Copenhagen Denmark Port Guide

Nyhavn (photo courtesy of Carol Mills)
Copenhagen was named the "World's Best Designed City" by the British design magazine Monocle in 2008. The city has green areas, waterways, an extensive network of bicycle lanes, an excellent public transit system, and outstanding airport named the “World's Best Low-cost Airport” and “Europe's most efficient airport”. Copenhagen has many impressive buildings and is often called the “City of Spires”.

It is an expensive city. But churches, public parks, and national museums are free to visit. Canal boat rides are modestly priced as low as $7 USD (2012 prices).

Copenhagen is packed with things to see and do. It's ideally suited for self-guided walking tours and there is an excellent public transit system of trains, buses, and a metro.

Your challenge is to plan how to spend your time.

This guide covers 22 tourist sites. Four of the most popular sites are:

- **Amalienborg Palace** – the Royal Family’s possession since 1794. Be sure to see changing of the guard at noon.
- **Nyhavn** – a waterfront district with old wooden ships, 500 year-old, colorful gabled houses, restaurants, and cafés.
- **Tivoli Gardens** – a beautiful and romantic amusement park with 26 rides and 32 restaurants.
- **Stroget** – the world's longest pedestrian shopping street with premier, international, and local stores.

Denmark uses the Danish Krone currency (DKK).

On September 24, 2012, one US dollar (USD) = 5.77 DKK; one euro (EUR) = 7.46 DKK.


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*Tom Sheridan*

Note: I would like to thank Mike Engelberg, Julie Rose, and Carol Mills for their help on this guide.
Three Cruise Ship Docking Areas

**Freeport Piers** has the best passenger terminals and an information center. **Amerika Plads** only has room for one or two cruise ships next to the ferry boat docks. **Langelinie Piers** is the most scenic area. It's across the street from a beautiful park. Note the location of train stations and stops for bus 26 on the map above.

Popular Tourist Sites are between the Cruise Port and Köbenhavn Train Station
This map shows popular tourist sites. The **Cruise Port** docks are to the north. **Köbenhavn**, the main train station, is south, next to **Tivoli Gardens**.
From north to south, the distance is 8000 feet or 1.5 miles. Also note the scale of 1000 feet.
Using Google and Bing Maps to Plan Your Vacation

I use Map Coordinates in my port guides to describe tourist sites. Advantages of map coordinates include:

- They do NOT require a street address and can point to any location whether or not it is on a public road,
- The arrow accurately points to within 50 feet of the location, and
- Map coordinates are a simple set of numbers, not dependent on common names or language.

Google shows the map coordinate location as a down pointing green arrow with a red balloon at the nearest street address. In Bing Maps, the map coordinate location appears as a blue dot.

**An easy way to use map coordinates:**

- Open the port guide in a window on your computer and size the window to less than half of the screen.
- Open a second window on your computer with Google or Bing Maps. Use the “Get Directions” function to plot either a driving or walking route, distance, and time between points of interest by **copying and pasting** map coordinates from the port guide into the Google or Bing map.
- In Google Maps, move the little yellow man icon onto the map and move it around to see a street view of the area. This is also a great way to find locations to stand with your camera for postcard photos.
- Experiment with satellite and “Birdseye” views of the tourist site in Google and Bing Maps. View the map at different magnifications to become familiar with the area **before** your vacation.

**To convert map coordinates to GPS, search Google for “How to convert map coordinates to GPS”**.

Tourist sites are densely packed in a relatively small area in Copenhagen that can be reached by walking and public transit by bus, train, and metro. I have organized the maps and review of tourist sites as follows:

- Tourist sites between the Cruise Port and Amalienborg Palace, and
- Tourist sites between Amalienborg Palace and Tivoli Gardens

**Tourist Sites Between the Cruise Port and Amalienborg Palace**

Use map coordinates with Google Maps “Get Directions” to create a walking route for the following sites. Google will draw the map and show distance and walking time. Note that it is 1.7 Km and 21 minutes to walk from *Freeport Piers to *Amerika Plads and an additional 1.1 Km and 13 minutes to walk to *Langelinie Piers.

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You're lucky if your cruise ship docks at **Langelinie Piers**. It's only 1.8 Km and a 22 minute walk from the pier to Amalienborg Palace. And there are many things to see along the way.

