

THE HOME OF HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN SIGNATURE ROUTE

01/11/2019

The home of Hans Christian Andersen

Denmark is the home country of the world-famous fairytale writer Hans Christian Andersen who penned *The Little Mermaid* and *The Snow Queen* and many other bedtime stories. Denmark offers the unique chance to experience the settings and locations of the storyteller and the romance and beauty of an age-old kingdom.

Hans Christian Andersen travelled extensively throughout Denmark. Many places will offer unique stories about the author. This itinerary offers a few highlights but you can wander in Andersen's footsteps in almost any part of Denmark.

Signature Route - The home of Hans Christian Andersen



Copenhagen

Møn

Odense

Ribe

Skagen

Aarhus

Helsingør



Sealand Copenhagen

Aarhus

Odense

Roskilde

Helsingør

Copenhagen

Møn

Amalienborg Palace

The official residence of the Queen of Denmark. See the royal chambers of the Amalienborg Museum and the changing of the royal guards. In 1825, Hans Christian Andersen spent Christmas at one of the four mansions, the only one of which at the time was not a royal residence but a naval academy.





Copenhagen canal tour

Discover the city's heritage waterways on an hour-long canal cruise. Among the sites are the Nyhavn Canal where fairytale writer Hans Christian Andersen once lived. You also pass the famous statue of The Little Mermaid and the royal palace where the Queen of Denmark lives.

BUY YOUR
TICKETS HERE
ADULT 40 KR
CHILD 15 KR

METTO-GÅDENE
KANALRUNDFART
60 MIN GUIDED TOUR
40 KR
15 KR

Tivoli Gardens

One of the world's oldest and most magical amusement parks with flower gardens, rides and restaurants. Hans Christian Andersen visited the gardens three times. A statue of the storyteller facing the gardens is located on the City Hall Square.



