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Copenhagen Winter Festival: Christmas in Tivoli

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What's the festival all about?

December is all about Christmas festivals and Tivoli, the oldest European amusement park, offers the perfect Christmas fantasy. Fairy lights (by Tiffany's) illuminate Tivoli's tree-lined paths, making it the best light show around. Over seventy market stalls offer modern and traditional Danish design. A spread of seasonal food and cocktails will keep gourmets happy while several music events keep the festivities lively.

**Why go?**

Combine a short break and pick up some pressies at an 'Old World' Christmas festival. Tivoli is as much about the fabulous cultural experience as it is about the shopping.

Who goes?

Tivoli is a favourite among Copenhagen city dwellers but it also attracts a diverse, international set. Natives mix with tourists. Posh couples browse alongside young families. The festival's appeal is truly universal.

What about refreshments?

Start with the warm Tivoli cocktail: Gløgg. The traditional mix includes spiced red wine, port, cherry wine and rum with a sprinkling of almonds and dried cherries resting at the bottom of your glass. Or go for the potent revamped version, which includes white wine, vodka, apple juice and ginger.

Whether you're after small treats or gourmet delights, Tivoli has something for you. Stall snacks range from sugared almonds and apple balls to red wine sausages.



For fine dining, visit chef **Paul Cunningham** at his Michelin-starred, namesake restaurant, **The Paul**. A favourite among ASWers who have tasted his cooking in Michelin restaurants like **Harvey's** in the UK, Cunningham shows off his Danish flair in lavish five-course dinners. Be sure not to miss the Royal venison with Scharffen Berger dark chocolate.

Groeften offers Christmas lunch to Copenhagen's 'see and be seen' crowd. **Café Ketchup**, another fashionable spot, offers Danish specialties like sherry-marinated herring and pork roast with pickled cabbage.

What about the shopping?

The bedecked wooden stalls in Tivoli let you skip the homogenous high streets and bag some truly unique finds. **BRINK** sells mouth-blown ornaments in vintage Nordic style, available with real silver lining and Swarovski crystals. Renowned Danish designer **Georg Jensen** offers modern design bronze ornaments and candelabras while **Royal Copenhagen** vends exquisite porcelain dining sets and decorations.



What to wear?

Most of Tivoli is outdoors. If you are trying to blend in, you can't go wrong with a fur coat and hat. If fur is a personal no-no for you, be sure to at least don a smart scarf and sleek boots.

The details

Christmas in Tivoli runs from 20 November until 30 December in Copenhagen. For more details see www.tivoli.dk