Stop for a photo of the Little Mermaid Statue. Visit the beautiful Kastellet area. See Gefion Fountain, the most impressive fountain in Copenhagen. Visit the Resistance Museum, and continue walking to the very impressive Amalienborg Palace where you can begin your tour of central city Copenhagen tourist sites.
The Little Mermaid is a 6 minute 500 meter walk from Langelinie Piers. Enter map coordinates for Langelinie Piers into box “A” and coordinates for the Little Mermaid into box “B”. Click on the walking man icon in Google map “Get Directions” (map at left).

Take your camera, the Mermaid Statue (below) is famous.

Just to the west of The Little Mermaid is Kastellet, a fortified area constructed in the 1600's to protect the city. Today, it is a beautiful public park with many postcard photo opportunities (photo below). There are colorful and impressive buildings including an English church, an impressive looking prison, a windmill, Churchill park, etc. See this website for a description and photos: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kastellet,_Copenhagen
Gefion Fountain (map coordinates = 55.689052,12.597536)
It's considered Copenhagen's most spectacular fountain. The photo at right is an example of use of map coordinates. I entered the coordinates in Google Maps. Then I dragged the little yellow man icon onto the map at the down pointing green arrow to view the fountain at street level from the map coordinates location. I added text in Photoshop.

Depending on where your ship docks, the walk to Kastellet and Gefion Fountain is
1 Km and 12 minutes from *Langelinie Piers
3.2 Km and 40 minutes from *Freeport Piers

If you have the time, I highly recommend visiting the park area around Kastellet and the fountain.

It is 140 meters and a 2 minute walk from Gefion fountain to the Resistance Museum (map below)

The Museum of Danish Resistance (Frihedsmuseet)
Churchillparken 7, Copenhagen
(map coordinates = 55.688133,12.596205)

Phone: 33-13-77-14
Open Hours: October-April: Tuesday-Sunday 10-15 May-September: Tuesday-Sunday 10-17 Autumn School Holiday: All days 10-16 Closed on Dec. 24, Dec. 25 and Dec. 31 Open on Jan. 1, Easter Monday and Whitmonday
Admission = FREE
The museum documents efforts of the Danes to save 7000 Danish Jews and resist the Nazi occupation during the war.

Amalienborg Palace  (map coordinates = 55.683851,12.593183)
Website = http://dkks.dk/bes-g-os-2/

There are actually four different Rococo architecture palaces built in the 18th century around the square by order of King Frederik V. These are some of the most beautiful palaces in Europe.

Amalienborg Museum is housed in the Christian 8 mansion at Amalienborg Palace.
The entrance takes you into the port closest to Frederick Street.
Metro Station  King's Square
Bus lines  1A, 15 and 20E (Bredgade and Store Kongensgade)  26 (Queen Cross Street)  350S (King's Square)
Hours  May - 31 October  Every day 10AM-4PM
Admission = DKK 65 (adults)  45 (seniors 65+)
The Danish Royal Guards (photo right) march from Rosenborg Castle beginning at 11:30 AM near Rosenborg Castle and arrive at Amalienborg Palace at 12:00 noon for the ceremony. You may be able to get some photos along the route. Note the red line on the map above starting at Rosenborggade. They walk Købmagergade, turn left on Østergade, go through Kongens Nytorv square to Bredgade, turn right on Skt. Annæ Plads, and turn left on Amaliegade to Amalienborg Palace. **There is a changing of the guard ceremony every day at noon.**
Amalienborg Palace (photo below)

Amalienborg Palace (map coordinates = 55.683863,12.593161)
This is the royal couple’s winter residence and has been in the Royal Family’s possession since 1794.

Aerial view of Opera House across the Canal from Amalienborg Palace (photo below)

TERMINOLOGY: There are four palaces at this square described as the “Rococo Palaces”, Amalienborg Palace, or King Frederik V Palace. The Danish word “slot” might be used instead of “palace” or “castle”.

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Map of Popular Tourist Sites between Amalienborg Palace and Tivoli Gardens (below)

Note the vertical scale of 3900 feet (0.75 mile) on the right side of the map.

