

Tour de Denmark

Private Cycling Tour
of Northern Zealand &
Southern Sweden

July 8-18, 2023



Dear Friends,

We are making our way across Europe on our quest to find the best cycling destinations, and (drum roll, please) ...our next adventure will be to Denmark and Sweden! A nation of cyclists, Denmark offers an amazing network of bicycle infrastructure. The terrain is nearly flat, making it perfect for cyclists and exploration. The cycling culture is strong in Denmark, home to the 2022 Tour de France winner Jonas Vingegaard.

We'll also venture to Sweden, home to Susan's ancestors (her Dad was 100% Swede). Sweden is a big, bike-friendly country with a well-developed network of cycle paths in and around its towns and cities and well-marked cycle routes around the country. In both countries, we will explore the wonderful cycling paths and bike-friendly roads through picturesque villages, pristine beaches, and varied countryside.

We travel with local private guides who are with us every pedal stroke of the way. They will show us the sites, share local lore, provide humor and, of course, haul our gear to our top-notch accommodations. You'll have the advantage of traveling with a small group with the flexibility to spend time together or on your own in the evenings.

The Executive Travel team will handle all of your travel arrangements so we can relax and pedal while enjoying the magnificent scenery, history, and culture in these beautiful countries. We only have 20 spots on this trip, so don't delay. This unforgettable tour opportunity will sell out fast!

Sincerely,

Rich and Susan Rodenburg
Hound Dog Cycling Adventures

 Executive Travel



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



July 8, 2023, Saturday

Depart from your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic to Copenhagen. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as we start our European adventure.

July 9, 2023, Sunday

Upon arrival in Copenhagen, our local guide will meet us at the airport and escort us by private transfer to our city center hotel. Following time to freshen up, we will head out for a city sightseeing tour by bike. Included are the historical center, the harbor area, and a guided tour of Copenhill (Copenhagen's epicenter for urban mountain sport.) We will enjoy a leisurely lunch at "Reffen," an open-air street-food delight. If you are still energized, we suggest a by-night canal tour. Estimated miles by bike: 7.
B (on the plane).

July 10, 2023, Monday

Enjoy breakfast at your own pace, and then take a day to enjoy everything Copenhagen has to offer. This city is one of Europe's most vibrant and trendy capitals. We recommend you take a canal tour, visit the beautiful amusement park, Tivoli, walk the world's longest shopping and pedestrian street, "Strøget," people-watch from a local café, visit the Royal Palace of Rosenborg, enjoy life along



the quay of Nyhavn ...the possibilities are endless. One thing is for sure: you will love Copenhagen. Dinner tonight is served at a local restaurant within walking distance from our hotel.

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July 11, 2023, Tuesday

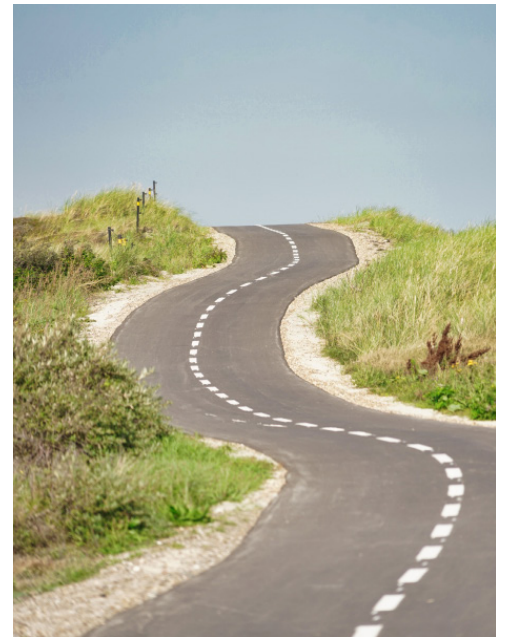
Enjoy breakfast. We will adjust our bikes and head out on our Northern Zealand adventure. Cycling through Copenhagen is a fantastic way to start our bike tour. We pass some famous sights such as the Little Mermaid and the renowned beach "Bellevue." In Dyrehaven, the Royal hunting grounds, you will cycle on peaceful paths surrounded by century-old trees and curious deer. We will stop for lunch at a local bike café and then visit "Bakken," the oldest amusement park in the world, before reaching our hotel in Rungsted on the coast of Øresund. Enjoy an evening stroll at Rungsted Marina; there are plenty of local restaurants to enjoy dinner, or visit Rungstedlund, the home of the Danish author Karen Blixen (world-famous for "Out of Africa"); it's next door!

Estimated miles by bike: 23.

B | L

July 12, 2023 Wednesday

We will enjoy a laidback breakfast. Then, head out to bike along the coastal road to the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art. We



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We enjoy the exhibition (you will love the museum shop!), and lunch is served at the museum restaurant. We continue our adventure along the bike trails through small villages until we reach Helsingør, our home for the next two nights. After an easy day on the bike, you might wish to spend the afternoon visiting the old borough with the impressive Kronborg Castle (the castle from Shakespeare's play "Hamlet"). You will love Helsingør's cobblestoned streets, local shops, and restaurants. Visit the Maritime Museum, and don't forget to swing by the Brostrade Ice cream shop (top it up with whipped cream and homemade jam.)

