



TOUR SUGGESTIONS

Port of Skagen
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Skagen City Tour

A great way to experience past and present-day Skagen combining culture, nature and town history, taking in the main attractions of Skagen. This popular guided bus tour includes visits to the Skagen's Museum housing works by the world famous Skagen painters, trip on the Sand Worm out to Grenen, the tip of Denmark where the 2 seas meet, the Sanded Church, remnants of the 14th century church which succumbed to the sand drift, Old Skagen, today the fashionable holiday resort on the west coast, and a non-stop drive through the scenic, old quarters of the town.



Råbjerg Mile & Eagle World

A unique tour combining the impressive scenery of Denmark's largest migrating sand dune with a breathtaking show of birds of prey.

25 mins. drive from Skagen brings you to **Eagle World**, where spectators experience the world's largest eagles being fed and feel the whirr of wings overhead. Lightning-quick peregrine falcons show off their flying skills. Hear about the falcon hunt and see the falconers train the birds. Before the show, there's time to view the photo and falconry exhibits in the showrooms.

A short drive takes you to **Råbjerg Mile** - the largest migrating sand dune in Denmark and N. Europe. Formed on the west coast in the 16th century during the great sand drift which dominated the landscape until the former century, Råbjerg Mile moves eastward at a rate of approx. 15 meters a year. Climb the 200 meters to the very top of the 40 meter high dune and enjoy the fantastic view and great photo opportunities.

On our way back to town, drive through Old Skagen on the west coast, originally a small fishing hamlet, which since the turn of the 20th century, has been a fashionable holiday resort for the Danes.

Return to the pier, passing the Damstederne area on the east coast with Klitgården – formerly a royal summer residence, today a resort for authors, artists and scientists, plus Skagen's Museum of Local History.



Duration: 4 hours from Port of Skagen : 4 hours from Port of Frederikshavn.
This tour is also very suitable for children and their families.

Frederikshavn, Sæby and Grenen - All day tour

After a short visit to the Powder Magazine – the last remnants of the Fladstrand Fortification – the tour continues to Bangsbo Museum and Manor House. The old manor, set in the beautiful 17.500 m² park with English-style botanical gardens, herbal gardens and surrounding forests, houses exhibits of local history, textiles and a unique collection of jewellery made from human hair.

The barn, dating back to the 16th century, contains the Maritime exhibition with figureheads, model ships and finds from the British frigate, The Crescent, that wrecked off the west coast in 1808, plus the Ellingå Ship from 1163, a former trading ship similar to the Viking ships. A new and exciting exhibition tells the story of the resistance movement in Jutland during WWII.

Next stop is the picturesque town by the sea, Sæby with a visit to The Church of St. Mary. Dating back to 1450, the church is famed for it's beautiful 16th century frescoes. In the choir you can still see 20 of the original 32 monk stalls, the Baroque 17th century baptismal font and many other lovely features.

After lunch at the harbour of Sæby, a short drive takes you through the old, idyllic quarters of the town, where authors gathered in the last decade of the 19th century.

Drive back to Skagen, ending our tour with a stop at the Compass Rose, a lookout post about 800m from the tip of Grenen where you can see the two seas meet.



Eagle World, The North Sea Oceanarium and Råbjerg Mile - All day tour

25 mins. drive from Skagen brings you to **Eagle World**, where spectators can experience the world's largest eagles being fed and feel the whirr of wings overhead. Lightning-quick peregrine falcons show off their flying skills. Hear about the falcon hunt and see the falconers train the birds. Before the show, there's time to view the photo and falconry exhibits in the showrooms.

The tour now heads for the North Sea Oceanarium in Hirtshals. **The North Sea Oceanarium** gives you a realistic glimpse into the North Sea below the surface. Marvel at the sharks and shoals of fish in the giant Oceanarium, holding 4,5 million litres of seawater, and one of Europe's largest, or get close to some of the big predators of the N. Sea, grey seals and harbour seals, in the new Sealarium with the impressive underwater tunnel. Divers feed the fish in the Oceanarium at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Seals are fed at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

A drive to our last stop of the day takes us through the lovely countryside of Uggerby Plantation and Uggerby River, a popular beauty spot for salmon fishing and canoeing.

