

# H.C. Andersen fairytales in *Funen* & *Zealand*

2015

## Fascinating Copenhagen, Zealand & Funen

*Follow The Ugly Duckling and the tracks of the great Danish fairytale author Hans Christian Andersen in a scenic bike tour through Funen and Zealand.*



The fairytales by the Danish poet H. C. Andersen are famous and loved worldwide. He was born in Odense, the capital of Funen, but he lived most of his adult life in Copenhagen – when not travelling. Wherever he went, he had a significant influence on things and people around him and when following his tracks you bike through amazingly beautiful and varied landscapes of the two largest islands in Denmark.

### **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. Copenhagen**

At 10 AM we offer a guided cycling tour in Copenhagen city visiting both the main attractions of Copenhagen including the Little Mermaid and other places connected to H.C. Andersen (hereafter HCA). Duration 2-3 hours.

### **Day 3. Copenhagen - Roskilde, 32-50 kms**

Through the national park *Amager Fælled* you leave Copenhagen and continue South on car free bike paths along the coast of Køge Bay. At Greve Beach you turn into the new path *Hedebostien* connecting Køge Bay with Roskilde Bay. Alternatively you may choose a shorter route. From a distance you see the spires of the Roskilde Cathedral (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.

## Information

**Tour Code:** Choose between:  
DKKF-1 HC Andersen Tour 10 days  
DKKF-2 HC Andersen Tour 8 days

**Tour Type:** Individual, self-guided tour

**Duration:** 10 or 8 days

**Travel Period:** 3 May – 6 September

**Start Dates:** Every Sunday  
Other start days possible at 6+ persons

**Total Tour Length:** app. 290 - 340 kms

**Accommodation Categories:** Cat. A

**Route Characteristics:** Easy tour

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## **Day 4. Roskilde – Sorø, 51 kms**

Sorø has a rich cultural history and many important Danish authors have lived here. HCA often travelled in Denmark and abroad, and he stayed with friends at several manors and castles in Zealand while writing new stories. One day he walked in the park, saw a swan in the lake and was inspired to write the story of the Ugly Duckling.

## **Day 5. Sorø – Nyborg, 38 kms + train**

Today you arrive in Funen! We cycle the last stage in Zealand from Sorø to the charming Korsør with a very maritime spirit because this spot is the closest to Funen and ships sailed these waters since the beginning of time. Today the impressive Great Belt Bridge makes the crossing fast and easy by train from Korsør and after arrival in Nyborg there is app. 1,6 km to the hotel. Nyborg is an historic, yet charming city where it is easy to follow the trails and signs back in time. For more than 400 years up to 1560 Nyborg was the capital and center of Denmark, and the old Danish kings preferred to stay here and rule the country from Nyborg and the oldest royal castle in the Nordic countries. The castle is worth a visit.

## **Day 6. Nyborg – Kerteminde – Odense, 49 kms**

You bike along route 40 to the charming fishing town of Kerteminde and the maritime centre of Fjord & Bælt. Go under water or enjoy art at the Johannes Larsen Museum. The trip continues into the centre of Odense, the city and birth place of our author. Take your time to explore this nice city and visit the newly renovated Hans Christian Andersen's House and museum.

## **Day 7. Odense – Svendborg, 60 kms**

Den Fynske Landsby (Funen Village) is an interesting open air folk museum with traditional Funen half-timbered houses from the period pre-1840, museum and workshops. A visit here gives you an idea of life performed in the days of HC Andersen. The road twists and turns through soft rolling hills on the way to Ringe and the impressive castle Egeskov Slot, which we recommend to visit but not stay for several months like HCA did. Near Stenstrup you can see the so-called Stenstrup Ice-lake before continuing to the Hvidkilde Manor house and through Amalieskov wood. Just before a vantage point at Egeskov Mill you can get the most magnificent view of the South Funen Archipelago and you will soon arrive in the cosy city by the sea, Svendborg.

## **Day 8. Svendborg – Faaborg, 30 kms + detour**

Owe it to yourself to visit Valdemar Castle at the island Tåsinge just outside Svendborg. In stead of cycling to Tåsinge you might take the old ship Helge from Svendborg, visit the castle and cycle towards Svendborg along the sea at a beautiful route passing through the small idyllic village Troense with old maritime traditions, culture and spirit. The Cycling Route no. 8 along the sea between Svendborg and Fåborg is the most idyllic one in Funen. Alternatively you can sail from Svendborg to the charming island Ærø, cycle and enjoy the maritime cities Ærøskøbing, Marstal and Søby and end the day arriving in Faaborg by ferry.

