



## SCANDINAVIA - DENMARK - 5N/6D



### ITINERARY

Itinerary :

Day 1-4 : Copenhagen



Start your fairytale tour at the statue of The Little Mermaid in Copenhagen Harbour. For over 100 years, she has impressed visitors on her rock and is the most photographed statue in Denmark. Colourful Nyhavn, overlooking the bustling harbour in Copenhagen's centre, is where Hans Christian Andersen spent most of his life living in three different houses - nos. 18, 20 and 67 - and writing many famous tales. No. 9, Nyhavn, is the oldest house dating back to 1681, Relax over dinner at one of the cosy restaurants in the harbour and rest your feet at the quayside. The 17th century Round Tower in Copenhagen is the oldest functioning observatory in Europe and the views of the city from here are extraordinary. See the library hall where Hans Christian Andersen would sit and write his fairy tales. Stop off at Fairy Tale House in Copenhagen. An interactive museum with hand-written manuscripts, live readings and Hans Christian Andersen's study.



Day 4 & 5 : Funen



The next stop on your fairy tale tour is the beautiful island of Funen, only an hour from Copenhagen, and full of gently rolling hills, orchards, hedgerows, and thatched half-timbered farmhouses. Walk into Hans Christian Andersen's childhood home in Odense. The tiny cottage opened as a museum in 1930. Be transported back in time and into a world of beloved fairy tales at the nearby Hans Christian Anderson Museum. Explore his universe, his appearance and his creative mind.



## Day 6 : Holsteinborg & Borreby Castle

One of Denmark's most impressive 16th century castles, Holsteinborg is less than two hours from Copenhagen. It is a fairy tale in itself with turrets and towers and an undulating park. Hans Christian Andersen visited every year until his death. Nearby is one of the oldest and best-preserved renaissance castles in Denmark, Borreby Castle. Hans Christian Andersen was a frequent visitor here and even wrote a story about it, 'The Wind Tells of Valdemar Daae and His Daughters'.

### Things To Do:

**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.

**The Little Mermaid, Copenhagen:** A beautiful bronze and granite fairy tale sculpture sitting at Langelinje Pier, Copenhagen, she was a gift from a Danish brewer 100 years ago.

**Sail In A Viking Longboat:** Visit Roskilde, near Copenhagen, an ancient city of kings and Vikings. See five Viking ships in the Viking ship Museum and go sailing in the fjord on a Viking longboat.

**Kronborg Castle:** The famous home of Shakespeare's tragic Danish prince Hamlet, located in the town Elsinore, this castle dates back to 1574.

**Kulturcentret Assistens:** Picnic in this peaceful park, Hans Christian Andersen's last resting place. Or take a guided tour past the graves of other famous Danes in this trendy Nørrebro area of Copenhagen.

**Gissselfeld Abbey:** Less than an hour from Copenhagen is Gissselfeld Kloster, one of Denmark's largest estates. Hans Christian Andersen was invited here frequently by the Danish nobility of the time.

**Funen Village:** The village is an open-air museum in itself. A complete medieval village environment has been recreated with half-timbered buildings, fences and farm animals, village pond and village street.

**Saint Canute's Cathedral, Odense:** The only example of true Gothic architecture in Denmark.

Egeskov - The Living Castle In Funen: One of Europe's finest renaissance buildings, with a real moat, spires, a knight's hall and creatures in its masonry. A fairytale castle in itself.

Odense By Bike: Explore Odense by bike, it is the official bicycle city of Denmark, and the country's third largest city. The city is named after Odin, the Norse god of war, poetry and wisdom.