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At Overgaden Oven Vandet 62 along the Christianshavn canal in the heritage protected building from 1754 lies Kanalhuset that used to house the Royal Naval Hospice. Having recently undergone a thorough renovation the building now houses 12 boutique hotel rooms, meeting rooms, 14 hotel apartments, a dining room and a bar that is open every day from 8am – 10pm. In addition we also have ping-pong, yoga and other activities and every evening at 7pm we serve our communal dining in our dining room Spisestuen. All curious guests are welcome!

The historic surroundings

In its more than 260 years the former Royal Naval Hospice has lived many lives and seen many changes. In its original state the building was as an orphanage that housed approximately 200 young boys from all over the former Danish kingdom – including Norway, The West Indies and Holsten. Later on the building was used to treat people who got injured at sea when Denmark's naval activities was at its highest. The house has undergone many roles and activities throughout its long life and seen Christianshavn develop time and again however the yellow building by the canal has most of all always been a home. The building has undergone a modernization with specific attention paid to the building's history and time-specific aesthetics. The front row view to the canal and the cobbled streets have remained intact and the yellow façade and raised red brick roof exudes the building's personality.

Experience with creating community

Lennart Lajboschitz has made himself noticed by putting it to the forefront that in order to build a community it is necessary to create social interaction between people - this is cemented with experience from Absalon in Copenhagen's Vesterbro neighborhood and Hotel Hornbækhus in northern Zealand. Kanalhuset is no exception as we see it central that common activities may build a connection between local patrons and our foreign guests.

As an example Absalon has more than 70 events and activities a week for you to engage with; anything from a ceramics workshop to drag bingo, plant markets and opera.

North of Copenhagen in the more quiet part of Zealand you will find Hornbækhus and the life here is reflected in its surroundings. The activities consist of knitting clubs, readings and guided tours of Hornbæk's natural landscape. Hornbækhus is meant to be a meeting

place for both locals and visitors which is why the doors are open all year round for both staying guests and other visitors.

Our communal dinners are an important tool in the way we run all three of our establishments. Everyone can come together over a meal. It is in these moments where we connect that the social interaction comes into play – whether it may be a casual conversation across the tables or even the gesture of pouring some water in your neighbor's glass. These are the moments that are important to us and we believe that the communal dinners are a good example of the vibe and situations we try to create.

At Kanalhuset we work on using all of the experience we have gathered from [Absalon](#) and [Hornbækhus](#). We possible to play table tennis, yoga and come together for the daily communal dinner at 7pm. Our activities are going to develop as we do so they speak to both our guests and our spirit.

Live by the water at Kanalhuset

Besides the daily buzz and activity in the house it is also possible to spend the night in our historical surroundings in the middle of Christianshavn. In canal height we have 12 boutique hotel rooms in different sizes where guests can stay in characteristic rooms with wooden beams and limestone walls. Furthermore we have 14 hotel apartments spread across the building to guests who wish to stay for a longer period. Each apartment is different however they are all equipped to fit your daily needs with a kitchen, bathroom, living room, bedroom, and walk-in closet. All apartments are individually decorated with an emphasis on classic Danish design from the 1930s-1960s and made to be and feel like a home.

The company [EEN](#) has designed and decorated everything in the house – from furniture to cutlery and paintings. They have scoured flea markets, auctions and private collections looking for pieces to fit the house. All furniture is hand-picked, reupholstered and treated with attention to its natural patina and its contribution to the rest of the house. All aspects have been taken into attention and nothing is by coincidence – attentiveness to daylight, color coordination and function – the intention is to feel the personality in the interior. As the building sets the scene for a time-specific appearance the interior works to add another layer of impressions and atmosphere.

Gathering point of the house

The meeting place for everyone in the building is found in the bar on the elevated 2nd floor. This is where you can check in/out, order your coffee, cake, drink or get your daily information about going on's in Copenhagen. The bar is open every day from 8am – 10pm.

During the weekends we extend the breakfast menu homemade sourdough waffles and for lunch we exclusively serve 'smørrebrød' (Danish open-faced sandwiches) in our dining room Spisestuen. After the communal dinner it is possible to segue into the Bar for dessert, a drink or coffee.

In the kitchen is Kristofer Josefsson who continuously makes up a new menu of the day for the communal dinner. Kristofer has an eye for seasonal goods and a passion for preservation, salting, fermenting, drying and other ways working with the seasonal highlights. We work by the mission of creating a new experience every day and this is extended into the kitchen and its contribution to the rest of the house.

Taking the 'hotel' out of the hotel

We would like to change the conception of how to run a hotel. We have taken out all distancing elements from the hotel rooms; reception desk, room service and standardized rooms. Instead we set our focus on community, presence and personality. This is done by offering our guests the possibility to join in on our communal dinners with locals and opening up the possibility of taking on your dining neighbor in a game of table tennis or agreeing to meet up at the next morning class of yoga.

Kanalhuset is a dynamic house that wants to break apart from 'the usual' and be a place where you can feel at home. We would like to put personality in the forefront and create a community that we can all be a part of.

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