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Cutting Edge Nightlife in the Øresund Region

Where ever you happen to be spending the night, every town in the Øresund region, from the cosy cities of Lund, Helsingborg and Malmö to cosmopolitan Copenhagen, has a buzzing nightlife that goes on till the early hours of morning.

Copenhagen and Malmö are great places for partying through the night, as music venues, many bars and cafés stay open well after midnight. The cities of the region have an ever-changing range of clubs, restaurants and bars catering to all tastes - cutting edge dance music, world-class jazz, rock and pop. And Copenhagen has a surprise up its sleeve in the form of several hip DJ/bar/restaurant 'hybrids' that change mood and function over the course of an evening. Whatever your preferred genre of music, your taste in beers –or, indeed, cocktails – there are plenty of options for spending a good night out.

Pre-club hangouts

A night out in Malmö usually kicks off in one of **Lilla Torg's** many bars, such as the **Moosehead, Victor's, Mello Yello** or **Grappa**. The square's out-door service and choice of bars and restaurants guarantee you will get your fill whatever your taste. There are also numerous hangouts around **Möllevångstorget** with outdoor service in the summer period. Pubs and bars here, such as **Restaurang Möllan** and **Tempo Bar & Kök** are often frequented by local pop luminaries and culture personalities. Some have different cultural- and live-music events in the evenings, as well as clubs on weekends. Almost all pubs and bars in Malmö are open until 1am or more, and close even later on weekends. After pubbing, people fan out into the nightclub or late bar scene. Most nightclubs close at 3 or 4am during the week and 5am on weekends. **Brogatan** is an excellent pub/restaurant with a selection of British, Belgian and German beer, a great atmosphere and a large crowd, especially on late weekend nights. **Centiliter & Gram** is a very popular hangout for a mixed-age crowd. It has an international style bar and clubs on weekends.

Nightlife in Copenhagen changes fast and starts late. At midnight things are just about ready to take off and will then go on till the early hours of morning. Before midnight the city is not exactly quiet though, as its numerous popular bars and cafes are buzzing with crowds warming up and getting ready to move on to the dance clubs.

Vesterbro is the former red-light district and now the new area of cool in Copenhagen. Numerous cutting edge style cafés, bars and music venues have cropped up in the area's many little side streets over the past few years. Try **Boutique Lize** for an early night cocktail or special brew to a predominantly rock theme. **Riesen**, which also serves great beers and cocktails, is as lively

with genuine Vesterbro atmosphere as it is small. Another popular café/bar is **Bang & Jensen** set in a former chemist's shop, which does great pre-gig café style food and cocktails. **Mærkbar** is a small, hip and very crowded basement bar specialising in German beers and with a preference for punk music and Berlin noir atmosphere.

The Nørrebro area, bordering the north end of the city centre, is another young and trendy part of town dotted with cool bars and cafés. Worth going round by is the cocktail bar **Oak Room**, or **Props Coffee Shop** whose interior changes invariably as its second-hand furniture is actually for sale. Beer connoisseurs will have a whale of a time exploring the extensive beer menu at **Ølbaren** or sampling the homebrew of **Nørrebro Bryghus**. **Gefährlich** (German for 'dangerous') is not merely a restaurant, bar, coffee shop, boutique, cultural centre or nightclub: it is an out-and-out shrine to all things hip and happening.

Isola Rockmusicclub is a newly opened bar and heaven for serious rock lovers and appreciators of quality music be it the great classics or the latest from the international rock stages – over and underground. In spring 2007, the new life style **Hotel Copenhagen 27** opened **Absolut Icebar Copenhagen** a stone's throw away from the City Hall Square. Drinks are served in glasses made of crystal clear ice - in fact everything in the room; the bar, the walls, the furniture and changing displays of art is made of ice.

Music venues in South Sweden

Kulturbolaget, KB is Malmö's legendary rock club that has seen appearances by ALL the big names during its history, including David Bowie, Bob Dylan, Morrissey and Van Morrison. KB arranges several concerts a week starring well known Swedish and foreign artists. KB is also home to a nightclub with various musical themes, and has a very popular Vinyl Bar with its own live music scene and club. **Jeriko** is Malmö's foremost world music and jazz venue. Besides the many live music nights, they also house a nightclub featuring a variety of musical themes on Fridays and Saturdays. **Inkonst** is a platform for young and experimental culture with music at the heart of all its activities. Most nights of the week has a gig, a musical performance, a themed club or a happening. **Debaser** is Stockholm's largest venue for live music and clubs covering all musical genres from pop, rock, soul to electronica and hiphop. The venue has now branched out to Malmö and brought a refreshing new addition to the nightlife scene of South Sweden.