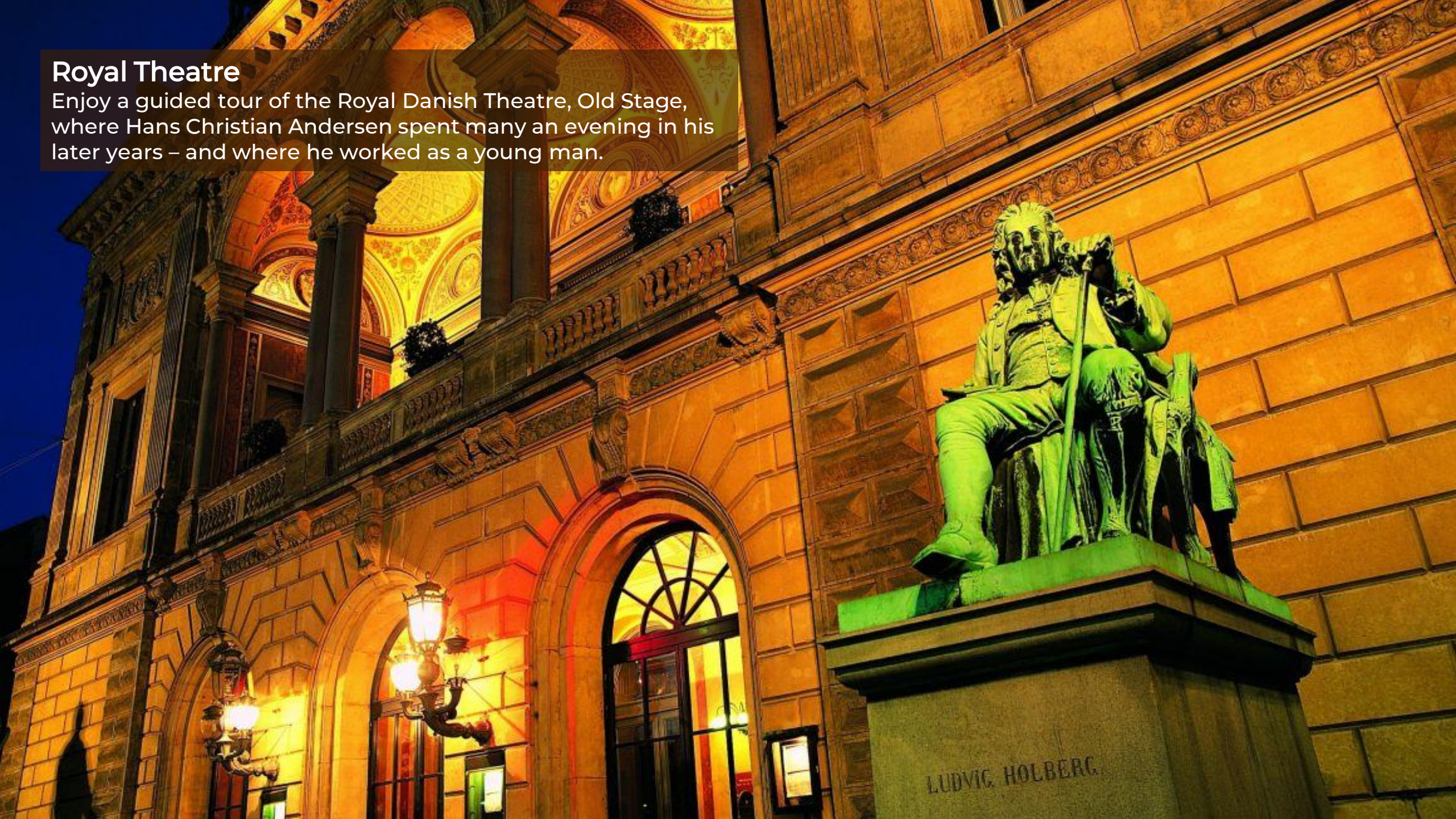
Rosenborg Castle

A 300-year-old castle in a leafy parkland in downtown Copenhagen. The shoebox-sized castle was once a royal summer residence. Today, it showcases heritage collections and the Danish Crown Jewels. The King's Garden next to the castle is a peaceful