Denmark

Copenhagen & Coastal Treasures

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August 27 – September 6, 2026

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Dear Council Travelers,

Get a wonderful feel for Danish life on this engaging, nine-night adventure featuring four nights in Copenhagen, two nights in Ærøskøbing, and three nights in Aarhus. Enjoy the infectious vitality of its cities and towns, plus explore some of its finest landmarks including grand Kronborg and Egeskov Castles, and splendid Roskilde Cathedral. You'll also bask in the tranquil, wild beauty of Ærø Island and the Lake District!

What makes this journey even more special is our commitment to education. Throughout your travels, expert guides and lecturers share their extensive knowledge about Denmark's history and culture to enhance your experience. The Viking Age comes alive as you get an up-close look at their original ships and the weathered runestone erected by the Danish Viking King Harald Bluetooth. You'll also learn about the imaginative creations of Hans Christian Andersen, Denmark's most illustrious author, and appreciate important Danish art at leading museums.

This thoughtfully planned trip offers the camaraderie of small group travel, ample free time, and a Travel Director to handle the details. With so many appealing features, our Denmark program is attracting attention, so ensure your place by reserving today!

Sincerely,

Andrew Haught
Director of Travel
World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Kronborg Castle
2. Jelling Mounds, Runic Stones and Church
3. Roskilde Cathedral

Carving, Roskilde Cathedral

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Discovery begins here

From Copenhagen's brightly painted Nyhavn waterfront to Ærøskøbing's intimate lanes, experience the cozy feeling of comfort that Danes call "hygge" as you take a deep dive into spectacular Denmark! It's a marvelous immersion into this beguiling Nordic nation known for its castles, windswept islands, hip urban vibes and laid-back rural serenity. Discover intriguing history and unique facets of Danish culture on this rewarding journey!

Top: Kronborg Castle | Above: Hans Christian Andersen monument near Tivoli Gardens, Copenhagen

Cover: Nyhavn district of Copenhagen | Mail panel: Carving, Den Gamle By | Egeskov Castle and Gardens

Inspiring Moments

- Revel in the old-world grandeur and cool vibe of captivating **Copenhagen.**
- Visit majestic **Kronborg Castle,** renowned as the setting of Shakespeare's Hamlet.
- Step inside **Roskilde Cathedral,** the burial church of the Danish royal family.
- Learn about Denmark's rich seafaring history at the **Viking Ship Museum.**
- Meander through the elegant gardens of **Egeskov Castle,** a Renaissance gem.
- Delight in picturesque **Ærøskøbing,** a wonderfully preserved 18th-century town.
- Soak up **Ærø Island's** pastoral beauty.
- Ride aboard a paddle steamer in the heart of Denmark's beautiful **Lake District.**
- View the collections of the stunning **Louisiana Museum of Modern Art.**
- Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**

Canal cruise, Copenhagen

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Copenhagen, Denmark.

Day 2 | Copenhagen, Denmark

Arrive and transfer to the hotel. After settling in, join your Travel Director this afternoon for a brief orientation walk in the neighborhood.

Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Copenhagen

Enrichment: *Denmark's Viking History.*

Copenhagen Highlights & Canal Tour. Take in the acclaimed sites of this cosmopolitan capital city on a guided panoramic/walking tour. Admire Amalienborg Palace, the royal family's residence; the Gefion Fountain; Christianborg Palace, home to the Danish Parliament; the beloved Tivoli Gardens amusement park; and the Little Mermaid statue. Relax over lunch in the colorful Nyhavn district and then get more perspectives of the city during a canal cruise.

Free Time: Explore Copenhagen independently.

Day 4 | Humlebaek | Helsingør | Copenhagen

Louisiana Museum of Modern Art. Set along lovely Niva Bay near Humlebaek, this must-see museum harmoniously presents works of art amid the natural beauty of its verdant parkland beside the waterfront. Enjoy a private guided tour and wander within the Sculpture Park.

Continue to Helsingør for a short walk, free time for lunch and a guided tour of Kronborg Castle.

Kronborg Castle. Immortalized as Elsinore in Shakespeare's "Hamlet," this imposing castle sits at the narrowest point of the Øresund Sound between Denmark and Sweden. Foreign ships sailing to and from the Baltic Sea through these waters were required to pay tolls here to the Danish Crown for more than four centuries.

Free Time: Make plans of your own upon returning to Copenhagen this afternoon.

Day 5 | Kværndrup | Svendborg | Ærøskøbing

Check out of the hotel today and travel by motor coach across the Great Belt Bridge that connects Zealand and Funen Islands. Stop in Kværndrup for a guided tour of Egeskov Castle.

Egeskov Castle. Marvel at one of northern Europe's best-preserved, moated Renaissance castles surrounded by stately, hedged gardens.

Head next to the harbor at Svendborg with free time for lunch before boarding the ferry to Ærø Island. Check in to the hotel in Ærøskøbing.

AHI Connects | ***Night Watchman Tour.*** Stroll through picture-perfect Ærøskøbing this evening with your guide who recreates the role of a Night Watchman, and learn about the town's history, architecture and customs.

