

Cruise Sønderborg

A Historical Jewel among the
Danish Sea Ports



Other Excursions in the Sønderborg Region

Sønderborg Castle (3 hours)

The city of Sønderborg has emerged around Sønderborg Castle, which was built in the 12th century as defense against Wendish pirates. In the medieval times the castle gradually developed into one of the richest fortresses with a ring wall, corner towers and other installations. The castle furthermore served as a prison for the Danish King Christian II from 1532-1549. The castle was later on converted into a royal residence for several of the South Jutish dukes. The chapel of the castle was landscaped by Queen Dorothea in the 15th century and is today one of Denmark's eldest preserved royal Protestant chapels and at the same time contains the eldest Renaissance interior in Scandinavia. Today the castle serves as a museum for the history of South Jutland and Slesvig from medieval to present and is one of the largest attractions in the area.

The War of 1864 (4 hours)

The war in 1864 has had a vast impact on the South Jutish self-understanding. April 18th 1864 a superior Prussian force together with Austrian soldiers attacked the Danish position at Dybbøl and defeated the Danish army. 20th July the peace negotiations

resulted in the loss of South Jutland to Prussia and it was not until 1920 the region was returned to Denmark after a plebiscite. Today minority groups live on each side of the border, however, the conflicts of the past has been put aside and collaborations across the border has been established in order to create a joint future. Dybbøl Mill was destroyed during the war, but was later on reconstructed and even accomplished to become one of Denmark's most important national symbols. Today Dybbøl Banke serves as a battlefield center where the life behind the lines seen from both sides is conveyed. Here you will be able to experience the entrenchments as they looked at the outburst of the war or you can visit the trenches where the soldiers lived and died. Several memorial stones for fallen soldiers are located on the battlefield and several of the soldier's graves that you see throughout the landscape are well maintained.

The fallen soldiers of both sides are to this very day commemorated through a memorial ceremony on 18th April.



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You have to

Cross the Danish-German border and visit Dannevirke in order to get the entire War of 1864 experience.

Dannevirke consists of a comprehensive rampart that has protected the Jutish peninsula against attacks from the south since the Iron Age. The rampart installations were enlarged several times and were chosen to be the place where the Prussian advance had to be stopped.

However, severe frost made it possible for the Prussians to bypass the rampart, hence the Danish troops had to withdraw to the positions at Dybbøl.

There is a lovely country (4 hours)

There is a lovely country, with spreading, shady beeches near Baltic's salty shores. These are the first stanzas of the Danish national anthem and the inspiration to this could easily have come from a ramble in Nørreskoven on the island of Als. Nørreskoven is one of the longest forests along the coast in Denmark and reaches over eight km from Havnbjerg in the north to Fynshav in the south.

The forest contains over 80 ancient monuments of which the eldest are from 3500 BC. Many marked path systems exist

from where you can explore the forest on your own hand or you can take part in one of the guided walking tours with a nature mediator.

On bicycle (3 hours)

Denmark is the country of bicycles and the infrastructure is planned in such a way that it is safe to move around on a bike everywhere. Visitors can explore the city life as well as the beautiful nature in the area with Sønderborg as a starting point – either on their own hand or with a guide. Several routes have been specially adapted to cyclists and maps and trip descriptions have been created for the most interesting routes.

Gendarme Path (4 hours)

The location of the current Danish/German border was determined by a plebiscite in 1920. During the period 1920-1958 blue dressed Gendarmes patrolled the border and the coast line on a 74 km long distance from Padborg in the west to Sydals in the east and secured illegal immigration and emigration.

Today it is ramblers who use the old patrol path and enjoy the beautiful nature on both short and long walks along the path.



