

TRIP TO COPENHAGEN FROM 5. DECEMBER TO 7. DECEMBER

Friday 5. December

This day the trip went to Copenhagen with SAS. The plain went from Gardermoen 17.20 and was in Kastrup 18.30.



Copenhagen's airport is Denmark's biggest airport and was established in 1925 as Kastrup Lufthavn. The airport is located in Amager municipality, 8 kilometers southeast of Copenhagen's center. In 2002 the airport was used by about 18,3 millions passengers.

We took the train to Copenhagen. The station is positioned right under terminal 3 where we arrived with SAS. The train went to Copenhagen H, which was nearby our hotel, and it didn't take more than 17 minutes.

There are buses and S-line too, but they were not so convenient regarding where should stay.

Copenhagen is the capital of Denmark and has 509 861 inhabitants in the central municipality. The village of Copenhagen is the biggest city of Denmark with 1.145.804 inhabitants.



We had booked a room at a hotel called Cab Inn City. It was positioned right in the center, the main railway station and Tivoli. It was the cheapest hotel, which we found, in Copenhagen center, but it was quite all right with a good breakfast.

Saturday 6. december



After breakfast we started the sightseeing and first we came by "Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek". It is founded by the family Jacobsen (Carlsberg beer). It is old artifacts from Egypt, Hellas and Rome that are displayed here.



Then we went past Tivoli. It is the most visited tourist attraction in Denmark.

Tivoli in Copenhagen has a history back to 1843 when Georg Carstensen applied King Christian VIII for permission to erect and run a Tivoli and a wax cabinet.

Here is also a picture, which is taken from Internet, from the main entrance a summer day. There is a big difference of this picture and the pictures that we took on a dark and foggy December morning!



Here we are past The National Museum, the museum for Danish civilization



Here we are at a canal called The Stock-exchange Ditch. We can see the Marble Bridge, which cross over to Christiansborg Castle



Here we look across the Marble Bridge and into the yard of Christiansborg Castle. Just inside the gate there is a riding ground.

Here the kings lived until the fire in 1796. After 1928 it is the seat of Public Court, The Prime Ministers Office and the Royal Hall for big receptions.



Just beside The Castle lies Thorvaldsen's Museum. Thorvaldsen is a famous Danish sculptor, who lived from 1770 to 1844.



There are also Thorvaldsen pictures on the outside.



Here we look across The Stock-exchange Ditch in the direction of Høybro Square. The tower on the Nicolaj Church to the right.



Here we look across Christiansborg Castle Square towards The Stock-exchange, which has an exceptionally spiral tower.



Here we have arrived at The King's New Market. Here lies a big shopping center, which is decorated for Christmas.



Underneath here lies one of the Metro stations and these are roof windows for these. Quite original.



At The King's New Market also lies The Royal Theater from 1874. Here sits Ludvig Holberg outside.



This is a nice archway



The ticket office for The Royal Theater lies in a nice old building



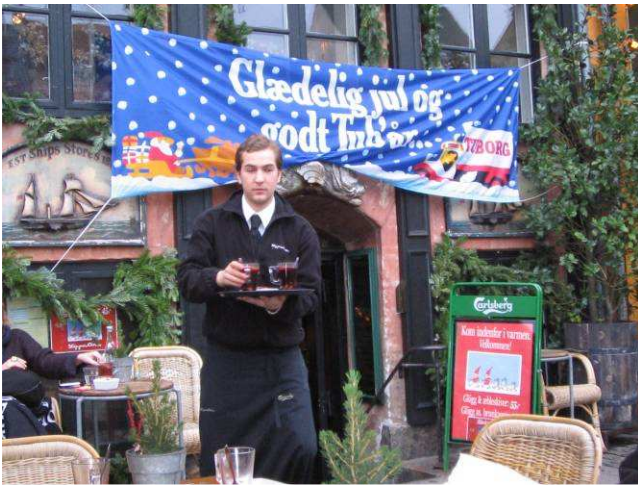
Here we are at Nyhavn (New Harbor) that also lies near The King's New Market



Here Kjell has got himself a beer and a bitter dram (gammel dansk). It was quite cold, so it was good to come underneath the electric heaters and have a blanket over the shoulders.



Anne Berit has the blanket over the knees.



Here the waiter at work



Here we are in Amaliehaven (Amalie's garden), which lies right besides Amalienborg. Marmorkirken (The Marble Church) in the background.



Fine carvings on the columns at the entrance



Here we have moved to Amalienborg where four rococo palaces lies around Amalienborg Courtyard. They were built in the years 1750-60.



There are many people who want to look at the daily relief of the guard. Amalienborg is the monarch's winter residence.



Here is a picture of Amalienborg taken from Yderhavnen (Outer Harbor). The Danish flag Dannebrog is up when Queen Margrethe is present. The Marble Church in the background



Here we are at Skatmuseum (Treasury Museum).
This was a nice board.



Here we have arrived so far north that we are at the
entrance to Kastellet (The Citadel). Nice fountain.



This is Kastelskirken (The Citadel Church)



This is one of the moats with the windmill in the
background



This is a view of the Citadel.
This is one of the best
preserved fortifications in
North Europe. The five
bastions are named
respectively The King's, The
Queen's, The Count's, The
Princess's and The Prince's
bastion. The Citadel has its
own church, Kastelskirken
(The Citadel Church) (since
1902 parish church for The
Citadel Parish), and a
windmill. Den northern
entrance to the Citadel is
called the Norway gate.
In 2004 the Citadel was 340
years.



The windmill in the Citadel



It is obligatory to have a picture of the little Mermaide



On the way back to the hotel we went past the Freedom Museum combat wagon. It was built by a resistance group Frederikbanens Verksted (factory) and brought into action 5. May 1945 against Nazi groups.



On the King's New Marked there were live Indian music



On the King's New Marked there also was skating rink



On Strøget (the worlds longest shopping street) there were performed break dance



Here on Gammeltorv (Old Market) we sat for a while eating caramelized almonds



Evening on H.C.Andersens Boulevard



In the evening we had dinner at Mongolian Barbeque. We provided ourselves with meat and vegetables and the chef cooked them on the grill for us.



Here Kjell is sitting and eating and is looking quite tired after all the walking during the day.

Sunday 7. December



This day we first went past Rådhuset (The Town Hall) from 1907



Afterwards we had a morning beer in a shopping center



Then we went past a cinema with lot of colors



Here we are in Ørsteds Parken



Here is a display window with bears playing instruments. Cute.

Here is Rundetårn (Round Tower). A 35 m high bell tower erected by Kristian IV in 1642 to support an astronomic observatory, which is still in use.



A car that is fitted up as a coffee machine



Standard hot dog stand



Fine fountain on Højbro Plads



Street life on Strøget, which is the worlds longest shopping street



A boring job?



We had lunch at Jensens Bøfhus (Beafhouse)



Then we looked at a choir singing the Christmas in



A picture from Gammeltorv / Nytorv (Old / New Market)



There were many groups playing Indian music



Here we are on The Town Hall Square



Here is another picture from The Town Hall Square and The Town Hall

Now we had seen what we had planned to see In Copenhagen, so now we could just relax until we had to go and get the suitcases on the hotel.

We took the train back to the airport.

The plain left precisely at 19.10 o'clock and arrived at Gardermoen at 20.20 o'clock.

Then it was just to wait until they came for us from Dalen Parking. The car was covered by snow, but Anne Berit had been so intelligent that she had put on a car cover before we left, so it was fairly simple to get the snow off. The road to Gran was cleared for snow, so it was an easy drive home.