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Past present and future

- Museums and galleries in the Øresund region

From the Stone Age to the digital age, the Øresund's region's history has always bridged the symbolic stretch of water, which physically divides it. Evidence of its fascinating common past, with Vikings, kings, castles and history now rubs shoulders with a thriving contemporary cultural life.

The numerous museums and galleries throughout the region are testament to Øresund's ongoing focus on art and culture. It's no coincidence that many artists live and work in the region and that the area has more than its fair share of galleries exhibiting international contemporary art.

The picturesque Øresund region provides the perfect backdrop for any day trip to a museum or gallery – or just an exploratory excursion. Many galleries and museums are situated in beautiful surroundings and often you'll find they have a café or restaurant for a good quality lunch or snack.

Museums in Malmö:

Malmöhus Castle. A classic renaissance castle with well preserved period interiors. Its gun turrets are the oldest in Scandinavia, dating back to the 1530's. Malmöhus Castle houses a number of unusual attractions including an **Aquarium** and a **Tropicarium** with lizards, bats and charming monkeys. Its **Historical Museum** presents the history of Malmö from the Stone Age.

The past and future are both represented in Malmö's selection of attractions: **The Science and Maritime Museum** is a dream come true for tech buffs, with old and new cars, a flight simulator, trams, ferries, a submarine and much more. **The Commandant's House**, an extension of Malmöhus Castle –

houses **Fotografins Rum** for photographic exhibitions and **Zenit** has a futuristic interactive role-play exhibition for young people.

Taking a look back in time, **The Cog Museum** is an activity centre built around full-scale replicas of two medieval cog ships. You can also board the world's largest cog ship and take a Trip on Øresund, Tuesdays and Fridays if the weather permits. Bang up to date is **Humanity House**, the Swedish Red Cross centre for humanitarian issues and a platform for positive social change. It has themed exhibitions and a programme for various activities. It has a Café and shop serving and selling organic and Fair Trade products. For a sweet stroll through the 120 years of chocolate history, the **Malmö Chokladfabrik** is a unique experience, where you can watch the chocolatier at work – and of course visit the shop and café.

Museums in Copenhagen

Copenhagen is a fascinating mix of old and new, where quaint cobbled streets can easily lead you to a masterpiece of modern architecture. The **National Museum** offers a history of Denmark from Stone Age to Vikings to modern day. Ancient history, as from May 2008 in completely new design and display, is timelessly intriguing and can feel uncannily present with the preserved remains of bodies found in peat marshes and the wealth of artefacts, including the famous Sun Chariot. The **Bymuseet** museum of Copenhagen City focuses closely on the history of Copenhagen itself, from a small trading town in the 11th century to a flourishing capital. A 1:75 scale model of medieval Copenhagen as it appeared in 1530 is still recognisably the city of today. For more contemporary history, the **Resistance Museum** documents the Danish resistance during World War 2, while **The Danish Jewish Museum** traces Jewish life in Denmark from the first immigrations in the 17th century, through World War 2 to the present day. The museum's spectacular architecture is designed by Daniel Libeskind.

The Danish Music Museum houses both musical instruments from around the world, and a historical collection, including mechanical pianos and other "self-playing" instruments. **The Armoury Museum** houses arms, armour and military objects from medieval times to the present day. Almost a museum within-a-museum, the permanent exhibition has remained

unchanged for more than 50 years. Copenhagen's strong links with the sea is charted at **The Naval Museum**, where collections tell the history of the Danish Navy. A historical collection of model ships documents the technological development in ship construction from the 17th century to today. The **Post og Tele Museum** (Communications House) tells the history of the Danish national postal system and telecommunications. A pleasant modern café/restaurant on the top floor offers a fine view over the red rooftops of Copenhagen's medieval city. The **Zoological Museum** of natural history, is imaginatively packed with bones, stuffed animals and fossils, while the **Experimentarium** (Science Centre) drags you bang up to date with interactive exhibitions and installations revealing the mysteries of physiology, biology and the laws of physics. It's great fun for both kids and adults.

