



SCANDINAVIA - BEST OF DENMARK - 6N/7D



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Itinerary:

Day 1&2 : Copenhagen, sightseeing and the Royal Palaces



Explore Copenhagen on foot the city is small and compact. Take in three royal palaces – the 18th century Amalienborg Palace and square with its four impressive rococo buildings, the beautiful medieval fortification of Kastellet set in a peaceful green oasis, and the magnificent renaissance Rosenborg Castle. A network of bridges and drawbridges connects the two main islands of the city. Don't miss the Nationalmuseet – set inside an 18th century royal residence with exhibits on Stone Age and Vikings. And visit the vibrant Tivoli Gardens – an amusement park created in 1840.

Day 3&4 : Aarhus – guided tours in the footsteps of the Vikings



Take a bus or train, or drive to Denmark's second-largest city, set on the island of Jutland. Its underground canal was uncovered a few years ago and is now the hub of the city. Enjoy medieval history at Den Gamle By (Old Town), the city's open-air museum. Its 75 historic buildings, including 70 half-timber houses, a mill, and a millstream have been re-located from around Denmark and meticulously re-created. Walk in the footsteps of Vikings, hear stories about Viking ancestors, and visit the Viking Museum in an Aarhus walking tour. Starts from outside Aarhus Cathedral, dating back to 1201 - don't miss its soaring, whitewashed nave and beautiful chalk frescoes.



Day 5-7 : Ribe – oldest town in Scandinavia



Soak up history dating back to 869 in Ribe. Walk its crooked cobblestone streets and take in its compact confection of crooked, half-timbered 16th century houses, clear flowing streams and lush water meadows. Ribe's entire 'old town' has been designated a preservation zone, with more than 100 buildings registered by the National Trust. Experience Ribe's rich history at the Ribe Viking Museum and Viking Centre. Walk around a reconstructed life-size Viking estate. And check out medieval Ribe Cathedral, and the renaissance house Taamborg, close by. Spot a seal in The Wadden Sea, not far from Ribe and Denmark's third National Park. An area of clean and sparkling white sandy beaches, it is home to rich birdlife, and flora and fauna.

Things To Do:

The National Museum, Copenhagen: Exhibitions from the Stone Age, the Viking Age, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the modern Danish History - it's all here.

City Hall Tower: Experience Copenhagen from a new angle and get a taste of the city's history with a guided tour to the City Hall Tower.

See 12Th Ruins Of A Bishop'S Castle, Copenhagen: See the underground ruins of Bishop Absalon's Castle, Denmark's principal castle of the Middle Ages.

The Little Mermaid, Copenhagen: A beautiful bronze and granite sculpture sitting at Langelingje Pier, Copenhagen. Now 100 years old she was a gift from a Danish brewer and was inspired by Hans Christian Anderson's famous fairy tale.

Lejre Land Of Legends: A beautiful open-air museum with a series of reconstructed settlements, houses, and workshops from the Iron, Stone and Viking ages.

Sail In A Viking Longboat: Visit Roskilde, near Copenhagen, an ancient city of kings and Vikings. Its cathedral is the final resting place of 38 Danish monarchs. See five Viking ships in the Viking ship Museum and go sailing in the fjord on a Viking longboat.

Find Your Own Piece Of Danish History: Hunt through the colourful flea market in Ravnsborggade in Copenhagen, full of historic artifacts, old books, vintage jewellery and antiques.

Catch A Ferry From Aarhus To Kalundborg, An Island Royal Borough: Visit Kalundborg Castle, and its royal borough of old half-timbered houses and cobbled streets. The castle dates back to the 14th & 15th centuries.

Museum Aarhus: Experience the history of the city through text and illustration.

Ribe'S Night Watchman Tour: A 45 minute tour through the town's historic streets.

International Viking Market: During the first week of May, more than 500 Vikings from all over Europe flock to the Ribe Viking Centre. See how the Vikings lived and worked; watch battle re-enactments, riding and archery displays.

Hunt For Treasure: Take an 'Activity Cart' down to the sea flats of the Wadden Sea and hunt for nuggets of prehistoric golden amber and pine resin.