

Denmark – Danish Isles



Trip Summary

Island hop through gently rolling countryside laced with extensive bike paths, historic ruins, royal castles, thatch-roofed farmhouses, and colorful fishing villages on this seven-day Danish Isles adventure.

Itinerary

Day 1: Helsingør

We meet in the morning in Copenhagen • After a briefing, a bike safety talk and fitting, set out on your first ride • From Copenhagen we follow the Danish Riviera along a picturesque coastline dappled with small fishing villages • Explore the town of Klampenborg, a popular beach resort • In Helsingør, marvel at the old guns still intact at the Kronborg castle, admire the handsome half-timbered houses in the town center and stand before Hamlet's memorial grave at Marienlyst Castle • Cool off with a dip on Julebaek beach before our welcome dinner and a comfortable night's sleep at the Hotel Marienlyst • *Overnight at Hotel Marienlyst (L, D)*

Day 2: Helsingør

Wake up to stunning ocean views and a day spent exploring the sights in and around Helsingør • Stroll the beautiful statue-studded alleyways and gardens of Fredensborg Castle, the summer residence of the Danish Royal Family • This afternoon, enjoy a tasty lunch before touring the museum, chapels and gardens of Hillerød Castle, the most splendid achievement of the Danish Renaissance • Continue exploring on your own tonight and feel free to dine at any place that looks enticing • *Overnight at Hotel Marienlyst (B, L)*

Day 3: Svendborg

Morning transfer to Svendborg on the island of Funen, with a stop along the way in Roskilde to visit the Viking Ship Museum and to marvel at the royal tombs and sarcophagi at the Roskilde Cathedral • This afternoon, and optional bike ride along the coast to Troense, a historic half-timbered seafaring town • Continue on to Bregninge to climb the village church tower for dramatic island views • Back in Svendborg, ramble picturesque pedestrian friendly streets, listening for the carillon played four times daily from the Gothic Vor Frue Church • Dine tonight along the seaside at the hotel • *Overnight at Stella Maris hotel De Luxe (B, D)*

Day 4: Svendborg

This morning we hop on the ferry for an invigorating ride around AERØ Island, renowned for its quaint harbor towns, steep cliffs and dune-swept beaches • In AERØSKØBING, pause to admire the oldest post office in all of Denmark (built in 1749), dip your feet in the water at Vesterstrand beach and marvel at the craftsmanship of "Flaske Peder" at the Bottled Ship Museum • Explore the Maritime Museum in Marstal and snap photos of the spectacular Ice-Age-old cliffs in Voderup Klint • Opt for a coffee break in the quaint garden of the Bregninge Kro before returning to Svendborg with time to window shop before finding a place for dinner on your own • *Overnight at Hotel Stella Maris (B)*



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Day 5: Faaborg

Today we bike from Svendborg to Faaborg through a postcard-perfect, gently undulating landscape • Pause for a coffee break at a local *kro* in Vester Skerninge, a typical village of half-timbered, thatched-roof homes • In Egeskov, admire a Renaissance castle perched on 12,000 wooden poles over a lake, savor a fragrant walk through a rose, fuchsia and herb garden and “ooh” and “ahh” over a collection of vintage cars, motorcycles and airplanes at the Veteran Car Museum • Take a break and enjoy a fresh picnic together • Stroll the narrow streets of Faaborg, one of Denmark’s best preserved market towns, before retiring for a restful night’s sleep at the Faaborg Fjord Hotel • *Overnight at the Faaborg Fjord Hotel (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Odense

Cycle to Odense, a quaint city brimming with history • Named after Odin, the Viking god of wisdom and war, Odense is home to the Hans Christian Andersen Museum and the 13th century Saint Knud’s Church, among other not-to-be-missed sites • Feast on fresh, local seafood and other Danish specialties at a special farewell dinner • *Overnight at Hotel Odeon (B, D)*

Day 7: Copenhagen

Reflect on your trip over breakfast before you take your shuttle to the Copenhagen airport in time for your flight home, or decide to spend another night in exciting Copenhagen • *No overnight (B)*

**Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

Activities

Biking:

Day 1 mileage options: 30 / 36
Day 2 mileage options: 20 / 40
Day 3 mileage options: 14 / 20
Day 4 mileage options: 21 / 32 / 39
Day 5 mileage options: 37 / 42
Day 6 mileage options: 36

Discovery – This visit to elegant lake-dappled Denmark offers long summer days filled with magical vistas, chic resorts and historic harbor towns. We’ll be island hopping on a gently rolling route that unfurls along the seashore including the Danish Riviera. Be sure to stop at the Karen Blixen house, with exhibits about her autobiography ‘Out of Africa’, recounting her life in Kenya. Cycle in the refreshing salt air, delight in the region’s famous seafood specialties. Enjoy getting to know the friendly Danish people as you visit the royal castles and old seafaring towns that bring the past to life. In Roskilde, learn at the Viking Ship Museum how the Vikings built their vessels and why these were seaworthy and fast even in very rough conditions, making them the masters of the seas.

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to fit you to your bikes, explain the details of each ride and answer any questions. Each day your guides will help you choose the distance and route that is right for you.

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Distinctive Accommodations

Nights 1 & 2: Hotel Marienlyst

The rooms at the elegant Hotel Marienlyst offer beautiful views of either the harbor or the property's peaceful gardens. Footsteps from the beach and only a short stroll to the marina, Kronborg Castle and the medieval center of Elsinore. The pools are is open to hotel guests, with large indoor swimming pool, children's pool, jacuzzi and sauna.

Nights 3 & 4: Stella Maris Hotel de Luxe

Located on the Svendborg Sound, the Stella Maris Hotel de Luxe is perfectly placed on the southern coast of Funen island. Offering guests a personal and attentive experience, this luxurious boutique property is set in a carefully modernized mansion, originally built in 1904.

Night 5: Hotel Faaborg Fjord

Situated next to Faaborg Fjord and Klinten Beach, Hotel Faaborg Fjord offers water sport activities (and in the summertime its own private beach!) and excellent views from a terrace bar and restaurant. The indoor pool is a delight for young and old.

Night 6: Hotel Odeon

Hotel Odeon is an oasis in the heart of the vibrant center of the Hans Christian Andersen neighborhood, close to shopping, attractions, restaurants and nightlife – and just a stone's throw from the newly redesigned cultural center. The hotel combines first class international standards with relaxation and leisurely contemplation, in a warm and calm ambience.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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Arrival and Departures

Prior to the trip, arrive at your own convenience in Copenhagen. On Day 1, we will meet you in the lobby of Hotel Phoenix in Copenhagen at 8:30 a.m. After a briefing and bike fitting, you are ready to roll out of town. After breakfast on Day 7, we take you to the airport, train station, or the hotel of your choice in Copenhagen (two hour transfer).

Trip Price

\$3,598 (\$680 single supplement)

Trip Length

7 days / 6 nights

2020 Dates

July 12 – 18

July 19 – 25

August 23 – 29

August 30 – September 5

Host City

Copenhagen, Denmark (CPH)

Reservations & Availability

800.575.1540

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and the oldest monarchy in Europe*

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- Meals as indicated in detailed itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Any necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. **some restrictions may apply*

Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.