

Castles & Manors of North Jutland

Half-day sightseeing from Aalborg

Nature Around Aalborg

Discover the scenic beauty and two of the most important historical landmarks in the northern region of Denmark. Spectacular story-telling rooms and grandiose exhibitions – this is a seeworthy experience for the fans of history.

The 16th century **Bangsbo Manor** lies beautifully surrounded by forest, river valley and hills and is now home to the Bangsbo Museum. The museum comprises several different exhibits and nature experiences; inside the manor house visitors can explore the manor history, textile exhibits and a unique collection of jewellery made from human hair. In the stables, a unique ship from Ellingå - dated 1163 - is on display with a maritime exhibit featuring figure heads and model ships and an exhibit about the resistance movement in Jutland during the German occupation 1940-45. Around the museum lie Bangsbo Botanical Gardens and a unique herb garden. Nature lovers may also enjoy a stroll along the 1 ½ mile Queen's Forest Path. After a short introduction to the centre, you will enjoy free time to explore the centre and pursue your own areas of interest.

Next stop on the tour is at **Voergaard Castle** - one of the best preserved renaissance castles in Denmark. The oldest parts of the castle are dated 1481 and it has housed many a colorful historic character, incl. the infamous Stygge Krumpen, last catholic bishop of Denmark, who had to flee for his life, when a peasant army stormed the castle during the civil war known as the Count's Feud in 1534. Another is the enterprising and headstrong, Ingeborg Skeel, who owned the castle from 1586-1608 and who received an undeservedly bad reputation from her contemporaries, probably for no other reason than that she was a strong woman. Maybe that is why her ghost is now said to haunt the castle. The castle houses an extensive and unique collection of European art and furniture, including works by **Goya, Rubens, Raphael** and **El Greco**, together with treasures from the personal belongings of Napoleon 1, Louis XIV and Marie-Antoinette.

After your visit here, the trip continues to Sæby and a visit here in the cosy, old streets. Sæby is a charming fishing village dating back to the Viking era. Enjoy a stroll from Sæby's old water mill along the banks of Sæby creek to the village's quaint harbour. Pay a visit to the St. Mary's Church dating back to the 15th century.

Duration: Approx. 5 hours

Included: Transportation and authorised guide service, admission to Voergaard Castle and Bangsbo Museum.

Activity level: Moderate. Not recommended for wheelchairs.

Notes: Tour may operate in a different order.



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