

ISLAND HOPPING IN DENMARK

Land of many islands

In Denmark, we look for a touch of magic in the ordinary, and we know that travel is more than ticking sights off a list. It's about finding the 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 coastline. Denmark has hundreds of islands, each with their own unique appeal. Since we have more islands than there are days in a year (444 at the last count), we know it is unlikely that you will visit them all, so we'll make it easy for you. .

Here we'll present the edited highlights and Denmark's most beloved islands.



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

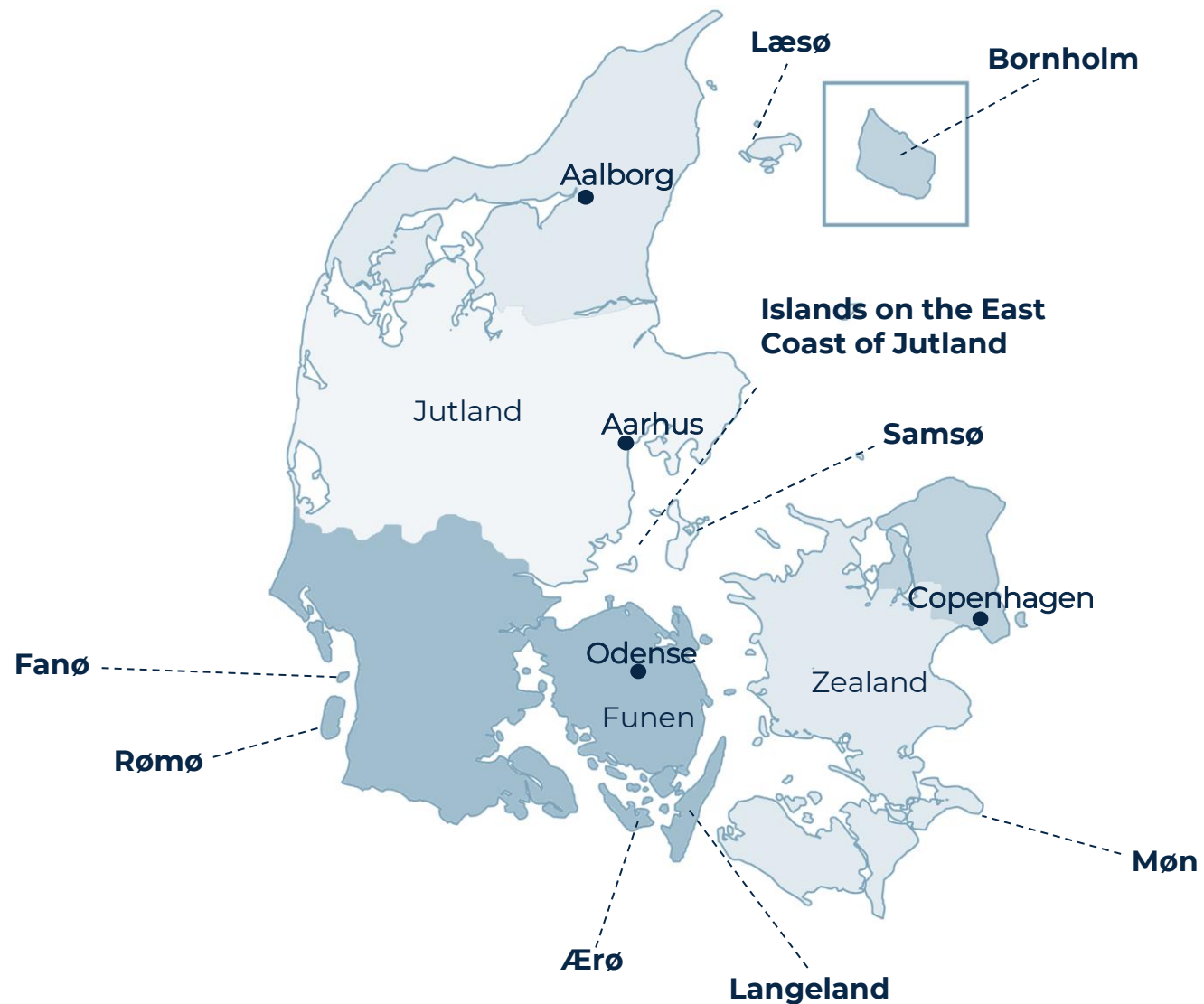
Travel distances

- 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 Denmark's key islands



A taste of Denmark's islands

Læsø



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Samsø



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Ærø



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Island experiences in Denmark

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Bornholm

The island of Bornholm in the Baltic Sea is filled with a unique combination of nature, gastronomy and soft adventure. Bornholm has rocky cliffs and is a paradise for rock climbers and everyone with a thing for dramatic, rocky coastlines.

