

Celebrate a Heartful Christmas in Copenhagen

December 5 – 14, 2026

Subject to Change

The Christmas Markets are **Highlighted in Green**. Each is a link to learn more about that market.

Saturday. 5 December; R

Arrival in Copenhagen
6:30 pm Reception at Hotel

Sunday, 6 December; BD

Breakfast at hotel provided
8:00 am Depart for Odense
Hans Christian Andersen Museum &
Christmas Market #1 - get lunch here, not included
2:30/3:00 Paper-cutting workshop with Torben Jarlstrøm Clausen – The Paper Cut People
5:00/5:30 Dinner at restaurant Den Gamle Kro
9:00 pm Arrive back at hotel



Monday. 7 December; BL

8:00-9:30 Breakfast at hotel provided
9:30 – 1:30 Woven Heart Scarf Workshop with Kari Bender
1:30 – 2:30 Lunch TBD
3:00 Tivoli Garden – **Christmas Market #2**
Dinner on your own. You can have dinner in Tivoli or explore other restaurants outside.

Tuesday. 8 December; B

8:00-9:00 Breakfast at hotel provided
9:00-11:30 On your own – Suggested shops list will be provided
12:00 Changing of the Guard at Amalienborg Square
1:00-On Strøget – Europe's Longest Pedestrian Street

- A suggested must see is the Royal Copenhagen Store 1) Lovely Christmas Paper Cut-Outs to buy & Christmas Tables at this flagship store, a reoccurring event since 1963.
- Amber jewelry sold in numerous shops closest to the far end/city center square
- Near beginning of Strøget is **Christmas Market #3 Højbro Plads**

Lunch and Dinner On Your Own

Wednesday. 9 December; BL

9:00-10:30 Breakfast at La Glace
10:30 – 4:00 Greve Museum Lecture, tour, class - world-famous Hedebo embroidery
Lunch at Greve Café
4:30 Free time or maybe you want to explore Christmas Market **#4 Copenhagen Wonderland**
Dinner on your own

Thursday. 10 December; BL

- 8.00-9:00 Breakfast at hotel provided
9:30-1.30 Danish Pastry Making Class at CPH Cooking Class
2:00-4:30 Design Museum Denmark
GUIDED TOUR: Powerful Patterns - patterns as they unfold on textiles, both fabrics for clothing and accessories, as well as the flat textiles, fabric panels and smaller samples.
5:00 Back to Phoenix Hotel – Suggest going to **#5 H.C. Anderson**
Dinner on your own

Friday 11 December; BL

- 8.00-9.15 Breakfast at hotel provided
9.30-12:30 Workshop - Janine Pope-book
12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:30 to 4:30 Workshop Janine Pope
Dinner on your own
Possible, and Optional, Christmas Concert

Saturday. 12 December; BL

- 8.00-9.15 Breakfast at hotel provided
9.30-12:30 Workshop Janine Pope-embroidery
12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:30 to 4:30 Workshop Janine Pope
Dinner – on your own
Evening Nutcracker Ballet with the Royal Danish Ballet



Sunday. 13 December; BL

- 8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast at hotel provided
9:00 Depart for Roskilde
9:45 – 12:00 Café Selvsk – Linoleum Printing Workshop
12:00 – 1:30 Lunch at Pipers Hus
1:30 – 2:30 Roskilde Cathedral
2:30 – 4:00 Viking Ship Museum – Roskilde
5:00 Arrive at Phoenix hotel – Explore area on your own (Nyhavn has a Christmas Market)
7:00 Santa Lucia Kayak Parade on water
Dinner on your own unless we can get a reservation at the Kayak Bar

Monday 14 December; B

- Breakfast at hotel provided
Depart for home

Celebrate a Heartfelt Christmas!

(List of all Christmas Markets in Copenhagen: <https://christmasmarketcopenhagen.com/>)

Santa Lucia Kayak Parade

Every December 13, Copenhagen transforms into a magical winter wonderland during Saint Lucia Day, with the Nyhavn canal stealing the spotlight. As night falls, a dazzling procession of lighted kayaks glides through the water, reflecting the soft glow of candles and holiday cheer. Kayakers don Santa hats and serenade spectators with songs about Saint Lucia, creating a heartwarming blend of Danish charm and Nordic tradition. This unique event commemorates the Sicilian saint who brought light and hope during the darkest times, now celebrated with Scandinavian flair.

The kayak parade is just the beginning! All across Copenhagen, children in white robes lead candlelit processions, their soft hymns echoing in churches, schools, and public squares. Iconic locations like Tivoli Gardens and Grundtvig's Church host breathtaking Lucia celebrations, blending solemn tradition with festive joy. Whether you're enchanted by the flickering lights on the water or the serene beauty of candlelit choirs, Saint Lucia Day in Copenhagen is a radiant tribute to hope, warmth, and community during the chilly embrace of winter.

