

The Museum of National History at Frederiksborg Castle



The Museum of National History at Frederiksborg Palace is situated on three islets in the Castle Lake in Hillerød, north of Copenhagen. The palace, which is surrounded by the beautiful Frederiksborg Palace Garden, was built in the Dutch Renaissance style at the beginning of the 1600s by King Christian 4.

The Museum

After a devastating fire in the middle of the 19th century, the palace was rebuilt by the founder of the Carlsberg Breweries, J. C. Jacobsen and has since 1878 housed The Museum of National History. The museum exhibits 500 years of Danish history which includes a considerable collection of portraits, historical paintings and decorative art.

The historical interiors of the museum and the splendourous rooms of the castle give a sensuous impression of changing styles and epochs. The collection of portraits is the largest and most significant in Denmark, with new works continually added to the collection

The Castle Chapel

The magnificent Castle Chapel dates back to 1617 and luckily survived the fire of 1859. In 1693 Christian V converted the church into a Knight's Chapel for the two Danish orders: The Order of the Elephant and the Order of the Dannebrog. Covering the walls of the Chapel are therefore hundreds of Coats of Arms belonging to royalty and notabilities from all over the World.

Beautiful Baroque Garden

The Castle Gardens were laid out as a romantic landscaped garden. In the garden you will find King Frederik 2's small Bath House Castle (Badstueslot) which is occasionally used by the Royal Family for hunt lunches. The grounds also include the baroque style garden that was recreated in 1996 according to the original drawings by J.C. Krieger from 1725. Especially worth noting are the royal

monograms executed in boxwood, the historical flowers and the festive cascades.
In the garden you also find the café which is open in summer.

Castle Hosts

In the weekends and holidays from Easter till mid-October guests are welcomed by the Castle Hosts. The hosts are wearing costumes which have a connection to the museum's collection. The costumes are made exclusively for the museum, and they are created after portraits exhibited at the museum. All the Castle Hosts study history or art history at the university, and the museum's guests can ask them all sorts of questions in relation to the museum, the costume or the portrait, or they can have a photograph taken with them.

Danish History for Children

In the children's department "Danish History for Children" visitors can explore the museum's exhibition "Christian the Fourth - child and king" that tells the story of the famous king of Denmark. In the department the youngest can write with feather and ink, color drawings or dress up in one of the beautiful renaissance gowns for children made for The Museum of National History. The children's department is open in weekends and every day during Danish school holidays from Easter till mid-October.