The Sanctuary Cliffs on the northeast side of Bornholm's coastline are particularly spectacular. Caves are scattered along the coast and some reach as much as 60 metres into the cliffs. If you venture northwest, you will find the Opal Lake nestled in between steep cliffs. The deep lake was created as a result of the granite export from the island. Depending on the season, you can swim in or ice skate on the lake. If you are looking for an extra thrill, try the 290-metre zipline across it.

It's essential to make a stop at Dueodde Beach, the most famous beach on Bornholm, where the sand is ultra-fine and sand bars are found in the shallow clear water.

There is so much to do on Bornholm that we made a separate itinerary for you to fully explore the many wonders that the island has to offer.



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📍 Røverborgen, Gudhjem



© Stefan Asp
📍 Opal Lake



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📍 Dueodde



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Driving distance from Copenhagen: 4h 15 min (including a ferry)



Nearest airport: Copenhagen Airport (international) and Rønne Airport on Bornholm (domestic airport)



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Læsø is located between Fredrikshavn in Denmark and Gothenburg in Sweden. This special island is famous for its long sandy beaches, its beautiful seaweed roofs and its delicious lobster. It was also said to be the feasting place of the Gods in Norse mythology.

The island's world-class sea salt is a must when visiting the island. The Læsø salt works started in their current form in 1991, but the island's history with salt production dates all the way back to medieval times. The salt is made with an ancient method using local wood and the finished product contains minerals that give the salt its unique flavour. At the works, you can make your own salt using the traditional method.

In a rebuilt church by the sea lies Læsø Kur, a unique spa experience. The precious brine found in the from the water from the salt production is used for several treatment purposes, and you can dip into the salty bathes with varying salt concentration. Læsø Kur is the only approved climate treatment centre in Denmark for patients referred by dermatologists.



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📍 The seaweed roofed house, Tanggaard



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📍 Læsø salt works



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🚗 Driving time from Aalborg to Frederikshavn: 45 min
Sailing time from Frederikshavn to Læsø: 1h 30 min

✈️ Nearest airport: Aalborg Airport

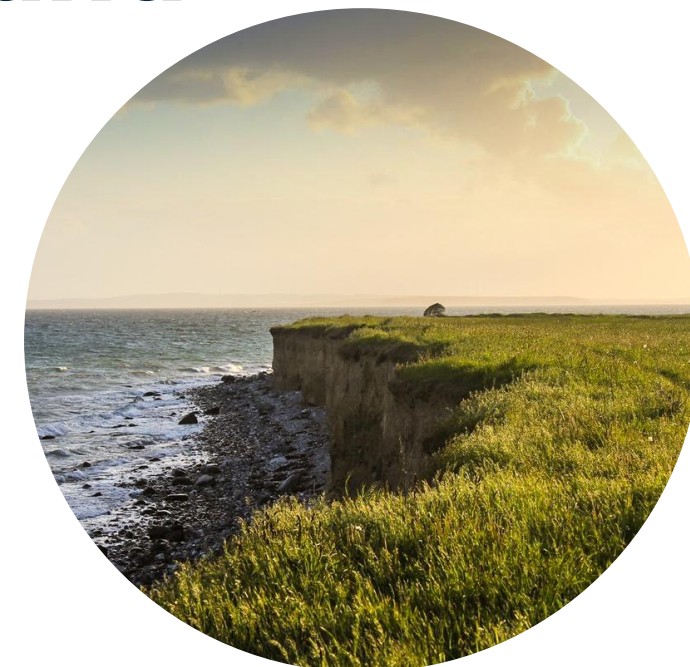
Islands of the east coast of Jutland

On the east coast of Jutland, you will find the islands [Tunø](#), [Alrø](#), [Hjarnø](#) and [Endelave](#).

The car-free island, Tunø, is one of Denmark's most charming islands. Explore the town centre with its charming and quirky buildings and walk to the local church which also functions as a lighthouse, as it is the highest point on the whole island. Children can walk 8km around the coast of Tunø and receive a medal as a reward. Remember to look for fossils along the way! If you do not wish to walk, bicycles can be rented on the island or you can catch a [traxa cab](#) – a mix between a tractor and a taxi. The traxa cabs also offers 1,5-2-hour tours around the island.

Although Alrø and Hjarnø are close to the mainland, visitors will undoubtedly feel a unique island atmosphere, with secluded beaches, wild scenery, small charming churches, and idyllic half-timbered houses. Alrø is a popular spot for kite surfers and on the island, you find the famous local Café Alrø, which serves the Danish traditional food, 'tarteletter' in an enormous version. Tarteletter is an open pastry case filled with local chicken in an asparagus sauce.

