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TRAVEL

COPENHAGEN IN COLOUR WITH DITTE REFFSTRUP

The creative director of fashion label Ganni stays at the world's smallest hotel, enjoys a morning dip in the harbour and can't resist the incredible vintage stores

What's your favourite destination and why?

Copenhagen! It's where all my friends are and I moved there at 20 years old. It's my forever city. It's such a cool place to go when you're young — it's a lot of fun, but it's also a fantastic place to take your family. I really love the healthy work-life balance of locals.

Where do you like to stay?

The Central Hotel. It's a tiny, tiny house and there's only one room on top of a mini café, so they call it the world's smallest café and the world's smallest hotel. It's in a really cute area where there are a lot of nice restaurants and vintage shops. It looks almost like something dreamt up by Hans Christian Andersen.

Or if I were treating myself, I would go to

Hotel Sanders which has really lovely interiors with both an English and Scandi influence. My latest collection for Fall Winter is influenced by homes and interiors, so places like this are so inspiring. It's just behind the Royal Danish Theatre.

What's your favourite restaurant?

At Restaurant Maison is my favourite and you can always get a table — I don't understand how! It's a friend's restaurant and they have a very simple menu with just a few options, which are all super good. Then there's Hos Fischer, which is Danish, but the chef lived in Rome for many, many years, so it specialises

What are your top three restaurants?

in pasta and pizza. And Apollo if you're more in the city centre, and want a bit of a party vibe. It's quite a late-night place that is bustling with people having drinks and sometimes dancing. It has a courtyard for when the sun is out and it's a vibe!

If you only had 24 hours what would you do?

In the morning have a dip in the harbour, because it's so special that there's such a peaceful place in the city to swim. Afterwards I would go for a coffee at Dallas Coffee, which is very charming. Then I'd eat at Atelier September, which is known for its breakfast menu.

Next I would take the train and visit Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, which is half an hour and spend the full day at Maison for

What's the most missable thing in Copenhagen?

Missing your way to the best restaurants. It's so special that you can actually see the full city in one day. It's pocket-sized.

Are there any hidden gems that you're willing to share?

Three amazing vintage stores! They're a little bit on the expensive side, but they're so curated and have some real treasures. There's Time's Up Vintage which is central, then Jerome Vintage in Vesterbro and Paloma Vintage in Frederiksberg.

They're world-class for textiles, which is what I'm super-interested in. The owners will pull out some beautiful lace or silky piece and have a story about the lady who



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owned it. And it's fun to go window shopping to look at crazy archival pieces you would never wear.

Where do you go to let your hair down?

I'm older, so I don't go out that much, but if I would, I'd say go to Vega. It's a beautiful building to visit, and there's always a good concert on. I saw a Danish local band there and it had fantastic sound. I also did a show there during Covid for Ganni.

Though here in Denmark people are really good at inviting people into their homes. So if you can somehow find a house party, they're the best! We're always sharing meals and you'll end up in the kitchen dancing.

What are your favourite shops?

My friends at Hay have this really big place in the city centre. It's over a few floors and they have their own products, but they also have a lot of other different brands and you can spend a lot of time in there. Oh... and of course, you should not miss Ganni.

What's your dress code for Copenhagen?

Wear what you feel like. Though make sure to have different variations of layers, because you can't trust the weather. Wear your sneakers but then be sure to have ballerinas or a little pump in your bag, so you're ready for the day and can cycle. You could wear some of the beautiful printed denim pieces from the new Ganni collection — with a T-shirt

TECHNICOLOR DREAMBOATS

Houses on Copenhagen's
harbour; below, the garden
of the Royal Library



during the day and then a blouse and some high heels at night.

What's your favourite beauty spot?

The garden of the Royal Library. It always surprises me with how beautiful it is. And next to it there's the Royal Stables and you can go inside and see them in this beautiful old building.

What's the one souvenir you should bring home with you?

Something from our great food scene. We have an in-house chef here at Ganni called Eva Hurrigkari — she's becoming famous and has a book called Spis Med (eat with us).

What songs remind you of the city?

When I moved to Copenhagen from a small fisherman town, I was really homesick for two months. Then this girl put on Portishead's Dummy album. It's one of my favourites, so it made me feel so connected to her. It reminds me of having just moved.

Have you ever had an emergency incident?

I went to a bachelor party seven years ago and I fell down the stairs of the apartment. I was very drunk and broke my wrist! It was almost worth it because it was a lot of fun.

