

2015

A Historic Tour around Beautiful Bornholm

Travel back in time and explore the exciting history of Bornholm's castle ruins, round churches and legends of the Knights Templar.



Bornholm is packed with a rich history and traces from the Middle Ages when the island once played an influential political and religious role. The ruins of castles and fortresses, Kings and clergy tell a remarkable story, and the four round churches have long fed the theories of the Knights Templar and their secret treasures. Follow the trails back in time and explore the history and legends while at the same time enjoying the food, art and landscapes of beautiful Bornholm.

Day 1. Arrival in Rønne

(If you arrive by ferry from Ystad it is possible to skip this first and the last night in Rønne, go directly to the North coast and shorten the tour with 2 nights)

Welcome to the island famous for its smoked fish, friendly people and amazing conditions for cyclists. Immediately upon arrival, you feel the cosy atmosphere and sense of authenticity.

Day 2. Rønne – Allinge-Sandvig, 32 kms

First stop is made at Nyker Round Church famous for its two rune stones. Nearby you can visit the impressive Bornholm Raptor Show before following the coastal route to Hasle Smokehouse and the rock formations Jon's Chapel. Stop by Olsker Round Church, the most elegant of the four, on your way to idyllic Allinge-Sandvig.

Day 3. Allinge-Sandvig – Gudhjem, 23 kms

Take a walk by the beautiful lakes and continue to explore the iconic ruins of the medieval castle, Hammerhus, and its great history before moving on to the spectacular Døndal Valley and the Holy Rocks, on the way to Gudhjem. Being here, don't forget to taste the smoked herring specialty, Sunshine above Gudhjem.

Day 4. Roundtrip from Gudhjem, 13 kms

If you need a resting day, this is your chance. Spend the day in charming Gudhjem or take an inland trip to the Bornholm Medieval Centre and the Østerlars Round Church, the biggest and most famous one. Take time to delve into the stories and mystique about the Knights Templar, who according to legend may have built both the church and the highly secret chamber underneath it.

Information

Tour Code: DKB-4A - Medieval Tour
Choose between 5 or 7 days

Tour Type: Individual, self-guided tour

Duration: 7 days

Travel Period & Start Dates:

Arrival possible every day
1 May – 14 September 2015

Total Tour Length: app. 150 - 170 kms

Accommodation Categories:

3*-4* hotels

Route Characteristics:

Easy tour

The South part of Bornholm is flat whereas the Northern part is a bit hilly. However, both the hilly parts and distances in general are short enabling you to enjoy the tour.

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Day 5. Gudhjem – Svaneke or Balka, 15 or 30 kms

Continuing along the coastal route you get one of the most spectacular views on the island. Make a quick detour to the small Østermarie and visit the remains of the old medieval church placed right next to the new one before going on to Svaneke. Using local food products this charming little town is celebrated for its delicious treats and cosy atmosphere, and you are invited to try your hand at the glassworks and other crafts. Stay here or continue to Balka with an abundance of beach and water activities.

Day 6. Svaneke or Balka - Rønne, 36-44 kms

On your way back to Rønne you pass by Ibs Kirke significant for being made of boulders and held to be the most beautiful church in Denmark. Continue to the Paradise Hills and try if you can move the glacial erratic, Rokkestenen, which according to legend is placed upon a great treasure of diamonds. Have lunch in the forest, and discover the ruined castles of medieval Kings. It is also possible to combine this stage with a detour going south to see the old beautiful church in Pedersker and the archaeological findings in Rispebjerg (extra 16 kms).

Day 7. Departure from Rønne

After breakfast and checkout at the hotel, it is time for departure. Depending on your specific departure time, you may have time for a walk around the town or a relaxed goodbye by visiting the cafés at the centre square.

Booking Codes and Alternative Itineraries

Tour **DKB-4A7S** - Medieval Tour from Sassnitz, 7 days
As described above

Tour **DKB-4A5Y** - Medieval Tour from Ystad, 5 days
Allinge/Sandvig – Gudhjem x2 – Balka



Travel dates 2015

- Arrivals every day from 1 May to 14 September 2015
- Due to a national political event, The People's Meeting, Bornholm is closed for arrival between 11 – 14 June 2015
- If possible, we recommend avoiding arrival on Saturdays due to usually fully booked ferries.

Minimum participants

Prices are based on minimum two persons.

Accommodation

- Cat. A Comfortable 3* and 4* hotels

Services included in tour:

- 4 or 6 nights in double room with private facilities
- 4 or 6 x breakfast (or half board, if added)
- Luggage transport between hotels
- Travel book, maps, route descriptions
- Relevant tourist information materials
- Service hotline
- A ferry ticket from Sassnitz or Ystad for passengers (own bikes and car not included)

Services NOT included:

- Your transport to and from the ferries
- Drinks and meals apart from breakfast (unless half board has been added)
- Visits to attractions, museums, etc.

Arrival Information

Ferries arrive in Rønne from Sassnitz (Germany) and Ystad (Sweden) close to the city center.

Go directly to our Bike Rental shop situated 3 minutes walk from the ferry. Here you will receive your bikes and arrival package with route descriptions, maps, vouchers, travel documents and touristic materials.

Bornholm Airport is situated near Rønne. Usually you will arrive by a connecting flight from Copenhagen Airport.

If you arrive by ferry from Kolobrez in Poland, arrival will be in Nexø on the East coast. In this case the tour starts and ends in Balka and continue clockwise around the island according to the normal itinerary. (Ask for more information.)

General Information

- The bike tours are unescorted and self-guided.
- The mileages stated are approximates of the distances for the recommended routes and detours.
- Detailed maps and information is given making it possible to do individual detours without getting lost.
- It is not mandatory to wear a helmet in Denmark – but safe to do so 😊



Rental Bikes and Equipment

For this tour we offer comfortable trekking bikes equipped with:

- 21 gears, freewheel and hand brakes or
- 7 gears and pedal brakes

Our bikes are available in different models for both men and women in different frame sizes.

Bikes for children, gators, tag-alongs, children seats, etc. are available upon request.

Also electrically supported bikes with 3, 6 or 7 gears, pedal brakes and high quality, long lasting batteries with capacity up to 60-80-120 kms are available upon request. Electrically supported bikes are available in unisex frames only.

Each bike is equipped with 1 pannier, tools and repair kit, 1 spare tube and air pump.

Prices

From Sassnitz

From Ystad

		DKB 4A7S 7 Days	DKB 4A5Y 5 Days
Price per person in shared double room	€	699	585
Price per person in single room	€	965	800
Child up to 2 years	€	Free	Free
Child 2-11 years in room with 2 paying adults	€	350	300
3 rd & 4 th person 12+ years with 2 full paying adults in family room	€	595	500
Half board, 3 courses or buffet dinner	€	259	179
Bike rental 7/21 gears	€	55 6 days rent	45 5 days rent
Electrically supported bike	€	200 6 days rent	185 5 days rent
<u>Additional nights per person in double room</u>			
Rønne and Allinge/Sandvig	€	86	
Gudhjem and Balka	€	88	
Svaneke	€	93	
<u>Additional nights per person in single room</u>			
Rønne	€	133	
Allinge/Sandvig	€	118	
Svaneke, Gudhjem and Balka	€	124	
<u>Surcharge for 3rd and 4th person in extra bed(s) in a double / family room / apartment</u>			
<i>Price to be understood as the standard price for a double room for person 1 and 2 + a surcharge for person 3 and/or 4</i>			
Child 2 - 11 years old	€	45	
Person +12 years old	€	75	

All prices are stated in Euros per person.