

## **Amalienborg Castle:**

Amalienborg is the the Royal Couple's winter residence. The Amalienborg complex consists of four palaces, built around an octagonal courtyard, in the centre of which stands the French sculptor J.F.J. Saly's equestrian statue of Frederik V, the founder of Amalienborg Palace and Frederiksstaden. Amalienborg became the royal residence after Christiansborg Palace burned down in the night between 26 and 27 February 1794

## **Frederiksborg Castle**

Frederiksborg Castle is beautifully situated in Hillerød north of Copenhagen. Surrounded by the Castle Lake, a Baroque Garden and romantic landscaped gardens Frederiksborg Castle is an ideal excursion spot, offering cultural experiences as well as scenic walks and boat tours. Frederiksborg Castle is the largest Renaissance Castle in Scandinavia. It was built in the first decades of the 17th century by King Christian IV and incorporates the finest Renaissance architecture and craftsmanship.

Since 1878, Frederiksborg Castle has housed the Museum of National History. A tour through the beautiful rooms of the museum is a tour through 500 years of Danish history, illustrated by portraits, history paintings, furniture and decorative art. Here you encounter people and events that have shaped Danish history from the Middle Ages to the 21st century.

## **Kronborg castle**

**Kronborg** is near the town of Helsingør on the extreme north-east part of Zealand. It is at the narrowest point of the Øresund, the sound between Denmark and Sweden. In this part, the sound is only 4 km wide. This is why it is so important to keep a fortress at this place commanding one of the few outlets of the Baltic Sea. The castle has for centuries been one of the most important Renaissance castles in Northern Europe. It was added to UNESCO's World Heritage Sites list on November 30, 2000. People know Kronborg well as "Elsinore". This is the place where the play *Hamlet, Prince of Denmark*, written by William Shakespeare, is supposed to have happened. Hamlet was performed in the castle for the first time on the 200th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare. The soldiers from the castle were some of the players.