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# COACH TOURS SKAGEN 2023

### **Skagen City Tour**

Duration: 3.5 hours - Option 1

Start your tour by a scenic drive through the town of Skagen and enjoy the picturesque setting with narrow, winding alleys framed by the characteristic yellow washed houses with red tiled roofs and ornamental white edgings.

Then you will pass the painter Holger Drachmann's home – Drachmanns Hus, the historic Brøndums Hotel where many of the artists stayed and gathered, before entering the **Skagens Museum**.

From the end of the 1870s through to the early 1930s Skagen became an internationally renowned and fashionable venue for Scandinavian and European artists, who were fascinated by the stunning, untamed landscape and the exotic fishing community in this remote location. They formed an artists' colony, the Skagen Painters and practiced open-air painting and naturalism as many of their fellow European artists at the time. The Skagens Museum formed by the Skagen Painters themselves in 1928 houses a huge collection of paintings, drawings, sculptures and handicrafts - by the Skagen Painters - plus the Brøndum Dining Room, with paintings and artists' portraits in the paneling, transferred from Brøndums Hotel in 1946.

Head north out of Skagen – to **Grenen**, the very top of Denmark. Board the "Sandormen" (Sandworm) a tractor pulled bus that brings you to the uttermost point of Denmark – and actually of the European continent. Here you will see the seas of Skagerrak and Kattegat meet. On a windy

day, you can see the waves splashing together, each coming from their direction.

Continue to the **Buried Church**. The church, named after Saint Lawrence, the seafarers' and Skagen's patron saint, was probably built in the second half of the 1300s and was at that time the largest church in the region. In the 1500s the sand drift period began and the sand reached the church at the end of the 1700s. In the end, the congregation had to dig their way into the church. The struggle against the sand drift continued until 1795 when the church was closed by royal decree. Today, only the tower of the ancient church is visible.

Drive to "Old Skagen" – Since the turn of the 20th century the old fishing hamlet has been a fashionable holiday resort for the Copenhageners. Return to your starting point.



**Restrooms** at Grenen, Skagens Museum, the Buried Church.



**NOT** suitable for persons with limited mobility or wheelchairs users.

Please note that if you do not want a guided tour inside the Skagens Museum, but just let the quests walk around at leisure accompanied by our guide, then that is also an opportunity. Our guide will then make an introduction to the museum prior to entering and answer questions inside. One coach can be split into 2 groups at the museum. The limit is 6 groups of max. 25 pers. per hour.



### **Skagen City Tour**

Duration: 3.5 hours - Option 2

Start your tour by a scenic drive through the town of Skagen and enjoy the picturesque setting with narrow, winding alleys framed by the characteristic yellow washed houses with red tiled roofs and ornamental white edgings

Enjoy a short stroll passing by the painter couple Anna & Michael Ancher's charming house – Anchers Hus, the historic Brøndums Hotel – frequented by many artists throughout the years and the Skagens Museum and learn about the artists' colony at Skagen, which flourished from 1870-1935. The works of art by the Skagen Painters can be seen in many national and international homes and museums.

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Continue to the **Buried Church**. The church, named after Saint Lawrence, the seafarer's and Skagen's patron saint, was probably built in the second half of the 1300s and was at that time the largest church in the region.

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**Restrooms** at Grenen, the Buried Church.



**NOT** suitable for persons with limited mobility or wheelchairs users.





### Råbjerg Mile & Eagle World

Duration: 3.5 hours

A unique tour combining the impressive scenery of Denmark's largest migrating sand dune with a breath taking 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. Hear about the falcon hunt and see the falconers train the falcons. Before the show, there is 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 Northern Europe. Formed on the west coast in the 16th century during the great sand drift which dominated the landscape until the 19th 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 Skagen, 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 Kystmuseet Skagen - Museum of Local History.

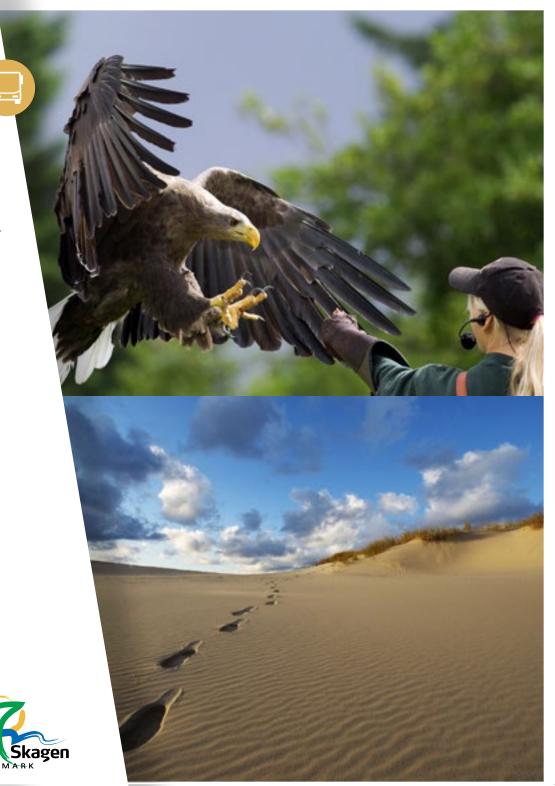


**Restrooms** at Eagle World and Raabjerg Mile.



The Eagle World is closed on Mondays.