oasis where you will find a statue of storyteller Hans Christian Andersen.



Royal Theatre

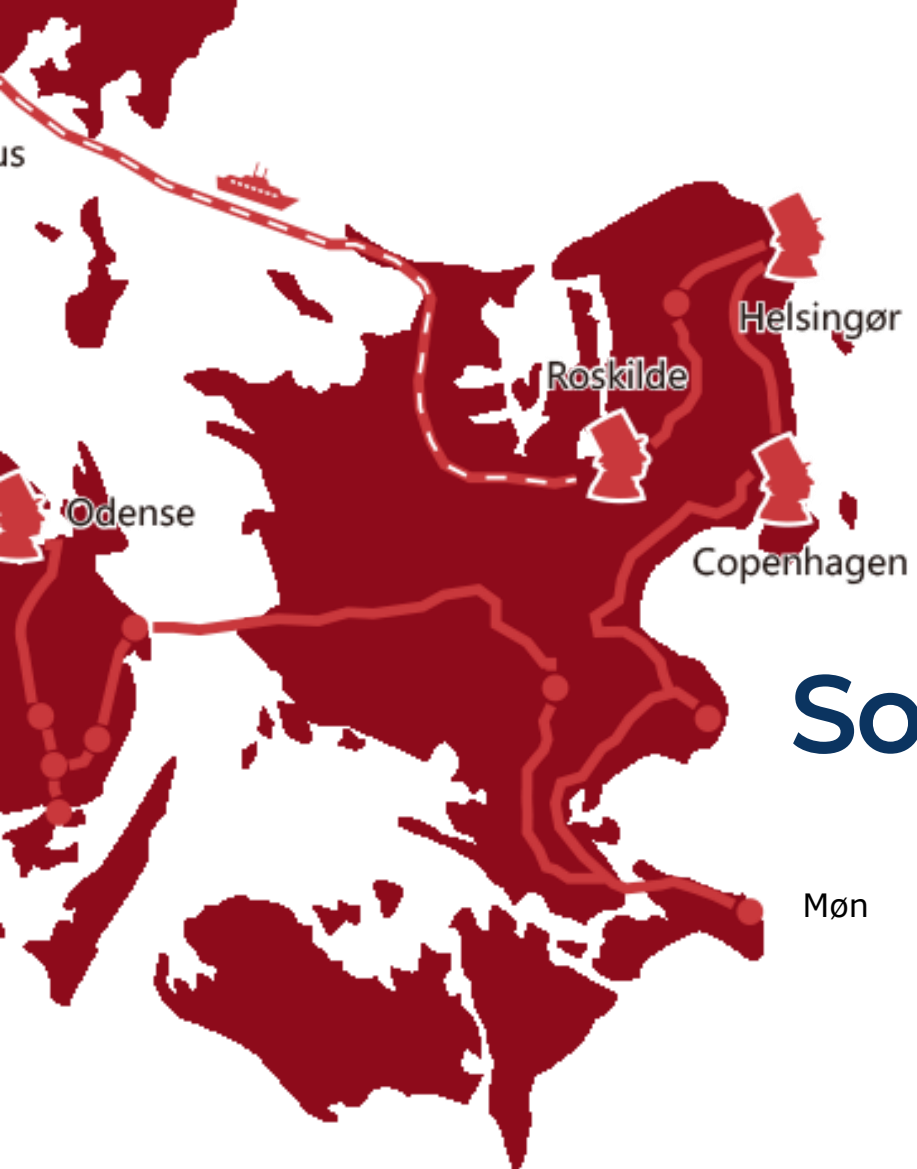
Enjoy a guided tour of the Royal Danish Theatre, Old Stage, where Hans Christian Andersen spent many an evening in his later years – and where he worked as a young man.



