



Denmark – East Jutland Biking Tour 2023
Individual Self-Guided
7 days / 6 nights



Aarhus was named European Capital of Culture 2017, and understandably so. The city is enclosed by forests and beaches and a mere 10 to 15 minute bike ride will bring you to peaceful bike tracks in the beautiful countryside. Enjoy a week with sandy beaches, wind in your hair, salt on your skin, fairy-tale views, idyllic rural life, fascinating museums, Nordic cuisine, romantic villages and peaceful bike paths. If you come to Billund by plane or by car, we recommend a visit to LEGOLAND in Billund on your way.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Charming Aarhus, with cafés and museums
- Sandy beaches, green forests and blue sea
- Some of the highest points in Denmark
- The beautiful Lake District with “The Sky Mountain”
- Samsø, beautiful island known as Denmark’s “renewable energy island”



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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival at Aarhus

Arrival in Aarhus. The hotel is situated in Aarhus city center within walking distance of the main sights: The Old Town, the Cathedral, the Marina, the art museum Aros (famous for Your Rainbow Panorama by Olafur Eliasson), the Concert Hall, the Latin Quarter and the cozy cafés along the river. Overnight stay in Aarhus.

Day 2: Aarhus - Ry 41 km + 340 m

We start with an easy day's cycling. You leave the city by the cycle path along the stream "Aarhus Å". After a couple of kilometers you are away from the noisy city, and cycling through wetlands and along lakes, before reaching a hilly stretch of road. On friendly roads you continue down and westward into the diverse, rich Danish countryside reaching the small provincial village Ry located on the banks of Gudenåen – the only real river in Denmark, Gudenåen. Overnight stay in Ry.



Day 3: Ry - Silkeborg and back 69 km

Today you have different options. You can take the boat "Hjejlen" from Ry to "Himmelbjerget" and walk from the lakeside to the top, take a canoe trip on the lakes or cycle around the area. On bike: Ry to Silkeborg. 51 km/ + 300 m. Biking today will take you through some of the most beautiful and unspoiled countryside in the Central Jutland Region, as you cross from the hilly moraine terrain into a flatter landscape. First you ride north around one of the many lakes Salten Langsø through clearings in the woodlands replete with blueberries, junipers and heather. Then the track follows an ancient railway track passing by Vrads Station with vintage trains and a café. Finally you reach Vrads Sande,

a unique landscape of inland sand dunes. The stage ends in Silkeborg - the capital of the Lake District. Art enthusiasts should also be sure to visit the museum of one of Denmark's major painters, Asger Jorn. From Silkeborg you can take the train back to Ry or you can bike along the northern bank of Gudenåen back to Ry. A nice tour in a hilly woodland with beautiful sights. Extra 19 km/ + 145 m. Option: Or you can take the shorter and more direct way to Silkeborg along the northern bank of Gudenåen, and take the train back if you want to spend more time in Silkeborg. Overnight stay in Ry.



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Day 4: Ry - Odder via Skanderborg 43 km

Today you cycle along some of the nicest lakes in Denmark with beautiful views to the highest "mountains" in the country - all less than 200 m above sea level. Burial mounds, the Øm Monastery and the many archaeological finds indicate the old history of the area. Skanderborg is one of the exciting places to visit today and today's stage fits well with a lunch break here in this charming lakeside town. After Skanderborg you continue past Stilling Lake and back into the hills, where you'll have a view of the sea before you reach Odder. Overnight stay in Odder.



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Day 5: Visiting Samsø 70 km + 250 m

Visit Denmark's renewable energy island, known for its microclimate and organic farming. A ferry trip of one hour takes you to Saelvig (the fare is not included), and the planned tour takes you around the northern part of Samsø with its very unique hilly seaside landscape. Everything on Samsø is small and very pretty, untouched beaches and peaceful villages with cafés and markets where they sell local products. Even a Danish wine production has found its way to Samsø. Overnight stay in Odder.



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Day 6: Odder - Aarhus 34 km + 280 m

From Odder you cycle to the east coast where you'll find attractive areas with holiday homes and you will have a view of the many wind turbines. In very few places in Europe you can find beaches and great cycle routes as close to a city as is the case with Aarhus. You will pass Norsminde Fjord where you find the lock that divides the sea from the lake. It is very popular for fishing and it is a very nice place for a picnic. Hereafter you cycle through Marselisborg Forest to Aarhus Bay. Then you leave the coastline to cycle past the summer residence of the Danish Queen, Marselisborg Palace, before arriving at the city center. Overnight stay in Aarhus.

Day 7: Departure Check out and departure.

You can choose, and you should give yourself the treat, to extend your stay in Aarhus to explore the museums, the cozy atmosphere, the forests and beaches.



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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Easy. The terrain is flat with occasional small hills. It's a leisurely tour and is suited for cyclists in average physical condition. You ride along bike paths, and minor roads. It is possible to download the route to a GPS or your smartphone.

Total Distance: 194 km

Travel Season: Departures Sundays from May 21 to September 10



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Price per Person: *all prices subject to confirmation on booking*

	Standard	Superior
Double Occupancy	€ 840	€952
Single Occupancy	€ 1176	€1386
Triple occupancy in 3 bedded room	€ 840	
Rental Hybrid Touring Bike	€100	€100
Rental E-bike (on request)	€300	€300
Rental Children's bike	€80	€80
Children's Seat	€40	€40
Children's Trailer: Burley for 1 or 2 children or tag along (follow me)	€80	€80
Helmets	€10	€10
Hybrid Bike Insurance (excess of €100.00 theft/damage in an accident)	€40	€40
E-Bike insurance	€100	€100
Extra Nights Aarhus Double Occupancy	€ 100	€155
Extra Nights Aarhus Single Occupancy	€ 155	€250
Extra Nights Aarhus Triple Occupancy	€ 100	

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Accommodation:

Good and comfortable rooms in good tourist hotels on the route

Included:

- Accommodation in comfortable 3* hotels including breakfast buffet
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Road book with information about highlights and sightseeing along the route
- Hotline service in case of problems or questions
- GPS with route tracks



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Bikes

Bikes come without foot brake and models may vary. All rentals include a map holder, lock and waterproof rear saddle bag. One bike per room include spare tube, repair kit, pump and a cycle computer.

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