The Eagle World is accessible for persons in weelchairs, but Raabjerg Mile is not.





### **Legacy of the Skagen Painters**

Duration: 4 hours (Max capacity per group: 20 pers. and max 3 groups per cruise call.)

From the end of the 1870s to the early 1900s, the tiny fishing village of Skagen attracted many Danish, Scandinavian and European painters. The painters came to stay and work here, inspired by the stunning, untamed landscape, the picturesque village and the "exotic" inhabitants – the local fishermen and their families.

Their works masterfully reflect the period of naturalism and open air painting in the last decades of the 1800s and the Skagen Painters – as they became known – not only produced some of the finest works of Danish art but went on to achieve world-wide fame at the great international exhibitions of the time.

Leave the pier and head out to explore the legacy of these painters. Your first stop is the **Skagens Museum**, founded in 1908 by the Skagen Painters, and home to thousands of paintings, drawings, sculptures and handicrafts from 1870 to 1935, including many of the absolute masterpieces of the era. Enjoy a guided visit of the museum to learn more about the works of these world famous artists.

Next, visit the **Anchers Hus** - Home of Michael and Anna Ancher - this famous artist couple produced some of the most iconic works of the era and their house has been preserved exactly as it was in their lifetime with period furniture, numerous paintings

and drawings and gifts from fellow artists as well as their own works.

As you make your way around town you will also see several other landmarks connected to the Skagen Painters, such as the house of P.S. Krøyer – one of the most known and colorful artists of the colony and the historic Brøndums Hotel where the artists would frequently meet for meals and for exchanging ideas and inspiration.

Also, visit **Drachmanns Hus** - the house of poet, author and painter, Holger Drachmann, known as the original 'founder' of the Skagen Painters as he was one of the first to come to Skagen and recommend it to his fellow painters. The original interior has been beautifully preserved and works by the artist himself as well as other painters of the era can be seen in the house.

After this comprehensive exploration of the Skagen Painters, return by bus to the cruise pier.



**Restrooms** at Skagens Museum, Anchers Hus, Drachmanns Hus.



**NOT** suitable for persons with limited mobility or wheelchairs users.

Max capacity per group: 20 pers. and max 3 groups per cruise call.



#### Sand, art and a taste of Skagen

**Duration: 3 hours** 

Enjoy a scenic drive through charming Skagen on your way to the **Skagen Odde Naturcenter** beautifully situated in the protected landscape of Grenen at the tip of Denmark. The Skagen Odde Naturcenter, which is designed by the famous Danish architect Jørn Utzon, famed for designing the Sydney Opera House, houses various exhibitions. One focusing on wind, sea and sand, the 3 elements that created this region 10.000 years ago after the last Ice Age, one that illustrates the works of Jørn Utzon and exhibitions of contemporary Danish art and design. Continue to **Restaurant Pakhuset** for a chance to discover one of Skagen's most iconic foods, pickled herring.

Your tasting menu will include five different types of herring along with some aquavit, a traditional spirit of Scandinavia with flavors of spices and herbs and a glass of Carlsberg Beer. Located in the harbor area, Pakhuset is a traditional fisherman's warehouse dating back to 1913, when it served as a fish storage unit for the pier. While at Pakhuset, you will also be able to see and hear of their impressive collection of figureheads. After this exciting tour return to your cruise ship.



**Restrooms** at Skagen Odde Naturcenter, Restaurant Pakhuset



The tour is not suitable for persons with limited mobility and wheelchair users





### **Touring the west coast of Northern Denmark**

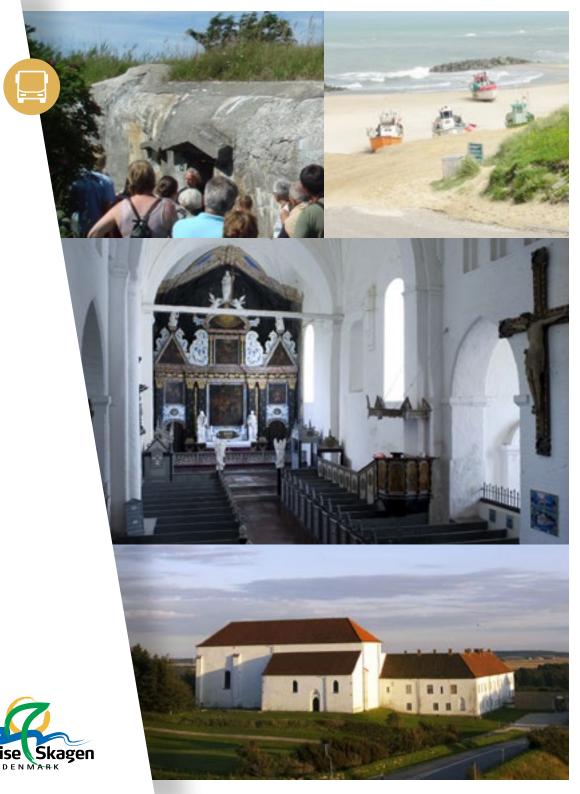
**Duration: 7 hours** 

A scenic drive will take you through the picturesque landscape south of Skagen as you head toward the **Bunker Museum Hirtshals** - remains from the Second World War – the ruins of bunkers as well as the beautiful, but sometimes-rough North Sea.

