

# Mid Zealand's cozy towns, forests, fields and beaches

2015

## SOUTH & MID ZEALAND

Roundtrip from Copenhagen

*Cycling variations, Vikings, Tivoli, charming cozy cities and sandy white beaches in Zealand.*



Take a ride through the history of Denmark!

From the capital Copenhagen to old charming Køge. Then you go South to Næstved and West to the old maritime Korsør with wonderful views to the impressive Great Belt Bridge and the island of Funen. Get up close with the old Danish Vikings in Roskilde and upon return in Copenhagen you may enjoy Tivoli, Amalienborg, The Little Mermaid and many other attractions.

### Day 1. Arrival in Copenhagen

Welcome to a capital where cyclists are kings! Enjoy the cozy and relaxed atmosphere, easy-going living and plenty of experiences in a combination of old-world charm and modern lifestyle. Copenhagen is a melting pot of interesting options and you can easily spend a few days here without getting bored.

### Day 2. København – Køge, 49 kms

You cycle South on beautiful carfree bike paths partly along the shores of Køge Bay to the cozy old town Køge that has been a center for all kinds of trade since medieval times. Today you find many nice cafés and shops in the beautiful old market square and no other city in Denmark has so many old houses and buildings as Køge. Here you find the oldest Danish town hall in operation and the oldest half-timbered house. Take a trip to the coast and enjoy the white sandy beach and maybe a swim.

### Day 3. Køge – Næstved, 58 kms

Another very old city, Næstved, is the target today. However, you start cycling through green landscapes with forests, meadows and fields. Næstved was founded where the little river Susåen stops. Discover the beautiful city that has also many gorgeous old houses. An excursion to Gavnø Castle and Garden is recommended with a visit in the beautiful park that is famous for its rose and tulip gardens and the many rare plants and trees.

## Information

Tour Code: DKK-3 Mid Zealand

Tour Type: Individual, self-guided tour

Duration: 8 days

Travel Period: 18 April – 10 October

Start Dates: Every Saturday  
*In July and August it is also possible to start on Sundays.*

Other start days possible at 6+ persons

Total Tour Length: app. 285 - 310 kms

Accommodation Categories:  
3\*-4\* hotels

Route Characteristics: Easy tour

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### **Day 4. Næstved – Korsør, 50-62 kms**

Now you go West towards the Great Belt and first stop is the charming small Summer resort Karrebæksminde. Take a break here or go to the excellent sandy beaches at Enø. From here you continue more or less along the coast to the old harbor town Skælskør and further to Korsør, a cozy, old maritime town located right at the Great Belt. Throughout history Korsør has been the center of all kinds of trade and shipping when serving as a hub for sailing between Zealand and Funen but nowadays the city is less busy due to the bridge. Alternatively overnight in Skælskør 12 kms before Korsør.

### **Day 5. Korsør – Sorø, 33-60 kms**

West of Slagelse you find the old viking settlement and fortress Trelleborg established around 980 AD and you can visit the museum and a full-scale copy of a viking house. A detour to Birkegårdens Haver (in Ruds Vedby) with five theme gardens: Prairie, English-Danish, Monasterial, Permaculture and finally the Japanese garden is the biggest in Denmark and absolutely worth a visit for garden lovers. Sorø is a cosy, very old city dedicated wisdom and learning. (Tour length is app. 33 kms directly from both Korsør and Skælskør, and 60 kms incl. the gardens).

### **Day 6. Sorø – Roskilde, 51 kms**

Sorø has a rich cultural history. Many important Danish authors have lived here, and they invite you for a stroll in their footsteps in the city center. From a distance you can see Roskilde and the spires of the cathedral Roskilde Domkirke, which in 1995 was admitted as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The sarcophagi and tombs of 38 Danish kings and queens laid to rest here make this church special because nowhere else in the world are so many kings and queens buried in the same church. Visit also the Viking Ship Museum with both original Viking ships and replicas – or try to sail a small one yourself.

### **Day 7. Roskilde – Copenhagen, 40 kms**

Through an extensive network of cycle paths you ride carefree through woods, fields and suburbs within the green ring around the capital and arrive in wonderful Copenhagen. You stay in a nice hotel within walking distance of the famous sights, museums, attractions and Tivoli.

### **Day 8. Copenhagen**

A memorable tour has ended. Departure after breakfast at the hotel - or extend your stay with a few days in this beautiful and charming city.



### **Travel dates 2015**

- Arrivals **every Saturday** from April 18th to June 30th and September 1st to October 10th 2015
- In July and August arrival is possible **every Saturday and Sunday**.
- At minimum 6 persons other arrival dates are possible. Free of charge at minimum 6 persons. Surcharge € 65 per person if less than 6 persons.
- Please be aware of increased prices during Roskilde Music Festival – see price list for price and period.



## Minimum participants

Prices are based on minimum 2 persons.

## Accommodation

This tour is available in:

Cat. A: Comfortable 3\* and 4\* hotels



## Rental Bikes and Equipment

For this tour we offer trekking bikes equipped with 21 gears, freewheel and handbrakes as standard. 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 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, spare tube, pump and 2 locks.

## 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 helmet in Denmark – but safe to do so 😊

## Services included in tour:

- 7 nights in double room with private facilities
- 7 x breakfast (or half board, if added)
- Daily luggage transport between hotels
- Travel book, maps, route descriptions
- Relevant tourist information materials
- Service hotline
- Free parking in Copenhagen during tour

## Services NOT included:

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

## Arrival, Departure and Parking

Nearest airport is Copenhagen International Airport situated 10-15 minutes from the city center.

International trains arrive at the Central Station (København H.)

DGI-Byen Hotel is the primary hotel for this tour and all bike delivery takes place here. The hotel has 3-4 stars standard and is situated just behind the Central Station and Tivoli. However, other hotels in this area come into use as well in peak periods.

Guests booked on this tour in cat. A and A-Lux can park one car for free at the Hotel DGI-Byen during the entire tour no matter whether they are staying at DGI-Byen or alternative hotels. However, in case of extreme last minute bookings or specific requests for alternative hotels parking at DGI-Byen may be restricted.



## Prices

		Price per person
Price per person in shared double room	€	705
Price per person in single room	€	1.005
3rd person in double room/family room	€	675
4 <sup>th</sup> person in family room or 2 double rooms in some hotels	€	645
High season surcharge 13/6 – 22/8 2015	€	60
Surcharge during Roskilde Music Festival. Applicable for all starts in with nights in Roskilde between 23/6 and 6/7 2015 (e.g. applicable for the tour starting Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June)	€	85
Half board 7 x 3 courses or buffet	€	315
Half board on tour but not in Copenhagen 5 x 3 courses/ buffet	€	240
Bike rental	€	70
E-Bike rental	€	160
Additional night in Copenhagen in double room	€	79
Additional night in Copenhagen in single room	€	117
Surcharge for 1 person travelling alone (Applicable only if no other clients have booked start at the same date at least 3 weeks in advance)	€	145

*All prices are stated in Euros per person.*