I don't know which tourist sites you wish to visit. I provide a brief description of each site and the map coordinates so you can create your own walking route map. I also point out some of the bus stops, especially bus #26 which runs between these tourist sites and the cruise ship docks. The 2012 bus route map is on pages 22-23 of this port guide.

I call your attention to Stroget, the longest shopping street in the world, on the map above. Maps can be confusing because Stroget street is known by “Stroget” and five other names for this street!

**Nyhavn** (map coordinates = 55.679714,12.590369)

This is a must visit site. It is a very picturesque waterfront with old ships, brightly colored 17th century townhouses, restaurants, and cafés. This area was the home of Hans Christian Andersen.
Photos of Nyhavn (below)

Map coordinates for the anchor (photo at right) are 55.680754,12.587775
Canal Boat Rides

You can get a canal boat ride at Nyhavn and other locations. There are two companies:

Netto-Badene canal boat tours (map coordinates = 55.680209,12.588612)

DFDS canal boat tours (map coordinates = 55.680681,12.587775)

Cost for the one hour tour is 40 to 70 DKK which is about $6 to 12 USD or 4.7 to 9.4 euros (2012 prices). The best prices might be at the Tourist Information office. There are different boat departure points, routes, and types of boat rides including Hop On, Hop Off rides where you can use the canal boat as your means to visit tourist sites. Also, you can rent boats for groups.

**Sailing routes**

**Start Location**: bridge by Holmen’s Church to the Stock Exchange and in Nyhavn at Heibergsgade.

**Departure every day**: From time. 10.00 pm until 17.00 (in July and August to at. 19.00 from Nyhavn) - 2-5 times per hour. Our season is from 29 March to 31 October.

**Length of trip**: approx. 60 minutes.

[Map of canal routes and sights in Copenhagen]

In July and August there may be changes in the route.
Kongens Nytorv “The King's New Square” (map coordinates = 55.680515,12.585932)

It's the largest square in Copenhagen and is surrounded by the Royal Danish Theater, the French Embassy, Thott Palace and Charlotteborg Palace. I have shown the route for changing of the guards in blue. The guards leave the Rosenborg Castle area around 11:30 for the ceremony at Amalienborg Palace at noon.
Strøget Street

Strøget is the world’s longest pedestrian shopping street and Denmark’s premier shopping district with local and international shops. It can be difficult to find Strøget street on maps because it has six different names. Depending on location on the map, it may be called “Stroget, Ostergade, Amagertorv, Nygade, Vimmelskaftet, or Frederiksberggade”.

To create your own walking tour map of Stroget:

- Open Google Maps and click on “Get Directions”
- In box “A”, enter map coordinates of 55.680319,12.584987 for the eastern end at Kongens Nytorv
- In box “B”, enter map coordinates of 55.676423,12.56928 for the western end of Stroget at City Hall
- Click on the walking man icon. Google will draw the map from “A” to “B” and show it is 1.1 Km and 13 minutes to walk the full length of Stroget street (see map below).

This map also shows Metro and Train connections you'll need between the Airport and the Cruise Port:

If you are taking the Metro from the Airport, exit the Metro at Norreport, walk 5 minutes to the train to the port area, and walk 15 minutes to your ship. If you are taking a train from the Airport, exit the train at Kobenhavn and take a cab to the Cruise Port. To minimize walking, I would either take a cab directly from the airport to the ship (expensive) or take a train from the airport to Kobenhavn and get a cab to the Cruise Port (lower cab fare).
Previewing a “Walk” down Stroget street on your computer

Drag the Google little yellow man map icon onto Stroget street. Use the arrows to rotate the icon to view the in the direction to the west. Then click on the “arrow” at the bottom of the photo to “walk” down the street. This allows you to “preview” where the stores are that you might want to visit. Google street level photos are generally good, but they can be old photos. Note the Google photo below was taken in September 2010.

If you look at the Google street level photo (above) you can see the Guinness Records statue of the man in the blue suit in front of the van (with the back hatch open on the right of the street).