Continuing the tour, you will drive through small scenic villages lining the West Coast to the charming fishing and tourist town of **Lønstrup** for a small guided walk and some free time. The next stop will be the **Boerglum Abbey**. The Abbey is one of the oldest still existing in Denmark dating back to the 11th century. It has served as both Royal Residence and Abbey and, through the decades, it has been the centre of power in the North Western part of Jutland. The Abbey is now owned by Anne and Hans Rottbøll who, together with their 4 children, reside in all of the Abbey's 85 rooms. Upon arrival, you will have a guided tour of the abbey visiting the church, the old kitchen, the old horse stables and visitor centre.

Restrooms at Bunker Museum Hirtshals,
Lønstrup, Boerglum Abbey
The tour is not suitable for persons with limited

mobility and wheelchair users



### **Voergaard Castle & Danish Pastry**

Duration: 5 hours

70 minutes' drive south of Skagen lies **Voergaard Castle**. Voergaard Castle can be found behind a wide moat and metre thick walls and is Denmark's most beautiful Renaissance castle with the scariest ghost stories and the largest private collection of French art and artefacts outside of France. Venture down into the dungeon, hear of the ghosts and find the bloodstain, which cannot be washed off. Experience a wonderful world of priceless art treasures and royal antiques.

Continue to the beautiful Bangsbo area in Frederikshavn and enjoy a delicious refreshment of coffee/tea and Danish Pastry at the **old Millhouse** dating back partly to 1616.

Return to Skagen for a visit to the **Buried Church**. The church, named after Saint Lawrence, the seafarers' and Skagen' s patron saint, was probably built in the second half of the 1300s and was at that time the largest church in the region. In the 1500s the sand drift period began and the sand reached the church at the end of the 1700s. In the end, the congregation had to dig their way into the church. The struggle against the sand drift continued until 1795 when the church was closed by royal decree. Today, only the tower of the ancient church is visible.



## Predators of the sea and of the air plus nature's wonders

**Duration: 7 hours** 

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. Hear about the falcon hunt and see the falconers train the falcons. Prior to the show, there will be time to view the photo and falconry exhibits in the showrooms.

The tour now heads for the **North Sea Oceanarium** in Hirtshals, where you get a realistic glimpse of the North Sea below the surface. Marvel at the sharks and shoals of fish in the giant aquarium, holding 4,5 million litres of seawater, and one of Europe's largest, or get close to some of the big predators of the North Sea, grey seals and harbour seals, in the Sealarium with the impressive underwater tunnel.

Continue to the contrasting desert-like scenery of **Råbjerg Mile** - the largest migrating dune in Denmark and N. Europe. Råbjerg Mile was formed on the west coast in the 16th century during the great sand drift, which dominated the landscape until the 19th century. The dune moves eastward towards the Kattegat – the Baltic Sea 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.



**Restrooms** at Eagle World, North Sea Oceanarium



This tour is very suitable for children and their families. NOT suitable for persons with limited mobility and wheelchair users.



## **Idyllic Sæby and fantastic Voergaard Castle**

**Duration: 6 hours** 

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Continue 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. Walk through the old, idyllic quarters of the town, where authors gathered in the last decade of the 19th century. Enjoy some free time before heading back to Skagen along the beautiful east coast.



Restrooms at Voergaard Castle, Sæby



**FACTS** - The tour is not suitable for persons with limited mobility and wheelchair users.



#### **Panoramic Skagen**

**Duration 3 hours** 

This panoramic tour of Skagen will take you around the town of Skagen and through the protected and unique landscape surrounding Skagen. Pass by Kystmuseet Skagen - the Museum of Local History and view the rich and the poor fishermen's homes before heading south for a drive through the protected landscape of Hulsig Heath.

A photo stop will be made at the **Raabjerg Mile** – the largest migrating sand dune in Denmark and Northern Europe. Formed on the west coast in 16th century during the great sand drift. Pass by the seaside hotels in Kandestederne, where the Danish author Karen Blixen worked on her novel "Out of Africa".

Return to Skagen and drive through the old parts of the town to have a view at the characteristic yellow Skagen houses. Enjoy a treatment of coffee, tea and Danish pastries at a **local hotel** 

Pass by the Skagen Odde Naturcenter designed by the world-famous Danish architect Jørn Utzon famed for the Sydney Opera House. At the **Grenen viewpoint** you will have a magnificent view of the northernmost point of Denmark where the 2 seas – the Kattegat and the Skagerrak collide. Learn about why Skagen has 4 lighthouses. End your tour by a drive along the marina before heading back to your cruise ship.



