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## — *Ask a local:*

# Ask a Local: The Perfect, Slowed-Down Summer Weekend in Copenhagen

From a morning dip in the harbor to scouring Sunday flea markets, Another Aspect's Daniel Brøndt shows us around town—by bike, of course.



Another Aspect isn't just another trend. Since launching in 2019, the fledgling Danish menswear brand has gained a loyal following for its versatile, reasonably priced staples: think, button-down cotton shirts and wool pants, crafted from sustainable materials like Tencel and deadstock, that can take wearers from bike, to bar, to office, and beyond. The pieces are built to last—and to combat the ever-growing wave of fast fashion.

"I care a lot about patience and the fact that things take time," says Daniel Brøndt, who co-founded the line with his friends Anders Poulsen and Nicolaj Thomsen. "I think there is something beautiful in the whole process." The 31-year-old brand director, who has called Copenhagen home for over a decade, believes this philosophy—of taking one's time—is woven into the fabric of the Danish capital,

which is already known for its eco-credentials and work-life balance. "People don't run as fast as they do in other metropolises, like New York and Paris," he says. "They take their time to bike the more beautiful or longer route home from work; they stop and chat with the neighbor."

Accordingly, in his downtime, Brøndt seeks out warm, easygoing places that allow him to slow down—places, he says, "where you know the names of the staff, and you know the guests." Here, the creative shares his favorite stops for a relaxed, sun-filled summer weekend in the Danish capital (which is "just a big village," according to Brøndt), from exploring an under-the-radar museum to posting up with a great glass of wine. His most important tip? Rent a bike.

## SCENIC ROUTES AND MORNING DIPS

"In Copenhagen, you ride your bike everywhere. It's such a great way to experience the city in the summer, when it really comes alive," says Brøndt. He kicks off the weekend with breakfast at Lille, an organic cafe and bakery in [Refshaleøen](#), the industrial island turned vibrant gastronomic and art hub. He'll take his time, though, taking the scenic route from his neighborhood of [Nørrebro](#) through Freetown Christiania, the independent commune in the middle of Copenhagen; there, he'll seek out the hidden paths along the water, which are dotted with Hobbiton-like DIY houses. "You almost owe it to yourself to go," he says. "You'll see the most beautiful homes." Or, he'll swing by [CopenHill](#), the über-modern, spaceship-esque [power plant](#), which doubles as a recreational center—complete with an artificial ski slope, a hiking trail, and one of the world's tallest climbing walls.

Once at Lille, he'll order either the sausage roll, the bakery's fan favorite, or the bolle med smør og ost, a bun with butter and cheese, and a Danish breakfast staple—though in Lille's version, the bun is made from moist sourdough. Afterward, he'll take a dip in the harbor, jumping in from the deck of La Banchina, the waterfront restaurant and summer hangout right next to Lille. (Like a true Copenhagener, he'll have thrown some swim trunks and a towel in his bicycle basket on his way out.) For a bit of culture, he'll drop in at Copenhagen Contemporary around the corner, an international art center set in a former welding hall, to see works by world-renowned artists like James Turrell and Yoko Ono as well by emerging talent.



## NEIGHBORHOOD EATERIES AND SUBLIME PASTRIES



For lunch, he bikes back to Nørrebro, stopping in at the homely café Dzidra, owned by his friends Isabella Kristensen and Andreas Skou Albertsen. “Dzidra has a funny location,” says Brøndt. “It’s in the middle of a quiet residential street, but it’s become this local hangout with really good food, cakes, and specialty coffee from La Cabra. The menu changes regularly, so one week, it might lean Greek, and the next, Italian.” He’ll enjoy his lunch outside, on benches facing an impressive mural, then grab a slice of their homemade matcha mille crêpe cake for dessert. “It’s sooo good.” He might even find room afterward for a doughy treat from Juno the Bakery, in Østerbro. “Though it’s definitely not a hidden gem anymore,” laughs Brøndt, “they still make the best kardemommesnurrer (cardamom buns) in the city.”

## A SECRET WORLD-CLASS MUSEUM

In the afternoon, he’ll take the train or, if he’s feeling up for it, bike—“it’s a really beautiful ride”—about five miles north of the city, to Ordrupgaard, a museum set in the Jægersborg Forest. Built as a country house in 1918 by a wealthy businessman (who, along with his wife, was an avid art collector), the neoclassical-style home contains an impressive collection of Danish and French 19th- and early 20th-century art, a sculpture park, and recently added, futuristic extensions by world-renowned architect Zaha Hadid and Norway’s Snøhetta Studio. “Ordrupgaard has this great balance between the past and the present, and a great mix of world-famous art and temporary exhibitions,” says Brøndt. “And I love the visionary architecture of Hadid.”

“If you’re lucky, Finn Juhl’s house might also be open,” he adds, referencing the former home of one of the godfathers of Danish furniture design—Juhl furnished one of the chambers at the U.N. Building in New York in 1952—also located on the Ordrupgaard estate. “The house is filled with his classics,” says Brøndt, like the iconic 1949 Høvdingestolen, also known as the Chieftain Chair. “There’s just so much Danish furniture design history that you can draw inspiration from.”



## NATURAL WINES AND HOTEL COCKTAILS

In the evening, Brøndt will head to Stefansgade, the street that forms the ever-pulsing heart of Nørrebro, beelining straight to Andra, the cozy, always-packed corner wine bar and eatery owned by his friends Jamie Jacob and Lola Zlokapa. “I might get a glass of natural wine,” says Brøndt. “Jamie is a sommelier, so you’re guaranteed something great in the glass. And maybe I’ll get a couple of dishes.” The restaurant’s ever-changing mix of small-plate dishes is primarily rooted in southern European cooking, like zucchini and eggplant fried in an herby yogurt sauce or bruschetta on sourdough. Brøndt might cap off his day with a little luxury, heading afterwards to [Hotel Sanders](#) in the city center, just around the corner from The Royal Danish Theatre, where he’ll enjoy a Negroni in the award-winning cocktail bar Tata. “I just love the attentive staff and the beautiful decor, which is very different from the “new Nordic” style we are so used to in Copenhagen,” he says, nodding to the hotel’s mid-century, Orient Express-style interiors.

## FLEA MARKETS AND INDIE MAGAZINES

Sundays in Copenhagen are all about flea markets. “It is such a big part of the city in the summer,” says Brøndt. He’ll hit Det Grønne Loppemarked, or The Green Flea Market, in Nørrebro, which, in true, chill Copenhagen style, doesn’t open until 10 a.m. “I’ll pop by well into the morning. I’m not looking for anything specific. I’ll just drift around and take it all in,” says Brøndt. The market offers everything from secondhand Ganni pieces to vintage lamps and food stands with plant-based dishes. “There’s just this nice feeling of walking into a community—everybody knows and greets each other.”

Another of Brøndt’s favorite Sunday activities: flicking through magazines at specialty coffee roaster and shop Prolog Coffee in the Meatpacking District, a creative cluster and nightlife and restaurant hotspot in Vesterbro. “Prolog is one of the few places in Copenhagen that still sells indie magazines like *Apartamento* or *Happy Reader*,” says Brøndt. “Then I’ll just sit and read while enjoying a great cup of coffee.”

