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Esbjerg

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Esbjerg is both Denmark's youngest city and largest port. The city has been awarded City of the Year' twice. It has grown into the fifth largest city in Denmark with plenty on offer for visitors. It represents a typical Danish lifestyle, which is relaxed and calm. The locals are generally friendly and helpful, and the younger generation speak near-perfect English.

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THE CITY

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In the early 1990s Esbjerg became the fifth university town in Denmark with the opening of Southern Denmark University, and the town has made huge strides ever since as it attracts students not only from Denmark, but from Scandinavia and the rest of Europe as well. The city's slogan is On the Move' and this is very apt – the modern city of Esbjerg was only created in 1868 and has since then progressed with an amazing speed. Today, it is a centre for shipping, industry, education and culture and is buzzing with life all year round. It offers a huge variety of activities, drama, music and a fascinating harbour area with plenty of maritime leisure and tourist activities. Esbjerg is also an excellent base from which to explore the rest of Jutland or just to enjoy the fresh sea breeze as the town are close to some of the most amazing wild and windswept sand dunes in Denmark.

DO & SEE

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Mennesket Ved Havet (man Meets The Sea)

An impressive 9 meter tall sculpture opposite the aquarium, created by Danish artist Svend Wiig Hansen. The sculpture was raised to celebrate Esbjerg's 100-year anniversary as a municipality in 1994.

Address: Tarphagevej

Esbjerg Water Tower

The top floor of the water tower provides an excellent view over the city and the harbour.

Address: Havnegade 22
Phone: +45 75127811

Esbjerg Kunstmuseum

A modern art collection with works by Richard Mortensen, Per Kirkeby and Robert Jacobsen etc, also an impressive collection from the Cobra (Copenhagen – Brussels – Amsterdam) movement of the 20th century.

Address: Havnegade 20
Phone: +45 75130211
Internet: www.eskum.dk

Fiskeri – Og Søfartsmuseet

Northwest of the city centre is this 25-tank aquarium where you can see seals, sharks and other aquatic life. The seals are fed daily at 11.00 and 14.30. The aquarium can be reached by bus number 1 and 8.

Address: Tarphagevej
Phone: +45 76122000
Internet: www.fimus.dk

The Old Lightship

Explore the old wooden lightship which is moored at the fishing harbour and you can see how sailors lived in the good old days.

Address: The fishing harbour, Esbjerg
Phone: +45 21621104

Fanø

The island Fanø is just 12 minute ferry ride from Esbjerg and it is like stepping back a hundred years in time. You can catch the ferry just a few minutes' walk from the beginning of Kongensgade (the west end), the pedestrian walking street.

The island has two main towns – Norby and Sønderho. The ferry drops you right off at Nordby. There are many thatched houses in both towns. There are a few pubs and cafes. There are also several museums. Nordby can easily be seen on foot, no car is needed. You could do a quick tour in a couple of hours or spend the whole day exploring the island. There are bikes for rent. The island has a large natural area between the two towns that is filled with heather. Or you can visit the west side of the island which has a very wide sandy beach.

Internet: Link for Fanø tourist office - www.visitfanoe.dk,
Link for the ferry - www.fanoefaergen.dk

EATING

Photo: malouette

The city of Esbjerg is full of exciting places to eat. Fish naturally plays its big part in many of the dishes as it come fresh from the sea everyday. There is a special Esbjerg dish named bakskuld' – a salted smoked dab (rather similar to a flounder), fried in Danish Lurpak butter. The Danish meatballs and the very popular seasonal dish, green cabbage, should not be missed either.

Dronning Louise

Especially renowned for its bakskuld,' but also serves a good selection of other fish and meat dishes at a high standard. Live music every night from Wednesday to Sunday provides a great relaxed atmosphere.

Address: Torvet 19
Phone: +45 75131344
Internet: www.dr-louise.dk

Den Røde Okse

This stylish restaurant has a menu that makes your mouth water just by looking at it. Naturally, with great food you need superior wine and the wine list is as impressive as the menu.

Address: Tarphagevej 9
Phone: +45 75151500
Internet: www.dro.dk

Taverna Familla

Greek restaurant with an exciting and refreshing Mediterranean menu. The lamb is particular delightful and the Retsina is as always very tasty.

Address: Englandsgade 9
Phone: +45 75457858
Internet: www.familla.dk

Sydvesten

 Fish should be eaten at the harbour' is the slogan of Sydvesten, which serves a fabulous and fresh seafood meal. Naturally, there are also several meat dishes available on the menu and they can all be served outdoors in the summertime.

