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Destination: Copenhagen

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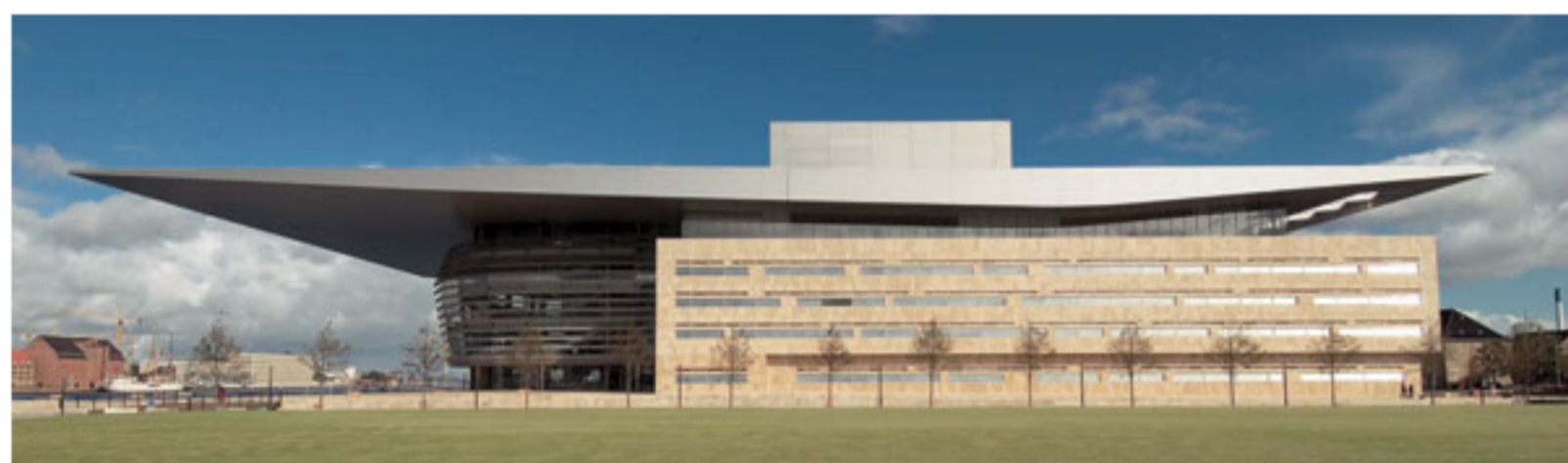
Strøget

GET AWAY: Like Chicagoans, the Danes take advantage of every temperate day, because when winter comes, it doesn't mess around. So from now until the end of October is a prime time to visit Copenhagen — it isn't too cold yet, but you won't battle the crowds of summer. The Danish capital also will be the site of the October 2009 meeting that will seal Chicago's 2016 Olympics fate. Perhaps a trip beforehand would bring good karma.

DO: The Strøget is said to be the world's longest pedestrian shopping street, with high-end Scandinavian designers and locally based, fashion-forward InWear. Don't skip the Dansk Design Centre ([www.ddc.dk](#), 45/3369-3369), a museum dedicated to the aesthetic that made the country famous. Visitors are even encouraged to sit on the exhibited furniture. If you become enamored of the look, there are plenty of studios where you can order pieces for home. Favorites include

the House ([thehouse.org](#), 45/3295-0024) and Stilleben ([www.stilleben.dk](#), 45/3391-1131). At the Operaen — Copenhagen's sleek, modern new opera house on the sea — see "Don Carlo" through Nov. 2 ([www.operaen.dk](#), 45/3369-6969, tickets \$20-\$160). To stretch your legs, take a walking tour of the city's many palaces and stroll-worthy boulevards. Or tour by bike ([www.rentabike.dk](#), 45/3333-8613), the main mode of transport for locals. If you plan to pack in a lot of sightseeing, buy a Copenhagen Card ([www.visitcopenhagen.com](#), \$40-\$85 for 24-72 hours), which grants access to 60 attractions, plus unlimited rides on public transportation.

STAY: The 250-year-old Hotel d'Angleterre ([www.danglerterre.dk](#), 45/3312-0095, doubles start at \$520; suites at \$940) has Old World style but 21st-century amenities. Celebrities such as Kanye West and Bill Clinton have stayed here; the staff is known for its extraordinary service. To be surrounded by minimalist Danish décor, head to the Square Hotel ([www.thesquarecopenhagen.com](#), 45/3338-1200). The lobby is filled with classics, such as Arne Jacobsen's Egg chair. Ask about packages that include tickets to popular sights, such as the Tivoli Gardens ([www.tivoli.dk](#), 45/3315-1001).



Operaen

DINE: For what some critics say is Scandinavia's best meal, make reservations at Chef Rasmus Kofoed's Geranium ([www.restaurantgeranium.dk](#), 45/3066-8882). The organic modern Nordic menu recently was awarded a Michelin star. Dinner for two, assuming you avail yourself of the impressive wine list, may top \$600. Sir Terence Conrad's Custom House ([www.customhouse.dk](#), 45/3331-0130) serves Danish oysters, venison carpaccio and more with its views of the opera house. Or, just stroll along the canal in the Nyhavn neighborhood and pick from one of the many brasseries for a traditional Danish Smorrebrod of open-faced sandwiches. Most have fleece blankets hung on the backs of chairs, in case you get cold while enjoying the waterfront view.

FOR MORE INFO: Call Copenhagen Right Now at (45) 7022-2442, the Scandinavian Tourist Board at (212) 885-9700, or surf [www.visitcopenhagen.com](#).

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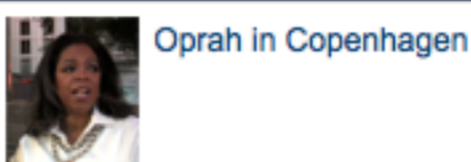
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