Guided tours

Hans Christian Andersen was well travelled and visited many countries and most of Denmark. But he lived, worked and died in the Danish capital. You can join guided tours of Andersen related sites, including his grave in the Assistens Cemetery.





Sealand

South Sealand & Møn



Stevns Klint(UNESCO)

The white cliffs of Stevns is the only location on the planet where visitors can clearly see the sediment from the meteor strike that caused the dinosaur extinction 65 million years ago, which is why the cliffs are a UNESCO World Natural Heritage site. Hans Christian Andersen wandered along the clifftop pathway, which inspired him to write the fairytale “The Elf Mound”.



The island of Møn(UNESCO)

Hans Christian Andersen visited the island of Møn where he explored the majestic tree-topped white cliffs. He was hosted at Liselund in the woodlands by the cliffs. You can still visit the small manor and its leafy gardens. The trip to Møn can be combined with the Møns Klint visitors' centre. In 2017, the island of Møn was declared a UNESCO World Heritage biotope.





Gissfeld Manor

The treetop footbridges and spiralling wooden tower of Camp Adventure make the former royal estate of Gissfeld a must-see for visitors. Hans Christian Andersen stayed at the manor on three occasions and was inspired by the location to write the fairytale “The Ugly Duckling”.



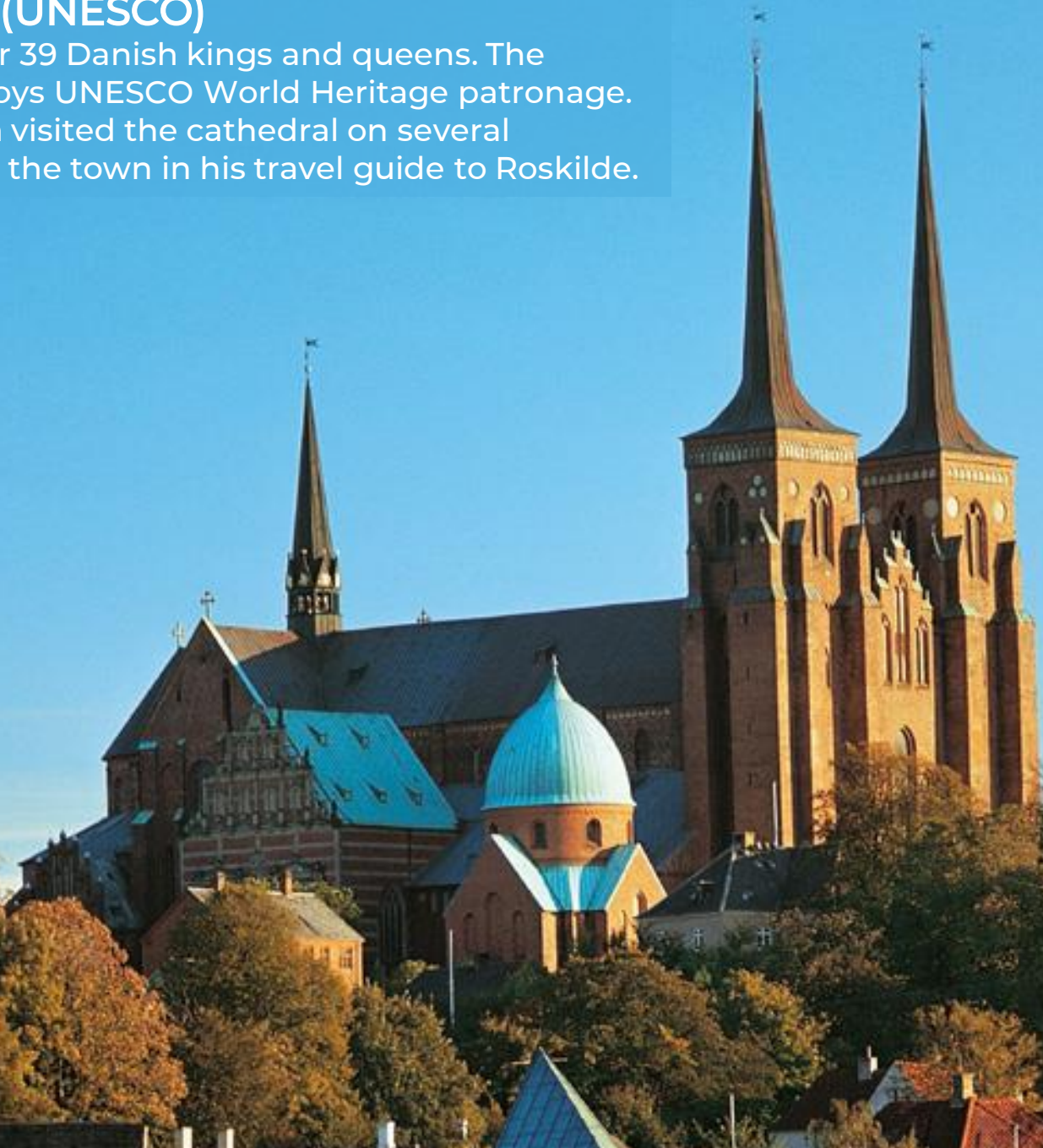
Sealand

North Sealand & Roskilde



Roskilde Cathedral (UNESCO)

The final resting place for 39 Danish kings and queens. The sepulchral cathedral enjoys UNESCO World Heritage patronage. Hans Christian Andersen visited the cathedral on several occasions and described the town in his travel guide to Roskilde.



Frederiksborg Castle

Enjoy views to the 450-year-old renaissance castle and its immaculate formal gardens on a boat trip on the castle moat. Hans Christian Andersen visited the castle many times. Here, you can experience the national portrait collection and the baroque church.



