

ABOUT FREDERIKSBORG

Frederiksborg Castle is home to the National Portrait Gallery and serves as a museum of Danish history, offering deep insight into the nation's identity: Who shaped the country, and how did the Danish nation come to be?

From groundbreaking scientists and authors to monarchs and prime ministers, every corridor, hall, and stateroom at Frederiksborg Castle is adorned with portraits and monumental history paintings that trace the evolving story of the Danish people.

We invite international media to explore the National Portrait Gallery featuring figures such as Tycho Brahe, the pioneering astronomer whose precise observations laid the foundations of modern astronomy; Hans Christian Ørsted, discoverer of electromagnetism; Inge Lehmann, who discovered the Earth's inner core; Niels Bohr, founder of modern quantum physics and Nobel Laureate in Physics (1922); and Morten Meldal, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry (2022) for the discovery of click chemistry, a breakthrough with global impact on medicine and drug development.

Alongside these **scientific pioneers**, the gallery also features Hans Christian Andersen, whose fairy tales shaped world literature, as well as great thinkers, statesmen, and the kings and queens of Denmark — from the Viking Age to today's constitutional monarchy.

The museum's monumental history paintings depict **defining moments in Danish history**, including the transition from absolute monarchy to democracy in 1849, tracing the long lines of political, social, and cultural development that have shaped modern Denmark.

For centuries, Frederiksborg Castle served as a royal residence and the ceremonial church of the absolute monarchy. Today, it stands as **one of Denmark's most significant cultural institutions**, embodying national heritage through architecture, art, and values. The museum spans the entire castle and includes access to the Castle Church, the Great Hall, the Audience Chamber, and countless richly decorated rooms. These historic interiors are open to the public year-round.

Frederiksborg Castle is located at the **final stop of Copenhagen's S-train line A**, rising picturesquely on three small islets in the Castle Lake in the town of Hillerød — a city of approximately 35,000 inhabitants just north of the capital. As Scandinavia's largest Renaissance complex, the castle is surrounded by both an 18th-century Baroque garden and a 19th-century Romantic landscape garden, which also features the charming miniature Bath House Castle

Today, Denmark is widely known for concepts such as *hygge*, a strong welfare state, and globally influential industries — from pharmaceuticals and renewable energy to design and toys — but Frederiksborg Castle reveals the deeper historical and cultural foundations behind the modern Danish society.

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