Museums in Zealand

Frilandsmuseet At the Open Air Museum in Brede, north of Copenhagen, you can visit farms, houses and gardens as they appeared 200 years ago. Get an insight into the lives of the farmer, the poor man or the squire and enjoy the large park with its gardens, woods and lakes. Check the calendar for their many activities, workshops, plays and concerts. **Karen Blixen Museet**, Karen Blixen's stately home on the Øresund coast north of Copenhagen, is now a museum documenting the life and works of the famous writer. **Denmark's Technical Museum** in Helsingør (Elsinore) is a museum for the whole family (especially dads!). With steam engines, inventions, electrical devices, bicycles, cars and planes it's a life-size toy box. You can even test the set-up H.C. Ørsted used when he discovered electromagnetism. The **Viking Ship Museum's** perfect harbour location in Roskilde, west of Copenhagen, displays both originals and reconstructions of historical boats and of ships that once sailed from this very fjord to explore distant continents. There's also a comprehensive collection of traditional Nordic and Greenlandic boats.

Art galleries in Skåne

Dunkers Kulturhus, Museum of Sketches is an art museum at Lund University, dedicated to the collection and display of cartoons and sketches of contemporary monumental and public art, such as frescos, sculpture and reliefs. The museum contains

about 25,000 items, including sketches and contest entries by leading 20th century Swedish artists. **Kulturen** in Lund is the largest museum in Skåne and the second oldest open-air museum in the world, founded in 1892. There are now more than thirty buildings, moved and re-erected here occupying two blocks of the city, showing how people have lived and worked in Sweden through the ages. **Ystad Konstmuseum** exhibits painting, sculpture and graphics. The collection consists mainly of southern Swedish and Danish art from the 19th century to the present. 9 kilometres out of Ystad **Kabusa Konsthall** lies in its natural park setting. It hosts changing exhibitions of Swedish and international contemporary art. **The Artcircuits** is an East Scanian art association for local artists that also runs a gallery, **Tjørnedalagården** in Baskemölla on the eastern coast. Further north, **Kivik Art Centre**, a new art institution set in beautiful natural surroundings features architectural sculptures specially created for this unique setting. Over time, the project will develop into an art centre, where artists can work and exhibit their work. Further north again is **Neon Gallery** in Brösarp, an active space for contemporary art, sound, music and dance with a focus on Nordic, European and North American artists. The artists presented are mainly involved in experimental or underground scenes, but well-established contemporary artists are also represented. A further 50 km drive north is **Wanås**, a castle dating back to the 15th century. A spectacular sculpture park features art created in situ by leading international artists. A barn built in 1823 houses a gallery with changing exhibitions of international contemporary art. **Nimis**, an anarchistic art project in a remote spot on the west coast north of Helsingborg features two controversial sculptures, *Nimis* a structure made of 75 tonnes of driftwood and *Arx* a structure made of stone. The location of the sculptures is difficult to reach, and as a consequence they were not discovered for two years!

Art galleries in Malmö

Malmö Art Museum at Malmö Castle hosts Scandinavia's largest collection of Nordic, contemporary art and a comprehensive collection of furniture and Scanian craft and design. **Malmö Art Gallery** (Malmö Konsthall) is one of Scandinavia's largest exhibition halls for contemporary, international art. The building is a work of art in itself, with the ceiling constructed as a latticework of 550 domes with natural

and artificial light sources. Many great artists have been exhibited here including Munch, Miro, Klee, Kandinsky, Van Gogh and Peter Greenaway. **Cirkulationscentralen** is an artist-run studio gallery exhibiting the work of the 14 members of the artist group and exhibitions by invited artists. **Fotogalleriet Format** offers changing exhibitions of photographic work by various Swedish artists. **Galleri GKM Sivert Bergström** is a private gallery now taken over by the two sons. Sivert Bergström went to Paris in the 1960's without knowing a single word of French. Guided by his passion for art and a pocket dictionary, he made his way into the art circles and laid the foundations of the gallery. Today his dream has been realised as an institution for contemporary, international art. **Galleri Leger** mainly focuses on contemporary, Nordic paintings, sculpture and graphic works with around 20 different exhibitions a year. **Galleri PingPong** is a private gallery exhibiting young Swedish artists educated at the Swedish art colleges in context with more established favourites of the gallery owner, Gert-Olle Göransson.

Art galleries in Zealand

Louisiana – Museum of Modern Art is one of Europe's leading art galleries. Spectacularly situated on the coast north of Copenhagen it has a good collection of modern art including probably the world's nicest display of Giacometti sculptures. COBRA painters are well represented here and special exhibitions of the world's most significant artists change regularly. **Arken** in Ishøj, on the coast south of Copenhagen is a piece of art in itself, with its building shaped like a ship on the beach. It features permanent collections of modern Danish and international art, with changing exhibitions of international artists. **GI.**

Holtegaard Art gallery is situated in an 18th century building surrounded by a symmetrical Baroque garden. The gallery has changing exhibitions of modern as well as older art.

