

# ODENSE: HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN HOUSE AND MUCH MORE



One of Denmark's most prominent writers, Hans Christian Andersen, lures visitors to Odense to this day. He was born here and spent the first 14 years of his life in Odense - and the city remembers.

When thinking of fairy tales, most children will have at least a vague recollection of works by Hans Christian Andersen. This Danish writer, who lived in the 19th century, became nearly a celebrity in his own time and while his beginnings were very difficult, especially his childhood, he still managed to narrate some of the most enduring stories known.

He was born in Odense and later relocated to Copenhagen to pursue his artistic dreams. **Locals in Odense have been devoted to him and his memory. Those who come here to follow his footsteps will certainly find what they are looking for.**

There are guided tours available for visitors who'd like to get a full summary of his life here, which will naturally feature all relevant places. However, **tourists who wish to explore the Andersen 'trail' on their own should start their wondering in the Hans Christian Andersen House.** It is here, where this great writer was born and currently, his former home serves as a tribute to him as well as a popular museum.

It has recently been extended and today features an impressive collection of rare publications, letters, drawings and personal memorabilia impossible to find elsewhere.

Most visitors continue their quest in the Møntergården, a museum of the town history, as well as the Påskestræde, where the charity school the author attended was. Strolling around will lead visitors to the beautiful Town Hall, which dates back to the late 19th century. Not far from here lies the St. Knud's Church, a very fine example of high Gothic architecture.

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