The contrasting desert-like scenery of **Råbjerg Mile** - the largest migrating dune in Denmark and N. Europe, is spectacular and considered a must when you visit this part of the country. Råbjerg Mile was formed on the west coast in the 16th century during the great sand drift which dominated the landscape until the former century. The dune moves eastward towards the plantation at a rate of approx. 15 meters a year. Climb the 200 meters to the very top of the 40 meter high dune and enjoy the fantastic view and great photo opportunities.



Duration: 8 hours from Port of Skagen : 8 hours from Port of Frederikshavn.
Lunch included.
This tour is also very suitable for children and their families.

Sæby and Voergård Manor - All day tour

The tour takes you some 50 kms. south of Skagen to the picturesque town by the sea, Sæby. Visit The Church of St. Mary, originally part of a 15th century Carmelite monastery and famed for its beautiful 16th century frescoes depicting the story of Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Virgin Mary. In the choir you can still see 20 of the original 32 monk stalls, the Baroque 17th century baptismal font and many other lovely features.

After lunch at the harbour of Sæby, a short drive takes you through the old, idyllic quarters of the town, where authors gathered in the last decade of the 19th century.

Then along the old east coast road via Lyngså and Voerså to **Voergård Manor**.

Tour around the fine renaissance manor from 1589 furnished with valuable antiques and art treasures such as Napoleon I's dinner set and paintings by Goya and Frans Hals.

On the way back along the highway, enjoy the sea view as you approach the Port of Frederikshavn.



Touring Frederikshavn

Starting at the pier, this excursion includes visits to the town's very own Palm Beach at **Nordstrand**, and **Rønnerhavnen**, the leisure boat harbour with views over the Kattegat to the group of islands, Hirsholmene, north east of Frederikshavn. Stopover by **Fiskerklyngen**, the town's oldest quarters, for a stroll through the cobbled streets with quaint cottages, and continue onto the **Church of Fladstrand** with a brief visit to WWII war cemetery. A short drive takes us past the 14th century manor house and estates of Knivholt. Once the residence of wealthy landowners, today Knivholt is the venue for many of the town's annual cultural and social activities. Continue through the moraine hills, the undulating landscape of Åsted Valley formed during the last ice age before our next visit, **Bangsbo Museum, Manor House and Gardens** . Finally, a short stopover at **Bangsbo Fortification** with cannons from the Danish frigate, Niels Juel, and network of bunkers from the occupation years, before returning to the pier.



Duration: 4 hours from Port of Frederikshavn : 5½ hours from Port of Skagen.

Lindholm Høje and Aalborg - All day tour

Our first stop is Lindholm Høje, the burial site with around 700 graves set in stone circles, and one of Denmark's most fascinating ancient monuments dating back to the late Iron Age and Viking era. The tour continues to the city of Aalborg, with a visit to St. Budolfi, Aalborg's Cathedral since 1554. Continue on foot for lunch in Jens Bang's Stonehouse, the impressive 5-storey stone building with carved façade built in 1624 by the wealthy merchant, Jens Bang.

Stroll to the Monastery of the Holy Ghost, an order founded in S. France. The Monastery is Denmark's oldest social institution, founded in 1431 as The Holy Ghost House by Maren Hemmings with the aim of caring for the sick and aged.

A short drive takes us past the lovely area round Møllepark with views over the town, harbour and Aalborg Tower, before our final visit to N. Jutland's Museum of Modern & Contemporary Art, designed by the Finnish architects, Elissa and Alvar Aalto, and the Danish architect Jean-Jacques Barué, built 1968-72. The museum houses a large permanent collection of modern and contemporary Danish and international art from 1900 to today as well as changing exhibitions.

Duration: 8 hours from Port of Skagen including transport (3 hours). 7 hours from Port of Frederikshavn



including transport (2 hours).

Lunch included. Not suitable for handicapped persons as a lot of walking is involved; cobbled streets.

Round about Skagen

A refreshing way of getting to know Skagen

Starting at the harbour, your guide will lead you past the Swedish Seamen's Church, Skagen's Museum of Local History, the old town quarters, Skagen's Museum and Brøndum's Hotel, the memorial column, the Beacon Hill, the Church of Skagen and the pedestrian street and back to the marina.



