates its way into the city, Copenhagen shows its true strength: embracing the cold in elegant Nordic style.

In the darker months, candles wedged into wine bottles gleam in restaurant windows, the candy colors of the canal-side buildings [1] pop against the muted skies and a twinkly-lit skating rink [4] draws visi-



tors to the edge of the Frederiksberg Gardens. Residents still ride their bicycles through the 250-acre Dyrehaven park—they just do it wrapped in heavy, Danish-designed jackets. As for foodie pilgrimage site Noma, it will close Feb. 25 (reopening late in the year), but a few alumni have opened restaurants around town where the cold and peckish can warm up with a bite or a glass of natural wine. "The winter, I find, is more intimate," said Line Clausen Pedersen, curator at the Glyptoteket Museum. "More true to the soul of the city." —Anna Russell

2. Thorvaldsens Museum



4. The skating rink at Frederiksberg Gardens



3. Perch ceviche at Admiralgade 26



THE DIRECTOR

Susanne Bier

Director of 'The Night Manager' and Oscar-winning Danish film 'In a Better World'



THE CHEF

René Redzepi

Chef and co-owner of renowned restaurant Noma



THE CURATOR

Line Clausen Pedersen

Curator at the city's Glyptoteket Museum



THE DESIGNER

Mette Hay

Co-founder of Danish furniture design company HAY



INTO THE WOODS // Dyrehaven. It's a cross between a forest and a park, very lush. You can see deer there, and in the middle is a castle, where it's rumored the kings took their mistresses. When I go running there in the early morning, I feel like I own the forest.

AIN'T SHE SWEET // Conditori La Glace. An old patisserie from the end of the 19th century, it has a special pastry with cream inside, pink or yellow icing on top. It's like any girl's dream of a cake. Skoubogade 3, laglace.dk

CASA COPENHAGEN // Hos Fischer. A small, super-cozy restaurant where they do Italian food with Danish ingredients. The chef does an amazing steak with tomatoes and vegetables on top. Victor Borges Plads 12, hosfischer.dk

STATE OF ART // Statens Museum for Kunst. This art museum has amazing exhibitions and an architecturally interesting modern wing. Opposite the museum is a beautiful little park with another castle. Sølvgade 48-50, smk.dk

NORDIC CARNITAS // Hija de Sanchez. A sous-chef of ours opened this mind-blowing taqueria. Tortillas are made to order, and the meats have been simmering all night. Order the off-menu Dirty Carnita: pork cooked in fat over crispy Mexican cheese. Slagterboderne 8, hijadesanchez.dk

STREET APPEAL // Jaegersborggade Street. This area is on fire at the moment with spots like Manfred's [restaurant] and Coffee Collective. You'll find small ceramic stores and a shop called Kak-tus just for succulents.

MOVEABLE FEAST // Amass. [6] The space in this organic restaurant is spectacular. They serve one menu, and it changes all the time. One of the simplest, best things I've had was a rosemary-spiced pumpkin cooked so slowly the texture was like toffee. Refshalevej 153, amassrestaurant.com

WINE O'CLOCK // Ved Stranden 10. Copenhagen has been on the forefront of natural wine for more than a decade, and this place does it really well. Ved Stranden 10, vedstranden10.dk

DINE & DESIGN // Admiralgade 26. [3] This restaurant is pleasing to the eye as well as the palate, with Danish and European décor from the '20s onward. Admiralgade 26, admiralgade26.dk

HIGH SPIRITS // Brønnum. Right next to the Royal Danish Theatre, this classy cocktail bar with food is the place to meet beautiful creatures after dark. The building is historic, and the high ceilings make everything feel so much more important. August Bournonvilles Passage 1, bronnumph.dk

CAST OF THOUSANDS // Thorvaldsens Museum. [2] Worth visiting for the roof decorations and the floor mosaics alone, this 19th-century sculpture museum is like a little pocket of luxury, ornament and color. 2 Bertel Thorvaldsens Plads, thorvaldsensmuseum.dk/en

RESTING ON LAURELS // Assistens Cemetery. This park-meets-cemetery is beautiful in every season. You can bring a picnic and eat on the tombs of Hans Christian Andersen and other famous Danes. Kapelvej 4.

SECRET GARDEN // Glyptoteket Museum. Step into this museum with a winter garden inside, and you completely forget you are in the middle of the city center. We often bring guests here. Dantes Plads 7, glyptoteket.com

STYLE MUSE // Holly Golightly. The owner of this fashion store is very good at combining colors and patterns and vintage alongside high-end brands like Dries Van Noten and Proenza Schouler. Gammel Mønt 2, hollygolightly.dk

CURATED CAFE // Atelier September. In Gothersgade, this cafe serves very simple food for breakfast and lunch, like yogurt with granola and zucchini. Everything from the chairs to the cups is handpicked. Gothersgade 30, atelierseptember.dk

IN LIVING COLOR // The Apartment. [5] This exhibition space and store sells vintage and contemporary furniture in a charming apartment in Christianshavn. It's a colorful place, where the walls are repainted several times a year. Overgaden Neden Vandet 33, theapartment.dk

Plus, Don't Miss... Louisiana Museum of Modern Art. On a bluff 45 minutes by train outside the city center, this eye-catching museum hosts an outdoor sculpture park and a first-class Giacometti collection. Gl Strandvej 13, Humlebaek en.louisiana.dk // Nimb Hotel. This small luxury hotel features 17 rooms, most with antique furnishings, open fireplaces and views over the Tivoli Gardens. From about \$425 a night, nimb.dk // Natur Potoket. Stock up on Nordic beauty essentials, like Sunpati facial oil, at this small, natural health store. Torvegade 36, naturpotoket.dk // 108. Salt-baked celeriac and braised oxtail are standouts at Noma alum Kristian Baumann's new restaurant on Christianshavn harbor. Dishes emphasize ingredients foraged and pickled throughout the year. Strandgade 108, 108.dk