

## H2O Copenhagen and Malmö

**Øresund is the narrow strait that separates Denmark from Sweden. Indeed, the two main cities Copenhagen and Malmö are a short half hour apart by train or bridge crossing. From historic sea battles to modern day city adventure, water is a crucial element in the Øresund region. For the water enthusiast, here are a number of top twin city choices.**

### **Copenhagen Harbour Basin, Islands Brygge**

The water in Copenhagen harbour is so clean that in 2002 the city built its first harbour basin for swimming and diving located less than 1 Km from the city center. A swimming pool, a children's pool and a diving pool offers something for all ages. During the latter part of summer, a 3 day harbour weekend features all shades of cultural activities right on the dock. The season runs from June 22 – August 31 from 7 am to 7 pm, 7 days of week. Capacity 600.



### **Copencabana Harbour Basin, Fisketorvet**

Following the success of the first Harbour basin, Islands Brygge expanded and Fisketorvet located on the opposite side of the harbour installed the 'old' basin, nicknamed Copencabana. Three basins and sandy beach with palm trees creates an exotic atmosphere for either a drink or a dive. Fisketorvet is also home to a 55.000 m2 shopping centre with cinemas and restaurants. The season runs from June 22 – August 31 from 7 am to 7 pm, 7 days of week. Capacity 300.

### **DFDS Canal Tours**

One of Copenhagen's biggest tourist attractions for almost 100 years. Each year more than 500,000 visitors travel through all parts of the old Danish capital from open or covered boats. Tours are guided in both Danish, English and German. Boats depart every half hour. Daily from 10.00am - 5.00pm between 28th March and 20th October. From 21st June to 25th August the last boat is 7.30pm from Nyhavn. You can also rent your own boat for an evening event or take a dinner cruise with DFDS's boats.



### **Nyhavn**

Built in 1673, Nyhavn is a picturesque canal filled with moored sailing boats and a popular meeting place for enjoying a drink in one of the many open air cafes, restaurants and bars. Nyhavn is centrally located within walking distance from the Royal Palace and the pedestrian shopping street Strøget. Apart from the maritime association, this was also on several occasions home to fairytale writer Hans Christian Andersen.



### **Copenhagen Boat Rent**

Find the floating rental office between Fisketorvet and PapaHotel and rent a speedboat to check out the city and beyond, for instance one of the old fortresses in Øresund just outside the city. The season runs May 1 – September 15.

### **Christianshavns Boat Rental & Cafe**

An excellent spot for a coffee break while watching life in the canals. You can also rent row boats here and venture into the canals for a closer look at the charming old Christianshavn. The café features lunch and dinner menus as well.



### **Kallbadhuset**

Unique building (the name means open-air swimming baths) from 1898 standing on piles in the water. Bathing, sauna and tanning for both young and old. Separate sections for men and women. If you don't feel like swimming, you can content yourself with a coffee at the on-the-water café and enjoy the magnificent view.



### **Rundan**

Classic sightseeing tour! A trip takes you around the city's canals through the harbour and the parks of Malmö, past Malmö Castle, and the old area of the city and under its bridges. All tours are conducted with a taped speaker guide and a gentleman skipper. The season for tours runs April – September. Centrally located across the main rail station.

### **Aq Va Kul**

Indoor water amusement center with water slides, wave machines, jet stream, bubble pools, steam bath and an eddy channel. Everything for bathers, both big and small. It is possible to use gym facility, and book time for massage. Located in central Malmö. Open all year round, weekdays 9 am – 20/21:30, Fridays until 19:30, Sat/Sun 9 am – 17:30.

### **Trampebåtarna**

Pedal boats for hire. A great way to get around Malmö's canals and watch the city from the water at your own pace.

### **Øresund**

Finally, don't leave town without experiencing the magnificent views and sunsets of the Øresund Bridge separating Malmö from Copenhagen. Ribersborg beach, a long sandy beach close to the city centre, or Klagshamn beach in the southern part of Malmö, are both excellent choices for sun set views.