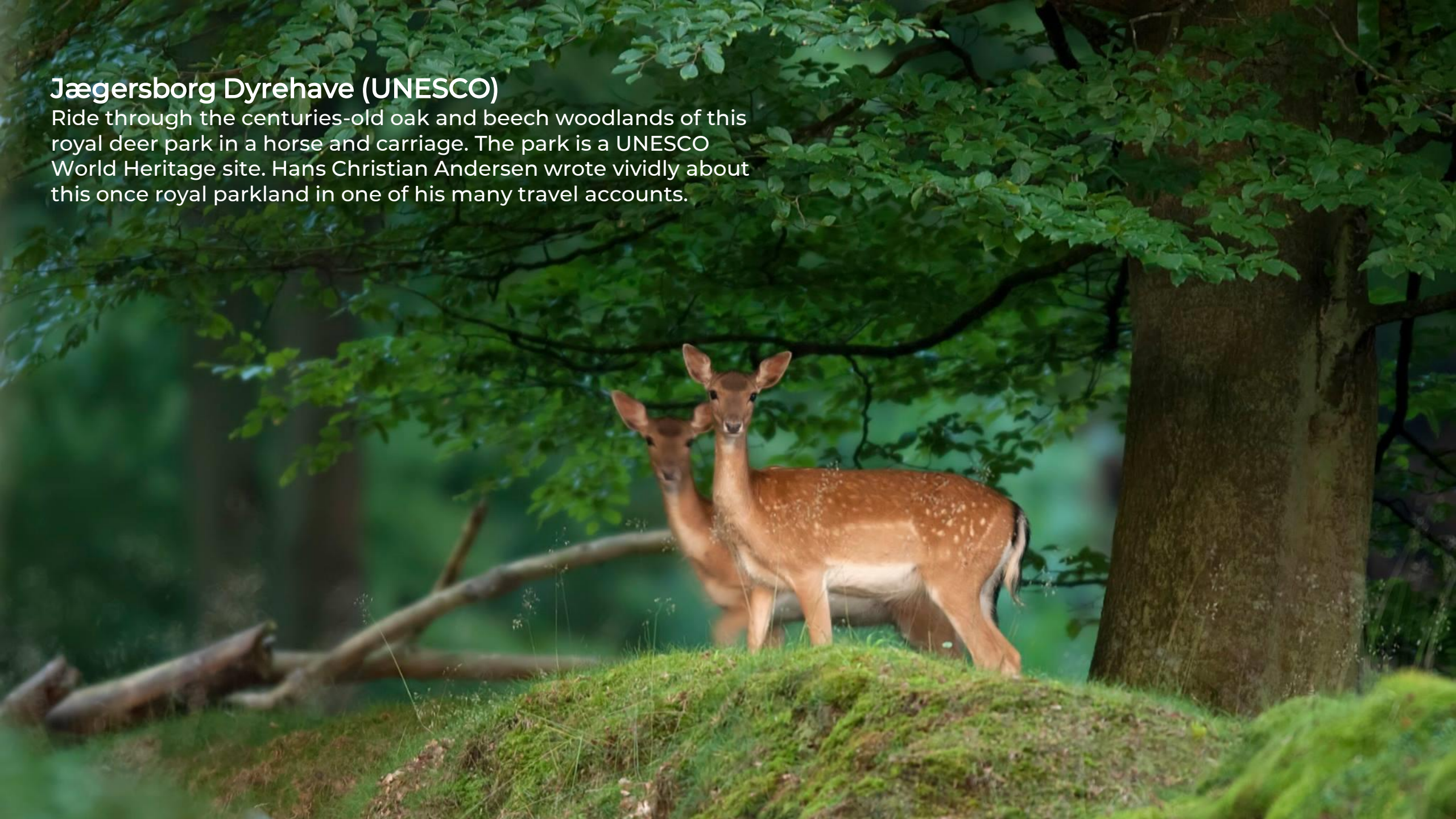
Kronborg Castle (UNESCO)