Endelave island is one of Denmark's finest natural islands. The island is known as the "Rabbit Island", because thousands of wild rabbits inhabit this small island. You'll also find a seal colony and an old forest with a jungle-like feeling.



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📍 Endelave



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Driving distance from Aarhus varies depending on island



Nearest airport: Billund Airport and Aarhus Airport



Samsø

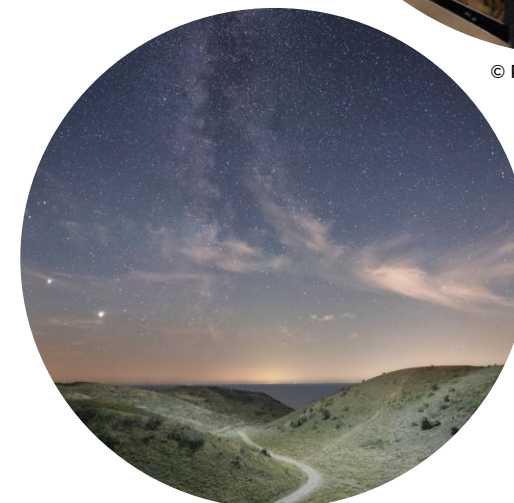
If you are looking for a relaxing vacation in quiet surroundings, Samsø is a good choice. Set in the Kattegat, you will find several beautiful sandy beaches, great hikes, historic castles, Viking history, excellent fishing opportunities and a flat landscape that is ideal for a cycling holiday.

The island is known to grow some of the absolute best potatoes in Denmark. During the potato season, you can stop by the 50-60 roadside stalls and farm shops where the tasty potatoes are sold, often along with strawberries and peas.

Samsø is also 100% self-sufficient and is powered by renewable energy. If you want to know more about its sustainability aims, you can visit Samsø's Energy Academy, a hub for development of new, sustainable ideas and knowledge sharing. The academy hosts workshops and other events and each year, 5,000 scientists, politicians, journalists and students visit the island to learn from the local experiences.



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Driving distance from Aarhus: 2h 13 min (includes a ferry)



Nearest airport: Billund Airport and Aarhus Airport



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Rømø

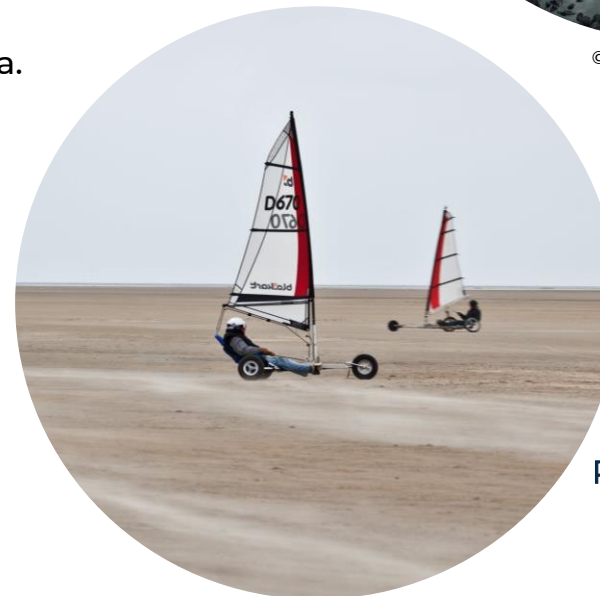
Rømø offers many experiences for all interests - from cultural and historical experiences to spontaneous and adrenaline-pumping activities. Along Rømø's beautiful long stretches of beach, visitors can go kite [buggying](#) and [horseback riding](#). And in September, one of Rømø's beaches turns on a spectacular show when Rømø Kite Festival is on and thousands of kites in all sizes and colours rise into the air.

At Rømø, you can venture out on your own to experience the magnificent bird migration called "Black Sun" and hike the Wadden Sea National Park. Or you can take a [tour](#) around Rømø aboard a custom-built tractor trailer and see the island in a whole new way.

Every year from October to April, the people on the island of Rømø head to the beaches to gather oysters from the oyster beds in the UNESCO-listed Wadden Sea. The delicacy even has its own festival.



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Driving distance from Esbjerg: 1h 12 min



Nearest airport: Billund Airport



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Fanø

Fanø is also part of the beautiful Wadden Sea National Park, which offers world-class bird watching and a paradise for seals.

Fanø is known for its 25 km long sandy beach, with room enough for everyone. On the beach you can search for amber, ride Blokarts (a sail-driven, three-wheeled vehicle), surf, swim and enjoy the birdlife.

