

# LAND OF THE VIKINGS

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In Denmark, we look for a touch of magic in the ordinary, and we know travel is more than ticking sights off a list. It's about finding wonder in the things you see, and the places you go.

One of the wonders that we at VisitDenmark are particularly proud of is our history. And you cannot mention Danish history without mentioning the Viking Age.

A thousand years ago, the Vikings forced themselves onto the world stage and left an indelible mark on many parts of Europe. Denmark, their homeland, has been shaped by Viking culture, and here are some of the places you can see this most strikingly.



# Denmark and its regions



## Geography

- The smallest of the Scandinavian countries
- The southernmost of the Scandinavian countries
- Only has a physical border with Germany
- Denmark's regions are: North, Mid, West and South Jutland, Funen, Zealand, and North Zealand and Copenhagen

## Travel distances

- Copenhagen to Odense: Under 2 hours by car
- Odense to Aarhus: Under 2 hours by car
- Aarhus to Aalborg: Under 2 hours by car

## Facts

- [Video Introduction](#)
- Denmark's currency is the Danish Kroner
- Tipping is not required
- Most Danes speak fluent English
- Denmark is one of the happiest countries in the world and Copenhagen is one of the world's most liveable cities
- Denmark is home of 'Hygge', New Nordic Cuisine, and LEGO®
- Denmark is easily combined with other Nordic countries
- Denmark is a safe country
- Denmark is perfect for all types of travelers (family, romantic, nature, bicyclist dream, history/Vikings/Royalty)
- Denmark has a population of 5.7 million people

# Map of Viking experiences



# A taste of Danish Viking experiences

Land of Legends



Roskilde Viking Ship Museum



Moesgaard Museum



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# Roskilde Viking Ship Museum

Ahoy!

This museum is home to five real Viking ships. Yes, you read that correctly: REAL Viking ships. Quite the jaw-dropper, if we do say so ourselves.

At this museum, you can become an expert on Viking craftsmanship and life at sea. A large part of the museum is outdoors, where craftsmen build replicas of the ships. You can observe the process of building the large ships and have a chat with the friendly boat-builders, before stepping into the beautiful museum to admire the original ships.

The museum is situated right by Roskilde Fjord, and in high season you can even try sailing a Viking ship yourself.



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[www.vikingskibsmuseet.dk/en/](http://www.vikingskibsmuseet.dk/en/)



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Driving distance from Copenhagen Central Station: 40 mins



Nearest airport: Copenhagen Airport



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# The Viking rune stones at Jelling

I know what you're thinking: what's so interesting about a couple of large stones? Well, these aren't just any stones.

The city of Jelling was a royal monument in the 10<sup>th</sup> century during the reign of Gorm and his son, Harald Bluetooth. In 965, Harald Bluetooth had the stones engraved to declare that the Danes were now Christian. He also gave his name to today's 'Bluetooth' technology.

The rune stones are considered Denmark's baptism certificate.

The Jelling Monuments have had UNESCO World Heritage status since 1994. In the visitor- and experience center, Kongernes Jelling, you can discover even more about the exciting world of the Vikings and their monuments.



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Driving distance from Aarhus: 57 mins



Nearest airport: Billund Airport



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# Trelleborg

Trelleborg was one of King Harald Bluetooth's five ring fortresses, built in the year 980.

On the site today, you can visit a replica of a Viking house, see the outlines of the original ring fortress and enjoy Viking events throughout the year.

Next to Trelleborg, you'll find a museum filled with archeological finds and models of the fortress's residents and how they lived. A great time to visit is July, when the annual Viking festival takes place in Trelleborg.



Trelleborg Alle 4, 4200 Slagelse



[www.natmus.dk/museer-og-slottet/trelleborg/](http://www.natmus.dk/museer-og-slottet/trelleborg/)



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Driving distance from Copenhagen: 1 h 10 mins



Nearest airport: Copenhagen Airport



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# National Museum of Denmark

The National Museum is Denmark's largest museum of cultural history. If you are a nerd for real artifacts that have played a part in history, you are in for a treat!

At this museum you can experience a vast collection of real Viking finds, including halls of Viking gold, rune stones to run your hands over and a whole gallery dedicated to portraits of the Vikings as if they were alive today.

There is plenty more besides the Vikings to discover, including a 3,000-year-old Sun Chariot, mummies, and the Egtved Girl – a girl from the Bronze Age, preserved by a bog in Denmark.



Prince's Mansion, Ny Vestergade 10, 1471 København K



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Driving time to Copenhagen central station: 6 mins.



Nearest airport: Copenhagen Airport



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# Ribe: The oldest town in Scandinavia

Apart from being a cute and picturesque little town, Ribe is also Scandinavia's oldest town. It was founded by the Vikings.

