



# Visit Elsinore and the surrounding area



Helsingor or Elsinore (in English) is the home of the famous Kronborg Castle, the setting for Hamlet and the resting place of Holger the Dane. No visit to Denmark is complete without a visit to Elsinore, but there is more to see and do than just visit Kronborg. Helsingor lies on the northeast coast of Sjaelland, an hour's train ride from Copenhagen. Across the Oresund is Helsingborg, Sweden, which can be reached by a short ferry ride.

When you visit Helsingor, your first tourist stop will probably be Kronborg Castle. Here you can view an impressive array of masterpieces and the dank and damp casements. Kronborg Castle is the setting for Shakespeare's Hamlet, but it is also the resting place for one of Denmark's greatest legends - Holger the Dane - who is laying in wait to protect Denmark. Legend has it, that if Denmark is attacked, Holger will rise from his resting place and defend Denmark



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Once you have toured the luxurious grounds including the moats and bastions that form the fortifications of Kronborg Castle, I would suggest you venture into town and walk along the narrow cobblestone streets and visit the shops housed in half-timbered historical buildings. There is a feeling of really walking back in time. During the summer months you will find a lot of cultural events happening around the Toldkammeret including concerts, street performers, exhibitions and even a children's festival week.

Helsingør also houses three very popular museums: The Oresund Aquarium, The Danish Maritime Museum and The Danish Museum of Science and Technology. The Oresund Aquarium or Oresundsakvariet is located just north of Kronborg castle and is a 20-minute walk from Helsingør train station. The aquarium is also a teaching school, so it is often crowded with children and students. Entrance fee ranges from 35 - 55 kroner. FREE entrance if you have the Copenhagen Card.

**The Danish Maritime Museum** is also known as Soefartsmuseet is located on the Kronborg grounds, but will soon be moving to a new location on the docks.

The museum houses a large collection of maritime memorabilia. Perfect for those who have an interest in the sea and the men who made their lives sailing them.



**New Danish Maritime Museum** is planned as a unique building with international ambitions.

The new Maritime Museum will have a unique location in the old dry dock between Culture Yard and Kronborg Castle in Elsinore. The museum will be built down into and along the inside of the 150-meter-long dock, while the dock will be an outdoor space where it is possible to place large parts exhibition and hold various events.

Maritime Museum is a part of the new cultural space in Elsinore, in addition to the museum consists of landscape project Kulturhavn Kronborg Castle Elsinore and new cultural Culture Yard. For more information on cultural Elsinore,



### Visit Øresundsakvariet (saltwater aquarium) in Elsinore

Welcome to the Sound Aquarium - Denmark's absolutely charming saltwater aquarium. Øresundsakvariet Aquarium is designed to provide wildlife in the Sound characteristic seabed environments. See the newly renovated biotopakvarier where you come from the shallow water sands are brought out into the deep, over stenbundens fascinating wildlife, to mudderbundens lofty banks of horse mussels, covered with coral and further over Kullen underwater rocks to end the bottom of Helsingør Nordhavn.

Øresundsakvariet Elsinore participate with Marine Biological Laboratory in research of the surrounding marine ecology and biodiversity. Øresundsakvariet [Read more about the saltwater aquarium](#)

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#### Openings hour

September-maj Weekdays 10 - 16. Weekends 10 - 17

Juni-august Weekdays 10 - 17. Weekends 10 - 17

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The Danish Museum of Science and Technology / Teknisk Museum is probably one of my favorite museums, since it has such a large array of "toys for men". Everything from automobiles, planes, bicycles, motorbikes, electrical appliances, science experiments and much much more. Over 8000 square meters of interesting technology - nothing very modern, but fun to see how things have changed over the years. Entrance fee is 50 to 60 kroner, unless you use the Copenhagen Card and than it is FREE. In the summertime, the beaches north of Helsingor (Elsinore) are quite famous for the fabulous bathing opportunities. The best are along the west coast off the Kattegat, about a 30-minute bus ride from Helsingor.