Visitors can walk through the tiny village, Sønderho, with the well-preserved houses from the 18th and 19th century. The beautiful village is a cultural hotspot with museums, galleries, crafts and restaurants.

The old Captain village, Nordby, portrays maritime history in all its glory with interesting street names, Maritime Schools and two museums dedicated to that era.

If you are a kite enthusiast, you might already know this: Fanø is one of the most popular places in the world for flying kites.








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-  Driving distance from Esbjerg: 45 min
-  Nearest airport: Billund Airport
-  Find accommodation on Fanø [here](#)

Ærø

Hollyhocks and roses in bloom adorn the old houses. There is life and laughter on the beaches. Sun is high in the sky. And the clear water can become almost as emerald green as on a postcard from the Caribbean. That's summer on Ærø.

Ærø is a great example of Danish hygge. Here you will find cobbled streets, cosy squares, small streets and colourful old houses. The island's capital Ærøskøbing is the best-preserved city from the Middle Ages in the whole of Denmark.

The coast around the island is very diverse: soft and calm in some places and torn and wild with rugged cliffs in other parts. The island offers world-class fishing, great biking conditions and delightful nature to explore on a hike.



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Driving distance from Svendborg: 1h 50 min



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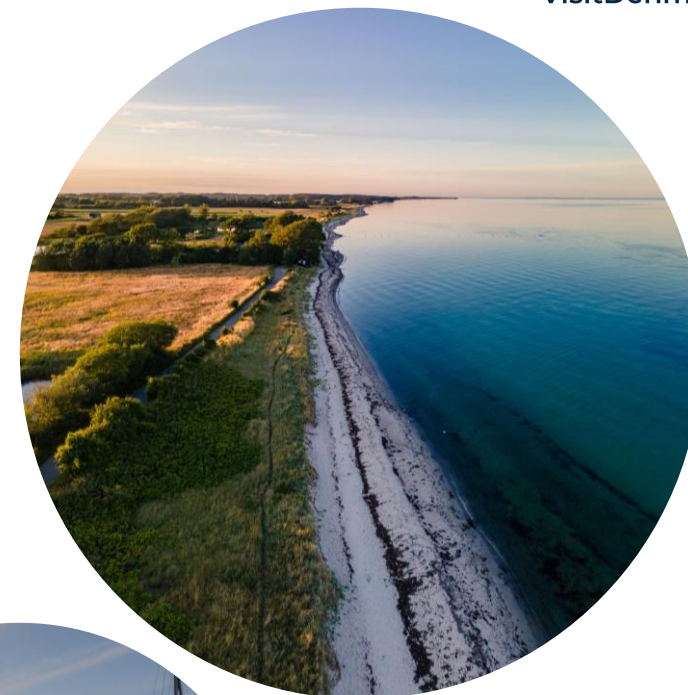


Langeland

The 284-sq km island Langeland (Danish for 'long land') has plenty of enticing natural experiences to explore.

Langeland is famous for its wild horses and they are a must-see when you visit the island. On the southern part of the island, you can see around 60 wild horses in the area between Dovns Klint and Søgård. On the northern part of the island, around 25 wild horses live in the area called Flået, which is part of the Tranekær estate.

The island also has 142 km of beach and plenty of other attractions for everyone, such as a Cold War Museum, a souvenir museum, a medical plant garden, old windmills, manor houses and much more.



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 Driving distance from Svendborg: 30 min

 Nearest airport: Billund Airport

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Dark Sky and White Cliffs of Møn

Here's what we think: mountains are overrated. Cliffs are much better. After a visit to the white cliffs on the island Møn on the south of Zealand, we're sure you will feel the same way. Reaching 128 metres above the beach and covering a seven kilometre stretch, the chalky white cliffs are a breathtaking sight.

The nature around the cliffs is so spectacular that it has been selected as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve - and there's a high chance you'll find fossils on the beach nearby too.

You can explore the island via sailing boats, kayaks and fishing trips. And if you are in the mood for an adventure, then you can also go diving and snorkelling and/or join a guided tour on Icelandic ponies. Møn also boasts two mountain bike trails.

At night, imagine experiencing a night sky without light pollution, allowing millions of stars to twinkle at you. Because this area is so far from cities and light pollution, the starry sky is exceptionally clear, making it Scandinavia's first Dark Sky Park.



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Driving distance from Vordingborg: 48 min



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An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The left side of the image is dominated by a dense, lush green forest of palm trees. A narrow, rocky beach runs along the coast, separating the forest from the ocean. The water is exceptionally clear, showing various shades of turquoise and blue, with visible underwater reefs and sandy patches. The overall scene is bright and vibrant, suggesting a sunny day.

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