Estimated miles by bike: 15. B | L

July 13, 2023, Thursday

After a hearty breakfast, we will cross by ferry (20 minutes) to Helsingborg, Sweden. Our local guides will take us on a city tour, including a visit to Sct. Maria Church. Take in Sweden at your own pace, bike along the coastal road to Mölle (20 miles each way) to discover the scenic harbor and the beautiful Kullaberg Nature Resort. You can also relax at Fredriksdal Open Air Museum. In the late afternoon, we return to Helsingør by ferry. Dinner is served at our beautiful resort hotel. Estimated miles by bike: 10 (or 50 if you head to Mölle, Sweden). B | D



July 14, 2023, Friday

Enjoy breakfast. Today starts with a visit to Kronborg Castle (guided tour). Immortalized as “Elsinore” in William Shakespeare’s play Hamlet, Kronborg is one of the most important Renaissance castles in Northern Europe and was inscribed on UNESCO’s World Heritage List in 2000. We continue through the picturesque landscape of Northern Zealand, through small villages, to Fredensborg. We will be staying next door to the Royal Palace of Fredensborg, the spring and autumn residence of HRH Queen Margrethe II. We will tour (by foot) the Royal Gardens of Fredensborg Castle. The castle was built by King Christian IV in the early 17th century and is the largest Renaissance complex in the Nordic region. The aim of the building was to show off and enhance Christian IV’s status as a powerful European monarch. Dinner tonight is served at our hotel. Estimated miles by bike: 15. B | D

July 15, 2023, Saturday

Breakfast is enjoyed at our own pace before we pay a visit to Fredensborg Castle. Lunch is served at the castle restaurant; we will say a fond farewell to our tour guides today. Then, we start our journey to Copenhagen. Heading south, we pass lovely forests, beautiful scenery, and wetlands rich with birdlife.



We will bike to Hillerød Station, then board the local train to Hellerup. From here, we will bike the last few miles to our hotel in the center of Copenhagen. We will cycle through Nørrebro, one of the most colorful neighborhoods in Copenhagen. You must slow down and be aware of all the cyclists heading toward the city. This is one of the busiest bicycle neighborhoods in Denmark. We are arriving at our hotel in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure. You will keep your bikes (the hotel will store them safely away) for the next two days’ leisurely adventures (without tour guides). Estimated miles by bike: 15. B | L

July 16, 2023, Sunday

Sleep in this morning, kick back, relax, and unwind. Breakfast is served until late! Today, enjoy the day in Copenhagen. You have your bike at your disposal*, and we suggest you take a tour to Amager Strand, and from there, continue behind the airport to the quaint village of Dragør (9 miles each way) founded in the 1100s as a fishing village, and used as a fishing port for centuries. It has a Dutch influence because the Danish king invited Dutch farmers to live in the area to supply food for the royal family in the 16th century. The Dutch were more agriculturally advanced than the Danish, and they actually introduced carrots to Denmark.



Get lost in the narrow alleys, enjoy a meal at the harbor, bike along the seaside ...what’s not to love?!

B

July 17, 2023, Monday

One last day to enjoy your vacation. Ride out* and enjoy the city and the locals! If you are looking for a great route outside the center, then head to Lyngby and Brede (there is a lovely bistro in Brede) and return through Klampenborg and Hellerup. Beautiful scenery, great bike paths, and many shops and cafés along the way. The route is approximately 25 miles.

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July 18, 2023, Tuesday

All too soon, our journey has ended. Morning transfer to Copenhagen airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free shops before boarding and flying west across the Atlantic Ocean, back to the United States. Arrival to your home airport tonight. B | Meals served on board your international flight.

*No guides available on July 16 & July 17.

Itinerary is subject to change.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



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ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://fs28.forms.site.com/vLu8mE/HDCDK23/>

For more information about Hound Dog Cycling, visit:
HoundDogCycling.com

Package Price:

Per person in shared double room:
 (limited rooms with separate beds) \$4,995

Per person in single room:
 (limited number of single rooms) \$5,595

We offer "Pair & Share" service. Ask us to assist with finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on April 3, 2023, and is non-refundable. The balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Traveler Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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Air:

Group airfare is offered by Executive Travel. See last page.

This tour will be materialized with 20 travelers. Should the number fall below 20, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Tour Activity Level:

Moderate, guided bike and hotel tour. This is not an arduous tour however there are some hills on the route but you have all day to do the cycling. The traffic on the route should be quite light. You should, however, cycle carefully at all times, especially when going downhill or during any rain showers.

