



FREDERIKSBORG CASTLE GARDENS in Hillerød feature a recreated Baroque garden with four royal box-tree monograms and a bubbling cascade. The gardens also include the completely different, nature-like, Romantic landscape garden.

Frederiksborg Castle, a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture, houses the Museum of Natural History which presents the History of Denmark and its important figures by means of a substantial art collection.

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FREDENSBORG PALACE GARDENS

always make for a delightful outing, especially in July when you can normally visit the Reserved Gardens. You can also join a guided tour of the palace, the Kitchen Garden and the Orangery from 1995.

The beautiful 18th century Baroque palace is the Royal Couple's residence in the spring and autumn, and the Crown Prince and Princess reside in the Chancellery House.

Most of the beautiful palace gardens are open all year round, featuring the Norwegian Valley, Brede Allé, numerous sculptures by Johannes Wiedewelt, and much more besides.

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SEVEN CULTURAL GEMS IN THE COPENHAGEN AREA

DENMARK'S castles, palaces and gardens offer experiences all year round – and Copenhagen and North Zealand have many of these cultural and historical gems.

DISCOVER the white halls of Kronborg Castle or the lavish Royal Reception Rooms at Christiansborg Palace. The gardens offer tranquillity, flowers, expansive areas and dark woods. In the gardens you can discover the shaped shrubs and trees of the Baroque period or the Romantic gardening where lakes and winding paths are interspersed with gazebos, temples and waterfalls.

THE CASTLES, PALACES AND GARDENS attest to the long history of the Danish monarchy and represent some of the great styles of architecture and gardening. They are oases in a modern society that let you feel the rush of history, provide recreational options and offer many cultural events.

OWNERSHIP of the buildings and gardens transferred from the Royal Family to the Danish State after the Danish Constitution was implemented in 1849. Today, the State maintains the castles, palaces and gardens and makes them available to the Royal Family, governmental institutions and museums – and, to a great extent, to the public.

THE DANISH PALACES AND PROPERTIES AGENCY provides information about the venues digitally, thus enabling you to experience historic sites on the Web or in some cases via your mobile phone. This pamphlet gives you a view of some of the most interesting castles, palaces and gardens in Copenhagen and surroundings.

CASTLES, PALACES AND GARDENS ON THE WEB Further details about the castles, palaces and gardens are available on the website of the Danish Palaces and Properties Agency. Many of the venues have their own pamphlet, which is also available in an interactive version at:

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KRONBORG CASTLE AND FORTIFICATIONS comprise both an elegant royal castle and a striking military fortress with an interesting and dramatic history. It is also the most renowned castle in Denmark, made famous round the world by Shakespeare's "Hamlet", and the venue is included on UNESCO's List of World Heritage Sites.

The features include the more than 60-metre-long Ballroom, the well-preserved chapel and the casemates with Holger the Dane. You can walk around on your own or join a guided tour.



Kronborg Castle has many special events on offer, for children too. It is also possible to hire the castle's unique setting for events and conferences, even outside opening hours.

King Frederik II built the Renaissance castle in 1574-1585. After a great fire in 1629, his son Christian IV rebuilt it.

www.kronborgcastle.com



CHRISTIANSBORG PALACE houses the Danish Monarchy, the Parliament, the Prime Minister's Office and the Supreme Court. The Royal Reception Rooms are used for events like the New Year's levee and gala dinners. You can visit the richly adorned rooms as part of a guided tour (from October 2008 also on your own) and see sights such as the exquisite Great Hall with its colourful tapestries.

Underneath the palace you can explore the interesting ruins of Absalon's 12th century castle and Copenhagen Castle from the 14th century.



Christiansborg is the third castle of this name on this site. The two previous castles burned. To experience all three, look at the main palace building in Neo-Baroque style from 1928, the chapel of the second Christiansborg in the Neo-Classic style of the 19th century and the Riding Ground from the opulent Baroque palace of the 18th century.

www.ses.dk/christiansborgpalace



AMALIENBORG is the Royal Couple's winter residence and a fine example of Rococo architecture. On certain days in July-September you can join a guided tour of the guest palace, Christian VII's Palace. You can also visit Amalienborg Museum housed in Christian VIII's Palace.

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THE KING'S GARDENS were laid out 400 years ago in Renaissance style. The gardens are popular for picnicking, etc., and include a large garden of perennials, a rose garden and an enchanting playground. Rosenborg Castle houses the crown jewels and much more besides.

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FREDERIKSBERG PALACE GARDENS are Romantic gardens with lakes and canals. Enjoy the Chinese Pavilion, the waterfall and the Temple of Apis and get a glimpse of the elephants in Copenhagen Zoo. The neighbouring garden "Søndermarken" is also in Romantic style.

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