



TOUR LEADER
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Denmark is topographically flat (max altitude 172m) but its numerous private and public gardens ride sky-high in any European or Scandinavian league of excellence. While a climate similar to Britain's implies the use of familiar plants, it's the manner in which these ornamentals are put together that distinguishes the country's little-known places of horticultural paradise.

For our specially arranged tour, we immediately dive into this diverse world by heading to the King's Gardens, a blissful oasis in Copenhagen. Adjacent lies the plant-rich, undulating landscape and curvaceous glasshouses of the Botanic Garden.

We stroll through the extensive baroque park at the royal palace, in contrast to its productive Prince Consort's kitchen garden and the Queen of Denmark's orangery. And there could be no better introduction to Denmark's individualism than Exillion, Peter Wibroe's Copenhagen house, remarkably remodelled to resemble a small French chateau, surrounded by an immaculately kept formal garden, spiced up with Peter's open-fronted Moorish hideaways, half hidden by lush vegetation.

Urban gardening reaches record heights at ØsterGro's city-centre, organic, roof-top, community garden, a calming refuge after an early bird visit to Tivoli, where head gardener Tom Knudsen has created a series of unlikely gardens of great beauty among the white-knuckle rides and lavish sideshows of the world's oldest amusement park.

The romantic landscape of Petersgaard Manor reflects the surrounding countryside, enlivened by grapevine walk, rose borders and magnificent trees. We include a candle-lit dinner set amid the sub-tropical plants of the 1870s 'English' conservatory, hosted by designers Greg Kobett and Stig Lauritsen. We cross the waters of the Wolf Strait to reach the artist-island of Møn, where plantsmen Hans Sattrup and Keld Nielsen share their highly esteemed farmland garden. There's also Marianne Follings' intriguingly complex perennial garden, the distinguished medicinal garden by 20th-century Danish designer Gudmund Brandt and a unique tomato, chilli and herb nursery where a delicious, freshly harvested, farewell lunch awaits.

Booking details

Price per person, based on two people sharing is £2,998 (single supplement of £300 will be levied by the hotels). The price includes: two nights' bed and breakfast at the 4-star **Copenhagen Admiral Hotel** where all rooms will have a harbour view in this stylish waterfront hotel and two nights' bed and breakfast at the 4-star **Hotel Frederiksminde**, a luxury hotel in a stately 1890 manor house just a step from the beach; four evening meals with wine; three lunches as well as return flights from London Heathrow.

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Formal gardens at Exillion.



Rooftop gardening at ØsterGro.



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Royal retreats, a hectic urban fun fair, specialist indoor botanical collections, a rooftop's edible cornucopia: there is much to excite the plantsman on our tour to discover Danish garden excellence and diversity, hosted by garden writer and editor David Wheeler and landscape architect Greg Kobett

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