Duration: 2 hours from Port of Skagen.
Maximum: 25 persons per group.

Råbjerg Church to Råbjerg Stone Plain

A true experience for nature lovers!

Following a short bus trip, the tour starts with a visit to the parish church of Råbjerg , built by the white friars around 1300, followed by a stop at the grave of Carl Andersen, a local poet who lived at the time of the famous fairytale writer and poet, Hans Christian Andersen.

An experienced nature guide now leads you across the moor to the Råbjerg Stone Plain, the largest stone plateau in Denmark, and further on to Studeli Gully, an oasis with unique flora and fauna, by the Skagerak coast.

The tour continues through amazing nature areas with arctic vegetation, the likes of which are only found in eastern parts of Greenland. Curative herbs grow here as well, which locals use for making Bjesk or herbal aquavit.

You'll also hear about an extensive EU project—The LIFE Project, an ongoing environmental scheme aimed at restoring areas along the west coast to their original state.



Round about Frederikshavn

This refreshing stroll through Frederikshavn starts at the pier leading you past the town's famous landmark, the 17th century, **Powder Magazine**. The next stop will be the **Church of Frederikshavn** to view the magnificent features in the spiral church. Carry on through the north part of the town past the old pharmacy with its attractive façade and onto the Town Hall and "Lodstorvet", a newly restored plaza with restaurants and cafés. Stroll through the pedestrian street passing "Fiskertorvet" with the statue of **Thunder Shield**, the town's naval hero, via the footbridge and over to the dock area and former shipyard for a light refreshment before returning to the pier.



Duration: 2 hours from Port of Frederikshavn.
Maximum: 25 persons per group.

Skagen by bike

A great way of seeing the sights of Skagen

Starting at the marina, this trip takes you past the Swedish Seamen's Church, through the scenic western part of the town to The Skagen's Museum of Local History, and on to the former royal summer residence, "Klitgården" on the east coast. "Klitgården" is now a resort for authors, artists and scientists. The next stop will be the Sanded Church. Continue on to the home of the world famous artist, P.S. Krøyer, and the home of the Danish poet, writer and painter, Holger Drachmann, past the Town Hall and along the harbour to Østre Strandvej to hear about the architecture in Skagen. Next stop is the old timbered beacon "Vippefyret", where you'll hear about the lighthouses and the creation of Skagen Odde. Before returning to the harbour, the tour now takes you through the idyllic, eastern part of the old town to the Skagen's Museum and the Brøndum's Hotel where you'll learn about the famous artist colony in Skagen.



Country Bike Ride

We start our bike ride from the quayside heading towards Skagen Dune Plantation where we'll tour round the plantation stopping up at the many good vantage points to admire the views. Having parked our bikes, stroll down to the beach and hear more about the plantation and why, for example, south European pines grow on the plantation. We'll make a campfire and bake bread which we can enjoy with our picnic.



Duration: 3 hours from Port of Skagen.
Maximum: 25 persons per group.

Frederikshavn by bike

Starting at the pier, this tour takes you past the **Powder Magazine**, along the coast to **Nordre Skanse**, the town's first fortifications from 1627, before continuing to Frederikshavn's local Palm Beach, **Nordstrand** and the pleasure boat harbour, **Rønnerhavn** with views over the Hirsholmene islands in the Kattegat. After a short break, continue to the Plantation where you'll take a short walk through the WWII war cemetery of **Fladstrand Church**. Carry on to **Fiskerklyngen** for a stroll through the town's oldest quarters before returning to the pier.



Nordic Walking

An ideal way of combining exercise and information on Skagen!

The tour starts with 5-10 minutes introduction to Nordic Walking.

Our walk takes us along the harbour through the western parts of the old town to Klitgården, the former royal summer residence situated in the scenic nature west of the harbour. Then on to the Sanded Church. From the Sanded Church continue past the house of the Skagen painter, P.S. Krøyer, and through Byfogedskoven—a small plantation. Pass by the home of the Skagen poet, author and painter, Holger Drachmann, and The Church of Skagen before returning to the pier.



Duration: 3 hours from Port of Skagen.
Maximum: 15 persons per group.

Horseback Riding

Discover the Skagen area's beautiful nature from horseback.

