

Culture

FULL DAY TOURS

THE ÖRESUND TOUR

Elsinore - Helsingborg - Lund - Copenhagen. This tour includes two countries - both Sweden and Denmark - in one day.

The tour starts with a guided tour of the beautiful renaissance castle Kronborg in the Danish city of Elsinore. It has become world famous through William Shakespeare's play Hamlet.

After then having crossed the Öresund by ferry to Sweden, you'll pass through the city of Helsingborg to the late Swedish king Gustav VI Adolf's summer residence, Sofiero. There you'll enjoy a guided tour in its beautiful garden followed by a memorable lunch in the Palace. If you're lucky to visit Sofiero during the blooming time of the rhododendrons, you'll be thrilled! There are more than 10 000 plants in the garden, most of them planted by the late king himself! In 2010 Sofiero was awarded "The best Park in Europe".

The tour will continue to the city centre of Helsingborg, where there will be some time for shopping. Later in the afternoon you'll go south to Lund, an old Swedish university town, to visit its famous Cathedral.

DURATION: 8,5 h

NOTICE THIS: This tour includes a lot of walking. Coffee and sandwiches can be bought on the ferry between Elsinore and Helsingborg.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Kronborg Castle, Sofiero Castle & Gardens, Sofiero Restaurant, Lund's Cathedral.

CASTLE TOUR IN THE SKÅNE REGION

This tour will take you to some of the most interesting and beautiful castles in the region of northwest Skåne and north Zealand. We'll start the tour at Sofiero Castle & Gardens, the summer residence of the late Swedish King Gustav VI Adolf.

The tour then goes to Wrams Gunnarstorp Castle, a private castle, partly from the 16th century. You will there, by the owners, be taken on an interesting tour of the castle and also get the opportunity to visit the unique garden, already admired by Carl Linneus in 1749.

The lunch will be offered in the restaurant of the Henry Dunker Culture Centre, one of the newest and most interesting cultural venues in Scandinavia today. The centre is situated by the sea in the heart of Helsingborg, overlooking the marina and the Sound. Then we'll go by ferry to Denmark, only 20 minutes, to reach a guided tour of Kronborg Castle, a magnificent renaissance castle from the 16th century, also world famous through Shakespeare's "Hamlet".

DURATION: 8,5 h

NOTICE THIS: This tour includes a lot of walking, coffee etc. can be bought on the ferry between Elsinore and Helsingborg.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Sofiero Castle & Gardens, Wrams Gunnarstorp Castle, Dunker Culture House, Kronborg Castle



DISCOVER THE ISLAND OF VEN ON A BIKE

Your coach will transfer you to Landskrona where we take the ferry to Ven. A nice walk up the slope and here you rental bikes for the day that will await you. Your guide will take you to Nämndemansgården (18th century), an old farmers house where you will hear about the way life used to be on a farm.

Next stop is the Tycho Brahe Heritage. Tycho Brahe (1546-1601) came from a noble family and became interested in astronomy in his early years. In 1572 he observed a new star in the constellation of Cassiopeia. He reported the event in his book "De stella nova", which made him famous all over Europe, and the Danish King gave him the Island of Ven as fief. Here we make a short visit to Stjärneborg, the observatory where the foundations still remain.

After lunch continue to the S:t Ibb Church built in the 13th century. After returning your bikes, enjoy a Ven Ice Cream in the harbour before you start your journey back to the mainland.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Ventrafiken, Tycho Brahe Memories

DURATION: 7 hours

BEAUTIFUL BJÄRE AND BÅSTAD - OUR ST TROPEZ

This tour takes us to the beautiful Bjäre Peninsula – the journey alone is an experience! A Gorgeous, rolling landscape welcomes us and we make our way to Båstad through the "Italian Road". Our first stop is the new Birgit Nilsson Museum. The renowned opera singer's childhood home in Svenstad has now opened its doors to visitors from all over the world.

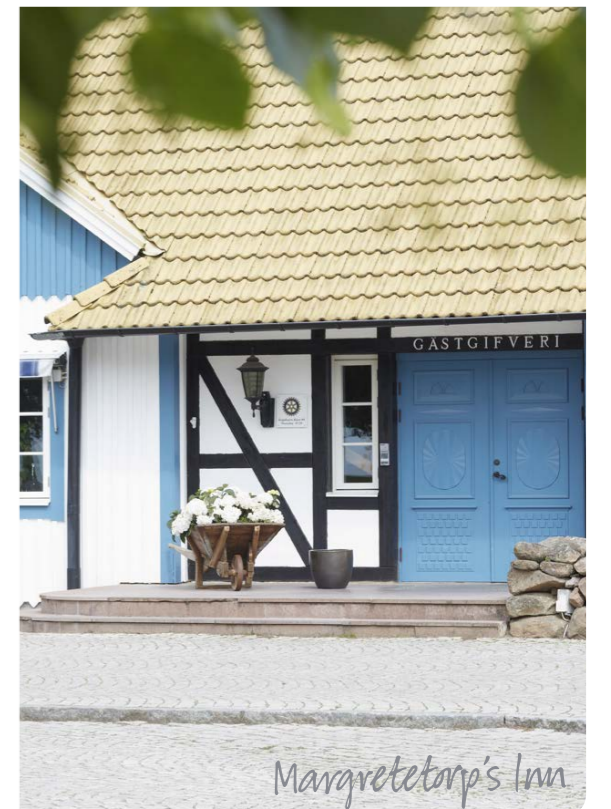
The tour continues to Märta Måås-Fjätterström, the world-famous weaving mill, located in the heart of Båstad. Textile works made here hang in private homes, museums and important institutions all over the world. A guided tour takes the visitor through her workshop where each rug is handmade.

