

# **CLASSICISM IN DENMARK**

# GREAT HOUSES, CASTLES, GARDENS & URBAN SPACES

Sunday, May 19th to Sunday May 26th, 2024

Tour arrangements by Classical Excursions









One of the dramatic aspects of experiencing the city of Copenhagen are the towers, belfries and steeples around the city. The architecture of Copenhagen is characterized by a wide variety of styles, progressing through Christian IV's early 17th century landmarks and elegant mansions and palaces of Frederiksstaden, to the Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo and late 19th century residential boroughs and cultural institutions to the 20<sup>th</sup> modernistic and 21<sup>st</sup> century new developments. Denmark is a Scandinavian country comprising the Jutland Peninsula and numerous islands. Copenhagen, its capital, is home to royal palaces and colorful Nyhavn harbor, plus the Tivoli amusement park and the iconic "Little Mermaid" statue. On the Island of Funen/Fyn, is the town of Odense which was writer Hans Christian Andersen's hometown, with a medieval core of cobbled streets and half-timbered houses.

# **OVERVIEW** of the **ITINERARY**

#### SUNDAY, May 19th · Arrival to Copenhagen

Independent arrivals. Check-in for a five-night stay at the **Nobis Hotel Copenhagen**, near Radhuspladsen (City Hall Square). And Tivoli We will gather at the hotel for a welcome dinner at 6:30 pm.

#### MONDAY, May 20th through THURSDAY, May 23rd · Copenhagen and Environs

Touring in and around the area. Lunch is included each day. Evenings are free to explore restaurants of your choice. Optional dinner one night in Tivoli at one of their deluxe restaurants.

#### FRIDAY, May 24th and SATURDAY, May 25th · Island of Fyn

After checking-out, we head west for two-days of touring on the Island of Fyn. Check in to **Hindsgavl Castle Hotel** for two-nights. Dinners are included both nights.

#### SUNDAY, May 26th · Return to Copenhagen

We depart early this morning to return to Copenhagen for flights home, or you may wish to extend to explore further.

Meals Included in the Itinerary: breakfast and lunch daily per itinerary, and four dinners.

# Our expert and guide for the trip:

DR. JOHAN CEDERLUND has collaborated with Classical Excursions on many trips over the last 20+ years. We are pleased he will again join us in leading a lively discussion of architecture and design. Cederlund (born 1963) received his Ph.D. in Art History from the University of Lund Sweden, and studied at the Centre Ledoux, Université de Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris. Formerly Chief Curator of the Uppsala University Art Collections, he is since 2006 Director of the Zorn Museum in Mora, Sweden. Between 2011 and 2020, he was Adjunct Professor at Uppsala University. He has written several books about eighteenth-century Swedish architecture, including Classical Swedish Architecture 1650-1840\* (2007), as well about Sweden's master painter, Anders Zorn. Dr. Cederlund has also served as a Royal Chamberlain to the King of Sweden since 2016, where he serves HM The King's Household, HM The Queens Household, HRH The Crown



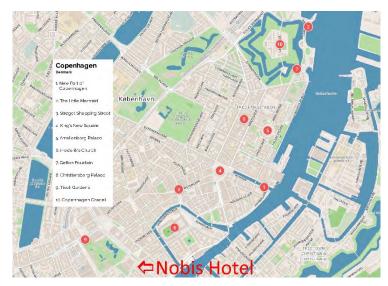
Princess's Household, HM The King's Royal Stables, The Office of Ceremonies and the Royal Household. As recently as April 2023 lectured for the ICAA New England Chapter and the Preservation Society of Newport County in Rhode Island.

\*Founder and CEO Lani Summerville of Classical Excursions is a university colleague of Johan's and provided the English translation for *Classical Swedish Architecture* 1650-1840.

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**NOBIS HOTEL COPENHAGEN** is in the City Center on Niels Brocks Gade at H. C. Andersens Boulevard (Hans Christian Andersen, 1805-1875).