**Restrooms** at Raabjerg Mile, at Grenen and at the local hotel.



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### **Aalborg City of Vikings**

**Duration: 7 hours** 

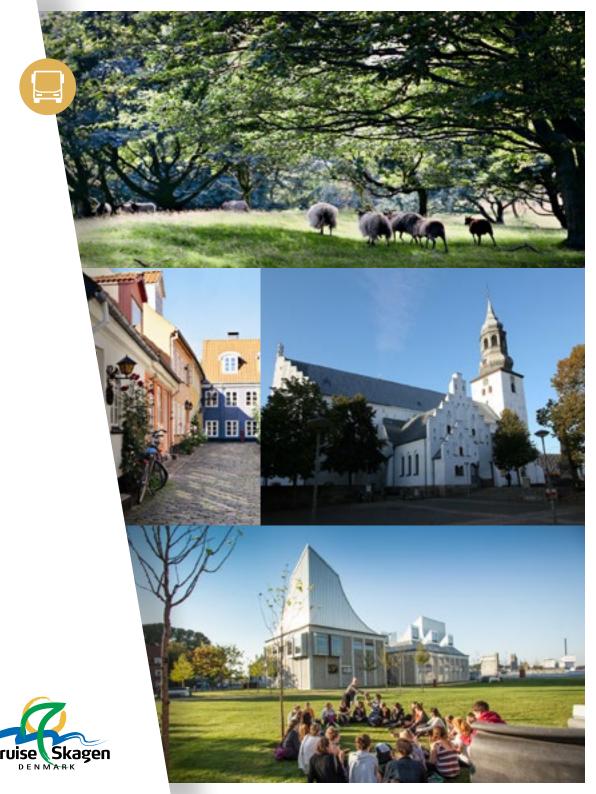
Tour of Aalborg - Denmark's fourth largest city with a history tracing back to the Viking Age, an important merchant centre during the Middle Ages and today centre of the North Jutland region. After a 90 minutes' drive along the east coast you will arrive at **Lindholm Høje** a burial site with 700 graves dating from the Late Iron Age and the Viking Era. A small museum depicts how the Vikings lived on the site. Continue to the centre of Aalborg and visit the **Church of Budolfi**, pass by the old convent, an old merchant's house, the Aalborghus Castle from the Middle Ages. End you tour of Aalborg with a visit to the **Utzon Centre** designed by world famous Danish architect Jørn Utzon and enjoy a nice lunch in the beautiful restaurant before heading back to Skagen.



Restrooms at Lindholm Høje, Utzon Centre



The tour is not suitable for persons with limited mobility and wheelchair users





### **THEMED TOURS**

**SKAGEN 2023** 

## **Explore Denmark's northernmost** remains of the Atlantic Wall from WWII

Duration: 5,5 hours (Capacity maximum: 2x47 pax)

The northern part of Denmark played an important role in the huge defence system – later called the Atlantic Wall – an extensive system of coastal fortifications ordered built by Hitler in 1942 along the coast of continental Europe and Scandinavia as defence against an anticipated Allied invasion of Nazi-occupied Europe from Great Britain during World War II.

This tour will take you to the remains of the Atlantic Wall of the Skagen area. First stop will be a visit to the **Skagen Bunker Museum**. The Skagen Bunkermuseum enables you to explore a genuine German wartime bunker. Today the bunker is laid out as a modern war museum. Inside the bunker, you can find a film room, a surgery, soldier's uniforms, weapons etc. During WWII, it acted as sanitary bunker for wounded German soldiers.

A 50-minute drive along the east coast takes you to the **Bangsbo Fort**.

The Bangsbo Fort is part of a range of defences set up by the German forces during WWII to defend the port of Frederikshavn. The museum displays the conditions under which the German soldiers stationed in the bunker would have lived and seeks to educate on the history of the local area's military significance during WWII. The fort is located 82 meters above sea level. The Bangsbo Fort was developed by the Danish Navy during the Cold War and has thus been used during two

historical periods. Bangsbo Fort consists of 80 concrete plants and more guns still stand in their original bunkers.

After a guided tour through the area of the Bangsbo Fort, you will enjoy coffee and Danish pastry at the historic restaurant Møllehuset by Bangsbo.

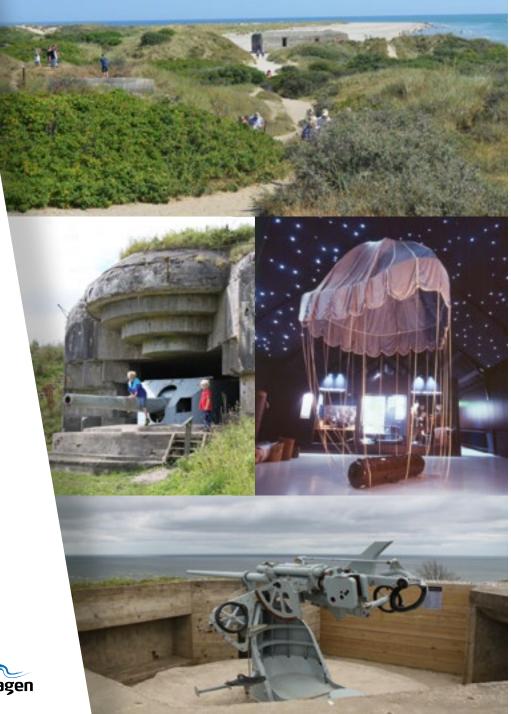
Next stop will be a visit to **The Jutland Resistance Museum** – depicting the story of the Danish resistance movement, their cooperation with the SOE in London and the everyday life of the Danes during the German occupation from 1940-45. After this exciting tour you will return to your cruise ship in Skagen.