Hotel Skansen and the Båstad Tennis Arena, where the annual Swedish Open tournament is held, are only a couple of minutes away. We walk here for lunch or a cup of coffee. A visit to the Swedish Tennis Museum, which takes us on a fascinating journey through 120 years of Swedish tennis history, ends the tour.

We lunch at Margretetorps Inn, which's history goes back to the 1600's, and is still one of the most well know places for a proper Swedish "Smorgasbord". After lunch you go along the Öresund coast to Kullabygdens Keramik where the ceramist Peter Nilsson will show you around his working studio and tell you about the clay and the pottery process.

DURATION: 8 hrs

CONTACT INFORMATION: Märta Måås Fjätterström, Hotel Skansen, Birgit Nilsson Museum, Margretetorp's Inn, Kullabygdens Keramik



GLASS AND POTTERY - A HISTORIC JOURNEY

Finished in 1897, the stained glass windows at the Helsingborg Town Hall illustrate important events in the history of the city, not least among them the arrival of the first Bernadotte king in 1810. The architecture of the Town Hall stands in beautiful contrast to the modern Dunkers Culture House, which is our next stop for a guided tour of the exhibitions. The Culture House, southern Sweden's largest cultural center.

The building was the subject of a major architectural competition, won by Danish architect Kim Utzon, son of Jorn Utzon, architect of the Sydney Opera House. Eventually grew into a multi-functional complex of various cultural institutions.

We move on to Wallåkra Stenkärlsfabrik pottery where lunch will be waiting for us to enjoy before the guided tour of the workshop. At the Fredriksdal Museums and Gardens, we will enjoy history and the landscape before sitting down in the Garden Café to rest a while.

DURATION: About 6 hours

CONTACT INFORMATION: Helsingborg Tourist Information Centre, Dunkers Kulturhus, Wallåkra Stenkärlsfabrik, Fredriksdal Museums and Gardens



HALF DAY TOURS

HELINGSBORG CITY TOUR WITH SOFIERO CASTLE

Visit Sofiero Castle and parks, a former Royal summer residence where you will have a guided tour of the garden. The garden is famous for its more than 10.000 rhododendron, most of them planted by the late King Gustav VI Adolf himself.

You will leave this flower paradise and drive through the magnificent Pålssjö Forest with its majestic beech trees on your way back to Helsingborg centre. Make a stop at the well known landmark Kärnan, the keep and only remains of the Helsingborg Castle. Here you will have an excellent view of the Öresund sound and the Danish coastline. Walk down the stairs to the city centre of Helsingborg and visit the St Maria Church from the Middle Ages.

Continue to Dunker Culture House, southern Sweden's largest cultural center. The building was the subject of a major architectural competition, won by Danish architect Kim Utzon, son of Jorn Utzon, architect of the Sydney Opera House. Dunkers Culture was inaugurated by HRH Crown Princess Victoria on 27 April 2002.

DURATION: 2,5 hours

CONTACT INFORMATION: Sofiero Castle and Parks, Dunker Culture House



THE GARDEN TOUR OF HELSINGBORG

Within 15 min from Helsingborg city center there are two unique gardens, the Sofiero Castle and Garden and Fredriksdal Museums and Gardens.

Start by visiting Fredriksdal Museums and Gardens where a guided tour will take you through the rose garden, the botanical garden laid out after the principles of the famous botanical professor Carl von Linné (Carl Linnaeus, 1707-1778) and the French and English parks. You will hear about the mansion from the 18th century and visit the old town quarters and the graphical museum where you can print your own postcard or souvenir.

Next stop will be at Sofiero Castle and Garden, a former Royal summer residence where you will have a guided tour. The garden is famous for its more than 10.000 rhododendron, most of them planted by the late King Gustav VI Adolf. He and his wife Margareta received Sofiero as a wedding gift in 1905 and began to alter and develop the park and the gardens surrounding the Castle.

DURATION: 3,5 hours

CONTACT INFORMATION: Sofiero Castle and Parks, Fredriksdal Museums and Gardens.



KULLA PENINSULA AND MÖLLE BY THE SEA

Drive north along the coast through quaint fishing villages towards the Kulla Peninsula. Pass through Mölle, a renowned spa town at the turn of the 19th century, where the decadent lifestyle allowed men and women to swim together! At the Kullaberg Nature Reserve, you will visit the brightest lighthouse in Northern Europe, and the guide will take you on a short walk along the cliffs. End the journey with refreshments at Café Flickorna Lundgren, justly famed for their Vanilla Heart biscuits (cookies).

