



Don't miss Aarhus's spectacular Christmas lights



Get a taste of the past at Den Gamle By museum



# Let's visit AARHUS

Denmark's arty second city is perfect for a winter escape, with restaurants to make your taste buds sing, inspirational shopping and cosy city hotels

## Best cafe

Stillers Coffee ([stillerscoffee.dk](http://stillerscoffee.dk)), hidden in the back alley of Klostergade, is known for its special coffee-brewing technique. Or try La Cabra Bakery ([lacabra.dk](http://lacabra.dk)) for its cinnamon swirls.

## Local eats...

Splash out on the Insight menu at the beautiful Domestic ([restaurantdomestic.dk](http://restaurantdomestic.dk)), where all food is sourced from Danish fields, forests and seas. Clever substitutes include pine for citrus, bay leaves for pepper and koji for chocolate. If you don't fancy booze, there's a home-made cordial pairing per course, such as Mexican oregano kombucha with cucumber.

Alternatively, head to Haervaerk ([restaurant-haervaerk.dk](http://restaurant-haervaerk.dk)), renowned for its 'cooking with consideration' values. The 'I want it all' menu is a showstopping eight courses, from herring roe to milk ice with woodruff and caramel.

For a cheaper option, Aarhus Street Food ([aarhusstreetfood.com](http://aarhusstreetfood.com)) is a buzzing covered market with everything from crepes to Thai food.

## ... and drinks

For pre-dinner cocktails with panoramic city views, don't miss Rooftop, above Salling department store ([salling.dk](http://salling.dk)). It has playful multi-level details such as cool stepped seating and hidden swings.

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Take a stroll by the city's picture-perfect canals



## Best independent shopping

The hip Latin Quarter dates back to the 14th century and its name reflects its similarities to Paris's Left Bank. With a cool neighbourhood vibe, it's home to many independent lifestyle shops alongside Danish fashion brands such as Ganni. Our favourite is Balsalen (balsalen.dk) for soft leather bags, cushions, crockery, dresses and jewellery.

## And so to bed

SOFS Hotel (sofshotel.dk) is a value-for-money boutique hotel in the Latin Quarter. Rooms are simple but elegant with comfortable beds. Hearty and healthy breakfasts are served in a cute street-level dining room or in the pretty city garden. Medium-size rooms with private bathroom cost from around £170 a night, including organic breakfast.

**GETTING THERE** Ryanair (ryanair.com) flies from London Stansted to Aarhus Airport from £16.49 one way.

• Find out more at [visitaarhus.com](http://visitaarhus.com)

### Top tip

An AarhusCard gives you free access to local museums, attractions and activities, plus free transport by bus in the city, travel with Letbanen light rail, parking at the Navitas centre and discounts on car and bike rental.

From around £37.50 for 24 hours, [aarhuscard.com](http://aarhuscard.com)

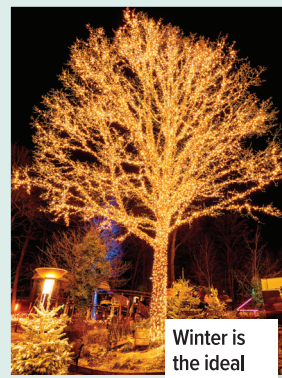


Check out the Christmas markets at Tivoli Friheden and Den Gamle By

## 5 FESTIVE MUST-VISITS

**1 ARoS Aarhus Art Museum** (aros.dk) is one of the largest galleries in northern Europe, dominated by Danish/Icelandic artist Olafur Eliasson's *Your Rainbow Panorama* on the top floor. This corridor with rainbow-coloured floor-to-ceiling windows makes you part of the art as you gaze out on the city. On Sundays during Advent, you can enjoy Christmas concerts and Danish snacks.

**2 Den Gamle By** (dengamleby.dk) is a national open-air museum of urban history and culture where you can wander around more than 75 historic houses and see how people used to live. At Christmas, it's filled with



Winter is the ideal time to visit

Experience Your *Rainbow Panorama* at ARoS



extra nostalgia and traditional festive treats.

**3 Tivoli Friheden amusement park** (friheden.dk) is transformed into an enchanting Christmas market with twinkly lights, food stalls and decorations.

**4 Enjoy a Christmas concert** in one of the many churches in Aarhus ([christmasinaarhus.com](http://christmasinaarhus.com)) – sure to put you in a festive mood. Venues include the Cathedral, the Church of Our Lady, St Paul's Church and St Lucas Church.

**5 Visit the stylish Harbor Bath** (aarhus.dk/havnebadet) in the trendy Aarhus Ø neighbourhood. The floating complex has a 50m pool, diving pool, kids' pools and two saunas, open on weekend mornings over winter.