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<R> Like beads on a string: Why Frederiksberg is the cultural mecca of Copenhagen

<UR> Frederiksberg has always been synonymous with culture. From the iconic theaters to the unexpected art experiences, there's always a new cultural experience waiting just around the corner.

If you're looking to broaden your cultural horizons in Copenhagen, Frederiksberg is the ideal starting point. The neighbourhood is home to a great number of exhibition spaces, galleries, and theaters. The best part? They're all within a few kilometers of each other.

A great place to start is Bakkehuset, a museum space that used to house the literary couple Kamma and Knud Lyne Rahbek in the years 1802-1830. Bakkehuset has roots in the 1600s and is considered the oldest building in Frederiksberg. Now, the house is dedicated to showcasing literary artifacts and items from the Golden Age, but way before then, the building was frequented by famous Danish icons such as Hans Christian

Andersen, Adam Oehlenschläger, and Hans Christian Ørsted.

Another reason to visit Bakkehuset is its charming garden. In the small orangery behind the museum, you can enjoy a delightful selection of lunch offerings and pastries inspired by the 19th century throughout the spring and summer seasons.

Not far away, you'll find Møstings Hus, a small art space placed near Frederiksberg Garden, dedicated to contemporary art. The historic building dates back to a time when Frederiksberg was the favored summer resort for the royal family, who in the latter half of the 18th century made Frederiksberg their preferred holiday destination. Although the original building was demolished in 1939, it was rebuilt in 1976 and now houses exhibitions of contemporary and modern art.

MR: Going deeper underground

Just a short walk away, you'll find another – but very different – art space. Cisternerne is located in an abandoned subterranean reservoir that once contained the supply of drinking water for Copenhagen. Described by many as a place where time stands still because of its spacious, quiet halls, the subterranean art space is every piece as unique as the work that's been exhibited there. In the past, acclaimed Danish artists such as Ingvar Cronhammar and Jeppe Hein have

exhibited their works in the building, but any art critic would tell you that the space alone is worth a visit.

MR: The art of theater

And if you're in the mood for more, the night is just getting started. On the iconic Frederiksberg Allé, you will find the Betty Nansen theatre. It was founded in 1890 by actress Betty Nansen and her husband, the theater director Oskar Giese. The theater is named after Nansen, who was a prominent figure on the Danish theater scene at the time. With its rich history and reputation for presenting top-quality productions, the theater is sure to impress whether you're a fan of classic plays or looking to see the latest contemporary plays.

Right across the street, you have Aveny T. The independent theater presents a diverse range of productions, including plays, musicals, concerts, and comedy shows, and is known for its progressive range of shows and welcoming atmosphere.

As you see, from underground art spaces to contemporary art and intimate theater stages, Frederiksberg truly has it all. And in close proximity. Chance is you'll be able to experience a number of exhibitions and make it to the theater for a play – and still have time to squeeze in breakfast, lunch and dinner in between.

The best five spots for art and theater in Frederiksberg

Bakkehuset, historic museum
Rahbeks Alle 23

Møstings Hus, museum of contemporary art
Andebakkesti 5

Cisternerne, museum of contemporary art
Roskildevej 25A

Aveny-T, theatre
Frederiksberg Allé 102

Betty Nansen, theatre
Frederiksberg Allé 57

