



# July Calendar

*"Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions" ~ Dalai Lama*

### What happens in Odense in July?

*Some tips to have a great summer:*

Every Thursday in July there is a free concert in Kongens Have at 6 pm. It is always free of charge, and people sometimes bring their picnic baskets. There is a different theme every Thursday.

<http://oplev.odense.dk/topmenu/kalender/festivaler-og-events/torsdagskoncerter>

•

There will be dancing under the evening sky in Eventyr Haven (Café Siesta) from 7 pm to 10 pm during July. It takes place 2 or 3 times a week and varies from Tango to Salsa to Line dancing. Free of charge and a lovely atmosphere among the greenery of the park.

<http://kalender.oplev.odense.dk/perl/sted/type-odense5/nr-1221048?Startnr=11&StedNr=1221048&>

•

All summer there is an exhibition at Brands Klædefabrik about Danish fashion. See all the beautiful dresses that Princess Mary has worn and much more.  
Closed Mondays.

### For the kids

H. C. Andersen story telling takes place in Lotzes Have every day (except Sundays) throughout July at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm. It's very cute and they speak a little English too.

Summer in Farvegården. Every Tuesday and Friday from 10 am. It takes place from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 24<sup>th</sup> of July. You can paint, see theatre and enjoy the huge playing area.

## Life While-You-Wait

by Wislawa Szymborska

Life While-You-Wait.  
Performance without rehearsal.  
Body without alterations.  
Head without premeditation.

I know nothing of the role I play.  
I only know it's mine. I can't exchange it.

I have to guess on the spot  
just what this play's all about.

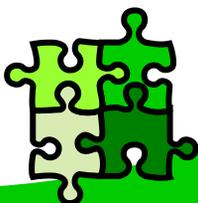
Ill-prepared for the privilege of living,  
I can barely keep up with the pace that the action demands.

I improvise, although I loathe improvisation.  
I trip at every step over my own ignorance.  
I can't conceal my hayseed manners.  
My instincts are for happy histrionics.  
Stage fright makes excuses for me, which humiliate me more.  
Extenuating circumstances strike me as cruel.

Words and impulses you can't take back,  
stars you'll never get counted,  
your character like a raincoat you button on the run.  
The pitiful results of all this unexpectedness.

If only I could just rehearse one Wednesday in advance,  
or repeat a single Thursday that has passed!  
But here comes Friday with a script I haven't seen.  
Is it fair, I ask  
(my voice a little hoarse,  
since I couldn't even clear my throat offstage).

You'd be wrong to think that it's just a slapdash quiz taken in makeshift accommodations. Oh no.  
I'm standing on the set and I see how strong it is.  
The props are surprisingly precise.  
The machine rotating the stage has been around even longer.  
The farthest galaxies have been turned on.  
Oh no, there's no question, this must be the premiere.  
And whatever I do  
will become forever what I've done.



## Summer in Denmark

During the unpredictable Danish summer, there are many warm sunny days that are incredibly pleasant. One option is to visit some of the beautiful Danish beaches.

If you dare to brave the coldness of the sea, you could always try a swim. Just get into the ocean and enjoy the experience of the clean, soft and silky texture of the water. In fact, Danish bathing water at the seaside and in lakes is of top quality.

Sit on the beach until sunset, have a barbecue on the beach, submerge in a late evening swim and enjoy the Danish coastline.

Here on Funen, you there's Kerteminde Nordstrand (North Beach) or Nyborg Strand, to name just two.

There are many other gorgeous beaches and stunning coastlines in Jutland, and on Zealand, Lolland and Bornholm.

*Adapted from "Your Danish Life, The Expat Magazine."*

## Next International Club's trip

The time is coming! We are already organizing our September trip for our international staff. After years of wonderful experiences, we would like to keep offering a great time together, where good company and the beautiful Danish landscape are combined to give us unforgettable memories and the wish to join once again the SDU International Club's excursions around Denmark.

Watch this space!



## Zen Tale

Two travelling monks reached a river where they met a young woman. Wary of the current, she asked if they could carry her across. One of the monks hesitated, but the other quickly picked her up onto his shoulders, transported her across the water, and put her down on the other bank. She thanked him and departed.

As the monks continued on their way, the one was brooding and preoccupied. Unable to hold his silence, he spoke out.

"Brother, our spiritual training teaches us to avoid any contact with women, but you picked that one up on your shoulders and carried her!"

"Brother," the second monk replied, "I set her down on the other side, while you are still carrying her."



A Sufi holy man was asked what forgiveness is. He said it is the fragrance flowers give off when they are crushed.

### Remember your monthly options offered by the SDU International Club

- IC for Children. Contact [sgg@sdu.dk](mailto:sgg@sdu.dk)
- Yoga for beginners. Contact [forrai@sdu.dk](mailto:forrai@sdu.dk)
- IC Football, every Sunday from 16.00 at SDU hall number 2. For more information contact Domen Bajde at [bajde@sam.sdu.dk](mailto:bajde@sam.sdu.dk)