Guinness World Records Museum
(map coordinates = 55.680192,12.583792
It is located on Stroget street (also called Ostergade) 73 meters and a one minute walk from Kongens Nytorv.
Website = http://www.ripleys.com/copenhagen/.
Admission is ~ 85 DKK.
Hours are usually 10 AM to 6 or 10 PM.
Rosenborg Castle/Palace “Castle of the Roses”  (map coordinates = 55.685762,12.577408)
It is an ornate renaissance palace built in the early 1600s by Christian IV with fine interiors, furnishings, art collections, and magnificent crown jewels.

See  [http://kongehuset.dk/english/palaces](http://kongehuset.dk/english/palaces) for photos of many palaces in Copenhagen, the Royal Family, etc.

Official website =  [http://dkks.dk/english](http://dkks.dk/english)

Admission:
Adult: DKK 80, Combined ticket, Rosenborg Castle and Amalienborg Palace, Adult: DKK 110

Open: Jan-Apr, Tue-Sun: 11am – 4pm
       May, Sep-Oct, Daily: 10am - 4pm
       Jun-Aug, Daily: 10am – 5pm    Nov-Dec, Tue-Sat: 11am - 2pm/4pm
Address: Øster Voldgade 4A
Phone: +45 3315 3286

Photo of Rosenborg Palace (right)

The National Gallery  (map coordinates = 55.688569,12.578303)
The Danish National Gallery is across the street from Rosenborg Castle, see the map at left.

The National Gallery is the only place in Denmark with 700 years of Western art and cultural history under one roof. The museum houses a large collection of Danish and international paintings, sculptures, drawings, and installations. The oldest works in the collection originally belonged to the Danish royalty


Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Sunday: 10.00 -17.00
Wednesday: 10.00 - 20.00

Admission = FREE to the collections
Admission to special exhibitions = 95 DKK
The Round Tower “Rundetaarn” (map coordinates = 55.681311,12.575734)
Built as an observatory in 1642, the 209 metre long winding passage leads to a platform at the top of tower. From here you will have a magnificent view over the old town, including the cathedral Vor Frue Kirke on Store Kannikestræde, where Crown Princess Mary and Crown Prince Frederik were wed in May 2004. Bing “birdseye” view (photo at right)

Official website = http://www.rundetaarn.dk/
post@rundetaarn.dk
Hours: 21st May – 20th September All day at. 10-20
21st September - 20th May All day at. 10-17 Mid-October to mid-March on Tuesday and Wednesday, tower and observatory open 19-22. tower closed 24 -25 December & 1 January
Admission = 25 British Pounds Sterling = 235 DKK = $ 41 dollars (September 2012 prices)

Map of the area around Round Tower

Church of Our Lady “Vor Frue Kirke” (map coordinates = 55.679169,12.57209)
The site has housed a church since 1209, with the present building consecrated in 1829. Five Danish kings were crowned here between 1449 and 1648. Photography is permitted but NOT during church services.

Official website = http://www.koebenhavnsdomkirke.dk/
View videos of the cathedral at http://www.koebenhavnsdomkirke.dk/film
Tivoli Gardens (main entrance map coordinates = 55.674862,12.565438)
This amusement park, founded in 1843, is a beautiful and romantic park for people of all ages in the heart of Copenhagen. It is also the city’s most popular attraction with its 32 restaurants and 26 amusement rides. Note that Tivoli is open from mid-April to mid-September, and from mid-November to 30 December for the Christmas Market

Official website = http://www.tivoli.dk/
Admission = ~ 95 DKK, varies based on date and time    Ticket for 3 rides ~ 25 DKK (2012 prices)
Carlsberg Sculpture Museum “Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek”  
(map coordinates = 55.67295,12.572519)

The museum is located across the street from the east end of Tivoli Gardens (see map below).

The Glyptotek houses over 10,000 works of art divided into two collections. One is of works from the Mediterranean cradle of Western culture including ancient art with many Greek and Roman statues. The other collection features Danish and French art from the 19th and 20th centuries including works by Gaugin and Van Gogh. "It boasts the biggest collection of antiquities in Northern Europe"

**Official Website =** [http://www.glyptoteket.dk/](http://www.glyptoteket.dk/)

**OPENING HOURS**  Tuesday - Sunday 11-17  CLOSED Monday & HOLIDAYS  
**ADMISSION**  Adults: DKK 75 (EUR 11)

The National Museum  (map coordinates = 55.674124,12.574619)

This is Denmark’s largest museum of cultural history, displaying the history of the Danes right down to the present day. A self-guided tour of the 10,000 square metre exhibition takes one hour. The Prince’s Palace, which houses the National Museum, was completed in 1744 and was home to the members of the royal family in the 18th century.

