UTZON MUSEUM FREDENSBORG

Come and visit unique architecture in North Zealand



BY ARCHITECT JØRN UTZON

BUILT IN 1963



Our story



The initiative to create a housing development for Danes returning from living abroad was taken by the association Danes Worldwide, with Jørn Utzon selected as the architect. His early blueprints depict the individual dwellings delineated using an angular rubber stamp. He also used a so-called 'finger plan' layout to ensure that every individual house had a view to the surrounding countryside. With financial support from the association's friends, not least the engineer Jørgen Saxild, the necessary capital was raised and the complex was completed in 1963.

The development is located in Fredensborg in North Zealand. It consists of 30 terraced houses, 47 angle-built courtyard houses and a community building containing a restaurant, function rooms, club rooms and nine guest bedrooms.



What to expect

The surroundings

The museum itself is located in the community building, which also contains a restaurant, function rooms etc., used by residents and guests on a daily basis. In other words, this is a living museum where you can get a true sense of how Jørn Utzon's concept unfolded.

Displays inside the museum trace the story of Jørn Utzon, his philosophy and his visionary, original architecture. The choice of building materials and construction elements further bear witness to Utzon's deep connection with the essence of the setting and the opportunities the landscape offered.

We also offer visiting groups the opportunity, by prior appointment, to enter an individual house and experience the architecture from within.

'As an architect, I believe it is very important to truly comprehend the essence of things, as opposed to an insistence on form and style.' Jørn Utzon

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The Fredensborg Houses lie in a beautiful natural landscape, close to Fredensborg Castle and Esrum Lake. It is an ideal place to visit while enjoying the lovely North Zealand countryside, or when visiting Fredensborg Castle or the other fantastic attractions that the region offers, such as the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art or the National Maritime Museum in Helsingør.

Visit us

PLAN YOUR VISIT

The museum is open on Thursdays from 13:00 to 16:00 (Except on public holidays).

Groups can arrange visits at other times, book a lecture and a look inside one of the houses upon request.

ENTRY

Individual visitors: 50 DKK, including a cup of coffee or tea, and cake.

Groups: 100 DKK per person, including a talk, a guided tour, a look inside a house, and tea or coffee.

Admission is free for children.

THE MUSEUM SHOP

The museum shop sells posters, postcards, books and other items relating to Jørn Utzon.

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