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TOP PICK

Sleek skyscraper hotel **Pan Pacific, Orchard** is highly awarded for its mind-bending design, with sections cut out to make way for vertical gardens, an open-air bar and pool. Rooms offer one of the best sunrise-from-bed views on the planet. Rooms from £281, panpacific.com

SINGAPORE FLING

A pleasure garden of earthly delights

Let's set the record straight: Singapore is so much more than a stopover. After several visits, the Southeast Asian island and city state has fast become one of my favourite places in the world.

And I'm not the only one — due to popular demand, Singapore Airlines is increasing its Gatwick flight frequency from five times a week to daily, less than a year after launching its non-stop service from the London airport.

Maybe it's the award-winning street food, the world-renowned cocktail bars serving perfect Singapore slings, or perhaps it's because it's one of the greenest cities in the world.

The first thing on your Singapore itinerary has to be the Gardens by the Bay. Unlike some of London's major tourist attractions (which any good local will usually tell you aren't worth the crowds), most Singaporeans actually rate the man-made forest of so-called "supertrees" and visit for

the light show, which happens at 7.45pm and 8.45pm every evening.

For somewhere a little more off the beaten track, swing by Bollywood Farms in the Kranji countryside of north Singapore for an authentic, rural experience, and a memorable meal made from the farm's veggies. The farm's owner, local celebrity Ivy Singh-Lim, is as serious about her land as she is about how she takes her whisky (on the rocks, frozen glass, on demand).

Another must-see is the Rail Corridor, a continuous green passage that used to route trains from the Malaysian Peninsula to Singapore for almost a century between 1902 and 2011. It is essentially the island country's version of London's Parkland Walk, which, if you don't already frequent, you definitely should.

Thirsty? Singaporeans are all about cocktails, which means you'll be swapping pub gardens for air-conditioned cocktail bars and roof terraces.

For anyone who's into their ferments, I would strongly advise a trip to Native, which occupies a three-storey shophouse on Amoy Street and was recently ranked 31 in Asia's 50 Best Bars 2024. When seated upstairs in Native, you'll be sitting directly opposite the Breaking Bad-looking jars and glasses of homebrews you'll eventually be imbibing.

There's also the famous Nutmeg & Clove bar on Purvis Street, which offers cocktails you simply will not find anywhere else in the world, such as the garden city or the oo-long time no tea.

As for food, Singapore may seem like a

high-rise jungle of fancy rooftop bars and upscale restaurants — and it is — but did you know it was also the first city to have Michelin-starred street food? Singapore's hawker centres (street food courts) are the beating heart (and rumbling stomach) of the city, and you should explore the best of them at length. Maxwell, Adam Road, Old Airport Road and Chinatown Complex are some of the best. Lau Pa Sat is the city's most well-known street food spot, but it's still worth a trip to Satay Street if you can take the crowds.

Then there are the more locals-only spots: I visited Five Star Chicken Rice, a Singaporean chain restaurant famed for serving the eponymous local dish, twice in two days when I first visited Singapore, so you know it's worth your while. Seafood lovers have to visit Keng Eng Kee Seafood at Alexandra Village for the chilli crab, as it is simply immense.

If you're considering where to stay, I cannot recommend the Orchard area of Singapore enough. It's leafy, somewhat suburban and yet perfectly connected, with great transport links and shopping options (Singapore is mall central, everything is a mall, something you'll be grateful for when you get sick of the humidity).

Uber-trendy The Standard Singapore on Orange Grove Road opened its doors to guests last December and offers something a little different to your usual functional city hotel chain, with stylish, colourful interiors and a party-ready pool and garden area. And the food at Kaya, The Standard's main restaurant, is to die for.

Maddy Mussen

COUNTRY PUB OF THE WEEK

The Oakley Arms, Harrold, Bedfordshire

The sleepy village of Harrold is characterised by a 14th-century bridge and thatched roofs, the finest of which sits atop The Oakley Arms — Bedfordshire's only pub-restaurant with two AA rosettes, run by husband and wife, Andy and Lizzie Slater. Longstanding rumour has it that Paul McCartney performed Hey



Jude there for the very first time in 1968, popping in on the way back from a gig and settling in at the pub's piano. Today, wandering Beatles are not readily found. No matter: it's hard to come by Parisian-levels of patisserie in London, let alone in the sticks, but here it's exceptionally good. And almost everything is made from hyper-local ingredients. Wondering where your beef came from? Look at the produce map which sits proudly on the bar. A sign by the entrance reads: "Good food, good wine, good times". It's not wrong. **Maggie John** theoakleyharrold.co.uk