This is not a tour for inexperienced cyclists. This tour offers our own English-speaking tour guides and support crew. You will be given route descriptions and maps, so you may ride and explore on your own each day or ride along with our guides.

About E-Bikes:

While e-bikes provide a wonderful option to keep bicycling accessible, they take practice. An e-bike is heavier than your hybrid bike causing some to fall if you are not used to riding an e-bike. Those familiar and experienced with e-bikes are good candidates for our trip.

Accommodations - airconditioning not guaranteed:

Local 4-star hotels.

Copenhagen: Strand Hotel. Rungsted: Rungstedgaard.

Helsingor: Marienlyst Hotel. Fredensborg: Store Kro.

Final accommodations will be confirmed 90 days prior to departure.

Included:

- 9 nights at local 4-star hotels
- 9 x full breakfast
- 3 x lunch as per tour program
- 2 x dinner as per tour program
- Airport transfer from Copenhagen airport to/from hotel in Copenhagen
- Bike rental incl. helmet (27-gear hybrid bicycle, repair equipment, lock, and bottle cage)
- Water bottle for the bike
- Hybrid and e-bike insurance
- Half-day guided cycling tour of Copenhagen, July 9, 2023
- Guided tours during July 11-15, 2023, as per tour program
- Entrance to Copenhill, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Kronborg Castle, Fredensborg Castle
- Route description and maps
- Luggage transfer by private van/support vehicle
- Two cycling guides
- Eleven days of international fun and adventure with Susan and Rich Rodenburg

Not Included:

- Airfare
- Additional baggage fees (first checked bag is FREE, up to 50 lbs)
- Travel insurance
- E-bike (electronic bike), offered at an additional \$150 for all days of cycling, must be booked at time of registration (binding)
- GPS
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- All beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Gratuities (estimate \$5 per person, per day, per local guide)
- Personal expenses
- Professional fee, \$75 per person due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions of this tour which can be found at <https://executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours/>

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Available bikes:

Hybrid Sport Bike - Kildemoes Fyn, Scott Sub cof. 20, or similar

- 27 gears
- Lightweight frame
- Shimano St. wf 65 shifters
- Rollerbrakes c3000
- Flat handlebars
- Selle Royal Recte saddle
- 6000 Shimano wheels
- CST 1698 700x32 tires

Electric bike - Nihola or similar

- Deore gear 10 speed
- Suspension fork
- Comfort seat
- 6000 motor 40 nm. 400w batteri
- Schwalbe anti puncture tires
- One size frame - 48 cm

We recommend you bring your own helmet.

Electric bikes are also offered on this tour, for an additional supplement of **\$150.00**, and must be reserved at the time of registration (binding). **E-bikes are limited and offered on a “first come, first serve” basis.**

Our guides will be available to assist with repairs.

For a smooth start each morning, please ensure you take the bike tagged with your first and last name to avoid any unnecessary mix-ups. Never leave your bike unattended, especially in the towns along the route. We recommend that you do not take your bike with you when sightseeing or during a walking tour through any city. For damage other than a tire puncture, please contact the tour guides. Please do not have any repairs done on the rental bikes without the tour guides' consent.

The bicycle always needs to be locked when unattended and the included Bike Protection does not cover the theft of the bicycle while it is unlocked.

Shipping your own bike(s)!

We recommend that you utilize the provided bikes, but should you wish to bring you own, please be aware of the following:

There is a limit of 2 bikes per airplane. The cost is estimated at \$250 per bike per way, (e-bikes or larger bikes may be charged differently). Please contact Executive Travel if you need further information. Note: We may refer you directly to the airline.

You can also choose to ship your bike(s) in advance. Be aware that prices may be as high as \$800 per way to ship your bike(s) to an airport.

5 business days are required for delivery to Copenhagen airport and you should be aware that dropping off the bike for the return to the United States can be done during weekdays only (we return from Denmark on a Tuesday).

JOIN OUR GROUP AIRFARE!

We offer group airfare with Delta Airlines:

July 8, 2023	Omaha* - Detroit	3:55 PM - 7:03 PM
July 8, 2023	Detroit - Amsterdam	9:20 PM - 11:00 AM (July 9)
July 9, 2023	Amsterdam - Copenhagen	12:35 PM - 1:55 PM
July 18, 2023	Copenhagen - Paris	11:55 AM - 2:00 PM
July 18, 2023	Paris - Minneapolis	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
July 18, 2023	Minneapolis - Omaha*	9:35 PM - 10:45 PM

\$1,295 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you. A small supplement may occur.

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Premium seating upgrades are not available when traveling on a group air contract. If you have frequent flyer miles (SkyMiles), please note those cannot be used to upgrade to Delta Comfort Plus but only be used for upgrades to business or first class when traveling on a group air contract. Contact us if you have any questions about this and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

Mileage credit for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.

All taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change. Air schedules may be subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

SECURE YOUR AIRFARE WHEN SIGNING UP!