**Official website =**  [http://natmus.dk/](http://natmus.dk/)

**Opening Hours**  10 AM to 5 PM, closed Mondays & holidays  
**Admission = FREE**
**Christiansborg Palace** (map coordinates = 55.675842,12.57887)

Denmark’s most important building is home to the country’s three supreme powers: the executive power; the legislative power; and the judicial power. It is the only building in the world to house all of a nation’s three supreme powers. The original fortress on site was built 1167 and its remains can still be seen.

There are daily tours of the Royal Reception Rooms in English, which take about 60 minutes and run between 1 May – 30 Sept at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Between 1 Oct – 30 April guided tours are available at 3pm (except Mondays). Adjacent to the palace lies the Royal Library Gardens, an oasis in the heart of the city.

**Carlsberg Brewery** (map coordinates = 55.667263,12.535032)

The brewery is west and south of Tivoli Gardens, see map below. For 70 DKK you can do a self guided tour and get two beers to drink. The beer is excellent. Check out the website, there is a lot to see and do.

Website = [http://www.visitcarlsberg.dk/Pages/front.aspx](http://www.visitcarlsberg.dk/Pages/front.aspx)

- Tuesday to Sunday 10 am - 5 pm Monday closed
- Price = 70 DKK and includes two beers
- Bus routes: 18 or 26 (5 minutes walk from the bus stop)
- S-Trains: Enghave Station 15 minutes walk
  Valby Station 15 minutes walk

**Freetown Christiania** (map coordinates = 55.673716,12.59916)

Freetown is on the east side of the canal. It was developed as an “alternative utopia” in 1971 by hippies who took over an area of abandoned military barracks and developed their own set of rules, independent of the Danish government. It covers a very large area and is very colorful with bright colored paintings and tile on the outside of many surfaces. There is an alternative art center with paintings, sculptures, live music and theater.

To “preview” the area on Google maps, drag the little yellow man icon onto the map and place it over the blue dots on the map to see photos taken by visitors. It is a very colorful place.

It is also a controversial place, see

Self-Guided Touring of Copenhagen
Comments by Mike Engelberg based on his 2012 cruise

Having no Danish kroner, we opted to take the US $8 Princess shuttle into town. The shuttle dropped us off on the west side of Hans Christian Andersens Boulevard, adjacent to the eastern side of the Tivoli Gardens amusement park.

From there, we walked north, then west, around to the main entrance to Tivoli, which is on Vesterbrogade. Across the street from the entrance, on the north side of Vesterbrogade at the corner of Bernstorffsgade, is the city's travel information center.

At the travel center, we used credit cards to buy day passes for public transit at 75 DKK or US$13 per person. I don't know if this is a senior rate. We also bought tickets for a sightseeing Netto Badene boat ride for 40 DKK or US$7 per person. With these purchases, we felt -- and were correct -- that we did not need Danish kroner the rest of the day.

By the way, the agents at the travel center were quite cordial and gave us all the time we needed. We were pleased with the experience.

From the travel center, we walked east on Vesterbrogade, across HC Andersens Boulevard, to the main square. Along the south side of the square is the Town Hall. Tourists are invited to see the interior of the building, which is essentially an enormous center hall around which are the offices; then to walk out back into the garden area, which provides a respite among all the surrounding street hubbub. The garden exit is on the east side of HC Andersens Boulevard.

From there, we walked south to Tietgensgade, then west along the south side of Tivoli Gardens. Not far from the intersection of Tietgensgade and HC Andersens Boulevard is a public bus stop. One of the routes stopping there is the 11A. This route is great for tourists, because it covers a lot of areas tourists want to see.

When the 11A bus showed up, we were surprised to see how tiny it was -- it was about the size of a shuttle van between hotels and airports. Once we boarded, we saw how few seats there were. We were traveling with another couple, and there was only one row, across the back, that could accommodate all of us. As I recall, there were only two double seats and several single seats.