Ordrupgaard art gallery has a comprehensive collection of Danish and French art from the 19th and early 20th century. Eckersberg and Hammershøi are represented and so are all the great French artists, such as Manet, Monet, Degas, Renoir and Delacroix. **Nivaagaards Malerisamling** is set in a large romantic garden with old trees and rhododendrons. The museum has a fine collection of Dutch and Italian Renaissance paintings. Danish Golden Age painters are also well represented. Apart

from the permanent collection, the museum hosts changing exhibitions of modern art. **Willumsens Museum** focuses on the works of J.F. Willumsen (1863-1958), an extremely prolific artist who worked in all media accessible to him. Mainly a painter, he also mastered sculpture, drawing and photography. **Rudolf Tegnens Museum** dedicated to Rudolf Tegner (1873-1950) who was a sculptor inspired by classic Greek culture. He designed and had his own museum built in 1938 as one of the country's first concrete constructions. In the surrounding land named Sibirien (Siberia), 14 pieces of his monumentally striking work are exhibited.

Art galleries in Copenhagen

Statens Museum for Kunst (National Museum of Art)

Denmark's largest art museum featuring collections of Danish and international art from most periods in the history of art. It offers permanent exhibitions, changing themed exhibitions and special exhibitions of contemporary art. **Ny Carlsberg**

Glyptotek is a fine collection of French impressionist paintings and classical art. It has a beautiful atrium garden and café.

Thorvaldsens Museum was erected in 1848 close to the parliament to house the entire oeuvre of the world-famous sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen (1770-1844). The museum also exhibits the artist's private collection of art. **Charlottenborg** In Nyhavn, is an exhibition hall in connection with the Royal Academy of Art. Since 1883 it has been a focal point for Copenhagen art and culture. It features changing exhibitions of Danish and international art, architecture, craft and design.

Fotografisk Center (photographic Centre) has well-it galleries exhibiting a full range of fine art photography with an equal emphasis on classic and contemporary artists of Danish and international origin. **Cisternerne** (Museum of Modern Glass Art) is an atmospheric underground exhibition space located in old water reservoirs. This amazing cathedral-like, subterranean "dripstone cave" houses a museum for glass art. It is an extraordinary experience. **Kunsthallen Nikolaj** (Nikolaj Contemporary Art Centre) is dedicated to new and experimental art, from both Danish and international scenes. It specialises in thought-provoking, suprising and critical exhibitions (this is where Michael Brammer exhibited his provocative stuffed puppies.)

The past decade has seen a growth in many smaller, private galleries in Copenhagen. Generally concentrated around the areas of Bredgade quarter (behind Nyhavn), Islands Brygge and Vesterbro (the former red light district – which is now trendy and cool). In Bredgade you'll find more established galleries, such as **Galerie Asbæk**, an institution in Danish art circles which represents many Danish and international artists. **Galleri Mikael Andersen** focuses on COBRA painters and artists springing from the 1980's movement. **Galleri Christian Dam** exhibits the work of recognised international and Scandinavian artists alongside young cutting-edge art, including contemporary photography. **Galleri Faurschou** focusing on modernist work by Edvard Munch, Picasso and Asger Jorn as well as contemporary artists, such as Christian Lemmerz and Michael Kvium. Around Islands Brygge you'll find **Andersen-S Contemporary Art** exhibiting established artists as well as more underground artists. **Galleri Nicolai Wallner** presents some of the most challenging international contemporary artists and has earned acclaim in art circles across the world.

Vesterbro is the new hip quarter of Copenhagen with a new designer shop, café or gallery opening every other week.

LarmGalleri opened in 2005 as a space for contemporary, mainly Danish art at the more experimental end of the scale.

Galleri V1 is the place for alternative art with a special focus on street art.

Further information:

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<p>Tøjhusmuseet - The Armoury Museum Frederiksholms Kanal København K www.thm.dk</p>	<p>Experimentarium - Science Centre Tuborg Havnevej 7 Hellerup www.experimentarium.dk</p>
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Skåne

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Neon Gallery Vägstationen Brösarp www.neongallery.nu	Nimis Kullaberg www.ladonia.net

Malmö

Malmöhus Castle Malmöhusvägen www.malmo.se/museer	Malmö Konsthall - Malmö Art Gallery S:t Johannesgatan 7
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