DURATION: About 4 hours

CONTACT INFORMATION: Kullabergsguiderna, Café Flickorna Lundgren



WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Meet two world renowned artists from the Bjäre peninsula. You are sure to enjoy a visit to Märta Måås-Fjetterström's weaving mill. Her famous textiles are hung all over the world, and you will be given a guided tour through the workshop where every rug is woven by hand. At the childhood home of opera star Birgit Nilsson, we learn about her life both in and out of the limelight. The tour ends with lunch at Hovs Hallar, a beautiful nature reserve where the world famous film director Ingmar Bergman recorded the drama/fantasy film "The Seventh Seal".

DURATION: About 4 hours

CONTACT INFORMATION: Märta Måås-Fjetterström, Birgit Nilsson Museum, Hovs Hallar Hotel & Restaurant



MASTERPIECES - TOMARP ESTATE AND ST PETRI CHURCH

We visit the Tomarp Royal Estate. The estate has a long and changing history and is now an art gallery focused mainly on contemporary works. After a guided tour, we enjoy a coffee break in the cosy courtyard café. The next stop is St Petri Church (Church of Saint Peter) in Klippan, designed by architect Sigurd Lewerentz in 1966. The church is replete with symbols and intriguing architecture. The tour then continues to Spångens Gästgivaregård, a well-known historic inn, for lunch.

DURATION: About 4 hours

CONTACT INFORMATION: Tomarp Kungsgård, St Petri Church, Spångens Gästgivaregård

FROM CLAY TO ART - THE POTTERY DISTRICT

This tour takes you to the Kulla Peninsula and Höganäs, the heart of the Pottery District. Start with lunch at the Restaurang Bryggan restaurant in Höganäs Harbour. The first stop is the Höganäs Museum and its exhibitions about work in the mine and pottery manufacturing. We continue to the Kullabygdens Keramik pottery for an introduction to pottery production. The tour ends with refreshments in the charming café at the Krapperup Estate.

DURATION: About 4,5 hours

CONTACT INFORMATION: Restaurang Bryggan, Höganäs Museum, Kullabygdens Keramik, Krapperup Slott

ONE TO THREE HOUR ACTIVITIES

THE SWEDISH RAILWAY MUSEUM IN ÄNGELHOLM

Take a guided tour through history from the time rail pulled into Sweden up to modern times. Try the Locomotion ride simulator and feel the difference between riding in a steam locomotive and a modern high-speed locomotive.

DURATION: 1 hour

CONTACT INFORMATION: Sveriges Järnvägmuseum

THE ROYAL CASTLE OF KRONBORG

Begin the tour with a city walk through the picturesque streets of Helsingør before continuing to Kronborg Castle. The Castle is both an outstanding Renaissance palace and a military fort surrounded by fortifications. The castle is evidence of the greatness of the Danish monarchy during the period. As you walk through the chapel and the Banqueting Hall – the longest room in northern Europe – it is easy to understand why William Shakespeare chose to make Kronborg Castle the setting for Hamlet.

DURATION: About 3 hours

CONTACT INFORMATION: Kronborg Castle



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Tomarps Estate



The pottery district



Kronborg Castle

WALKING TOURS OF HELSINGBORG AND/OR HELSINGÖR

Enjoy a historic walking tour through the town centre of Helsingborg or Helsingør. Or why not combine both walks? Enjoy the ferry trip, and discover the similarities and differences between the two cities.

DURATION: Walking tour of Helsingborg or Helsingør – 1 hour. Both cities – 3 hours

CONTACT INFORMATION: Helsingborg – Town Hall, Helsingør – VisitNordsjælland

HELSEBORG AND SOFIERO PALACE

A city tour around beautiful Helsingborg, where we pass through the little fishing village of Råå, once the largest in Sweden, and Ramlösa Brunnspark, the spa where for more than 200 years people went to “take the waters”. At Kärnan, the castle keep that is the only part of Helsingborg Castle still standing, we enjoy a breathtaking view over the city and the Sound. The tour continues through the leafy Pålssjö woods and alongside the coast to the former summer residence of Swedish royalty, Sofiero Palace and its famous rhododendrons. The tour ends with a guided tour of the beautiful park.

DURATION : About 3 hours

CONTACT INFORMATION: Sofiero Castle and Parks

THE CITADEL - FORT, PRISON AND GARDEN

Built in 1559, the Citadel was used as a defensive fortification for more than 250 years. It was later used as a prison for convicts serving life sentences and “good-time girls”. Allotment gardens were laid around the Citadel as far back as the 18th century. A visit to the Citadel takes you from war, defence, and prison cells to the contrast of quaint cottages and allotment gardens in full bloom.

DURATION: 3 hours

CONTACT INFORMATION: Citadellet, Rothoffska Allotment



Helsingborg - Helsingør ferries



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The Citadel