In **Lund**, neighbouring city to Malmö, you find renowned **Mejeriet** – a rock and culture club hosting club nights and visited by many contemporaries from the underground rock scene, including Kelley Stoltz (The Raconteurs), The Knife and Stereo Total.

The Tivoli is **Helsingborg's** foremost rock club with live music several nights a week and nightclub on weekends, often warmed up by concerts, release parties or themed nights.

Music venues in Copenhagen

The **Vega** complex, housed in a magnificent 1950's trade union building located in Vesterbro, is one of the most popular night life venues in the city and with the opening of a new, super-cool Vega Lounge, that popularity looks set to continue. After opening in 1996, Vega quickly built a reputation for attracting big name acts (David Bowie, Kylie Minogue, Bjork and Prince, among others). It also has a strong reputation for luring the best DJs in the world (Fatboy Slim has played here), and has been consistently voted among the five best DJ venues in the world by Muzik and Jockey Slut magazines. Vega is divided into four main areas: **Store Vega** (Big Vega), a concert and club night venue with a capacity of 1,500; **Lille Vega** (Little Vega), where you'll find the best Friday and Saturday club nights; and the **Ideal Bar**, which also has DJs and live bands at the weekends. And finally, the much-anticipated **Vega Lounge** has opened in two rooms across another floor. Vega Lounge plays soulful music, has waitress service, an extensive drinks menu and a relaxed vibe, all wrapped up in decor described as '1950s with a 2001 make-over'.

Rivalling Vega for popularity and also attracting cutting edge, big name acts is **Rust** in Nørrebro. Though not as big as Vega, Rust is spread over three floors and has a cocktail bar, main bar and large dance floor. Popular with students and trendy, young locals, Rust also has an outdoor yard, which is open during the summer. Slightly more underground in feel is **Stengade 30**, also in Nørrebro, which blends the best of Danish and overseas rock and dance acts.

Nightclubs in Malmö

Slagthuset - the largest Nightclub in Scandinavia is located just two blocks from Malmö Central Station. They boast a dynamic clientele mix and offer you three full service bars, some nights more. On the Big Dance floor DJ's spin the hottest new music, in the Vinyl Disco you can enjoy all the good old hits from the 70's and 80's, and in the Round Bar, heavy r'n'b pumps as you enjoy a tasty cocktail from award winning bartenders. Dancing is the rage at **Étage** - this creatively designed nightclub, reached by climbing a circular staircase from an enclosed courtyard in the town's main square. The complex is open all week, and offers two or three dance floors, depending on crowd, with varying music styles. The **Buddha lounge** is a restaurant, bar and club with funk, r'n'b and new House music set on three floors in a very distinct oriental décor. **Chokladfabriken (the Chocolate Factory)** is a nightclub housed in an old chocolate factory, with the smell of cocoa beans still left in the walls. Different kinds of clubs on weekends, with a generally younger crowd on Saturdays. **Hipp** is a stylish club and restaurant with a grand interior like a 19th century Viennese theatre featuring various themed club nights on weekends. With four floors of music and dance **Privé** is one of Malmö's oldest and largest nightclubs.

Wallmans Golden Hits is a cabaret restaurant with show, entertainment and dancing all night, with everything served up with a great sense of humour and the golden hits you remember. **Casino Cosmopol** is Malmö's international casino with gambling, restaurant and entertainment. Situated in

Kungsparken, the King's Park, in one of Malmö's most beautiful buildings. There are different themed events every week that for example offer gaming lessons in "ladies' nights" and poker nights.

Nightclubs in Copenhagen

Culture Box, Fri & Sat, offers films and international DJs. **Republik Weimar** offers underground live and electronic music in Basement next door to Vega on Enghavevej, every Thursday from 9pm.

For pure dance clubs you'd do well to head for **Baron Boltens Gård** the private members' club **NASA**, which - if you are pretty enough or look rich enough - you might be able to wriggle your way in to without membership. NASA has become member of the exclusive World Finest Clubs, which for clubs is what the Michelin stars are for restaurants.

Park is, however, a more than acceptable replacement if you don't fancy doing battle with the doorman at NASA. Park is close by Parken, the national stadium in Østerbro, and presents live music every week, DJs and discothèque every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Park also runs a café/restaurant, offering a three-course menu for dinner and outdoor barbeque in the summertime. For jazz lovers, the world famous **Copenhagen Jazz House** offers international quality performers in an intoxicating, intimate atmosphere. Club nights at weekends tend to draw a younger crowd. And finally, Copenhagen's gay scene is centred on **Oscar** with DJs on Fridays and **Dunkel Bar** with toned down twilight lighting, black painted walls and stuffed owls looking down upon the guests. Here DJs also haunt.

