

Europe, July to September 2026

August 7, Aarhus, Denmark

Aarhus is the second largest town in Denmark and one I have heard of, considering a trip here next year. Actually, just a stop at the end of an already planned trip. We had a 4-hour walking tour of the city. I can honestly say that a 4-hour walking tour is a long time in any city and that I am glad Denmark is so flat. The highest point in the entire country is only 560 feet.

One of the most interesting facets of this city is their parking garage. Not one of the biggest tourist attractions, but interesting nonetheless.



The garage in downtown Aarhus is just a series of a dozen platforms. Drivers find an empty platform and drive their cars onto one, making sure to carefully center it in the middle of the platform. Exit the car, pay for parking, step back, and let the computer do the rest. If all checks out, the gate closes and the car disappears down an elevator previously identified as just a platform.

On return, select an empty elevator, enter your code and the car returns. No idea how many stories underground the garage goes.

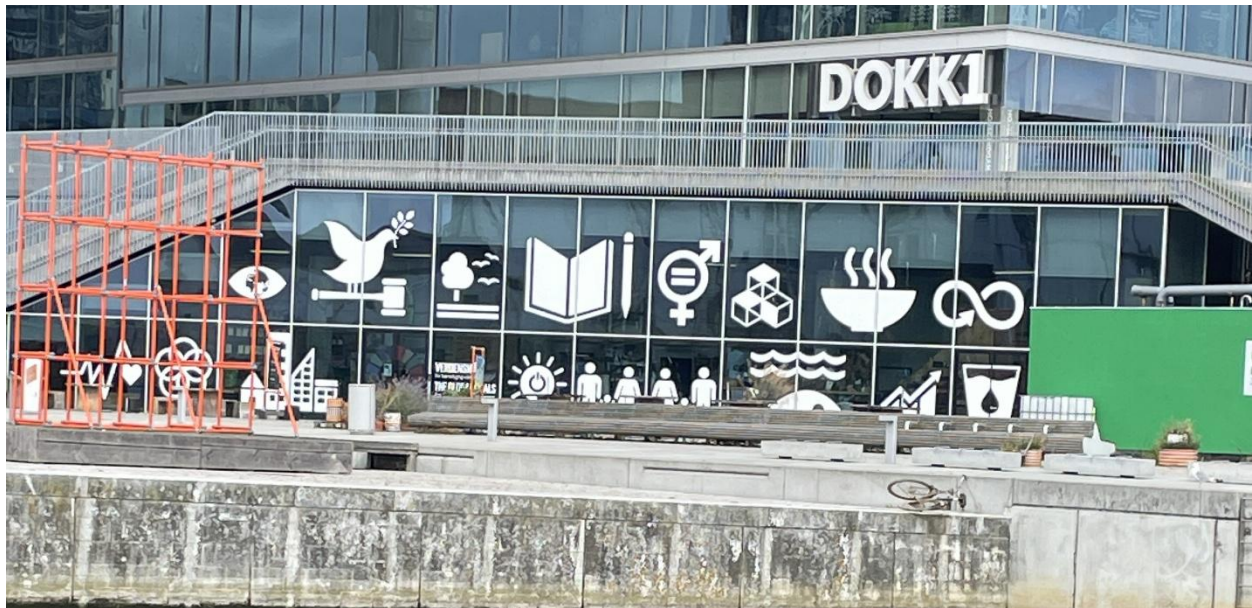
Our guide did tell us there were some computer start-up problems a few years ago and customers occasionally, not often but sometimes, got a different car returned, and that some of those customers were very happy.



What else? Here is my violation of a “no church” presentation just to show another hanging ship.



Moving on, I want to talk about the 17-Walls project in Aarhus, summarized by this picture.



There are 17 murals throughout the city, several pointed out to us on our walk. Each monumental gable mural was created by different international or local street artists where each visually interprets one of the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to inspire climate action and social awareness. (Credit to AI for this wording). Here are a couple.



The goals are:

1. No poverty
2. Zero hunger
3. Good health and well-being
4. Quality education
5. Gender equality
6. Clean water and sanitation
7. Affordable and clean energy
8. Decent work and economic growth
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure
10. Reduced inequalities
11. Sustainable cities and communities
12. Responsible consumption and production
13. Climate action
14. Life below water
15. Life on land
16. Peace, justice, and strong institutions
17. Partnerships for the goals

Maybe I should have started off with this presentation of Aarhus, but I didn't.

Moving on again, we come to the art museum, a 7-story building with a rainbow walk at the top. Most of those on the tour had to look twice before deciding if the images inside the rainbow were real people walking around or part of the exhibit.



They were real. Entry to the museum was not part of the tour. OK. Four hours was enough.

Jon would love this city. I suspect Juliette might also.



There is quite a night-life portion with a row of bars along the river walkway.

One more thing. I took lots of pictures and am being a bit selective of what I present. This shows you Danish architecture in an apartment building.



I do not think that the very top square is habitable, but the one below it is definitely a penthouse.

That's it. Back on the ship and on to Germany.