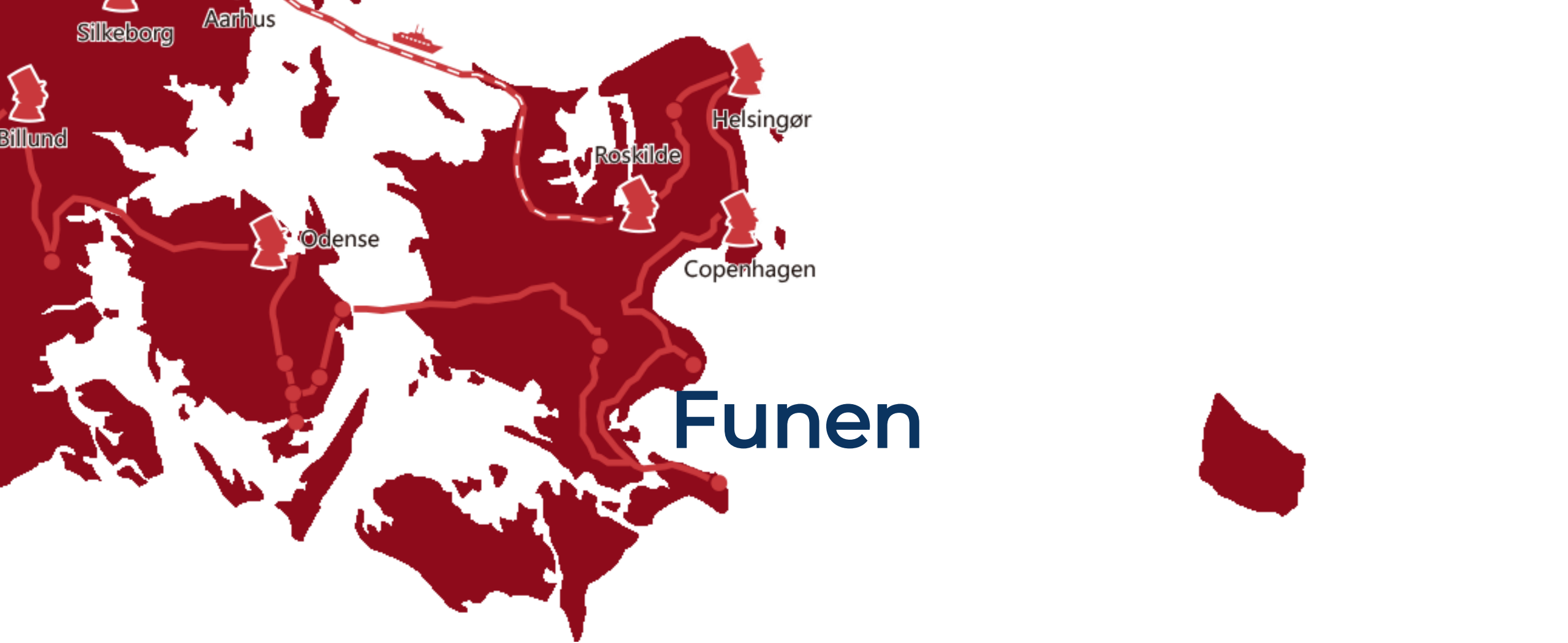
The fictional home of Shakespeare's Hamlet, prince of Denmark. Hans Christian Andersen also wrote a fairytale ("Ogier the Dane") set at the beachfront castle. The UNESCO World Heritage attraction is located in Elsinore, a historic town with cobbled streets and old townhouses.



Jægersborg Dyrehave (UNESCO)

Ride through the centuries-old oak and beech woodlands of this royal deer park in a horse and carriage. The park is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Hans Christian Andersen wrote vividly about this once royal parkland in one of his many travel accounts.





Silkeborg

Aarhus

Billund

Helsingør

Roskilde

Odense

Copenhagen

Funen



Hans Christian Andersen's Childhood Home

Visit the childhood home of the famous fairytale writer Hans Christian Andersen. Here you will find many of the writer's personal belongings. He was the son of a cobbler, so naturally there is also a cobbler's workshop.

Hans Christian Andersen Museum

Visit the Hans Christian Andersen Museum, which has an exhibition with a selection of exquisite artefacts and strong visual elements so you can experience the scope of his creativity and how it unfolded in his life.



House of Fairytales

In 2021, a new Hans Christian Andersen Fairytale Museum will open, designed by star architect Kengo Kuma. The new project offers a unique experience in touch with nature.



Riverboats in Odense

Meander upstream through the parklands and woodlands of Odense to the Odense Zoo and the Funen Village open-air museum. The voyage is a perfect way to experience the calm waterways of what was once a mill town.





Broholm Castle

A castle where Hans Christian Andersen once stayed, and now you can too, Broholm Castle is a location of great history. A breed of dogs is named after the castle, as well as a variety of apples. He also stayed in Holckenhavn (in 1849) or Hindsgavl (in 1843); all these castles offer stylish accommodation in heritage settings.