The people of Ribe take pride in their cultural heritage and have founded an exciting Viking Center, where its visitors can take part in different activities and learn about the lifestyle and history of the Vikings. Families can travel back 1300 years in time and learn how to shoot with a longbow, fight like a warrior and cook their traditional 'flat bread'.

Now that's an experience you can't have anywhere else...



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# Bork Viking Harbor

What's better than a trip to a museum? A trip to a museum, where history comes to life right before your eyes!

Bork Viking Harbor is a reconstruction of a Viking environment that shows you how the Vikings lived on the brutal North Sea coast over 1,000 years ago. During high season, actors performing as Vikings live and work in the houses and demonstrate Viking crafts and other historical activities.

The architecture of the Bork Viking Harbor settlement is based on relics of the Viking era found in West Jutland, in particular from archaeological digs in the Tarm area.



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[www.levendehistorie.dk/about-bork-viking-harbour](http://www.levendehistorie.dk/about-bork-viking-harbour)



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Driving distance from Aarhus: 1 h 54 mins



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# Lindholm Høje

Just outside of the city of Aalborg, you'll find one of Scandinavia's best-preserved Viking discoveries, the graveyard of Lindholm Høje. This beautiful ancient monument includes 150 stones and 682 graves. The burial ground was in use from 400 AD until 1000 AD.

Take a walk through history, and keep in mind that in these graves, you can probably find the ancestors of many Danes, and possibly many European families.

Next to the stone settlements, you find a visitor center that tells you all about the importance of the area.



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Driving distance from Aalborg: 11 mins



Nearest airport: Aalborg Airport



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# Moesgaard Museum

Apart from being an architectural hotspot, Moesgaard Museum is also renowned for being the home of an exciting interactive exhibition about the Viking era.

You are creating your own path, and actively shaping your own experience. If you dare, you can even play a role in a virtual Viking battle.

The museum is known for its exhibitions on prehistory and ethnology, all curated with the latest technology to get you under the skin of the people and places they are portraying.

Get ready to travel through ancient Denmark, as you make your way through the Viking exhibition, listening to a Viking's personal story as you go.



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Driving distance from Aarhus: 20 mins



Nearest airports: Billund Airport or Aarhus Airport



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# Land of Legends

Here is your chance to find out what a rural Viking life might have been like, at this 106-acre archaeological open-air museum just outside Roskilde.

The museum contains reconstructions of an Iron Age village, Viking marketplace, stone age campsites, and 18<sup>th</sup>-century farmstead. There are several activities to take part in, and you can even stay the night at the museum, to complete the immersion of the Viking lifestyle!

It is especially popular with families, who often spend a whole week at the museum, walking in the footsteps of a Viking family.



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Driving distance from Copenhagen Central Station: 50 mins



Nearest airport: Copenhagen Airport



Spend the night at the Land of Legends, or stay in [Roskilde](#) or [Copenhagen](#)



# Ladby Viking Museum

In 925, a Viking king was laid to rest on his ship here at Ladby, with his 11 horses and an unknown number of dogs, and other valuable goods by his side.

This valuable ship grave is the crown jewel of Ladby Viking Museum, situated where the ship grave was found under a grass-covered hill. To enter the king's last resting place, you will have to find the door opening in a hill, and then make your way in.

Once you've found it, lights will guide you, and you will be surrounded by an authentic and evocative atmosphere that will make your first impression of the king's grave very special.



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Driving distance from Odense: 25 mins



Nearest airport: Copenhagen Airport



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# Viking Center Fyrkat

Viking Center Fyrkat is home of one of King Harald Bluetooth's other proud creations: the ring fortress Fyrkat. A surrounding of stones and inclines in the landscape indicate where it was.

There's much more to see than stones and indentations, however: the center also includes nine reconstructed houses that will give you an idea of how a Viking family used to live.

You will also find various Viking activities taking place throughout the year.



Fyrkatvej 37 B, 9500 Hobro



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# The Aggersborg Viking Fortress

Of all known Viking fortresses, Aggersborg is without a doubt the largest.

Built by King Harald Bluetooth in 980-81 in a location overlooking the narrowest passage of the Limfjord, Aggersborg was probably the starting point for many of the expeditions the Vikings took to England or further north in Scandinavia.

The fortress was burned to the ground in 1086 and although Valdemar Atterdag later tried to rebuild it, it was completely destroyed in 1441.

With a little imagination, you can stand by the beautiful fjord and get an idea of how life must have been there, right next to the Vikings' beloved sea.



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Nearest airport: Aalborg Airport



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