## **Day 9. Faaborg – Odense, 51 kms**

Today you start the bike tour through the "Alps of Funen" with the famous moraine landscape at Svanninge Bakker. A distinctive attraction is the yellow medieval church Svanninge Kirke with it's high spire, that is visible from afar. Brobyværk was founded during the Viking Age. The river Odense Å runs through the village and was used for a gun factory that was established here in 1648, and it was probably the first serial manufacture of weapons in Denmark. After Brobyværk the landscapes changes to being more flat and plainlike. From Fangel you follow the Odense Å bike path along the river to the centre of Odense.

## **Day 10. Departure or prolongation**

A memorable tour ends after breakfast in the hotel.

## Booking Codes

Tour DKKF-1 H.C. Andersen 10 days (+ Category)

Tour DKKF-2 H.C. Andersen 8 days (+ Category)

## Services included in 10 Days Tour:

- 9 nights in accommodation of the chosen category with private facilities
- 9 x breakfast (or half board if added)
- Daily luggage transport
- Guided sightseeing tour by bike in Copenhagen
- Travel book, maps, route descriptions
- Storytelling about H.C. Andersen and guide to places related to the author and relevant for the tour
- Relevant tourist information materials
- Service hotline
- Free parking in Copenhagen for Kat. A.

## Services included in 8 Days Tour:

- 7 nights in accommodation of the chosen category with private facilities
- 7 x breakfast (or half board if added)
- Daily luggage transport
- Guided sightseeing tour by bike in Copenhagen
- Travel book, maps, route descriptions
- Storytelling about H.C. Andersen and guide to places related to the author and relevant for the tour
- Relevant tourist information materials
- Service hotline
- Free parking in Copenhagen for Kat. A.

## Services NOT included:

- Your transport to and from Copenhagen and Odense
- Train Korsør-Nyborg or Roskilde-Nyborg
- Ferries in Funen
- Visits to attractions, museums, etc.
- Drinks and meals other than breakfast (unless half board has been added)

## Arrival, Departure and Parking

Guests booked in Cat. A may park the car free at the hotel in Copenhagen during the entire tour. Parking fee of € 50 applies for Cat. B.

In Odense and Nyborg free parking is available and might be interesting for guests arriving by car. In order to book hotel with free parking please inform us of arrival by car in advance.

The nearest airport is Copenhagen Airport. Transfer by train, metro or taxi takes approx. 10-20 minutes.

## Travel dates 2015

- Arrivals every Sunday
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 14<sup>th</sup> 2015
- Arrival at other days is possible.  
Free of charge at minimum 6 persons.  
Surcharge € 65 per person if less than 6 persons.
- Please be aware of surcharge in connection with Roskilde Music Festival !

## Minimum participants

Prices are based on minimum 2 persons.

## Accommodation

This tour is available in category A which means that accommodation will take place in comfortable 3\*-4\* hotel along the way.

## 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 😊



## 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 both pedal and hand brakes 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, 1 spare tube, pump and 2 locks.

## Prices 2015

| Prices for the 10 days tour   |   | Prices |
|---|---|--------|
| Price per person in shared double room  | € | 1.040  |
| Price per person in single room   | € | 1.480  |
| Child up to 2 years   | € | free   |
| Child 2-11 years in room with 2 full paying adults  | € | 780    |
| Price for 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> person 12-99 years in family room with 2 full paying adults   | € | 936    |
|   |   |        |
| High season surcharge 13/6 – 22/8 2015  | € | 35     |
| 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 9 x 3 courses or buffet  | € | 420    |
| Half board on tour but not in Copenhagen 7 x 3 courses/ buffet  | € | 365    |
| Bike rental   | € | 135    |
| E-Bike rental   | € | 235    |
|   |   |        |
| 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)  | € | 165    |
| Surcharge for start on a non-Sunday   | € | 65     |





## Itinerary for 8 Days tour:

- Day 1. Arrival in Copenhagen
- Day 2. Copenhagen city sightseeing by bike
- Day 3. Copenhagen – Roskilde – Nyborg, 33 kms + train to Nyborg
- Day 4. Nyborg – Odense, 32-49 kms
- Day 5. Odense – Svendborg, 60 kms
- Day 6. Svendborg – Fåborg, 30 kms
- Day 7. Fåborg – Odense, 51 kms
- Day 8. Odense Departure

## Prices 2015

| Prices for the 8 days tour  |   | Prices |
|---|---|--------|
| Price per person in shared double room  | € | 900    |
| Price per person in single room   | € | 1.300  |
| Child up to 2 years   | € | free   |
| Child 2-11 years in room with 2 full paying adults  | € | 675    |
| Price for 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> person 12-99 years in family room with 2 full paying adults   | € | 810    |
|   |   |        |
| High season surcharge 13/6 – 22/8 2015  | € | 35     |
| 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  | € | 365    |
| Half board on tour but not in Copenhagen 5 x 3 courses/ buffet  | € | 270    |
| Bike rental   | € | 110    |
| E-Bike rental   | € | 200    |
|   |   |        |
| 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    |
| Surcharge for start on a non-Sunday   | € | 65     |

*All prices are stated in Euros per person*