Egeskov Castle

Set in parkland gardens with whimsical collections of vintage automobiles. Surrounded by a moat, the 450-year-old castle also offers a grand parkland with garden mazes. Hans Christian Andersen was a frequent visitor to the castle. Here you can see one of his hand-cut paper dolls and its miniature wardrobe of 44 gowns.

Valdemar Castle

Valdemar Castle was originally built for a prince and is now home to whimsical collections. The castle hosted Hans Christian Andersen on a visit in 1830. Stroll through the picturesque village of Troense – one of Denmark's prettiest – next to the castle and admire the 17th century thatched cottages.



The Funen Village

The Funen Village open-air museum features heritage farms relocated from across the island of Funen. There is a windmill, a watermill and traditional rural workshops. Costumed interpretive staff and old breeds of livestock bring the village to life.





Jutland: Christiansfeld, Billund & Ribe

Silkeborg

Aarhus

Billund

Ribe

Odense

Roskilde

Helsingør

Copenhagen

Christiansfeld (UNESCO)

The 350-year-old Moravian town of Christiansfeld is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Originally constructed to a Renaissance masterplan in accordance with the Moravian community's egalitarian principles. Christiansfeld is where Hans Christian Andersen's sweetheart, Riborg Voigt, attended school.



Ribe

One of Scandinavia's oldest towns with narrow cobbled streets and a 750-year-old cathedral. The picturesque town with its medieval townhouses and meandering river is located right next to the UNESCO World Heritage Wadden Sea National Park, one of Europe's most important habitats for waterfowl. Hans Christian Andersen visited the marshlands of South Jutland on his travels to what is now the German part of the Wadden Sea.





West Coast

Skagen

Jutland: West Coast & Skagen

Silkeborg

Aarhus

Billund

Roskilde

Helsingør



Nørre Vosborg Castle

Take the coastal road via Hvide Sande along Denmark's sandy west coast and spend the night at the almost 450-year-old Nørre Vosborg Castle. Here, a grand party with more than 100 guests was thrown in 1859 in honour of Andersen. He was inspired by his stay to write the fairytale "A Story from the Sand Dunes". He also wrote a poem there which you can see in the garden pavilion.

Børglum Abbey

Once a royal farm, the 900-year-old abbey is today a contemporary exhibition space for arts and crafts. Here you can also visit the age-old abbey church. Hans Christian Andersen stayed at the abbey in 1859 on his way to Skagen.



An aerial photograph of a wide, sandy beach meeting a vibrant turquoise sea. The beach is mostly empty, with a few small groups of people scattered across the sand. In the lower right quadrant, a red bus with a white roof is parked on the beach, surrounded by a larger group of people. The water shows gentle waves and ripples, creating a textured appearance. The overall scene is bright and scenic, capturing a peaceful coastal moment.

Skagen

The northernmost town of Denmark, Skagen was once a small fishing town. Today, this relaxed and exclusive resort town offers a chance to enjoy heather-clad dunes, pine forest and windswept sandy beaches. Hans Christian Andersen visited the Skagen Church in 1859, where only the church steeple is visible – the rest of the church lies below the migrating sandy dunes. Andersen stayed at Brønnum Hotel, which is still one of the town's finest places to stay. Among the attractions of the town is the Skagen Museum with its collection of 19th century romantic paintings of sun-drenched beachscapes.



