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What a Place to be Alone

For the inaugural SUITCASE Magazine + Horizn Travel Club, blogger and author Chidera Eggerue (also known as The Slumflower) explores **Copenhagen's** creative core with her bordeaux-hued Horizn Model M in tow

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I wrote my book *What a Time to be Alone* during a period in my life when nothing felt more appealing than finding solitude. Now I truly believe that it's the secret to unlocking your truest, deepest self – and that travelling solo is one of the most exciting ways to ease into your own company, especially when exploring somewhere as inclusive as Copenhagen.

If you're looking for a city where minding your business is the norm, this is the place for you. The locals have an effortless way of being welcoming without making you feel like you're being watched – touching down with my massive afro and flamboyant style, I notice a few people glance at me with a combination of curiosity and fascination, but never in an invasive way. This is very important to mention, especially for any black women who are considering visiting – there's a warmth to this city that immediately makes me feel at home.

Cosiness, I soon discover, is ubiquitous to Copenhagen. I begin with a hygge-inducing oat-milk latte at Prolog Coffee Bar, which arrives on a pastel-pink tray that I can't resist snapping pictures of. I head across the street and have the best burger of my life at the awesome Tommi's Burger Joint, which also makes incredible

milkshakes. My home here is the gorgeous and very central Hotel Sanders, where I'm excited by the vintage-style bathroom but even more in love with the breakfast. Blueberry waffles? Yes please!

As someone who can't ride a bike despite being fully grown, being in Copenhagen makes me want to learn. The city's manageable size and structure mean that it's actually easier and quicker to cycle than it is to drive and I'm told that all the best parts of Copenhagen can be reached within ten to 20 minutes of pedalling. Renting a bike for the day is super cheap and, in some places, even free, although it's on foot that I set out to two of the key neighbourhoods on my list, Vesterbro and Nørrebro. If Vesterbro is the Brooklyn of Copenhagen, then Nørrebro is the Kreuzberg. Both are only a short walk from the city centre and are generous in their diversity, colour and spirit.

As a fashion lover the shop that captures my heart is the Danish brand Mads Norgaard, which specialises in streetwear with a slightly edgy twist. Before I leave I make sure to buy a leopard-print, utility-style jumpsuit, a striped satchel and a cosy hoodie dress to stuff into my Horizn Model M suitcase as a reminder of my time in this stylish Scandi capital. >>



TOMMI'S BURGER JOINT

THE LOWDOWN

A travel brand paving its way alongside a global creative community, Horizn Studios is open, curious and dedicated to developing innovative products to make travel fun, easy and seamless. The SUITCASE Magazine + Horizn Travel Club builds on Horizn's international appeal by exploring the cities of the world through the eyes of some of our favourite creative influencers.

Horizn Model M Cabin Luggage 33L in Marsala

L55cm x H40cm x W20cm

3.4kg (hand luggage approved)

£329

Aerospace-grade polycarbonate hard shell

Inbuilt compression pad

One-year free access to Horizn GO travel service

Laundry bag

Four high-end Japanese 360° wheels (by Hinomoto)

Removable power bank

Water-resistant front pocket

STAY

HOTEL SANDERS

TORDENSKJOLDSGADE 15, 1055
hotelsanders.com
 Rooms from £232

Supremely elegant and traditional yet also contemporary, Hotel Sanders aims to make your stay a curated experience – from suggesting popular food spots and lively local haunts to pointing you in the right direction for private boat hire. Founded by acclaimed former Royal Danish Ballet dancer Alexander Kølpin, the hotel uncoincidentally neighbours the Royal Danish Theatre. More taupe than theatrical, its bedrooms range from a cosy coupé to an indulgent apartment.



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EAT

LA BANCHINA

REFSHALEVEJ 141A, 1432
labanchina.dk

Located right on the water and secluded from the city, this 16-seat, farm-to-table restaurant is inspired by its natural surroundings, serving up organic vegetables and seafood.

LILLE BAKERY

REFSHALEVEJ 213A, 1432
lillebakery.com

Lille – meaning little – is a compact, open-kitchen bakery in the up-and-coming Refshaleøen district. Munch on something delicious from the tightly edited menu – the brioche with mascarpone and sour mirabelle plum is a standout.

TOMMI'S BURGER JOINT

WESTEND 13, 1661
burgerjoint.dk

A family establishment, Tommi's Burger Joint isn't the kind of place that does things on a small scale. From multiple toppings to XL fries and loaded burgers, go the whole hog and top it off with a strawberry milkshake.



LILLE BAKERY

SHOP

HAY HOUSE

ØSTERGADE 61, 1100
hay.dk/en-gb

A household name with an international reputation, Hay's second-floor shop on Østergade is bright and spacious, showcasing a range of design pieces which are as beautiful as they are functional.

ATELIER SEPTEMBER

GOTHERSGADE 30, 1123
atelierseptember.dk

Appropriately located in the fashionable Gothersgade neighbourhood, Atelier September epitomises design-forward Copenhagen. Its café/project room/creative studio hybrid has been a hallmark of Danish design since opening in 1987.

ACNE ARCHIVE

ELMEGADE 21, 2200
acnearchive.com

The Acne Archive, of which there are only three worldwide, sells classic styles and pieces from previous collections – selected pieces are marked down a hefty 75 per cent.



CIRKELBROEN

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APPLEBY'S PLADS, 1411

Designed by Icelandic-Danish artist Olafur Eliasson, the Cirkelbroen (Circle Bridge) draws from the Christianshavn district's maritime history and culture. Visit in full light to see the five staggered circular platforms, each with their own "mast" which together form the silhouette of a sailing boat.

DESIGNMUSEUM DANMARK

BREDGADE 68, 1260
designmuseum.dk/en

Showcasing pieces created by renowned Danish names such as Arne Jacobsen and Poul Henningsen as well as designers from around the world, the museum's collections of fashion, ceramics, craft and furniture (expect to see a lot of chairs) are vast.

CENTRAL HOTEL & CAFÉ

TULLINGSGADE 1, 1610
centralhotelogcafe.dk

This cosy café with a flair for vintage design is wedged between two covering buildings and has a matchbox-sized hotel with just one bedroom perched atop it.

DRINK + DANCE

THE JANE

GRÅBRØDRETORV 8, 1154
thejane.dk

Hidden doors concealed by bookshelves reveal rooms within rooms in this labyrinthine cavern, where you can either snuggle up by the fire in an old Chesterfield or dance your way into the early hours of the morning.

ANDY'S BAR

GOTHERSGADE 33B, 1123
andysbar.dk

With its wooden benches, red walls, convivial lighting and warm pub atmosphere, Andy's Bar is an alluring spot for a casual evening tittle.