The Nobis is convenient walking to most of city center. It is right across the street from the fine arts museum – the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek; and just a block away to Tivoli Gardens. It is also an easy 10-minute walk from the train station which takes you to and from the airport.

#### MAY 19th, 2024 · SUNDAY

Independent arrivals to Copenhagen. Check-in to the **Nobis Hotel Copenhagen** after 4pm. Hotel address: Niels Brocks Gade 1, 1574 Københaven V | T. +45 787-414 00 We assemble that evening for a welcome dinner at 6:30 pm.

#### MAY 20<sup>th</sup> · MONDAY:

We start our day with an introductory walking tour through Classical Copenhagen with visits to The Law Courts (c. 1815, architect C.F. Hansen – image right from 1850 painting by Carl Balsgaard), the Cathedral, Christianborg slotskirke (church) with other inner city classical highlights from the period.

Stops at the **Design Museum** which is located in a historic building called Frederiks Hospital (c. 1752-57 – image below). The building was refurbished into a museum over 100 years ago by some of the top Danish architects of the period practicing in the Classical style.





A stroll through the area called **Slottsholmen**, the former Royal Castle and now home to the Danish Parliament, the **Royal stable yard** and the private **Royal Theatre** with a tour of **Amalianborg and Christianborg Palaces**.

A Group Lunch at **Kanalen Kaffe** near the National Museum.

An afternoon private tour of the **Thorvaldsen Museum** (built 1838-48 – image right), a unique Neo-Classical monument, integrating the classic art of Bertel Thorvaldsen with architecture and interior design by the great 19<sup>th</sup> century Danish architect Thorvald Bindesbøll.

A visit to the **Copenhagen Town Hall**, an Arts and Crafts Masterpiece.





#### MAY 21<sup>st</sup> · TUESDAY:

A morning visit to the Royal Military Academy situated in the **Fredriksborg Castle** (image above), which is a Baroque masterpiece from 1700. A private tour of this rarely seen palace including the extraordinary marble bathroom of Christian VII, the private chambers, the Pan Cake Kitchen of the Princesses, the Great Hall and the Chapel. Our visit will include the 18<sup>th</sup> century parkland and gardens, which were converted from a formal garden to a Romantic landscape garden in the 1800s. The Chinese Pavilion will be included as well on this special tour. Alternatively, a tour of **Rosenborg Slott** and the **Crown Jewel Collection**.

Lunch at the **Orangerie in the Kings Garden**.

afternoon of An tour Frederiksborg Slot and Gardens on the outskirts of Copenhagen. The castle now houses the National Collections of portraits and decorative arts but it was originally built by King Christian IV and is the largest Renaissance castle in Scandinavia. The extensive Baroque Gardens built by Frederick IV in the 1720s are highlight for Frederiksborg. Architect J.C. Krieger laid out the symmetrical gardens, which are aligned with the castles main axis, extending into the landscape. Though the



garden has undergone alterations throughout the years, it was restored in the 1990s and is complete with cascades and formal parterre flowerbeds.

#### MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> · WEDNESDAY:

Today we head out of town to the north. We'll have a morning visit to Peter Wibroe's private Baroque House & garden in Søllerød.

Followed by lunch nearby.





A special visit to the Queen's residence of Fredensborg Slot where we will visit the Queen's Royal Garden and Orangery with the Royal Household's Landscape Architect responsible for the gardens. The formal garden has undergone an extensive and meticulous restoration. Experience the rarely seen dramatic allée with its 250-year-old lime trees and replicas of the original sculptures being prepared for installation. This is considered to be Denmark's grandest Royal Garden.

An optional dinner for travelers in Copenhagen's **Tivoli Gardens** tonight. Opened in 1843, this park is a combination of beautiful gardens and fanciful buildings, plus amusements and rides. Tivoli is renowned for some of the city's excellent restaurants.





#### MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> · THURSDAY:

This morning we head to the south of the city and will visit the renowned Liselund Manor house. located on picturesque island of Møn. Built in the late 18th to early 19th century, Liseland is considered to have some of the most wellpreserved, simple but elegant Danish Neo-classical interiors. Situated within a romantic landscape park along the Danish coast, lined with white chalk cliffs, it is one of the most dramatic settings.







A tour of Møllebæksgård Garden with the owners. Lunch at Atterdag or Gisselfeld. A visit to Gisselfeld Park and Orangery (Image left and below) with the owners of the Orangery, Stig and Greg, who are landscape architects. This is considered as one of Denmark's finest examples of an English landscape garden. With over 100 acres, it contains 400 species of shrubs and trees. The park was frequented by Hans Christian Andersen and is said to be where the story Ugly Duckling was written. We will tour the castle's fine interiors and a renowned porcelain collection with the owner.



#### MAY 24<sup>th</sup> · FRIDAY:

Following breakfast, check-out of the hotel. Depart Copenhagen heading west to the Island of Fyn / Funen, which is the third-largest in Denmark. The main city is Odense. In 2018, on the hill Munkebo Bakke, located in north eastern Funen, arch-aeologists found an exceedingly large Viking hall that dates back more than 1,000 years, to around 825–1,000 CE.

Visit to **Ledreborg Slot** (two images right), a large 18<sup>th</sup> century private home and garden in the Rococo and Baroque style. Built in 1742 and by the Moltke family the unity of the composition of this estate, house and garden, is something not to be missed.

Lunch at Nyborg Destilleri, Denmark's largest craft distillery. It contains an excellent restaurant Remisen, where we will enjoy Smørrebrød (Danish Open Faced Sandwiches)





A visit to **Glorup Manor House and Garden** (image below). This is a house and garden from 1700s and in the Rococo style. Originally built as a summer residence for A.G. Molte it has passed to generations of family members to the current owner Jacob Rosenkrantz.



Check-in for 2-nights to **Hindsgavl Castle Hotel**. Dinner at the hotel.





HINDSGAVL CASTLE HOTEL is on the scenic Hindsgavl peninsula – the north-western tip of the island Funen (also known as Fyn). The dramatic history of the castle goes back to the 12th century, and several myths and legends from then are still told today as a part of the castle's history.

The castle is now modern hotel and conference centre with a historical heritage from the 18th century – evident in the classical main building, the renovated castle barn, and the old stables that are now transformed into hotel rooms, function rooms, and meeting facilities in a modern design. From the foot of the castle, you can see the glittering waters thru the old trees of the castle park.

On the other side, the castle's land lies next to Hindsgavl Dyrehave (a deer park), which consists of a fenced area of 165 acres. Here you have the perfect opportunity to go for a walk, run or bicycle trip and encounter deer and does, forests, water holes and slopes.





#### MAY 25<sup>th</sup> · SATURDAY:

A morning tour of **Hagenskov Manor House** (image right) or **Krengerup Slott** (image above).

Lunch at **Sanderumgaard** (image below). An afternoon visit to **Sanderumgaard**, dating from the 1790s, with the owner Suzanne Vind. The Vind family has owned and occupied the manor house since 1828. We will have a private tour of the renowned gardens. It is known to be one of the first romantic landscape gardens in Denmark and was established by Johan Bulow in 1793. The garden is 37 acres and is tied together by a 1½ mile long

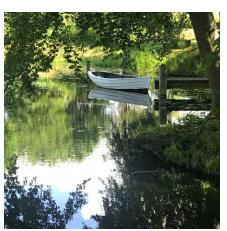


system of canals. Aside from creating the beautiful garden at Sanderumgaard, Johan Bulow was also the advisor to Crown Prince Frederik on the Fredriksborg. On our last visit in May, strawberries were in season!

A farewell dinner at **Hindsgavl Castle**.







### MAY 26<sup>th</sup> · SUNDAY:

Following an early breakfast, check-out of the hotel. Departure at 7:30am by coach for Copenhagen in time for afternoon flight departures.

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