Address: Fiskerihavnsgade 6 – 8
Phone: +45 75128288
Internet: www.sydvesten.dk

Sand's

Good local specialities that are predominantly seafood-based, served in a tremendously lively setting. Inviting outdoor beer garden as well.

Address: Skolegade 60
Phone: +45 75120207
Internet: www.sands.dk

Restaurant Kim Anto

Restaurant Kim Anto is a family friendly restaurant that serves Italian and Mexican food. They also serves lunch and pizza.

Address: Kongensgade 111
Phone: +45 75138393

Bones

Bones claims to be the only place in Denmark that serves original American spareribs. If you prefer something else, burgers, chicken, steaks and a wonderful salad bar are also on the menu in this grill house.

Address: Skolegade 17
Phone: +45 75136118
Internet: www.bones.dk

CAFES

Photo: Alpha

Dronning Louise

Coffee, tea and delicious Danish pastries are being served here in this restaurant/café/bar.

Address: Torvet 19
Phone: +45 75131344
Internet: www.dr-louise.dk

Café Frederik

The latest edition to the social scene in Esbjerg. Café Frederik has occasional live music and other performers. Attractive outside seating area open in the summer.

Address: Skolegade 46
Phone: +45 75120233
Internet: www.cafefrederik.dk

Industrien

Café and bar with live music and various art exhibitions (from local artists) on the walls.

Address: Skolegade 27
Phone: +45 75136166
Internet: www.cafeindustrien.dk

Restaurant Gammelhavn

A café by day and restaurant by night. Gammelhavn' is located near the sea and offers magnificent views over the North Sea in a relaxed and cosy atmosphere.

Address: Britanniavej 3

Internet: www.gammelhavn.dk

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

Photo: Bernt Rostad

Most of the bars and pubs in Esbjerg are based around the very lively and charming Skolegade. The locals are friendly and helpful people.The area around Torvet' and Skolegade' are the places where the nightlife is. Plenty of people go clubbing from Thursday till Saturday night in good form and in a friendly atmosphere.

Down Under

Australian themed sports bar where you can follow your team's progress in Champions' League and show off the latest team kit. Very friendly atmosphere.

Address: Skolegade 31
Phone: +45 75126589
Internet: www.downunder.as

Paddy Go Easy

Irish Pub with plenty of atmosphere. Live music from Thursday till Saturday night.

Address: Skolegade 42
Phone: +45 75180772

Industrien

Café during the day and trendy and popular bar at night. Live music most nights.

Address: Skolegade 27
Phone: +45 75136166

King George

A cosy and lively pub where beer drinking is in high regards. King George is mostly visited by younger adults and there is usually a big party on Friday and Saturday nights. Big outside beer garden open during the summer.

Address: Skolegade 22 – 24
Phone: +45 75128151
Internet: www.kinggeorge.dk

Café Cozmo

Brand new café and cocktail bar where light meals are being served from 11.00 until 23.00. The kitchen at Cozmo has the longest opening hours in town.

Address: Skolegade 18
Phone: +45 75126530
Internet: www.cafecozmo.dk

Dronning Louise

The night club at Dronning Louise is a great place for the more mature public. They play good music and the dance floor is usually full.

Address: Torvet 19
Phone: +45 75131344
Internet: www.dr-louise.dk

Down Under

From Thursday night till Saturday night this place is full of clubbers. The sports theme is forgotten until Sunday, as it is all about dancing until the sun rises.

Address: Skolegade 31
Phone: +75 52126589
Internet: www.downunder.as

SHOPPING

Photo: Christoph Kummer

Esbjerg is the main shopping area for most of Southern Jutland. It is home to the longest pedestrian street in Jutland. Kongensgade' is nearly one kilometre long and has all the shops you can possibly wish for in one place. There is everything from brand name clothing, accessories, shoes, jewellers, handicraft shops and much more. Naturally, the shops which sell Danish designer gear are strongly represented. All together, there are an estimated 150 shops and eateries to be found in Kongensgade. The town's main supermarket Føtex is also based here.Torvegade, which is partly pedestrianized is also worth a visit. Torvegade and Kongensgade converge right around the main square in Esbjerg. Furthermore, the town has two large shopping centres, which are located fairly close to each other in the Gjesing area. In one of the shopping centres you will find Bilka, which is Denmark largest superstore chain, and equivalent to Tesco Extra or Walmart.Esbjerg also has a market where fresh fruit and vegetable are sold. The market is situated outside City Hall and is only there on Wednesdays and Saturdays from the morning until midday.

