

# Denmark/ Netherlands – Exploring the world’s best cycling cultures



## Trip Summary

You'll travel to the top 3 rated cities in the world for cyclists, learning from the people who helped design these unparalleled cycling communities. You'll not only meet the experts in urban design and city planning, you'll also learn what you can do to help bring about such improvements to your own communities. Starting in Denmark, we'll meet a former Mayor of Copenhagen, who now runs Copenhagenize a design firm dedicated to bringing the Danish style cycling culture to the rest of the world. You'll not only cycle, but also get a chance to go skiing down a futuristic power plant, visit breathtaking castles, and soak in Danish Hygge all while sipping bubbly aboard a hot tub/boat.

From there you'll take a short flight to the Netherlands to Explore Amsterdam and Utrecht. Spending 2 nights in Utrecht, we'll tour a community built for cyclists, where kids cycle to school without encountering car traffic. You'll see the world's largest parking garage for bikes, and experience a city who has taken back its streets for people and cyclists, instead of cars. Absent of traffic noises you'll be amazed at how a city can feel more like a park. The last stop is Amsterdam, where we journey by private boat to learn the story of how it was nearly demolished to create a superhighway, but has since been turned into a cyclist's paradise.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Copenhagen

We meet in Copenhagen in the morning • After a brief intro to the program and bike fitting, we cycle with one of Copenhagen's top tourist attractions, "Bike Mike" • We'll venture inside the borders of Christiania, seen by the locals a "Social Experiment", this self-governed commune has existed since the 60's with Doctors, artists, lawyers and hippies all living side-by-side • After lunch we trade our bikes in for Ski's, shredding the slopes of the world's first powerplant turned ski hill! • Tonight, your guides and fellow travelers for a wonderful welcome dinner • *(L, D) Overnight at Hotel Phoenix*

### Day 2: Copenhagen

Today we start with a relaxing bike ride with former a former Mayor of Copenhagen to learn how his community became the world's top rated cycling city • After lunch, we'll meet some locals as they show us one of Copenhagen's newest neighborhoods Nordhaven • We'll then paddle our way across the harbor so that we can soak in a boat/hot-tub, or choose the scenic harborside Sauna to sweat out any remaining jetlag • Tonight dinner is on your own as we peruse Copenhagen's street food island • *(B, L) Overnight at Hotel Phoenix*

### Day 3: Copenhagen

This morning we'll cycle to the unforgettable Fredriksborg castle and gardens in Hillerød castle via a cycling superhighway • A tour of the castle is a definite highlight with its stately rooms, stained glass, and collection of classic and modern art • After lunch explore the grounds the remarkable castle before cycling back to Copenhagen or opting for a train ride • Tonight's dinner is on your own, with so many world famous food options, make sure to choose wisely • *(B, L) Overnight at Le Choiseul*



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## **Day 4: Utrecht**

This morning we jettison off to the Netherlands where shortly after landing, we meet our bikes in the Amsterdam Forest as we set off for Utrecht and the Heart of the Netherlands • We'll stop for lunch in the charming village of Oudekerk an de Amstel for a canal-side lunch • Later we'll cycle to the picture perfect Castle of Haar, its graceful silhouette is mirrored in the languid waters that surround it • After resting and freshening up, gather with the group for yet another delectable meal • *(B, L, D) Overnight at Grand Hotel Karel V*

## **Day 5: Utrecht**

This morning we'll meet at a futuristic government office with a dedicated city planner who loves showing people his historic hometown of Utrecht • After the meeting we'll cycle with some locals to the city of Houten, twice recipient of the Netherlands acclaimed best cycling city award • Explore the community planned to be ultra-safe for kids riding their bikes to school • In the early evening, we'll stop at a gorgeous Tea house in the woods for a delectable Dutch style pannekoek dinner • *(B, D) Overnight at Grand Hotel Karel V*

