

2015

Best of charming Zealand & Copenhagen

White sandy beaches along the sea to some of the oldest and charming cities in Denmark combined with Copenhagen in 7 or 4 days.

Enjoy a beautiful ride on car free bike paths along the sandy shores of Køge Bay, the high cliffs of the peninsula Stevns, the woods in central Zealand, the historic, yet charming city Roskilde famous for royalty, Vikings and bishops. All this combined with the No. 1 Cycling City of the world ... Copenhagen.

Day 1. Arrival in Copenhagen

Take a stroll through the medieval historic part of the city and enjoy the relaxed and tolerant atmosphere that characterizes the combination of Danish modern lifestyle and old-world charm in a city where cyclists are kings!

Day 2. Copenhagen – Køge, 45 kms

Through the recreational and completely car free National Park *Amager Fælled* you ride along the coast of Køge Bay. Take a pit stop at the *Arken* Museum of Modern Art located right by the bay or in many of the many cozy harbours with beaches, marinas, shops, cafés, etc. Køge is one of the oldest towns in Denmark and it is almost impossible to avoid noticing the charming half-timbered houses and the vibrant atmosphere here. Your hotel is located right on the beach and the clean water invites to a swim.

Day 3. Peninsula Stevns (Day trip from Køge), 30-75 kms

We recommend a trip of 50-60 kms to Stevns but you have several options of short, medium or longer tours today. Along the coast you cycle to Strøby Ladeplads, that was once upon a time the largest village society in Zealand counting 58 farms. Nowadays you find mostly holiday houses in the area and the trade shop *Verdens Ende* (the end of the world) is a fine spot for a break. You ride into the countryside to Magleby and Gjorslev Castle that is accessible from the bike route. Continue to Stevns Klint characterized by dramatic cliffs and the famous Højerup Gamle Kirke. Although part of the church crashed into the sea in 1928 a visit to the church and cliffs is an experience you shouldn't miss. Continue to Rødvig and return to Køge via Karise and Herfølge. Or continue to the cozy harbour village Fakse Ladeplads that has train connections back to Køge.



Information

Tour Code: Choose between:
DKK-8 East Zealand Relax Tour 7 days
DKK-84 East Zealand Short Tour 4 days

Tour Type: Individual, self-guided tour

Duration: 4 or 7 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. 160-255 kms

Accommodation Categories: Cat. A

Route Characteristics: Easy tour

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Day 4. Køge – Roskilde, 32 kms

You start riding approx. 12 kms North along the coast and shortly after Solrød Beach, in Karlstrup, you turn into the brand new cycle path, *Hedebostien*, that connects Roskilde Fjord with Køge Bay and leads you through amazingly different landscapes. The first part tell you stories about the 60 millions years old lime profiles in *Karlstrup Kalkbrud* (limestone quarry), rich nature in *Trylleskoven* (the magic wood) as well as the well-preserved (military) facilities from World War 1 at the *Tunestillingen*. Hedebostien is 21,7 kms in total and the middle part passes through 1500 acres landscape of heath and moor filled with a lot of open air facilities and activities. Around Vindinge you enter the Roskilde *Green Ring* of recreational activities area. In Roskilde you are surrounded by cultural heritage and the city has a rich history. Here ruled the Vikings and bishops and Danish royalty. Take a stroll through the medieval part of the city and visit the Viking Museum, the cathedral and burial place of the Danish kings and queens. The cathedral is classified as a Unisco Cultural Heritage Site.

Day 5. Roskilde Fjord – Day trip, 20-70 kms

Your only problem today might be choosing between the many possibilities that Roskilde offers. A short route might include a visit to the *Land of Legends* in Lejre, Ledreborg Castle and sightseeing in the vicinity of Roskilde. Two other options follow the bike path Fjordstien/Route 40 either Westbound to Holbæk (app. 47 kms) or North to Frederikssund (30 kms). Both routes follow beautiful paths along the fjord and from both cities (and some along the route) you have train connection back to Roskilde. (The distances stated are one way).

Day 6. Roskilde – Copenhagen, 32 kms

Today you have a short route enabling you to spend the afternoon exploring Copenhagen. You go almost straight forward in a direct (horizontal) line between Roskilde and Copenhagen and half way, in Albertslund, you join the new urban "Super Cycle Route" that is a network of connected (mostly) car free bike paths that leads you directly into the heart of Copenhagen.

Day 7 - Copenhagen

A memorable tour ends after breakfast in the hotel.

Alternative 4 Days Itinerary

Are you short of time? Don't worry!

You can still make a wonderful similar tour in 4 days only:

Day 1: Arrival in Copenhagen

Day 2: Copenhagen – Køge (same as Day 2 above)

Day 3: Køge – Roskilde (same as Day 4 above)

Day 4: Roskilde – Copenhagen (same as Day 6 above)

This tour ends with luggage delivery in Copenhagen but it is possible to prolong the tour with one or more nights in Copenhagen.



Booking Codes

Tour DKF-8A East Zealand Relax Tour 7 days (Cat. A)
or
Tour DKF-84A East Zealand Short Tour 4 days (Cat. A)

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 1 category:

- Cat. A Comfortable 3* and 4* hotels



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 😊

Arrival 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.

In general guests booked on this tour 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.

Services included in 7 days tour:

- 6 nights in double room with private facilities in comfortable 3* and 4* hotels
- 6 x breakfast
- Daily luggage transport
- Travel book, maps, route descriptions
- Relevant tourist information materials
- Service hotline
- Free parking

Services included in 4 days tour:

- 3 nights in double room with private facilities in comfortable 3* and 4* hotels
- 3 x breakfast
- Plus all the same services as for the 7-days 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.

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

| | | 7 Days | 4 Dage |
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| Price per person in shared double room | € | 610 | 440 |
| Price per person in single room | € | 910 | 630 |
| Child up to 2 years | € | free | |
| Child 2-11 years in room with 2 full paying adults | € | 550 | 390 |
| Price for 3 rd & 4 th person 12-99 years in family room with 2 full paying adults | € | 570 | 400 |
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| Surcharge during Roskilde Music Festival. Applicable for all starts with nights in Roskilde between 23/6 and 6/7 2015 (e.g. applicable for the tour starting Saturday 20 th June) – per person per night in Roskilde | € | 85 | |
| Half board 6 x 3 courses or buffet | € | 290 | 145 |
| Bike rental | € | 90 | 60 |
| E-Bike rental | € | 170 | 135 |
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| Additional night in Copenhagen in 3* double room | € | 79 | |
| Additional night in Copenhagen in 3* single room | € | 117 | |
| Additional night in Copenhagen in 4* double room | € | 104 | |
| Additional night in Copenhagen in 4* single room | € | 165 | |
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| 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) | € | 125 | 100 |

All prices are stated in Euros per person.