Ride on Icelandic horses with your tour leader round the countryside by Råbjerg Mile and Bunken Plantation. Anyone can participate, both adults and children, as the tour will be adjusted to suit the riders' level of experience.



Expedition Skagen

The expedition is designed for both passengers and crew members alike.

Expedition Skagen – something a little out of the ordinary, combining activities with the fantastically beautiful nature around Skagen.

The group is picked up from the terminal and driven in either 8-seater Land Rovers or coaches to the countryside around Skagen. Following a welcome from your team leaders and short briefing on the day's events, we start off with teambuilding activities. 4-6 events are planned for the day - and making sure that everyone can participate is always a top priority when choosing the various disciplines.

The group is divided into teams of 6-10 persons and the teams compete in disciplines which are both fun, challenging and require teamwork. The team with the most points is declared the winner, and to celebrate, we crack open a few bottles of champagne before returning to the harbour.



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Duration: 6 hours from Port of Skagen.
Minimum: 20 participants.

From brush to canvas - The Art of Skagen

Take a stroll through the town accompanied by your local guide and discover why Skagen is a painter's favourite. A favoured summer resort for intellectuals, Skagen quickly became an artist's community in the mid 1800's. Known for its unique, bright light found nowhere else in Denmark, Skagen still continues to attract artists and upcoming painters looking for tranquillity and inspiration.

On your way to the Skagens Museum, you will feel the peaceful atmosphere and learn about the works of the famous artists and how the special Skagen light is captured in their paintings. Enjoy their masterpieces at your leisure and observe how the contrast of light, shadows and movement has inspired their painting style.

Your last visit is to the art studio of Peder Munk Ravn, one of Skagens local painters with more than forty years of experience. His philosophy of enriching the soul with harmony, happiness and colour is revealed through his work. He will stimulate your inner artist to help transform your impressions and create your own unique Skagen painting.

After this unforgettable experience return to the pier and before sailing, your framed masterpiece will be delivered to the ship.



Walking tour – duration 3 hours.

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Meet the Skageners - Living in Skagen

At the top of Denmark you will find the charming, old fishing village Skagen. The town has been a source of inspiration for artists, poets and musicians for centuries as well as a favorite tourist destination for generations. From wild to mild, with drifting dunes, lush forrests and miles of sandy beaches, this rare and natural beauty spot attracts visitors from all over the world.

Experience the past and present in this original tour by beginning your journey through time at the Museum of Local History, located approximately fifteen minutes away from the pier. The museum is a combined open-air and exhibition display of houses from 3 periods of Skagen's history. Experience the poor and the rich fishermen's houses from the 1800's and the exciting tales of sea and rescue feats in Skagen over the last 200 years. The comprehensive collection of items gives you a marvellous picture of times gone-by. In 2005 archeologists from the museum found proof that the Vikings actually settled nearby Skagen as well. The findings from the Viking era are now exhibited at the museum.

Continue your journey with a visit to a local private home – the best way to become acquainted with the native culture and present lifestyle. Share timeless traditions and stories in a casual setting and enjoy coffee and typical Danish pastries while learning about life in Skagen.

After this unforgettable experience, you will return to the pier filled with memorable and long-lasting impressions.



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Walking tour – duration 3 hours
Duration: 2 hours from Port of Skagen.
Maximum: 10 persons per group.

The Gourmet Route – for lovers of Fish

Treat yourself to a truly sumptuous gourmet experience - and take some ideas back home!

One of Skagen's famous, Chefs de Cuisine is ready to share some of Skagen's culinary secrets and show you how to prepare one of our traditional local fish dishes.

Our tour starts out along Skagen Harbour where we'll select and buy freshly caught fish at one of the fishmongers in the charming old warehouses. Drive to Restaurant De2Have (The Two Seas) situated at the Grenen with a magnificent view to the two seas. Here we'll see how our Chef skilfully prepares our catch creating a mouth-watering delicacy - which of course we'll sample along with a good glass of wine!

Bon Appétit!



Duration: 2½ hours

Maximum: 20 persons per group and minimum 10.

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A Taste of Skagen

Treat yourself to a truly sumptuous culinary experience. Just a short drive from the pier, begin your adventure at the Brøndums Hotel, a favourite lodging destination among artists during the 1800's. While enjoying a taste of the famous Skagen Ham a delicacy made by Butcher Munch in his local shop, you will be introduced to the elaborate making of this native delight, a process that takes a year to complete.

