

Danish Sisterhood of America's 2022 Tour of Denmark and the German Border Land

History

During 2020, the centennial of the reunification of Southern Jutland with the rest of Denmark was celebrated by Danes throughout the area. Part of this area was lost to Germany in 1864 during the 2nd Prussian War and part of this loss was regained by a referendum in 1920.



Itinerary for the 12-day Tour September 22 - October 3, 2022

Copenhagen 3 nights, Friedrichstadt (Germany – formerly Denmark) 2 nights, Glücksburg (Germany) 2 nights, Sønderborg (DK) 2 nights, Hvedholm Castle (DK) 2 nights

Day 1 – September 22, 2022

3:00pm – Check into Hotel Imperial, Vester Farimagsgade 9, 1606 Copenhagen – tel: 45 33 12 80 00

6:00pm – Welcome reception and informational meeting with Benedikte Ehlers

7:30pm – Dinner in Copenhagen

Day 2 – September 23, 2022

7:00 – 8:30am – Breakfast - Imperial Hotel

9:00am - All day in Copenhagen, visiting Town Hall, Cathedral, Grundtvig's Church, Glyptoteket, bus tour to see the new, modern buildings and more.

7:00pm – Dinner in Copenhagen

Day 3 – September 24, 2022

7:00 – 8:30am – Breakfast – Imperial Hotel

9:00am – Copenhagen and surrounding area: Kastellet, new harbor, Frederiksborg Castle and Hillerød

7:00pm - Dinner in Copenhagen

Day 4 – September 25, 2022

7:00 – 8:30am – Breakfast – Imperial Hotel

9:00am – Travel to Friedrichstadt, Germany (formerly part of Denmark). On the way we will see Kongeåen, the river which formed the Danish-German border from 1864 to 1920, and make stops in the small towns of Højer and Rudbøl, both located in the low-lying area of western South Jutland. An old

dike built in 1556 to protect the towns can still be seen. Rudbøl is now a border town, where you can stand with one foot in Denmark and the other in Germany. After crossing the border, entering the part of Germany that up until the war of 1864 was Danish, we will continue to the pretty little town of Friedrichstadt, where we will spend two nights at **Hotel Aquarium**.

7:30pm – Dinner at the hotel - 3-course menu

Day 5 – September 26, 2022

7:00 – 8:30am – Breakfast at Hotel Aquarium

9:00am – Travel to Eiderstadt, Nordstrand, Husum, Tønning, and back to Friedrichstadt to see the old Danish buildings.

7:30pm – Dinner at the hotel – 3-course menu

Day 6 – September 27, 2022

7:00am – Breakfast at Hotel Aquarium

9:00am – Travel to the city of Schleswig, where we among other things will visit the Cathedral and see the beautiful altar piece created by Hans Brüggermann (1514-1521) as well as the grave of King Frederik 1. of Denmark. Then on to the ancient Danish fortification of Dannevirke, started before 500AD and later expanded by Harald Bluetooth and several other historical figures, and finally visiting Gottorp Castle, which at one time was the residence of King Frederik 1. We then head north to the Baltic Sea, where we will spend two nights at **Strandhotel Glücksburg** - a beautiful beach hotel with an opportunity to go swimming in Flensburg Fjord – an inlet of the Baltic.

8:00pm – Dinner at Strandhotel Glücksburg – 3-course surprise menu

Day 7 – September 28, 2022

7:00 8:30am - Breakfast at the hotel

9:00am – Travel to Glücksburg to see the beautiful castle built 1582-87, and used as a summer residence for the Danish Royal family. We'll then continue to the border town of Flensburg where we'll observe the many reminders of the city's many Danish ties, such as Norder Tor (Nørreport) built by Christian 4., the Danish school (Duborgskolen), Danish library, Maria Church from 1284, and more.

4:00pm – We head back to Strandhotel Glücksburg where we can relax before dinner – and maybe go for a swim – or a spa treatment (just make sure you make an appointment early!)

8:00pm – Dinner at the hotel – 3-course surprise menu

Day 8 – September 29, 2022

7:00-8:00am – Breakfast at the hotel

9:30am – Depart for Sønderborg- north of the border. On the way there we'll visit Dybbøl Mølle – an old mill which has become a memorial to the struggles Southern Jutland has endured, then on to Gråsten Castle – a favorite summer residence of Queen Margrethe 2. and her sisters, just as it was a favorite of their mother Queen Ingrid's. We will then cross to the island of Als and tour the Sønderborg area before checking in to our hotel.

4:00pm - **Hotel Sønderborg Strand** – check-in

7:00pm – Dinner at the hotel – 2-course menu

Day 9 – September 30, 2022

7:00-8:30am – Breakfast at the hotel

9:30am – Travel to Tønder and Møgeltønder for sight-seeing in these charming towns in the very southernmost part of Denmark

4:00pm – Return to Sønderborg – with time for the beach, shops, and cafés

7:00pm – Dinner at Hotel Sønderborg Strand – 2-course dinner

Day 10 – October 1, 2022

7:00-8:30am – Breakfast at the hotel

9:30am – We travel north on the island of Als to visit the towns of Augustenborg and Nordborg before heading to Fynshav.

3:00pm – Ferry from Fynshav to Bøjden on the island of Fyn

4:30pm – Check-in at **Hvedholm Castle** - the beautiful castle where we stayed on the 2016 tour

7:00pm – Dinner at the castle – 3-course menu – plus coffee and sweets (the Danish way to end a fine dinner!)

Day 11 – October 2, 2022

7:00-8:30am – Breakfast at the castle

9:30 – Explore the area of southern Fyn (Funen) with a visit to Horne Church – one of the few “round churches” outside Bornholm, and Holstein Hus Park. Then we’ll venture to the tiny island of Bjørnø – definitely not one of the most “touristy” islands in Denmark.

6:00pm – Dinner at Hvedholm Castle

Day 12 – October 3, 2022

7:00 – 8:30 – Breakfast

9:30 – Travel to Copenhagen where the bus will leave us at the Imperial Hotel – and the tour has come to its end.