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DENMARK
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WONDER**



Their Majesties King Frederik and Queen Mary © Brightside Pictures

A Royal Welcome

Yesterday, Denmark came together to thank HM Queen Margrethe for her years as Queen and welcome a new King. An emotional HM King Frederik X ascended the throne following his mother's abdication in her

New Year's speech on the 31st of December 2023. Hundred of thousands of people lined the streets wearing crowns, waving flags and toasting Their Majesties King Frederik and his wife Queen Mary as they stepped out at [Christiansborg Palace](#) to wave at the cheering crowd below. In his motto, which shows how he hopes to reign, His Majesty proclaimed 'united, committed - for the Kingdom of Denmark'. It was a joyous day and we were proud to see so many celebrating our new King – we'll be talking about this for a while!

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Alice Bakery in Copenhagen © Daniel Rasmussen - VisitCopenhagen Media Center

Giving up sweet treats?

Not in Denmark! We're a pretty small country (ok, tiny – you can get from one end to the other in time for dinner!), but we have more traditions than you can shake a stick at. As we sleepily step into a New

Year, the first tradition slowly awakens, and of course, it involves pastry. 'Fastelavnsboller' are launched in bakeries from January leading up to Lent. Sweet buns filled with cream, custard or jam – there are a few different varieties, and in recent years, bakeries have launched them sooner and sooner with more elaborate fillings and toppings. Perfect for your Instagram feed AND your belly.

TAKE A BITE



Fastelavnsboller © Nicoline Lodahl Karlsen

What is Fastelavn?

For this Danish Carnival, children dress up, much like Halloween, and the day culminates with a barrel filled with sweets that children take turns whacking with a stick (think, piñatas) with the winner being crowned Queen of the Cats. Why cats? Well, it's a long story...read about it and all our weird and wonderful traditions below.

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