## **Day 6: Amsterdam**

Enjoy a free morning to climb the famous Dome tower, explore the cities catacombs, or to kayak the canals of Utrecht • This evening we charter a private boat to Amsterdam and cater this cruise with an Indonesian feast, better known as a rijsttafel in the Netherlands • End your fantastic day with a famous local beer while taking in the charming canal houses of Amsterdam during sunset • *(B, D) Overnight at The Hard Rock American Hotel*

## **Day 7: Amsterdam**

This morning we meet with an internationally acclaimed city planner who'll show us her favorite parts of the city on a whirlwind tour of Amsterdam • We'll end our tour underneath the Rijksmuseum home to the Netherlands most treasured works of art where you'll have time on your own to contemplate the works of Van Gogh, Rembrandt, and Vermeer • We'll toast to an amazing week during an unforgettable final dinner in Amsterdam • *(B, D) Overnight at The Hard Rock American Hotel*

## **Day 8: Amsterdam**

After breakfast, there's an optional bike ride to a windmill or to be transferred to your destination of choice in Amsterdam • *(B) No overnight*

*\*\*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.*

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## Activities

### Cycling:

Day 1 bicycle mileage options: 17

Day 2 bicycle mileage options: 11

Day 3 bicycle mileage options: 23 / 46

Day 4 bicycle mileage options: 24

Day 5 bicycle mileage options: 14 / 29

Day 7 bicycle mileage options: 13

### Canoeing/Kayaking:

Day 2 kayak 2.5 miles

### Discovery:

It's perhaps no coincidence that these two nations are repeatedly ranked amongst the happiest nations in the world, and that they both have world class bicycle infrastructure. Being able to cycle where you want, whenever you want equals freedom. From its youngest citizens to its oldest, almost everyone enjoys cycling care free in both of these safe and well-organized bicycle countries.

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They take the time to explain the local history and daily sightseeing and route options. Each route has been carefully planned to include options to please each traveler's interests. Austin Adventures guides are available to help you select the distance that's right for you and to offer advice and assistance as you desire.



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## Distinctive Accommodations

### Night 1, 2 & 3: Hotel Phoenix

Located in the center of Copenhagen, Hotel Phoenix is a four-star hotel just a five- minute walk away from the old Nyhavn Harbor and 10 minutes from the Rosenborg Castles that houses the crown jewels. With classic architecture, the hotel features an onsite restaurant, as well as a bar, fitness center, and a top notch breakfast.

### Nights 4 & 5: Grand Hotel Karel V

Named after it's most famous visitor, Emperor Charlamagne, this 5 star hotels history goes back to the year 1348. A 14th-century monastery in central Utrecht, Grand Hotel Karel V was once home to medieval knights, priests, and emperors. Today it is one of the city's most surprising hideaways. Step into a monument that is set around a striking inner garden. Wander through heritage, unwind in the spa and indulge in sparkling gastronomy at the foot of the Dom tower. Explore the stories of an iconic retreat, all tucked away on an urban estate with over 650 years of history.

### Nights 6 & 7: Hard Rock Hotel American

In the heart of Amsterdam's bustling Leidseplein, sits the Hard Rock Hotel American. This waterside hotel is perched above Amsterdam's famous canals like high-demand balcony seats, and you have direct access to the southern end of the central ring. Explore Vondelpark and our location on Leidseplein Square near the museum district. Return to our historic Art Nouveau building and power up at street side Café Americain. Unwind with cocktails at GMT+1, Rock Om yoga, or Body Rock workouts.

### 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 explore town. After breakfast on Day 8, we take you to the airport, train station, or the hotel of your choice in Amsterdam.

## Trip Price

TBD

## Trip Length

8 days/7 nights

## 2021 Dates

September 18th-26th

## Host City

Copenhagen, Denmark (CPH)

## Departure City

Amsterdam, The Netherlands (AMS)

## Reservations & Availability

1.800.575.1540

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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](http://austinadventures.com)

**Email:** [reservations@austinadventures.com](mailto: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*

## Child Age and Pricing on Family Adventures

Family Adventures are suitable for children seven years old and up (five years and older for our Costa Rica and Yellowstone Family Adventures). Children who share a room with one or more adults receive reduced rates. 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.