

2015

Island Hopping in South Funen Archipelago

Enjoy the charming islands and beautiful landscapes in the South Funen archipelago.



With both ferry rides and overnight stay at the island Ærø and daytrips to many idyllic islands this tour allows you to experience the full charm of the islands, Funen together with Danish friendliness and relaxed lifestyle.

Day 1. Arrival in Svendborg

Take a stroll in the lively and charming city Svendborg, the “capital” of South Funen with old maritime traditions. If you have the time you should go on an excursion to Thuroe with excellent opportunities for a swim or a game of mini golf.

Day 2. Svendborg – Thurø – Tåsinge – Ærøskøbing, 15-45 kms

Today's trip takes you across the Svendborgsund Bridge to Tåsinge Island. From there you cycle to Vindeby, follow the coast to the maritime village Troense, and continue to Valdemar's Castle, which features beautiful rooms, a Hunting and Trophy Museum, and a Boat Museum. If you feel like it, the castle also has a great mini golf course and a nice beach. Or you may just enjoy the view, the calmness and atmosphere here and take a break.

A visit to the island Thurø is nice and in Summertime it is possible to combine a sailing trip with the old ship MV Helge that sails between Valdemar's Castle, Thurø and more stops near Svendborg. For cyclists who prefer a longer tour we recommend also to visit Langeland, and upon arrival in Rudkøbing you can choose between several routes on the island. Take a swim or a break. On the way back to Svendborg a different route takes you to Landet Kirkegaard (cemetery) where you may see the memorial tombs of the everlasting love story between Elvira Madigan and Sixten Sparre, From the bell tower of Bregninge Church you have a magnificent view of the archipelago.

You return to Svendborg in the afternoon and go directly by ferry to the island Ærø where you arrive in the old maritime city Ærøskøbing.

Information

Tour Code: DKF-7 Ærø Island Hop

Tour Type: Individual, self-guided tour

Duration: 5 days

Travel Period: 2nd May – 5th Sept. 2015

Start Dates: Every Saturday
In July Wednesday and Saturday
Other days possible at min. 6 persons

Total Tour Length: app. 57-110 kms

Accommodation Categories: Cat. A

Route Characteristics: Easy tour

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Day 3. Ærøskøbing – Søby – Faaborg, 18-35 kms

Ærø is full of idyllic charm and friendliness. You have the whole day to experience the island, romantic half-timbered houses in many colours, cobblestone streets and the truly unique maritime spirit which characterizes this island in the middle of the South Funen archipelago. Weather permitting, take your bikes along the beach to the small picturesque beach houses. You can choose between different routes. The direct tour Ærøskøbing-Søby is 18 kms but you have time also to visit Marstal and East Ærø before going to the ferry in Søby.

Day 4. Faaborg – Svendborg, 24 kms

The Cycling Route no. 8 along the sea between Svendborg and Fåborg is the most idyllic one in whole Funen. It shows South Funen from its most beautiful side and offers splendid views of the archipelago. The gently undulating terrain leads you past manor houses and numerous romantic half-timbered houses and small villages.

Day 5. Svendborg

A memorable tour ends after breakfast in the hotel.

You may combine this tour with our 8-day roundtrip in Funen and experience more of this charming island, or with our tour that follows in the steps of the famous Danish poet Hans Christian Andersen and gives you the best of Copenhagen, Zealand and Funen in 8 or 10 days.

Or perhaps spend a couple of days in Odense or Copenhagen?



Travel dates 2015

- 2nd May to 5th September 2015 (both days included)
- Arrivals every Saturday throughout the season.
In July arrival is also possible on Wednesdays.
- Arrival at other days is possible.
Free of charge at minimum 6 persons.
Surcharge € 65 per person if less than 6 persons.

Minimum participants

Prices are based on minimum 2 persons.

Accommodation

This tour is available in category A:
Comfortable 3* and 4* hotels

Services included:

- 4 nights in double room with private facilities
- 4 x breakfast
- 4 x 3-course dinner menus if booked
- Daily luggage transport
- Special *to, on* and *from* ferry luggage transport related to the trip to Ærø
- Ferry Svendborg – Ærøskøbing incl. bike
- Ferry Ærøskøbing – Faaborg incl. bike
- Admission to Valdemars Castle
- Travel book, maps, route descriptions
- Relevant tourist information materials
- Service hotline
- Free parking at hotel during the tour (Reservation not possible)

Services NOT included:

- Your transport to and from Svendborg
- Meals other than breakfast (unless halfboard is added)
- Drinks and tips
- Visits to attractions, museums, etc.
- Personal insurance



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.

Arrival, Departure and Parking

Guests may park a car (free) at the hotel during the entire tour.

For guests arriving by air the nearest airport is Hans Christian Andersen Airport in Odense. However, international flights and destinations are limited.

Both airports in Copenhagen and Billund are international, however Copenhagen Airport offer the most easy access to Funen with direct trains operating several times per hour.

General Information

- The bike tours are unescorted and selfguided.
- 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 😊



Prices

		Cat. A 3*-4* hotel
Price per person in double room	€	615
Price per person in single room	€	860
High Season surcharge 13/6 – 22/8 2015	€	20
Half board 4 x 3 courses or buffet	€	185
Bike rental	€	85
E-Bike rental	€	170

Additional night in Svendborg in double room	€	70
Additional night in Svendborg in single room	€	107
Additional night in Odense and Nyborg in double room	€	62
Additional night in Odense and Nyborg in single room	€	98
Surcharge for 1 person travelling alone (Applicable only if no other clients have booked start at the same date at least 4 weeks in advance)	€	145

All prices are stated in Euros per person.

Discounts:

Children up to 2 years:	Free in double room with 2 full paying persons
Children 2 – up to 4 years:	50% discount in double room with 2 full paying persons
Children 4 – up to 12 years:	25% discount in double room with 2 full paying persons
3 rd and 4 th person +12 years:	10% discount in double room with 2 full paying persons N.B.: Rooms for 4 people on request