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40 YEARS OF OCCUPATION

In 1971, hundreds of young people claimed the 85 acres of an abandoned 17th-century military base in the urban center of Copenhagen, Denmark as their home. They declared this area a free state, and named it **Christiania**. Finding it politically unpopular to evict the young settlers, the Danish government declared Christiania a “short-term social experiment”.

Over 40 years later, Christiania is the oldest still-existing squatter community in Europe.



In-depth, interesting and humorous.

-Thea Pedersen, Ekstra Bladet

**I just enjoyed watching every minute...
Thanks for sharing the beautiful story
of that unique community.**

-Rick Steves, Europe Through The Back Door

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Christiania - 40 Years of Occupation had its World Premiere in 2014 at the New York Architecture and Design Film Festival. It has since screened all over the world, winning **Best Documentary** at the Seattle Transmedia and Independent Film Festival, silver medal for Feature Documentary at the ReelHeART International Screenplay and Film Festival in Toronto, and was nominated for Best Documentary at ArchFilmLund, the International Architecture Film Festival in Lund, Sweden.