

ARCHITECTOUR 2016 - HIGHLIGHTS



This year's trip to see Copenhagen's architectural pearls will once again feature a unique all-inclusive experience with dining at the many new Nordic restaurants, city centre accommodation at a boutique, design hotel and a bombardment of impressions.

Meet the architects and planners behind the blooming architectural scene of Copenhagen and explore the city and bike culture first hand. Find out about the ambitions and visions from the architects; learn about the sustainable and growing city of Copenhagen.



Highlights of this year's tour include:

After check-in at the centrally located [Hotel Skt. Annæ](#), participants will have time to relax, refresh, or explore beautiful Copenhagen. Should participants like, they can experience some of that world renowned Copenhagen Shopping. In the famous department stores like Illum, Magasin and Illums Bolighus you can find the latest in Danish design and fashion.



Once everyone has had a chance to refresh and renew, the group will meet up to walk along the iconic Copenhagen Harbour. Highlights include [The Royal Library](#) (also known as The Black Diamond), [The Royal Danish Playhouse](#) as well as [Henning Larsen's](#) impressive [Royal Opera House](#).



There will be two boat tours by the Chief of Planning and Architecture. The tours will focus on the North Harbour and South Harbour of Copenhagen.

See the world class harbour front developments at "[Nordhavn](#)" that presents very interesting projects, like [The Silo](#), [UN City](#), [Marmormolen](#), and the [Portland Towers](#). Nordhavn is constantly under development and on the tour participants will learn how that affects the working environment and not least, the existing buildings.



When touring the South Harbour, "Sydhavn", the participants will be introduced to the vision of green growth as well as key projects arising from this vision. Projects include the [South Harbour School](#), "[Sluseholmen](#)", "[Teglholmen](#)", and [Byggefelt G](#).



At the [Danish Agency for Culture and Palaces](#) participants will learn more about the framework for Danish Architecture. The Danish architectural policies will be presented and discussed to provide participants an understanding of how decisions are made and how collaborations happen within Danish architecture.

Participants will also get the chance to hear from the Chief City Planner for Copenhagen, who will present the vision for Copenhagen and its future development.

One of Denmark's most renowned architect firms, [Gehl Architects](#), has made its mark all over Copenhagen as well as all over the world. For decades they have studied how architecture and city planning affects sociology and psychology, and they have used this to create magnificent projects. When visiting the studio, the participants will have a first-hand chance to understand this perspective on architecture and urban planning.

Reception at the [Danish Association of Architectural Firms](#) offer participants a unique opportunity to network with their Danish peers.

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Visit [Carlsberg Byen](#) (The Carlsberg City), which was awarded “Best Master Plan” at the World Architecture Festival in 2009. Carlsberg closed their brewery in Copenhagen in 2006, which meant that a large centrally located piece of land was available for new developments. So in collaboration with others, Carlsberg have decided to develop the historical brewery into a new neighbourhood or “mini city” in Copenhagen. The participants will hear about the plans for the area and what happens when the opportunity to develop a new city from scratch arises.

A visit to [Copenhagen Plant Science Center](#). Designed by [Lundgaard & Tranberg](#) for Copenhagen University, the new plant science center plays a big role in the university’s wish to give plant biology and plant biotechnology top priority. The design of the building takes its departure in this wish, so for instance much of the design is inspired by the organic shapes of plant cells.

[CEBRA](#) is currently working on expanding and refurbishing the [Experimentarium](#) and the participants get to experience this unique building first-hand. The Experimentarium is Denmark’s largest science museum and encouraging interest in science and technology has been key in the vision for the building. This has for instance resulted in a vivid and active interior, where new constellations and spatial connections continuously develop.

The [Ørestad-area](#) has undergone huge development within the last 20 years. You cannot help but notice the numerous remarkable buildings that make the area unique. This includes buildings such as [The Twist](#) (also known as the 8 House), “[DR Koncerthuset](#)”, and the [Tietgen Dormitory](#).

The participants will visit [Lendager Group](#), who has completed many noticeable projects. We will learn about the group’s projects with a focus on [Hotel Crowne Plaza Copenhagen Towers](#), as the participants will be visiting the Towers in Ørestad. Often regarded as the “No. 1 green hotel in the world”, the Copenhagen Towers prove that sustainability does not have to be boring, and participants will hear what it means when a hotel regards sustainability as a top priority.

Another truly impressive building in Ørestad is the [Royal Arena](#) that will also be visited. The Arena is currently under construction, so participants will get an exclusive tour and insight in the vision of enhancing sport, culture, city life and economic growth in Denmark.

The architects behind the stunning arena are [3XN](#), and they will give a tour of their facilities as well as [GXN](#) – an internal department in 3XN that works with green materials and building technologies.

To sum up, the days will be filled with exiting visits and enriching presentations of state of the art Danish buildings and urban redevelopments. The participants will meet skilled Danish architects, city planners and developers and have a chance to hear from them first hand, what it is like to work in a country that has a strong focus on sustainability, innovation, and giving people a sense of community and a high quality of life.

So be prepared for a fantastic experience – and remember to bring your bike shorts!