

Travel

Awesome AARHUS



Denmark's second city is a winning blend of cultural delights and glorious countryside

Nicknamed the city of smiles, the compact city of Aarhus is located on the Jutland peninsula, overlooking the Kattegat Sea, which separates Denmark and Sweden. Although it is one of Denmark's oldest cities, it has a lively feel and young population, thanks to its university and a vibrant arts, culture and foodie scene. The

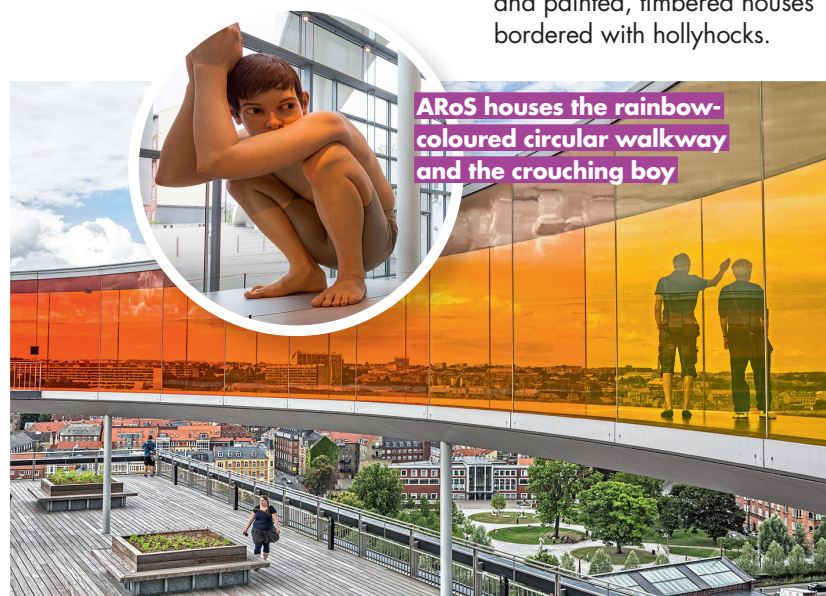
city radiates out from the harbour, so the sea is never far away, and it's surrounded by countryside, making it perfect location to soak up city life and enjoy the great outdoors.

The Latin quarter

The Aarhus river runs through the charming Latin quarter, which has cobbled streets and painted, timbered houses bordered with hollyhocks.



Go back in time at the open-air Den Gamle By



ARoS houses the rainbow-coloured circular walkway and the crouching boy

Small, independent shops and cafes teem with people shopping, socialising and eating at outdoor tables.

Cafe-bakery La Cabra is an unmissable treat – its apple cardamom buns are melt-in-the-mouth delicious. On the main square is an impressive gothic cathedral – the tallest in Denmark. Pop in to see the remarkable frescoes and a model ship suspended from the ceiling.

Cultural hotspots

The ARoS Aarhus Art Museum is a world-class modern art gallery that's crowned with artist Olafur Eliasson's circular

glass walkway in rainbow colours, giving panoramic views of the city. There are 10 floors to explore but don't miss Ron Mueck's 4.5m sculpture of a crouching boy.

A 10-minute walk from ARoS, by the botanical gardens, is the open-air Old Town Museum (Den Gamle By, open April-December). This village reconstruction features more than 75 historical buildings, from a grocer to a schoolhouse, with staff acting out the roles of the town's inhabitants.

✦ An Aarhus Card gives entry to 40+ museums in and near Aarhus, plus free bus travel. From £38 for 24 hours (visitaarhus.com/aarhuscard).



Take a trip on a paddle steamer and stay in a wine barrel!



Countryside day trips

- ❖ Ever tasted rhubarb 'champagne'? Make a beeline for the award-winning Cold hand Winery near Randers, a 45-minute drive away. Run by an affable former headteacher, it's an orchard paradise with a superb restaurant, shop and glamping pods in giant wine barrels (coldhandwinery.dk).
- ❖ Silkeborg, Denmark's Lake District, is also a 45-minute drive from Aarhus, and is the perfect spot for walking, cycling and water sports. Visit Museum Jorn, and pick up a free e-bike to explore further afield. Take a trip on the world's oldest coal-fired paddle steamer, Hjejlen, and celebrate with a bottle of gin specially created by the local Sohojlandets Distillery. Round off your day with a meal at the delightful Traktorstedet Ludvigsløst, with a view over a lake. A two-course lunch is around £35 (ludvigsløst.com).
- ❖ Just over an hour from Aarhus, enjoy a tour of the Monsted Limestone Mines – home to five protected bat species. One of the caves is used for speciality cheese.

Treat your tastebuds

For lunch, head to Kolos Kiosk in up-and-coming Godsbanen, located on the site of a former freight-train station. Enjoy wraps called *kolobabs* and natural wines. The emphasis is on locally produced food, and it's self-service, so the vibe is relaxed and friendly; *kolobabs* around £12 (koloskiosk.dk).

Treat yourself to food with panoramic harbour views at the Nordic Michelin-starred Substans. The food is seasonal and inventive, and the atmosphere is unstuffy and welcoming. A four-course lunch is around £80 (restaurantsubstans.dk).

- ❖ Sample the tastiest local produce at the annual Food Festival, the largest in Scandinavia (foodfestival.dk).

WHERE TO STAY

- ❖ **BUDGET** The BOOK1 Design Hostel is comfortable and located near the Latin Quarter. A double room is £89 per night for two, breakfast is £9 per person; brochner-hotels.com/book1
 - ❖ **LUXE** Two nights at upmarket Hotel Comwell, close to the train station, cost from £265 for a standard double, including a superb breakfast; comwell.com/hoteller/comwell-hotel-aarhus
- GET ME THERE**
- ❖ Flights from the UK go direct to Aarhus or nearby Billund. London Stansted to Billund Airport cost from £18 with Ryanair. The 912X bus will take you to Aarhus train station in 90 minutes for around £15 – book ahead at rejseplanen.dk

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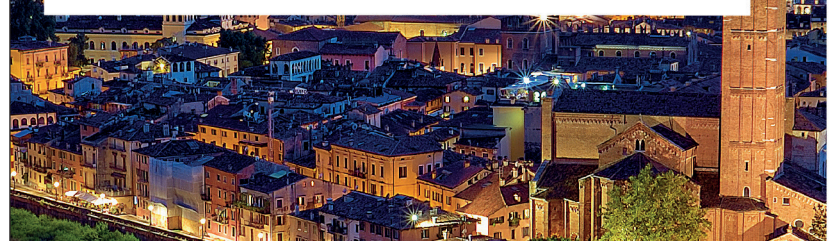
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