Given this small capacity, we were fortunate to have boarded where we did. At that point the bus is heading west along Tietgensgade, away from the main area of town. It goes perhaps a mile to the Tivoli Congress Center, where it ends its route, and without a layover, it starts going back east. So we were able to snag the rear seats.

The route then goes to the Central train station along the west side of Tivoli Gardens. Then it makes a U-turn, back south to Tietgensgade, then heads east, then north. The route traverses busy downtown streets rather quickly until it reaches the area called Norreport, a major transit hub.

We stayed on the bus because it then travels south along Gothersgade, past the Rosenborg Castle, to the Nyhavn area. This is the bustling part of Copenhagen, loaded with tourists and outdoor restaurants. It took a while to get through that area, so we were able to see a lot from the bus. The 11A bus route ends on Gothersgade along the east side of the canal in a very picturesque area. More people boarded the bus here than there was seating capacity for them.

After about a ten-minute wait, the bus went back through the Nyhavn area and to the Norreport area. We alit there to walk through the Botanical Garden, another beautiful respite amid the hustle and bustle. Next we walked south to the Rosenborg Castle and admired it and some Belgian soldiers through the fencing along its west side.
We walked back north and west to the Norreport area, then south along a commercial street named Kobmagergade. This street eventually leads to the area containing Christianborg Palace, Holmen's Church and the Old Stock Exchange. The canal area here is another busy place, though nowhere near as busy as Nyhavn.

Canals both in Nyhavn and near Christianborg Palace have terminals for sightseeing boats. The prominent provider is DFDS. However, the company we used (with the tickets we bought at the travel info center) was Netto Badene. Their terminal is at the southeast corner of the Holmens Kanal bridge. We felt it would be better to board here than at the Nyhavn stop. Again, we were right. On a beautiful day such as we had, we wanted to sit outside rather than under protective cover. There are relatively few outside seats, but at 4:30 p.m. there were few customers, so we had no problem.

Onboard, we watched the passing sights rather than looking at a map to see where we were. However, Netto Badene provides an excellent map showing its route, see page 11 of this port guide. Looking at the map, we went first to the main canal; then south along a former industrial row that is now prime residential territory; then close to the Christiania community known for its own living style; then back into the main canal past the royal yacht; then to the Little Mermaid statue; then back west along prime canal-front space including the Amalienborg Castle and its canal-side garden space; then past some exquisite sand castles; then through more pricey residential space culminating not far west of Tivoli; then through city-center canals, ending at the Holmens Church terminal.

The entire canal ride took a little more than an hour. We felt it was well worth it. Our guide was extremely knowledgeable (and quite talkative). He was a fountain of facts.

Around the corner from the Netto Badene terminal, heading east, is a bus stop along Holmenskanal Road. This is where to board route 26 that heads back to the cruise port. This is also where to pay strict attention. As it heads to the cruise port, route 26 splits in two. One route goes to the Langelinie piers, the closer of the two dock areas. The other route continues farther north til it gets to the Freeport piers, also known as Nordhavn. You have to know where your ship docked so that you board the correct route 26 bus.

Also, be aware that route 26 bus service, at least to Freeport, ends at about 7 p.m. Beyond that time, it is possible to take a train from Central Station to Nordhavn, then walk to the piers, which could be as much as a mile. Also check to see whether route 26 operates on weekends.

If your ship stays late in Copenhagen, and you want to be at Tivoli Gardens at night, you will probably need to use taxis or your ship's shuttle service.

Note: The compass directions I give above are adjusted for simple explanation, but the actual directions are different. For instance, Tivoli Gardens really runs from a northeast corner to a southwest corner; and really, all of central Copenhagen runs northeast to southwest. And on maps, where west is usually at the left, the Netto Badene map has south at the left. I felt it was easier to look squarely at the printed map and give the usual map directions.

Our preference is to walk around and see the sights rather than to visit museums and such. If your preference is the latter, you may spend most of your port day inside some of the major palaces and castles. You will need to determine how much time you can spend at each major site.

For those of you on Princess: You are encouraged to buy shuttle tickets ahead of time, although you can certainly pay for them when you board the shuttle bus. If you buy tickets in advance, but do not use them, Princess will credit your account for the unused tickets. We bought our round-trip tickets in advance, but because we used our transit day passes on the #26 bus to get back to the ship, we got a refund for the return Princess shuttle bus.

