# Copenhagen & the Countryside – 5 days $\ Star\ Tour$

2015

# **Copenhagen and Zealand – Star Tour**

Feel and explore the Danish capital Copenhagen by bike and visit the royal, maritime and charming towns and spectacular landscapes surrounding it.



Explore the many wonders of Copenhagen and join the everlasting parade of cycling Danes around the city streets. Ride your bike along the coast and into the Danish countryside. Visit legendary castles in the Northern Zealand, great Vikings, former kings and queens in Roskilde and charming buildings in Køge.

#### 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 options and you can easily spend a few days here without getting bored.

#### Day 2. Day trip North to Helsingør (Elsinore), 47 or 95 kms

You leave Copenhagen and head North. On the way to Helsingør you bike mostly along the coast with a view to Sweden and the famous Bellevue Beach invites to a swim in the clean, blue water. Visit Kronborg Castle in Helsingør and say hello to Hamlet and the national hero Holger the Dane – a statue sitting in the cellar of the castle, protecting peace in Denmark. Ride back to Copenhagen, or enjoy the evening in the charming, old, maritime and historic town and take the direct train back to Copenhagen.

#### Day 3. Day trip South to Køge, 40 or 80 kms

You cycle South on beautiful car free 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 with the oldest Danish town hall in operation and the oldest half-timbered house. Spend the day here and take the train back, or return by bike via another beautiful route.

# Information

Tour Code: DKK-4 CPH Star Tour

Tour Type: Individual, self-guided tour

**Duration:** 5 days

Travel Period: April – October

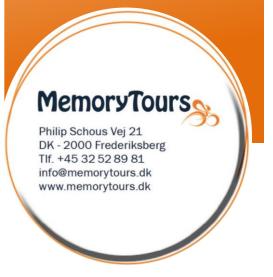
Start Dates: Every day

Total Tour Length: 125 - 255 kms

#### **Accommodation Categories:**

3 accomodation categories from 3\* hotels standard to 4\* superior

**Route Characteristics:** Easy tour





#### Day 4. Day trip West to Roskilde, 32 or 47 or 65/80 kms

You cycle though the suburbs of Copenhagen and pay notice to the transformation from big city to a peaceful countryside. 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 exact replicas – or try to sail a small one yourself. Once again you are free to spend your day here and take the train back, or you can ride your bike back to the city.

#### Day 5. Copenhagen

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



#### Travel dates 2015

Arrivals every day from April 1st to October 14th 2015

#### **Accommodation & Sample Hotels**

This tour is available in 3 categories:

Cat. A+-sup.: 4\* hotel, Superior room
Cat. A-std.: 4\* hotel, Standard room
Cat. B.: 3\* hotel, Standard room

**DGI-Byen Hotel** is the primary hotel for this tour in category B and all <u>bike delivery takes place here</u>. The hotel has 3-4 stars standard and is situated just behind the Central Station and Tivoli. Guests 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 at alternative hotels. However, in case of extreme last minute bookings or specific requests for alternative hotels, parking at DGI-Byen <u>may</u> be restricted.

The Grand Hotel is a charming 4\* hotel with excellent location near Tivoli and the Central Station, in the heart of the city and with many sights and attractions within walking distance.

#### **Routes**

Explore both Copenhagen and the charming countryside from a comfortable base in Copenhagen. This tour offers a wide variety of routes every day and the suggested day trip destinations are all in within 40-50 kms reach from Copenhagen.

If you feel for a longer route, we recommend returning to Copenhagen by bike via another beautiful and different route the whole way or part of if plus train covering the rest.

Due to the abundance of cycling choices to make in Copenhagen we have put together a few alternative routes. Each guest will receive 8-10 routes to choose from taking you through the wonders of the capital and its spectacular surroundings.

It is possible to spend the day exploring the route and the towns you arrive in, and return to Copenhagen by train within 35-50 minutes.

Train tickets are not included in package price.

Bikes are transported free of cost in regional and suburban trains. (However, the *Metro lines* in central Copenhagen requests both person + bike tickets).





#### Services included in tour:

- 4 nights in hotel and chosen type of room with private facilities at a centrally located city hotel
- 4 x breakfast (or half board, if added)
- Travel book, maps, route descriptions
- Relevant tourist information materials
- Service hotline
- Free parking by the hotel in Copenhagen

#### Services NOT included:

- Your transport to and from Copenhagen
- Drinks and meals apart from breakfast (or half board, if added)
- Visits to attractions, museums, etc.
- Personal insurance
- Bike rental, etc.



### **Arrival, Departure and Parking**

Nearest airport is Copenhagen International Airport situated approx.15 minutes from the city center, almost irrespective of chosen method of transport – taxi, train, metro, bus or private car.

International trains (and direct trains from the airport) arrive at the Central Station in Copenhagen.

The Metro line operating in central Copenhagen is available also from Copenhagen Airport and takes you directly to a number of central city locations and the closest suburbs.

## Rental Bikes and Equipment

For this tour we offer comfortable trekking bikes equipped with:

- 21/27 gears, freewheel and handbrakes or
- 7/8 gears and pedal brakes or both pedal and hand 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 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, 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 <u>not</u> mandatory to wear helmet in Denmark but safe to do so ©



#### **Prices**

All prices are stated in Euros per person		Cat. A+ Sup. 4* hotel Superior room	Cat. A- Std. 4* hotel Standard room	Cat. B. 3* hotel Standard room
Price per person in double room incl. breakfast	€	525,-	445,-	409,-
Surcharge for stay in single room incl. breakfast	€	230,-	205,-	205,-
Season surcharge 13/6 – 23/8 2015		40,-	25,-	
Halfboard 4x 3 course dinners	€	220,-		
Rental bike 7 and 21 gears trekking	€	70,-		
Rental E-bike	€	160,-		
Additional days rental of Trekking bike	€	+12 € per day		
Additional days rental of E-bike	€	+25 € per day		
Additional night in double room	€	132,-	104,-	79,-
Additional night in single room	€	190,-	165,-	117,-

#### **Discounts:**

0-1 years Free in room with 2 full paying persons

2-3 years 50% discount in room with 2 full paying persons 4-11 years 25% discount in room with 2 full paying persons 12-99 years 10% discount in room with 2 full paying persons