Eating with Hansel & Gretel

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In Drinking at 'the world's best restaurant' I describe the most extraordinary dinner Nick and I enjoyed last Friday night at the now world-famous restaurant **Noma** in Copenhagen. Denmark was revelling in the same sort of heatwave as England last weekend and the next day we had a great train journey north from the capital along what is known - don't laugh - as the Danish Riviera towards Helsingør, Hamlet's Elsinore.

A highlight was the Louisiana art collection at Humlebaek right on the coast itself - vast Henry Moores looking over the sea towards Sweden - reached by Denmark's superbly efficient train system. We came back via the seaside town of Klampenborg, whose Bellevue Beach is particularly popular. A very short walk from the railway station is the thatched cottage shown above and in the short video below. It's known as **Den Gule Cottage** (the yellow cottage), apparently, but with absolutely no sign outside that it is a delightful casual restaurant.

Like so many Danish establishments, it automatically offers guests a blanket with every outdoor seat. And like an increasing proportion of them, it revels in modern Scandinavian cuisine with everything super-fresh, light and beautifully presented. The fish, nuts, bread and cheese shown above in the bright Baltic sunshine comprised their lunchtime offering of 'Salty Snacks' at around £10 each. (Nothing is cheap in Denmark, alas, except for bike hire.)