End of comments by Mike Engelberg
I have highlighted bus stops for lines 26 and 11A on the map below. Bus 26 is popular because it runs from the cruise ship port to central city. See page 2 of this port guide for bus #26 stops near cruise ships. Note that bus 26 does not run in the evening nor on weekends. Be sure to check bus schedules and routes when you arrive in Copenhagen. The tourist Information office will provide maps and schedules. Tourist information offices are at Freeport Piers and Tivoli Gardens. Osterport (on the map below) is the train station near Langelinie Piers.
This is a continuation of the bus map from the previous page.
City-sightseeing is the largest HopOn bus company in the world. They have 3 tour routes in Copenhagen and a convenient shuttle service from Freeport Piers to the tour buses at Langelinie Piers to minimize walking distance and time from your ship to the tour bus. Prices range from ~ 19 to 27 British Pound Sterling/person for one or all three tour routes. These tour buses go to all the popular tourist sites. I have used their service in many countries and have been impressed. See http://www.city-sightseeing.com/tours/denmark/copenhagen.htm#tourlandingposition
Frederiksborg Castle (Slot)  (map coordinates = 55.93502,12.301231)
This magnificent Dutch Renaissance castle sits on three small islands on Lake Slotso and is home to a historical museum noted for its outstanding collection of portraits - the largest of its kind in Denmark.

Fredensborg Castle (Slot) (map coordinates = 55.982058,12.395741)
This beautiful 18th-century Baroque palace is used by the royal couple for state visits and events. When Queen Margrethe II is in residence, the Changing of the Guard takes place every day at noon.

Kronborg Castle (Slot) = (map coordinates = 56.03923,12.619422)
Built as a fortress in the 16th century to defend the kingdom of Denmark, this magnificent Renaissance castle was immortalized by Shakespeare as the setting for his play, "Hamlet."
Copenhagen International Airport (CPH)

The airport is 13 Km south of the cruise port. It's a 45 to 60 minute cab ride in heavy traffic. See the map at left.

It is sometimes called Kastrup Airport, but the “official” name is Copenhagen International Airport (CPH). The official website is http://copenhagen.com/airport/

I find this website below more useful http://www.ifly.com/copenhagen-CPH-airport

You'll love the airport. It has everything. It is distinguished for being customer service minded. In September 2011 it was rated the “World's Best Low-cost Airport”, and in mid-2012 Air Transport Research called it Europe's most efficient airport.

Airport Terminal map (below)
Terminal 1 is the domestic terminal.
Terminals 2 and 3 are international terminals.
Note that terminal two has two concourses A and B. Terminal C has has one concourse = C.

Note the train station underneath Terminal 3 and the Metro Station at the front of Terminal 3.
Train website = http://www.rejseplanen.dk
Metro website = www.m.dk
This is a high resolution map, you can enlarge it on your computer monitor to see more detail.
Planning Travel between the Airport, central city Copenhagen, and the Cruise Port

If you have heavy luggage, the easiest and, my preferred, travel method is a taxi or a large bus with luggage stored underneath. Taxis between the airport and cruise terminal can cost ~ US $ 100. Check with your cruise line re availability and cost of a transfer service. It is probably around US $ 35 per person.

My second choice with heavy luggage would be a train from the airport to København H (central train station) and then take a cab to the cruise ship. The cost for the cab is probably US $ 50. The advantage of this route is that I don't have to drag heavy luggage long distances.

The metro + train is the cheapest and probably the fastest method of travel between the airport and cruise port. But you have to exit the Metro at Norreport, walk 5 minutes to the Norreport train station, and then take a train to:
- Nordhavn train station if your ship is at Freeport Piers. The walk to the ship is 10 minutes.
- Osterport train station if your ship is near Langelinie Piers. The walk to the ship is 15 minutes.