West Coast

Skagen

Jutland: Silkeborg & Aarhus

Silkeborg

Aarhus

Billund

Odense

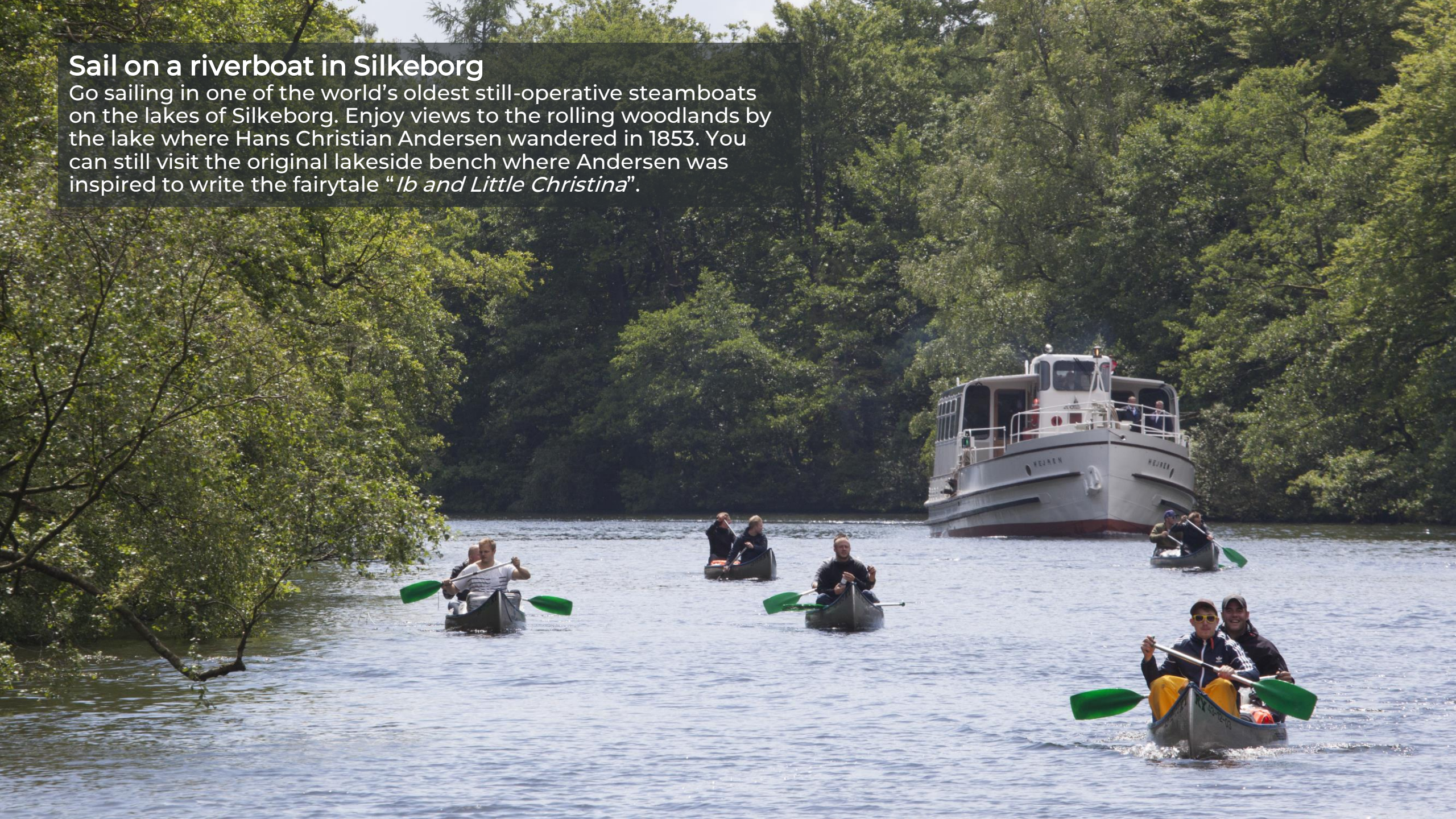
Roskilde

Helsingør

Copenhagen

Sail on a riverboat in Silkeborg

Go sailing in one of the world's oldest still-operative steamboats on the lakes of Silkeborg. Enjoy views to the rolling woodlands by the lake where Hans Christian Andersen wandered in 1853. You can still visit the original lakeside bench where Andersen was inspired to write the fairytale "*Ib and Little Christina*".





Old Town Museum

Hans Christian Andersen first visited the city of Aarhus in 1830. To imagine what the city was like in the days of Andersen then visit the Old Town Open-Air urban heritage museum where costumed staff bring the streets to life. The museum features more than 80 original historic buildings including a windmill and watermill. You can tour the open-air museum in horse and carriage.

THANK YOU

