

# Wonderful *Copenhagen*, vikings, kings & North *Zealand*

2015

## NORTH ZEALAND

### Roundtrip from Copenhagen

*Get ready for Hamlet's Kronborg and royal castles, beautiful landscapes, playgrounds and tombs of Kings and Queens in North Zealand and Roskilde.*

Explore the best of wonderful Copenhagen, the kings' and bishops' Roskilde and Helsingør (Elsinore) with Kronborg - the city and castle of both Hamlet and Holger the Dane. Great Danish kings and Vikings follow your tracks through soft, green landscapes and along the beautiful coast and beaches of Øresund and Kattegat.

#### **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 – Helsingør (Elsinore), 48 kms**

You leave Copenhagen and go North. On the way to Helsingør you bike mostly along the Øresund coast and the famous beach at Bellevue invites to a swim in the clean, blue water. In Helsingør you can visit Kronborg Castle and say hello to Hamlet and the Danish stone hero Holger the Dane who sits in the cellar of the castle and protects safety and peace in Denmark.

#### **Day 3. Helsingør – Helsing/Hillerød area, 28-47 kms**

In 430 years from 1427 Helsingør became rich on collecting duties of all ships passing through Øresund. Take your time to explore the narrow streets of the old maritime city before you continue along the coast to the famous seaside resorts Hornbæk and Gilleleje. You bike relaxedly through the woods of Gribskov, pass the beautiful lake Esrum Sø and stay overnight in Hillerød or Helsing. An alternative route (much shorter) lets you experience some of the beautiful castles in North Zealand among which Frederiksborg Castle is the pearl but also Hillerød Castle is worth a visit.



### Information

**Tour Code:** DKK-1 North 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. 230 - 300 kms

**Accommodation Categories:**  
2\*-4\* hotels

**Route Characteristics:** Easy tour

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#### **Day 4. Helsingør/Hillerød – Højby/ Hundested, 40-55 kms**

Also today you may choose between 2 nice routes. Either you go North to the sea and bike along the coast and wonderful beaches to charming small villages and leisure areas in Tisvildeleje and Liseleje, through the Tisvildeleje woods and nature park to Hundested at the bottom of the peninsula. Or you go West-North to Frederiksværk and enjoy easy small town cosiness on your way to either Hundested or Højby /Nykøbing Sjælland on the Odsherred peninsula on the other side of the Isefjord bay. (Ferry included).

#### **Day 5 - Højby/ Hundested – Holbæk, 43-52 kms**

Start the day with a nice ferry ride from the harbour in Hundested to Rørvig on the other side of the bay Isefjorden (25 minutes). You arrive at the peninsula Odsherred and have a nice ride along the coasts of the 3 bays Isefjord, Lammefjord and Holbæk Fjord to the medieval city Holbæk – a well-preserved city where you may find many buildings, streets and signs dating back to the 11th century.

#### **Day 6. Holbæk – Roskilde, 47 kms**

You bike along the Southern part of Isefjord bay, through a green countryside and small cities and continue the bike trip along Roskilde Bay. 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 3 categories:

- Cat. A-LUX: Best hotel / house in town – high quality 4\* and 3\*+ hotels with nice views and/or facilities and excellent location in the city center.
- Cat. A: Comfortable 3\* and 4\* hotels
- Cat. B 2\*-3\* hotels, family run guesthouses / Bed & Breakfast

## 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.

## 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 according to chosen category of accommodation
- 7 x breakfast (or half board, if added)
- Daily Luggage transport between hotels
- Ferry tickets to Hundested – Rørvig ferry
- Travel book, maps, route descriptions
- Relevant tourist information materials
- Service hotline
- Free parking incl. in Categories A and A-LUX

## 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.
- Parking of private car for Cat. B (available at reduced parking fee if booked in advance)

## 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.





## Prices

		<b>Cat. A-LUX</b> 4* & 3*+ hotels Best in town	<b>Cat. A</b> 3*-4* hotels	<b>Cat. B</b> 2* - 3* hotels and B&B's
Price per person in shared double room incl. breakfast	€	990	780	750
Price per person in single room	€	1.310	1.090	1.050
High Season surcharge 13/6 – 22/8 2015	€	40	30	30
Surcharge during Roskilde Music Festival. Applicable for all tours with nights in Roskilde between 23/6 and 6/7 2015 (f.ex. applicable for the tour starting Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June)	€	85	85	70
Half board 7 x 3 courses or buffet	€	475 (gourmet)	330	310
Half board on tour but not in Copenhagen 5 x 3 courses/ buffet		345 (gourmet)	240	250
Bike rental	€	95		
E-Bike rental	€	185		
Additional night in Copenhagen in double room	€	104	79	73
Additional night in Copenhagen in single room	€	165	117	110
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.*