

By ANNE WANSTALL COPENHAGEN - Few countries capture your soul as well as one of Europe's most northerly states, Denmark.

Hospitality fairly beams out of everyone, from the Customs man who tells the new visitor to "move on" because he obviously has nothing to declare, to the hospitable farmer who rents a room or two during the summer months.

The whole country is hospitality plus - to the point where one Danish magazine for visitors suggests that either Shakespeare wasn't really Shakespeare but some illinformed imposter, or Hamlet wasn't a true Dane else he wouldn't have been so gloomy.

Despite a tax rate that would send most Canadian averages reeling, and a climate that is more often damp than not, the Danes are a totally selfpossessed, proud and happy people whose patriotism and love for their[®] country envelopes every visitor.

There for a food editor's excursion into Danish agriculture rather than tourism, your reporter can only move around the fringes of what there is to see, where to go and how much it will all cost.

QUIET GENTILITY It doesn't cost

thousands, but even if it did, a trip to Denmark would be worth every penny to savor the quiet gentility of the countryside and the people.

Denmark is, you see, totally unique. There's not much of it - the long finger peninsula of Jutland and 483 islands, of which 97 are inhabited — and the population of the entire country is little more than twice the population of Metro.

In fact it's so divided by water, that it's easy to stand on one side of a Copenhagen canal and look at the place you had oped to reach. The city

strip of icing sugar, or a mug that would have you drinking between mountainous moulded mammaries, but true pornography goes on behind closed doors to offend only those who seek it.

TIVOLI Instead, the Danes will glow about Tivoli, as well they might. Seated in the heart of the city, Tivoli is a playground of enormous and unexpected proportions that offers so much entertainment that most city Danes purchase season tickets. Visitors get in for a \$1 fee that will carry them through the day and into the evening. By day, Tivoli is a fairy playground for family fun, with gentle old fashioned

merry-go-rounds whose rocking horses, giraffes and tigers cater as much to grandmothers as to their ranges. small charges.

SENIOR CITIZENS

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Water spreads the parkland into islands joined by small bridges and provides a splashing good

time for those who want to to argue over three styles pedal boats as they suck of smoked herring, a the enormous soft ice Danish open omelet, and creams topped with deep fried Danish chocolate chips that are a Camembert cheese, beer Danish specialty.

At night, Tivoli becomes a wonderworld of lights. The hundreds of old trees summer. that line the pathways are hung with multi-colored

lanterns, buildings are outlined with miniature lights, and the many from May to September bandshells look like giant when Tivoli is open. scallop shells inhabited by moving toy soldiers. STRICT RULES

To get space in Tivoli, restaurants must adhere to the strictest regulations of any in the world. Their menus must be

submitted to the directorate of the park, and the prices remain as agreed. And they cater for all tastes and pocketbook At Groeften (which

literally means ,"ditch") where Danish radio and television personalities, artists and politicians meet

and aquavit for about \$7, 12 metric tons of special stew is sold during a single

'It is,'' said the director of Tivoli, "a licence to print money". It's also long days of hard work

There are another 21 restaurants in the play ground, but if you want to brown bag it with an open faced sandwich from a delicatessen, the park provides comfortable seating and a place to buy a cold beer.

ROYALTY

But if Tivoli is fun, Copenhagen is royal and way you can stroll around palace courtyards as if they were your own front yards.

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The city reeks of history - it was founded in 1167 and became the capital in 1417 — and the street plan of its centre was laid out in the Middle Ages.

There are verdigrised monuments to the Vikings "they only blow their horns when a virgin passes," quipped our guide — kings and soldiers. There's even one to the first fisherwoman who brought the fresh catch to the city sidewalk for sale.

LANGUAGE

Language offers no hurdles. Just about everyone speaks some English, and often prefer to take your arm and guide you to where you want to go rather than point the

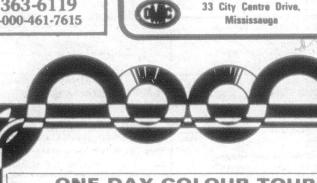
Actually, getting around Copenhagen is no problem if you arm yourself with a city map.

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bears some resemblance to Holland's Amsterdam for that very reason. There aren't quite as many canals, but there are tall, thin buildings bordering the waters and the many high-masted schooners that sail into the port.

Comedian Danny Kaye thought Copenhagen was wonderful and the Danes do too, but they prefer the anglicized version of the city's name to 'Copenha(y)gen rather than "Copenha(r)gen" as in the song.

Often billed as the porno capital of the north, Copenhagen could prove disappointingly prudish to those seeking sexual excitement at every corner.

There's no doubt such entertainment exists, but it is treated with such discretion that the sight of a bare body spread across a poster comes as something of a surprise.

Instead, you might find a gingerbread man whose sex is not left in dispute by the abandoned placing of a



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