Continue your gastronomic tour at the Skagen Micro-brewery. Producing 200.000 litres of beer per year amongst its 23 different selections, this facility opened in 2005 in which used to be an old power plant. Today it has of course been completely renovated and as part of your guided tour you will learn the process of brewing beer. After the tour, you will taste five different kinds of this speciality beer.

End your adventure at Pakhuset where you will experience some of Skagen's best culinary secrets, the marinated herring. Located in the harbour area, Pakhuset is a traditional fisherman cottage dating back to 1913 when it served as a fish storage unit for the pier. The menu includes typical Danish dishes prepared with fresh local ingredients and here you will sample five different types of herring along with home-made aquavit.



Fish from Sea to Table

Follow the fish's voyage round the harbour and meet the people involved in their journey to our dinner plate. Amongst other things, we'll ring the bell at the Fish Auction, touch industrial ice, visit the lifeboat station and look at the lifeboat. We'll see where fish nets are made and end up at the fishmonger to hear all about, and taste, the fish sold here.



Suitable for children from 4-14 years old.

Duration: 3 hours from Port of Skagen - Maximum: 25 persons per tour.

Children must be accompanied by an adult - Not suitable for persons with limited mobility as the tour includes a degree of walking – no bus transport available.

Skagen Painter for a Day

Discover your creative talent and become a painter for the day! Walk from the quayside to the garden by Anna and Michael Ancher's house where we can sense the atmosphere and learn about the famous Skagen painters. Then venture out into the old town quarters to make sketches. Our outing brings us back to the Ancher's garden where we'll finish our works of art.



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On the Trail of a Fisherman's Family

Mice in your bed and rumbling tummies! Imagine being a poor fisherman 150 years ago – that's what we're going to experience today at Skagen's Museum of Local History. Walk from the quayside to the museum where we'll visit the rich and poor fishermen's houses. In the poor fisherman's home, dried salted fish was on the menu several times per week, so naturally, we're going to see how the fish was prepared – and have a taste! Dress up like fishermen's children in old robes and make toys and tools, just like the olden days.



Suitable for children from 4-14 years old.

Duration: 2½ hours from Port of Skagen - Maximum: 25 persons per tour.

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Lars Kruse Treasure Hunt

Join in the hunt for the treasure trove of Lifeboat man Lars Kruse! Take the exciting route from the quayside through Skagen's old quarters solving clues which will lead us to the treasure. You'll need a good head for heights as at one point we'll be 34 meters high up – and keeping a sharp lookout is a must or else the Banshee – the mythical pirate roaming the oceans won't let us find the lost treasure! The hunt then goes down to the beach where the sea holds loads of surprises!



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Suitable for children from 4-14 years old.

Duration: 2½ hours from Port of Skagen - Maximum: 25 persons per tour.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Not suitable for persons with limited mobility as the tour includes a degree of walking – no bus transport available.

Trip to Farm Fun

Farm Fun is a farmstead and animal park with over 500 animals and birds and play areas packed with lots of fun playground activities. Get close up to racoons, kangaroos, lamas, white-nosed coatis, hanging belly pigs, Nubian goats, mules, emus, cows, sheep, chickens, just to name a few of the many exciting species. Enjoy a wonderful day with the kids at Farm Fun.



Suitable for children from 4-14 years old. Duration: 4 hours inclusive transport from Port of Skagen: 4 hours from Port of Frederikshavn. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The tour includes coach transport and entrance fees, otherwise visit within Farm Fun is at your own disposal and own responsibility.

Trip to Fårup Summerland

A great tour for the whole family to the fantastic entertainment park on the west coast. Thrills and action for all ages with giant roller coasters, water world, rafting, trampolines, pony riding, treasure hunts and much, much more. The park has plenty of restaurants, snack bars and souvenir shops.



Suitable for children from 4-14 years old. Duration: 8 hours from Port of Skagen: 7½ hours from Port of Frederikshavn of which 5 hours are spent in Fårup Summerland. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The tour includes coach transport and entrance fees, otherwise visit within the park is at your own disposal and own responsibility.

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