**Restrooms** at Bangsbo Fort, Møllehuset, Jutland Resistance Museum



The tour is not suitable for persons with limited mobility and wheelchair users





## In the tracks of Hans Christian Andersen - the famous Danish poet and fairytale writer

Duration: 5.5 hours

It is no exaggeration to say that the world famous poet and fairy tale writer Hans Christian Andersen was the world's first tourist in the modern sense of the word. He travelled throughout his life. Restlessness, a constant stream of new people and new experiences, suited his nervous disposition and his innate curiosity. He coined the motto "To travel is to live".

In 1859, he embarked on one of his most fantastic journeys. He headed for what was then a remote and virtually unknown province in Denmark, namely the peninsula of Jutland. Thanks to his diaries and letters to friends and acquaintances, we are able to follow his example and see the places he visited. During his 1859 journey, Andersen also went to the northern part of Jutland. This tour will take you to some of the places that he visited.

Our first visit will be to the **Bangsbo area** situated some 50 minutes south of Skagen. Andersen particularly liked this place, which he visited on August 11th 1859. He wrote in his diary: "It is wonderfully romantic. A rich tapestry of every colour" and furthermore in a letter to one of his friends – "I am sending you this bouquet from one of the most beautiful places in Denmark, the picturesque slopes at Bangsbo". We will take a stroll through the beautiful park surrounding the Bangsbo Museum. The park holds the world's largest crevice

garden with a huge amount of Alpine plants, a botanical garden – 17.500-m2 English Style Park, lawns and Rhododendrons and the rose garden with 200 historic species. Our walk will continue to Møllehuset – the mill house, a historic restaurant dating back to 1748. Here we will enjoy coffee/tea and Danish pastry.

On Wednesday August 17th 1859 Andersen set off on the trip that was to prove the absolute highlight of his visit to Jutland - he headed for Skagen, right at the tip of the continent of Europe. In Andersen's days, you had to drive by mail coach but only half of the way to Skagen. For the last part of the trip, Andersen had to hire a local farmer to take him. He wrote in his diary: "The local took us down to the beach, here it was an amphibious journey, half in water, half on land – my companion was mostly on dry land, I was in the Kattegat. The water splashed up, we drove through the breakers - to the left only the low dunes - to the right the open sea with 16 sailing ships. Soon Skagen Church appeared and then the lighthouses." The church that Hans Christian Andersen saw is the St. Lawrence Church also known as the Buried Church, which will be the next stop on our tour. The story of this church appealed to the poet's imagination and it became the main character in "A Tale of the Dunes". Andersen also visited **Grenen** at the very top of Denmark and so will you. Andersen wrote of this visit: "I visited the furthest point of Skagen which is so narrow that a person can stand there and feel how the waves from the North Sea wash over one foot, while the waves of the Kattegat wash over the other". The Sandworm – a tractor driven bus – will take you to the very tip of Grenen giving you the chance of experiencing what Andersen did.

Before going back to the cruise quay we will pass the historic **Brøndums Hotel** where Andersen stayed and caused some turmoil..! Hear the exciting story of what happened on August 18th 1859 and what that eventually meant for Skagen. Hans Christian Andersen himself actually predicted the development in an article of his impressions of Skagen published a year later in 1860. Here he wrote that Skagen would provide unique themes for painters and poets.



Restrooms at Bangsbo, Buried Church, Grenen



The tour is not suitable for persons with limited mobility and wheelchair users.







### **WALKING TOURS**

**SKAGEN 2023** 

## Atmospheric Skagen and fabulous art

Duration: 3 hours

Get a good impression of the quaint and picturesque town of Skagen on this walking tour that takes you along the alleys of the old parts of town. Enjoy the characteristic "Skagen Yellow" painted houses surrounded by white fences and neat gardens. Soak in the vibrant and atmospheric marina area visited by thousands of yachts each year as well as the charming, former fishmongers wooden houses and the many seafood cafes and restaurants. Locals as well as tourist enjoy sitting in the sun having a cool and refreshing beer at this popular waterfront area.

Continue the tour through the town center passing Anna and Michael Ancher's House and the famous Brøndums Hotel, where many of the artists stayed and gathered, before entering the **Skagens Museum**, the museum of the world famous Skagen Painters. Marvel at the paintings, drawings, sculptures and handicrafts – by artists working in Skagen between 1870 and 1930 – plus the Brøndum Dining Room, with paintings and artists portraits in the paneling, transferred from Brøndums Hotel in 1946. The walk continues in this lovely town and ends back at the pier.



**Restrooms** at Skagens Museum



The tour is not very suitable for persons with limited mobility and wheelchair users



### **Meet the Skageners**

Duration: 3 hours

Explore the history of Skagen on-foot during this scenic excursion to the Kystmuseet Skagen – Skagen's Museum of Local History, and a visit to a private home. Depart the pier on-foot for the walk through the charming old fishing town of Skagen.

For generations, the town has been a source of inspiration for artists, poets and musicians, as well as a favorite tourist

for artists, poets and musicians, as well as a favorite tourist destination. From wild to mild, with drifting dunes, lush forests and miles of sandy beaches, this rare and natural enclave attracts visitors from all over the world.