SLEEPING

Photo: Jens Hofman Hansen

Hotel Britannia

A nice hotel conveniently located. It offers a great restaurant with inspiring cuisine and a Mediterranean style café/brasserie.

Address: Torvet 24, Esbjerg
Phone: +45 75130111
Internet: www.britannia.dk

Scandic Olympic

This hotel is one of the best in Esbjerg. It is fairly modern and offers quality rooms with wireless internet, a restaurant and a bar. It is conveniently situated in the centre of town.

Address: Strandbygade 3, Esbjerg
Phone: +45 75181188
Internet: www.scandic-hotels.dk/olympic

Hotel Hjerting

A lovely hotel situated close to the beach of Ho Bay with view across to the nearby islands. Hjerting has a nice restaurant and a pub but it is 9 kilometres from city centre.

Address: Strandpromenaden 1, Esbjerg
Phone: +45 75117000
Internet: www.hotelhjerting.dk

Hotel Ansger

A lovely hotel located in the city centre with modern

rooms, internet and a highly rated restaurant.

Address: Skolegade 36, Esbjerg
Phone: +45 75128244
Internet: www.hotelansgar.dk

Guldager Kro/hotel

Eight kilometres outside Esbjerg centre, you will find this lovely cosy cottage hotel which is more than 100-years-old. The hotel also have a restaurant with typical Danish cuisine.

Address: Guldager Stationsvej 104, Esbjerg
Phone: +45 75167008
Internet: www.guldagerkro.dk

Danhostel Esbjerg Vandrerhjem

Danhostel Esbjerg is a youth and family hostel that is located within walking distance to the central town. Here they offer rooms for 1 to 5 people per room. They have also common rooms, table tennis and a guest kitchen.

Address: Gl. Vardevej 80
Phone: +45 75124258
Internet: www.esbjerg-danhostel.dk
More Info: esbjerg@danhostel.dk

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Photo: Sveinn Torfason

Esbjerg Airport is the home for the commercial, charter and business traffic in the area. It is based about 10 kilometres east of city centre. It is a small but busy airport as the many helicopters to the North Sea oil rigs depart from the airport in Esbjerg.Tel: +45 76121400www.esbjerglufthavn.dkPublic bus number 9 runs once an hour between the airport and the train station. A ticket for the bus cost 17 kroner. There are usually taxis waiting outside the airport and a taxi (Esbjerg Taxi, tel: +45 75144500, www.esbjergtaxa.dk) to the city centre will set you back about 170 kroner and will take 15 - 20 minutes.

Public transport

The local traffic in Esbjerg is fairly light and it is easy to get around with the local buses. Naturally, the healthiest way to explore and experience Esbjerg is to hire bikes. A bike can be hired for 75 kroner per day at Skrændens Cykelforretning (tel: +45 75457505), based at Skrænten and Kirkegade. The tourist office has English-language brochures detailing suggested cycling tours in the area. It is also possible simply to explore the town by foot.

Post Office

Posthuset

Address: Torvet 20
Phone: +45 75121212

Dentist

Skadestuen (A&E), Esbjerg Sygehus (Esbjerg Hospital),

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Finsensgade 35, Esbjerg

Phone: +45 79182000

Pharmacy

Krone Apoteket (24 hours)

Address: Kongensgade 36
Phone: +45 75129211

Telephone

Country code: +45, then followed by all 8 numbers.

Electricity

220 watt, standard European 2 prong plugs.

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Spangsbjerg Kirkevej
Marievej
Solsortev
Kvaglundvej
Thorsvej
Strandby Kirkevej
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Edelsvej
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Tunøvej
Langelandsvej
Godthåbs Allé
Bentzens Allé
Vestergade
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Ved Skoven
Grådybet
N J Poulsens Vej
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Hjertingvej
Samsøgade
Gormsgade
Sjællandsgade
Rolfsgade
Helgolandsgade
Nyhavnsgade
Gammel Færgevej
Frodesgade
Skjoldsgade
Nygårdsvej
Strandbygade
Målerhusv
Willemoesgade
Vesterhavsgade
Adgangsvejen
Nørregade
Finlandsgade
Islandsgade
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Esbjerg Museum
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Englandsgade
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Exnersgade
Ribegade
Rørklærsgade
Grønnegade
Fynsgade
Manøgade
Teglværksgade
Gasværksgade
Lergravs-parken
Gammelby Ringvej
Taurusvej
Asienvej
Kongensgade
Borgergade
Smedegade
Vandtårn
Kunstpavilion Musikhuset
Byparken
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