The museum has been extended to 8000 square meters exhibit in a former iron foundry from the nineteesixties. In these big halls one will find the development in technology, science and industri. The museum has an impressive collection of steam engines, inventions, electric appliances, bicycles, cars and airplanes. A complete pewter workshop has been built inside the museum and you can also experience how Hans Christian Ørsted in 1820 discovered electromagnetism. In the exhibit on Communication, you will find Valdemar Poulsen's invention, the Telegra phone, which is the forefather of modern tape recording

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**Danish Technical Museum**  
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**The Café** offers dinner at reasonable prices, and in addition there will be a special evening event on the program. The menu will vary from time to time.

### **Louisiana Museum of Modern Art**

is located in North Zealand with panoramic views over the Sound. The museum surrounds the sculpture park at sea, and the interplay between art, nature and the museum's architecture is unique.

Louisiana is an international museum with a significant collection of modern art. With more than 3,000 works, the museum's permanent collection of Scandinavia's largest. The collection is based on the time after 1945 and includes virtually every genre - with an emphasis on painting and sculpture. The meeting is major works by Picasso, Giacometti, Dubuffet, Yves Klein, Andy Warhol, Rauschenberg, Henry Moore, Louise Bourgeois, Philip Guston, Morris Louis, Jorn, Baselitz, Polk, Kiefer, Kirkeby and many others.



Each year offers Louisiana on 4-6 special exhibitions presenting both major modernist artists such as the latest international contemporary art exhibition in the series Contemporary Louisiana. The international vision is an important premise for Louisiana's exhibitions and maintains the museum as one of the world's most respected venues. The status means that Louisiana can attract exhibitions and artists at a level that few other Scandinavian museums have the opportunity.

Louisiana's exhibition program has always been versatile, with an emphasis on the interaction between different art forms. Louisiana has a long tradition of cultural exhibitions and to present major international photographic, design - and architecture exhibitions. There is strong correlation between exhibition company and collection development. The exhibitions leaves often tracks in the collection through purchases or donations.

. In other major aquariums you can experience the biggest fish in the Sound and experience the fascinating life of free-floating gopleakvarierne and much more. Always a friendly nature guide present in the aquarium.

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## Fredensborg Palace

The tour continues past the Royal Family's summer residence - Fredensborg Palace, in the middle of a lovely park and surrounded by the idyllic Esrom Lake.

Fredensborg Palace was built as a hunting seat for King Frederik IV by the architect J.C. Krieger in 1719. The main building was inaugurated in 1722 and the chapel in 1726. It was rebuilt and extended during the reigns of King Christian VI, and King Frederik V and his Queen Juliane Marie by the architects N.Eigtved, L. de Thurah and C.F. Harsdorf.

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## Frederiksborg Castle

On this castle tour of North Sealand, you first visit the beautiful Frederiksborg Castle, in the magnificent surroundings of Hillerød. The visit here includes the outstanding Museum of National History, the Chapel and the Knights' Hall.

The history of Frederiksborg Castle really began in the 16th. century. In 1560 King Frederik II took over the manor "Hillerødsholm", and turned it into a hunting seat. This stimulated the growth of the neighbouring village of Hillerød, not least when King Christian IV in 1599 began the construction of Frederiksborg Castle. The castle - now in Dutch renaissance style - was finished in 1615.

The castle was built on 3 small islands. The medieval part, from the hunting seat, on the central island, and the renaissance part on the outer one. In addition, you find the audience hall, along with the "coin gate" and the large gate tower.

Frederiksborg Castle did not since remain as important to the royal family as it was to King Christian IV. This led to a degree of neglect, which culminated in a fire in 1859, after which the restoration of the castle was done by private means.

The inner redecoration was paid for by the Carlsberg Foundation, set up by brewer J. C. Jacobsen (Carlsberg Breweries), on the condition that the castle was turned into a national museum.



## Restaurant Café Olai

Sct. Olaigade 19 3000 Elsinore

**Café Olai** left in Elsinore for over 23 years and is now a part of the special Elsinore culture with old houses, low ceilings and good food at reasonable prices

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After a hectic day with Power-shopping in Elsinore, it is nice relaxing to visit the legendary

**Café Olai** located in Elsinore's city center.

**Café Olai** reflects the old Elsinore both atmosphere as decor, and although prices are as of 1 / 4 century ago.

**Café Olai** has a neat renumé goes far beyond its borders and **Café Olai** is one of the best restaurants in Elsinore and are discussed regularly in magazines Travel News and Globetrotter, as part of Elsinore's culture.



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