Day 6 | Ærø Island | Ærøskøbing

Ærø Island. Explore this tiny island known for

Himmelbjerget, Lake District

its quiet splendor. Appreciate the centuries-old maritime character of Marstal with your guide, and then relish a tasting, tour and lunch at a brewery. Journey afterward along country roads and through charming towns to the Voderup Klint terraced cliffs for gorgeous views over the Baltic Sea. After making your way back to Ærøskøbing, visit a fascinating little museum featuring model ships in bottles.

Free Time: Take a leisurely walk, rent bikes or browse in the local shops this afternoon.

Day 7 | Svendborg | Odense | Jelling | Aarhus

Check out of the hotel today. Embark the ferry for Svendborg and then transfer to Odense.

Hans Christian Andersen House. Delve into the life story, creative process and works of Odense's most famous son at this innovative museum, and visit the small home where his imagination blossomed during childhood.

After lunch on your own in Odense, set off to Jelling, one of Denmark's most historic sites.

Jelling Monuments. Study the 10th-century Viking runestones that attest to Denmark's origins as a nation and its shift to Christianity, and view burial mounds and other landmarks.

Viking Ship Museum

Travel to Aarhus and check in to your hotel.

Day 8 | Aarhus

Enrichment: *Denmark's Place in Contemporary Nordic Culture.*

AroS Art Museum & Den Gamle By. Lively, inviting Aarhus is Denmark's second-largest city. At AroS, see eclectic artwork and the rainbow panorama of its multicolored rooftop walkway. Afterward, travel back in time at Den Gamle By, or the Old Town, an exceptionally detailed open-air museum that brings to life four different eras of Danish history.

Free Time: After a group lunch in Den Gamle By, spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 9 | Silkeborg | Himmelbjerget | Aarhus

Silkeborg. Take a guided walk in this vibrant town nestled in Denmark's lush Lake District, and visit the Silkeborg Museum, notable for the remarkably well-preserved Tollund Man and Elling Woman from the fifth century B.C.

Savor smørrebrød, traditional Danish open-faced sandwiches, for lunch at a restaurant.

The shoreline of Vesterstrand Beach on Ærø Island is dotted with charming, traditional beach huts, treasured properties that are often handed down from generation to generation.

Steamboat to Himmelbjerget. Breathtaking scenery unfolds as you cruise in the Lake District aboard the world's oldest coal-fired paddle steamer to Himmelbjerget. Gaze over the expansive landscape from this celebrated hilltop. As you return to Aarhus, stop for coffee in the idyllic village of Ry.

Day 10 | Odden | Roskilde | Copenhagen

After checking out this morning, travel by ferry to Odden. Upon arrival, transfer to Roskilde.

Viking Ship Museum. Gain insights about the Vikings' shipbuilding and sailing expertise at this informative museum, which houses five original Viking ships recovered from Roskilde Fjord and several reconstructed vessels.

Roskilde Cathedral. Trace Denmark's royal lineage at this magnificent church, the official burial place of its kings and queens since the late 1500s. See impressive sarcophagi and ornate chapels on a guided tour.

Depart for Copenhagen and check in to the hotel. Tonight, enjoy a festive Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers at Tivoli Gardens!

Day 11 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Activity Level

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Included Features

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **4 nights** in Copenhagen, Denmark, at the first-class Scandic Palace Hotel.
- **2 nights** in Ærøskøbing at the first-class Hotel Ærøhus.
- **3 nights** in Aarhus at the first-class Comwell Aarhus — Dolce by Wyndham.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- All transfers in the Land Program: ferries and deluxe motor coaches.

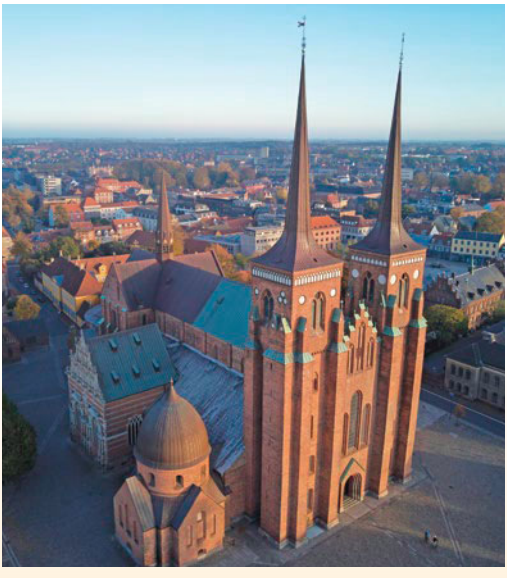
Extensive Meal Program

- 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Roskilde Cathedral



Amalienborg Palace, Copenhagen

Sculpture Park, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art

Historic houses of Ærøskøbing

Tivoli Gardens, Copenhagen

2026 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates ✈ **August 27 – September 6, 2026**

✈ Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates* **August 28 – September 6, 2026**

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land Program

Full Price	**$7,145**
Special Savings	**$750**
Special Savings Price*	**$6,395**

***This Special Savings Price includes our $250 Early Booking and $500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is $750 per person.
Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated). Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single accommodations are an additional $1,495 (limited availability).

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at https://worlda.ahitravel.com/destinations/1954A?schoolId=235.

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– arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
– **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
– **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

AHI Travel Expertise

Travel Consultants assist with the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides and **Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.

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"Your Rainbow Panorama," AroS Art Museum

Smørrebrød, Danish open-faced sandwiches

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