Wallmans offers a spectacular dinner show with cabaret and circus type acts. About 1,000 guests can enjoy a 4-course dinner while being served and entertained by Wallman's 22 professional artists on seven stages beneath the circus-building dome. After the show the interior is transformed into a gigantic nightclub with dancing.

Hybrid Bars/Lounges

A wide range of Copenhagen's nightlife venues, like the trendy **Zoo Bar** and the gourmet fast food joint **Delicatessen** in Vesterbro, defy conventional categorisation. In the daytime, they may operate as a café or restaurant; come the evening, they become restaurants and/or bars, and there's a good chance that, by the end of the night, a DJ will have the clientele filling the dance floor.

Bar Rouge at the five star design hotel Sankt Petri in a former department store from 1928, has Bar Rouge Nights every Friday and Saturday. Bartenders shake international cocktails and the DJs give you the latest and greatest.

On Jarmers Plads the recently opened top tuned design **Hotel Fox** has its bar with cutting edge drinks in the reception and in the summer time on the hotel terrace.

Caramello in Malmö, started in August 2005 is a designer's paradise restaurant with nightclub on weekends. **Retro** is a great restaurant that fills its basement to the brim with a dance happy crowd at weekends.

Summer hang-outs

Copenhagen

Summertime is beach time and in recent years, "beaches" have been established in the city harbour areas and given rise to an entirely new summer city culture of outdoor clubbing. Every season has its summer hang-outs with bars, barbecues and DJs set in sandy beach environments on the waterfront overlooking the city skyline. One such place is **Halvandet** with its 6,000 square metres of sand, deckchairs and umbrellas, where the music will go on till five in the morning. **Docken** on the northern tip of Copenhagen Harbour is another huge summer beach bar and restaurant with white sand and a 1000 square metre wooden terrace. During the season Docken plays host to a wide array of events, such as live-music acts, giant club nights, art and film events.

An unusual summer event also deserves mention: "**Lækker Lytter**" – Musical cosiness without limits. At Islands Brygge, in parks and streets, whenever the sun is shining. "Lækker Lytter" won the award for "Best CPH Club 2003/2004".

"A celebration of Copenhagen nightlife", **Copenhagen Distortion** is the biggest annual clubbing and nightlife event of the year lasting 5 days and nights! Always starting on the Wednesday before the first Sunday in June.

Malmö

Vanna Beach is an indoor beach bar where you relax in deck chairs, getting sand between your toes whilst sipping cold drinks or enjoying a light meal. Stylish yet relaxed, new **Torso Twisted** restaurant has already become a popular after sun hangout offering great meals and a comprehensive wine menu. **Cuba Café** has Cuban classics on the menu accompanied by authentic Havana music and ambience.

South Sweden

Every year at the beginning of July, the rich and famous from all over Sweden gather in Båstad for the week of the Swedish Open tennis tournament. Following in their wake many of Stockholm's coolest clubs relocate for the occasion and turn the Båstad peninsula into a party zone for the week.
www.bastad.com

Further information:

www.visitoresund.info <<http://www.visitoresund.info/>>

www.visitcopenhagen.com

www.malmo.se <<http://www.malmo.se/>>

www.skandetur.se <<http://www.skandetur.se/>>

www.bornholminfo.dk <<http://www.bornholminfo.dk/>>

www.visiteastdenmark.com <<http://www.visiteastdenmark.com/>>

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Malmö

Restaurang Moosehead

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Tel: +46 (0)40-120423
www.moosehead.se

Viktors Restaurang Bar & Café

L. Torg 1, 21134 Malmö
Tel: +46 (0)40-127670

Mello Yello Bar & Restaurang

L. Torg 1, 21134 Malmö
Tel: +46 (0)40-304525
www.melloyello.se

Ristorante Bar & Grappa

L. Torg 4, 21134 Malmö
Tel: +46 (0)40 125065

Restaurang Möllan

Bergsg. 37 C, 21422 Malmö
Tel: +46(0)40-121015

Tempo Bar & Kök

Tel. +46 (0)40-12 60 21
S. Skolg. 30 A, 21422 Malmö

Slagthuset

Jörgen Kocksg. 7 A, 211 20 Malmö
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Étage

