Cobbles & Cosiness

This walk follows Copenhagen’s beautiful canalside through to the historic centre, taking in the city’s noble architecture.

Start Nyhavn
Distance 2.7km
Duration two hours

1 Admire the crayon-coloured townhouses of iconic canal-side Nyhavn, once a rough sailors’ district.

2 Nikolaj Kunsthall (www.nikolaj kunsthall.dk; adult/child 60kr/free, Wed free; ☑noon-6pm Tue-Fri, 11am-5pm Sat & Sun) is a contemporary art space set inside Copenhagen’s third-oldest church.

3 Home to the Danish parliament, Christiansborg Slot (www.christiansborg.dk; adult/child 90kr/free; ☑10am-5pm daily May-Sep, closed Mon Oct-Apr) has opulent interiors and picturesque courtyards.

4 Cobbled Magstræde is Copenhagen’s oldest street.

5 Copenhagen’s neoclassical courthouse, Domhuset (☑8.30am-3pm Mon-Fri), is linked by bridge to cells across the road on Slutterigade.

6 The architectural flourish that is the Rådhus (town hall; www.kk.dk; 9am-4pm Mon-Fri, ☑9.30am-1pm Sat) contains the very unusual World Clock.

Take a Break Ved Stranden 10 is one of the city’s most enchanting wine bars.