Your first stop is at **Kystmuseet Skagen** - the Museum of Local History, a combined open-air and exhibition display of houses from 3 periods of Skagen's history. During your guided visit, experience the poor and rich fishermen's houses from the 1800s and the history of Skagen over the last 200 years. Archaeological evidence proving that Vikings once settled in Skagen is also on display.

Next, proceed for a visit to **a local private home**; the best way to get acquainted with the native culture and daily lifestyle of the Skagen people. Share timeless traditions and stories with your host in a casual setting; coffee and typical Danish pastry are served during your visit.

Afterward, commence the return walk back to the pier.

Restrooms at Kystmuseet Skagen and in the private home

The tour is not suitable for persons with limited mobility or wheelchairs users. Max. capacity per group is 15 persons and only 1 group per call.





### **BIKING TOURS**

**SKAGEN 2023** 

## **Biking to the Grey Lighthouse and Grenen**

Duration 3 hours - distance 10-12 km

Starting from the cruise pier this bicycle tour will lead you along the bustling Marina and the beach road to the newly opened **Grey Lighthouse**.

At the new center, you can take a virtual tour to discover and experience the many exciting migratory birds that each year guests Skagen and surround areas. Don't miss a climb to the very top of **The Grey Lighthouse** to enjoy the magnificent view of the Skagen area. Continue to **Grenen**, park your bicycle and walk to the very tip of the spit where the two seas – The Skagerrak and the Kattegat meet – you can literally stand with one foot in each sea. Enjoy a leisurely ride back to the cruise pier passing through the old parts of Skagen.



**Restrooms** along the route.



Max 15 persons per group. For safety reasons, persons under 18 cannot participate in bicycle tours. Bike tours are only suitable for skilled bikers.





### Scenic Skagen - strictly biking

Duration 3 hours - distance 15 km

This strictly biking tour will allow you to explore the scenic and unique landscape surrounding Skagen as well as parts of Skagen where other visitors do not go. Leave the pier and drive through the western part of Skagen to the protected landscape on the east coast. Get a feeling of being "on your own" with only the sounds of birdsong, waves splashing at the shores and the beautiful view of the old dune landscape.

Continue to the west coast and idyllic **Old Skagen** dominated by the characteristic yellow Skagen houses many of which are former fishermens' homes. Enjoy a refreshment stop with a view to the roaring North Sea before driving to the northern part of Skagen to get a glimpse of residential areas and the tiny allotment gardens. Then on to the south coast and along the beach road and the marina back to your cruise ship.



Max 15 persons per group. This tour does not include sight stops only refreshment stops. Participants need to have recent bicycling experience as the terrain varies a lot.

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### Skagen by bike

Duration 3 hours - distance 8-10 km

Enjoy a leisurely ride on a bike passing all the highlights of this small, quaint town. The guided bike trip in Skagen leads you through the scenic western part of the town to **The Kystmuseet Skagen** - Museum of Local History. Further on, stop at the former royal summer residence Klitgaarden on the eastern coast. Klitgaarden is now a resort for authors, artists and scientists.

The next stop is at the **Burried Church** a fourteenth century edification which submerged to the sand drift by the end of the 1700s. Today, only the tower of the church can be seen. Your next sight is the home of world-famous artist P.S. Kroeyer, and then the home of Danish poet, painter and writer, Holger Drachmann who founded the artists' colony in Skagen. Continue past the **Town Hall** a building dating only back to 1968, which due to its unique construction has achieved status as a preserved building. Next, your guide will take you past the Skagen painters Michael & Anna Ancher's House, the Memorial Column and the Brøndums Hotel, a favourite

lodging destination amongst artists during the 1800s. Before ending your tour, back at the pier, head back along the water and view the old timbered lighthouse Vippefyret where you will hear the story about Skagen Odde, the world's largest spit and pass the marina area where you will learn about the special fishermen's warehouses, designed by the Danish architect and artist Thorvald Bindesbøll.



**Restrooms** along the route



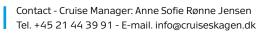
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Max 15 persons per group. No entrance fees included in the tour.

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### **Biking along the Grenen Track**

Duration 3 hours - Distance 14.6 km

Mount your bike and leave the pier for a picturesque drive though the 600-year-old market town of Skagen. Your first stop will be at the bascule light called – Vippefyret. **Vippefyret** was originally constructed in 1627 and was Denmark's first bascule light with an open fire basket. The current replica dates back to 1958. Continue past the Grey Lighthouse to the viewpoint near **Grenen** for a photo stop and enjoy the spectacular view of the 2 seas colliding – The Kattegat and the Skagerrak, while your guide will enlighten you with stories of the hundreds of shipwrecks that have taken place off the coasts of Skagen and of why Grenen is a hotspot for migratory birds.

Then head off for a drive through the protected landscape near Grenen and hear about the sand drift, which almost buried the entire area some hundred years ago. Enjoy the unique nature and a small walk to the **North Beach**. Hear of the Nature 2000 projects and of the local involvement in recycling projects –i.e. small bridges made of recycled plastic bottles. Pass by the NATO radar station and the old rescue station. Stop for a short

refreshment break by the tiny lake – **Guld-majssøen**. Continue through some of the old, idyllic parts of the town to the port area from where you will have a view of the former, royal summer villa Klitgaarden. After this refreshing bike tour return to your cruise ship.



Restrooms at Grenen.



The tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and wheelchair users. For safety reasons, persons under 18 cannot participate in bicycle tours. Bike tours are only suitable for skilled bikers.







### The highlights of Skagen by bike

Duration 3.5 hours – distance 15 km

This bike tour allows you to take in the idyllic town of Skagen and the surrounding landscape and to have some refreshing exercise. From the pier the tour leads you past the Kystmuseet Skagen – Museum of Local History and the former Royal summer residence - Klitgaarden on the east coast – now a resort for authors, artists and scientists and on to the **Buried Church**. The church, which bears the name of Sct. Laurentii, Sct. Laurence, the seafarer's guardian saint, was probably built in the late 1300s and was at that time the largest church in the region of Vendsyssel. Sand migration began in the 1500s and reached the church at the end of the 1700s where the church was closed by royal decree. Today only the tower of the old church is visible.

Continue via the town center and the coastal road for a stop at the Bascule Lighthouse – **Vippefyret**. Hear about why Skagen has 4 lighthouses. Then head for Grenen – the northernmost point of Denmark and the European continent. Grenen is a long sandbar, that divides the Skagerrak and Kattegat

straits connecting the North Sea and the Baltic Sea. Park your bike and walk the last stretch to the very tip of the **Grenen**, where you can virtually stand with one foot in each sea. If you are lucky you may be able to view seals resting on the beach at Grenen. Enjoy a refreshment before heading back to your cruise ship along the vibrant marina and past the Swedish Seamen's Church.



**Restrooms** at Grenen and the Buried Church



The tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and wheelchair users.
For safety reasons, persons under 18 cannot participate in bicycle tours.
Bike tours are only suitable for skilled bikers.







### **TOUR FOR DISABLED**

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### **Skagen and surroundings**

- strictly panoramic Duration: 2.5 hours

This strictly panoramic tour of Skagen will take you round the idyllic town of Skagen and through the protected and unique landscape surrounding Skagen. Pass by Kystmuseet Skagen - the Skagen's Museum of Local History and view the rich and the poor fishermen's homes, then on to the former Royal summer residence Klitgaarden before heading south for a drive through the protected landscape of Hulsig Heath.

Drive by the Raabjerg Mile – the largest migrating sand dune in Denmark and Northern Europe. Formed on the west coast in 16th century during the great sand drift and pass the seaside hotels in Kandestederne, where the Danish author Karen Blixen worked on her novel "Out of Africa".

Continue to Old Skagen and drive by the fashionable seaside hotels and the characteristic yellow Skagen houses. Pass by the Skagen Odde Naturcenter designed by the world famous Danish architect Jørn Utzon, the Grenen area and learn about why Skagen has 4 lighthouses. End your tour by a drive along the marina before heading back to your cruise ship.

This tour is very suitable for persons with limited mobility and wheelchair users. Please note that the tour has no stops and therefore no disembarking during the tour.

Large lift busses have a max capacity of 9 wheelchairs and 20 extra seats for aides and relatives

Small lift buses have a max capacity of 3 wheelchairs and 7 extra seats for aides and relatives.

To the tour timing, you have to add the time it takes to load and unload the wheelchair users – approximately 2x20 minutes for the large busses and less for the small busses.







### **ACTION & ADVENTURE TOURS**

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### **Canoeing at Uggerby Stream**

Duration: 4.5 hours

45 minutes' drive south west of Skagen lies the small village of Bindslev and from here your 2.5 hours canoe experience will start. The tour will lead you through the beautiful landscape along the Uggerby Stream. A great way of combining exercise and nature experiences.



Restrooms both at the start point and the finish line.



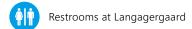
Max capacity: 15 persons per group. More groups can split a transfer bus. The canoes can accommodate up to 3 persons each. Canoeing is at your own risk.

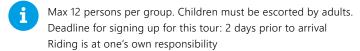


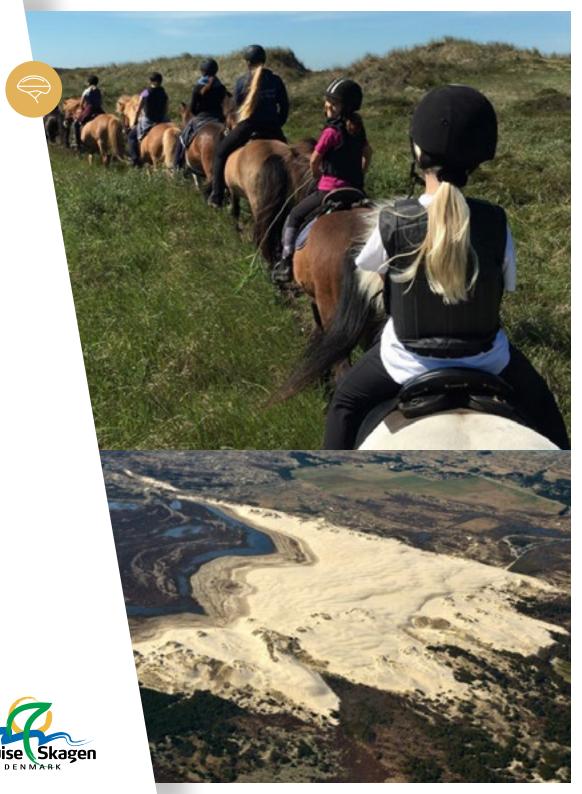
### **Horseback Riding**

Duration: 3 hours from Port of Skagen including transfer.