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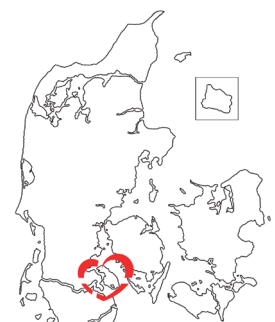
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Other Excursions outside Sønderborg

Follow the Vikings to Ribe (91 km / 57 miles)

An all day excursion to Ribe gives you the opportunity to get a first impression of what Denmark perhaps is known best for, namely the Vikings! One of the most important market places in Denmark was established in the Viking Age near Ribe River. The market place was excavated and the findings are now exhibited in the museum Ribes Vikinger where information of the Viking Age and the medieval times are mediated to the guests through nicely placed exhibitions.

The Life of the Vikings was much more than raids and plunder. They were traders, gifted craftsmen and framers as well. Experience Viking live at the Ribe Viking Center. Here Viking Age life is mediated through historical reenactment and reconstructed Viking houses. You have the unique opportunity to dream yourself over 1000 years back in time to a period where the Danes worshiped gods like Odin and Thor!

Wadden Sea National Park (91 km / 57 miles)

The Wadden Sea is one of the world's most important tidal flats and a unique nature reserve. Twice a day the tide moves about 1.000.000.000 m³ of water back and forth creating a dramatic landscape but also an abundant feeding opportunity for millions of birds migrating trough the area.

The Wadden Sea is also home to the largest population of the common Seal in Denmark. The Seals uses the area as breeding ground and the water protects the baby seal from any land predators.



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Tender Quay

Sønderborg is an ideal spot to come ashore while on a cruise ship getaway. Cruise ship tenders arrive in the heart of the Sønderborg Harbour and visitors are welcomed by our hospitality team. There are plenty of maps, brochures, and community information available upon arrival to help the passengers plan their day.

The tender landing facility is a temporary landing facility situated at a location just next to Sønderborg Castle at the so-called "king steps". The tender boats arrive at pontoons especially constructed for tendering. At arrival there is a secure area with security personnel controlling who is going in and out. There will also be plenty of space for the cruise ships security and personnel.

The downtown area is just 200 meters walking distance from the tender quay. We provide free downtown-shuttles with up to 3 stops round-trip. Busses booked by the cruise company are parked just 20 meters from the tender quay – taxis and other busses are parked not more than 150 meters away.

Port Information

Ships up to 100m. alongside the pier at the Castle of Sønderborg. *Water depth is between 5 and 7 meters.*
Apart from this, ships can anchor at own or pilots discretion within approx. 0.8 nm of the pontoon bridges.
Depth in the anchorage area between 10 and 13 fathoms (18 and 23 meters) with good holding bottom.

Environmental restrictions
In accordance with the regulations in the Baltic Area and SECA range.

Communication

Emergency & calling channel:

VHF channel 16

Working channel:

VHF channel 12

Phone:

+45 74 42 27 65

Charts:

Danish chart no. 152 (INT 1373) and no. 155 ENC coverage.

Tidal range:

Astronomical without significance.
Meteorological -5 feet and + 5 feet.

Current:

Mostly running North in the port.
Occasionally up to 3 knots.

Pontoons:

Available in the capacity needed.

Pilot:

DanPilot - Phone +45 63 25 66 66 /
www.danpilot.dk or via agents

Bunkering:

Possible alongside / not possible on roads

Garbage/waste disposal:

Possible alongside / not possible on roads

ISPS approval:

Yes – Operating on Level 1

Police:

Dial 114 for normal contact and 112 for emergencies.

Fire/Emergency/hospital:

Dial 112

Customs office, Padborg:

Phone +45 72 37 50 99

Search-and-Rescue:

Surface Rescue Coordination Center Aarhus (SRCC). Call +45 89 43 30 99 or call VHF channel 16/Lyngby Radio (coastal radio station)

Medical care:

Emergency room for minor casualties in town. Severe and extreme casualties nearby. Helicopter covered area for sea and land situated incidents.

Airport:

Sønderborg Airport 4 miles away. Several daily flights to Copenhagen.

Railway/train:

Train to Copenhagen every two hours

Bus parking area:

At the Castle of Sønderborg. (On the pier)

Taxi:

Several available in town

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