The metro and train website = http://www.rejseplanen.dk/

www.rejseplanen.dk website for Metro and Trains

Here is how I use this website:
#1 click on English  
#2 enter the desired travel time of day  
#3 select whether it is departure or arrival time  
#4 specify day of travel  
#5 and # 6 enter the names of the stations  
#7 click on Find journey

Names of Metro and Train Stations
- Metro station at airport = Lufthavnen st (Metro)  
- Train station at airport = Københavns Lufthavn, Kastrup st  
- Central train station in Copenhagen = København H  
- Train station near Freeport Piers = Nordhavn st  
- Train station near Langelinie Piers = Osterport st

Here are the station names at Norreport if you need them
- Metro station at Norreport = Nørreport st (Metro)  
- Train station at Norreport = Nørreport st
Here are the map coordinates to Plan Your Travel

**Airport**
METRO at AIRPORT    Lufthavnen st  
TRAIN at AIRPORT    Københavns Lufthavn, Kastrup st  

**Train & Metro Stations in Central City Copenhagen**
Copenhagen Central Train Station Köbenhavn H  
Norreport Metro Station  
Norreport Train Station  

**Cruise Port**
*Freeport Piers  
Train station near Freeport Piers    Nordhavn st  

*Amerika Plads  

*Langelinie Piers  
Train station near Langelinie Piers    Osterport  

Metro system website =  [www.m.dk](http://www.m.dk)
Taxi and Private Bus service in Copenhagen
Comments by Julie Rose regarding her 2011 cruise

Our plane couldn't land in Copenhagen due to bad weather so our flight was diverted to Malmo, Sweden. The airline put us on a bus to CPH airport.

My husband and I don't use buses or trains when we arrive in a city after a trans Atlantic flight. We don't like to be shlepping luggage in unfamiliar places. We bite the bullet and take a taxi from the airport to Best Western Hotel City. We stood in a taxi queue and paid about $50 USD for the trip. The taxi driver spoke understandable English. The taxis are very clean and comfortable, but as in Copenhagen, very expensive. We paid for our ride by credit card, which was convenient for us, and rounded up the fare for a tip to to the driver, even though he didn't expect it.

The two most popular hotels used by our fellow travelers were:

• Best Western Hotel City...nice location near many places to eat and drink. Close walk to Nyhavn. The Best Western included a nice breakfast (I always try to find a place that offers a good start for the day included in the price)
• Hotel Bethel was another popular hotel.

There were a few other hotels people used, such as the Marriott, but those were the two most popular.

I organized a bus for 38 of us on our ship from our hotel to the cruise pier from the Best Western Hotel City because most of the cruisers were staying at that hotel.

The bus company was kind enough to make one stop for a few people that weren't at our hotel.

I used Edelskov Bus company and dealt with a delightful woman named Anne Jergensen.

I dealt with her strictly by email. It was about $440 USD and made it extremely affordable for 38 pax. I would use them again in a heartbeat. They didn't require anything to secure the reservation. The website is www.edelskov.dk. I made the reservation very early, about 10 months in advance. I was able to negotiate payment in US dollars and communicated that convenience to those that signed up with me on our Cruise Critic roll call.

The day we used the bus to the port, everyone gave me their money and I paid the driver. We were pleased that everyone showed up, but I informed everyone in advance via the roll call that if some didn't show up that the price per person/couple would have to be adjusted. The bus was comfortable and clean!

While in Copenhagen, we walked everywhere. After the cruise we disembarked back in Copenhagen and shared a taxi with another couple. The cruise lines want to sell transfer packages and tell you taxis are scarce when you disembark, but we saw plenty of taxis and only had to wait 10 minutes to get one.

I hope this information helps you plan your cruise vacation,

Julie

Carol Mills' experience taking the Princess transfer bus from the ship to the airport:

We took the ship's transfer at the end of our 2011 cruise ($ 34/person) and were so glad we did. When we got to the airport, the check-in lines were very, very long. We couldn't see the front of the lines so it wasn't clear where we should stand. The Princess rep made sure we were in the correct place and we breezed through the check-in process. Had plenty of time to enjoy the marvelous airport. It has so many places to shop, eat and relax before the flight home.
User Feedback Is Welcome

Goal
My guides are designed to help you plan a great cruise vacation by providing information such as where the ship docks, location of tourist sites, public transit, walking tour maps, things to see and do, travel issues unique to the port, etc. Knowledge of ports is important when planning shore excursions because you have to make many decisions and commitments long before your ship docks. I believe the information in this guide is accurate, however you are responsible to verify accuracy of the information that you use to plan your vacation.

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