

Culture on the waterfront

Wherever you walk in central Copenhagen, you are never far from water, whether it is the city's ancient canals, the harbour front, or Holmen, home to several artistic and educational institutions. Jump on a waterbus to experience the harbor area in transformation.

The Black Diamond

The spectacular granite and glass extension to the Royal Library (nicknamed the *Black Diamond*) houses not just books, but a concert hall, exhibition space, book shop, café and superb quality modern Scandinavian restaurant, *Søren K*.



Architecture

Formerly *Royal Danish Naval headquarters*, Holmen is a popular area for warehouses, barracks, foundries, students, exhibition-goers, diners, and night clubbers. *The Royal Danish School of Architecture*, holds regular exhibitions in Meldahls Smedie. And a trip to *Gammel Dok*, will take you to a beautiful converted warehouse, overlooking the harbour on Christianshavn. This is the location for the Centre for Danish Architecture, which hosts changing exhibitions and has a fine café and bookshop.



Langelinie

Den Kongelige Afstøbningssamling (the *Royal Cast Collection*) is a must to everyone with an artistic incline. Placed beside the harbour on Langelinie, this unusual museum houses a collection of over 2,000 plaster casts of the world's most outstanding and famous sculptures.



Langelinie is also the place to look for the world-famous bronze statue of the *Little Mermaid* – a commemoration to the beloved fairy-tale by Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen.



The Royal Opera

In 2005, the new *Copenhagen Opera* opened. The opera house is located on Holmen right across the water from the Royal Palace of Amalienborg. The world renowned Danish architect Henning Larsen (famous for his foreign ministry building in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia) is responsible for its design.