Stortorget 6, 211 34 Malmö
Tel: +46 (0)40-23 20 60
www.etaage.se

Buddha lounge

Djäckneg. 9, 21135 Malmö
Tel. +46 (0)40-97 80 77
www.buddhalounge.se

Chokladfabriken Nightclub

Tel. 040-20 96 80
Bergsg. 33, 21422 Malmö
www.chokladfabrik.se

Jeriko

Spång. 38, 21153 Malmö
Tel. +46 (0)40-611 84 29
www.jeriko.info

Kulturbolaget

Bergsg. 18, 21154 Malmö
Tel. +46 (0)40-30 20 11
www.kulturbolaget.se

Wallmans Golden Hits

Generalsg. 1, 211 33 Malmö
Tel: +46 (0)40-749 45
www.wallmans.com

Brogatan Restaurang

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Centiliter & Gram

Stortorget 17, 21122 Malmö
Tel: +46 (0)40-12 18 12

Caramello

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www.caramello.se

Casino Cosmopol AB

Slottsg. 33, 211 33 Malmö
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The Tivoli

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Tel: +46 (0)42 – 187171
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www.kulturmejeriet.se

Copenhagen

Dance

Klub Vega (Vesterbro)

www.vega.dk
40, Enghavevej
Tel.: +45 33 25 80 12

Park Diskotek (Østerbro)

The Kitty Club hosted by Park
www.parkcafe.dk
79, Østerbrogade
Tel.: +45 35 42 62 48

Nasa

www.nasa.dk
Baron Boltens Gård
8F, Gothersgade
Tel.: +45 33 93 74 15

Hybrid restaurants/bars

Fox Bar

www.hotelfox.dk
3, Jarmers Plads
Tel.: +45 33 13 30 00

Gefährlich

www.gefahrlich.dk
7, Fælledvej
Tel.: +45 35 24 13 24

Bar Rouge (Fri-Sat)

www.barrougenights.com
22, Krystalgade
DK 1172 København K
Tel.: +45 33 28 02 79

Carlton (Vesterbro)

www.carltonkbhv.dk
14, Halmtorvet
Tel.: +45 33 29 90 90

Barcelona (Nørrebro)

Club Bar ´cuda only Thurs, Fri & Sat
soul, funk, R&B & hip hop

Delicatessen (Vesterbro)

20, Vesterbrogade
1620 Copenhagen V

21, Fælledvej
Tel.: +45 35 35 76 11

Tel.: +45 33 22 16 33

Zoo Bar

7, Kronprinsensgade
Tel.: +45 33 15 68 69

Jazz music

Copenhagen JazzHouse

www.jazzhouse.dk
10, Niels Hemmingsensgade
Tel.: +45 33 15 26 00

La Fontaine

11, Kompagnistræde
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Live music

Forbrændingen (Albertslund)

www.forbraendingen.dk
11, Vognporten
Tel.: +45 43 62 50 43

Loppen (Christiania)

www.loppen.dk
43, Bådsmadsstræde
Tel.: +45 32 57 84 22

Pumpehuset

www.pumpehuset.dk
52, Studiestræde
Tel.: +45 33 93 19 60

Vega (Vesterbro)

www.vega.dk
40, Enghavevej
Tel.: +45 33 25 80 12

Stengade 30 (Nørrebro)

[Ruba'Dub, only Sundays](http://www.stengade30.dk)
www.stengade30.dk
18, Stengade
Tel.: +45 35 39 09 20

The best of the rest

Isola Rockmusicclub

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Tel.: +45 22 26 81 85

Ideal Bar (Vega on Vesterbro)

40, Enghavevej
Tel.: +45 33 25 80 12

Rust (Nørrebro)

www.rust.dk
8, Guldbergsgade
Tel.: +45 35 24 52 00

Bang & Jensen (Vesterbro)

www.bangogjensen.dk
130, Istedgade
Tel.: +45 33 25 53 18

Riesen (Vesterbro)
36, Oehlenschlägergade
Tel.: +45 33 23 07 34

Boutique Lize (Vesterbro)
www.boutiquelize.dk
6, Enghave Plads
Tel.: +45 33 31 15 60

Oak Room
www.oakroom.dk
10, Birkegade
Tel.: +45 3810 3810

Republik Weimar
www.republikweimar.com
Basement, 42 Enghavevej

Ølbaren
2, Elmegade
www.oelbaren.dk
Tel.: +45 3535 4534

Gay and Lesbian

Dunkel Bar
10, Vester Voldgade
Tel.: +45 33 14 13 30

Oscar Bar & Café
77, Rådhuspladsen
Tel.: +45 33 12 09 99
www.oscarbarcafé.dk

Nørrebro Bryghus
3, Ryesgade
www.norrebrobryghus.dk
Tel.: +45 3530 0530

Wallmans (Open from August to May)
www.wallmans.com
Cirkusbygningen
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Culture Box
www.culture-box.com
54 A Kronprinsessegade

Props Coffee Shop
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