Discover the beautiful nature of the Skagen area on horseback. Ride on Icelandic horses with your tour leader through 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.







### **Mountain Biking**

Duration: 3 hours

This mountain bike tour offers a perfect combination of lots of exercise, fresh air and a beautiful nature experience. The countryside surrounding Skagen, with its beaches, dunes, plantations and heaths is perfect for action. At the dune plantation outside of Skagen a picturesque and challenging MTB track has been established. After a healthy and sweaty mountain bike tour, you will return to your cruise ship.



Restrooms along the route



Max 15 persons per group and max 1 group at a time.

This tour does not include sight stops only refreshment stops

Participants need to have previous mountain bicycling

experience. Minimum age –16



### **Snorkeling**

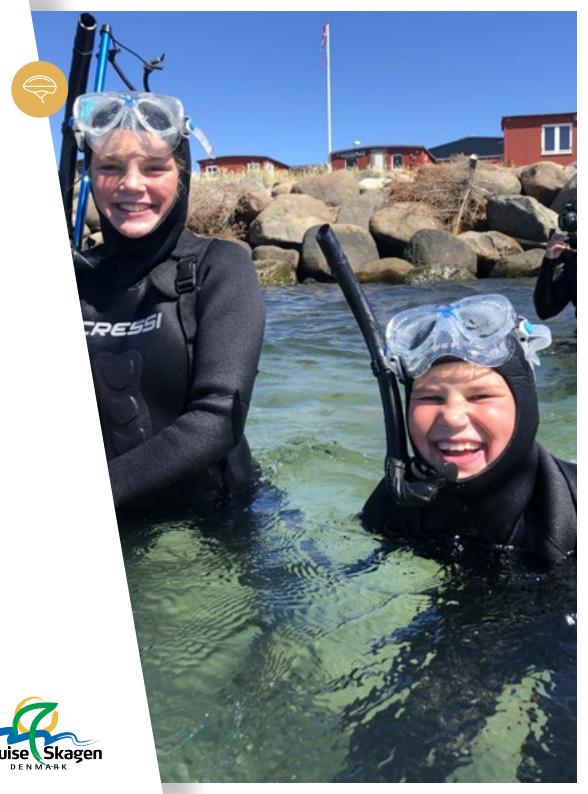
Duration: 2½ hours.

Your instructors will pick you up at the cruise pier and after a short walk you will reach the starting point. Join professional divers on an exciting snorkeling trip along the coast, as well as near the piers in Port of Skagen.

Here, it is teeming with underwater life in the form of fish, shellfish, and sea mollusks, which we will experience quite closely. You will receive basic instruction in safe diving with snorkel and learn about life below the surface.

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PARTICIPANTS max. 10 per group at a time. Included in the tour is: Wetsuit. Swimming feet. Snorkel and diving glasses. Professional instructor



### **Kayak Surf**

Duration: 2½ hours.

Your instructors will pick you up at the cruise pier and after a short walk you will reach the starting point.

Together with our experienced kayak instructors, you will receive a basic introduction on handling the kayak on land and in water before starting your guided tour along the east coast of Skagen. We adjust pace and distance according to the group level.

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PARTICIPANTS max 12 per group at a time. Included in the tour is: Kayak. Life jacket. Paddle. Helmet. Wetsuit. Instructor.



#### **Westcoast Safari**

Duration: 3 hours.

After a transfer from the cruise pier to the parking area by the beach and a short walk across the dunes you will arrive at the starting point on the west coast of Skagen ready to begin your safari. We will be driving in 4WD's along the coast. This tour is intended as an active adventure as we will stop several times to explore, see, touch, and sniff out the many excellent experiences in our beautiful surroundings including a visit to the largest migrating dune in Northern Europe – Raabjerg Mile. The tour guide will be happy to answer your questions and tell you about the unique nature you will experience on this tour.



PARTICIPANTS max. 10 per group at a time





### **RIB BOAT sailing**

Duration: 1½ hours.

A short transfer will take you to the starting point and you will now be ready for a tour along the great waters of Skagen, included high speed sailing, big waves, and some of the most beautiful coastline of Denmark. During the sailing you will experience both the unique phenomenon of two oceans colliding - The Kattegat and the Skagerak, the wildlife coming in from the sea and one of the busiest seaways of the world.

PARTICIPANTS max. 12 at a time. Included in the tour is: Suits and bouncy- west.





### **SUP - Stand Up Paddling**

Duration: 1.5-2 hours.

Your instructor will pick you up at the cruise pier and after a short walk you will reach the starting point. Together with the experienced SUP instructor, you will get a basic introduction to safe handling of the SUP boards on land and in flat water and how to surf the waves. It is a requirement that you can swim. Pace and distance will be adjusted according to the group level.

PARTICIPANTS max. 12 per group at a time. Included in the tour is: SUP board, mandatory life jacket, paddle, helmet, wetsuit, neoprene shoes, instructor, and a guided tour along the east coast of Skagen. Not included: Swimsuit and towel. Please keep in mind that the weather may have an impact on the actual event.







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