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Rønne – Bornholm

Denmark's easternmost island of Bornholm is a craggy, 587 square kilometer large rocky landmass with a rich, fertile heart. Bornholm is a true paradise, with a great variety of scenery ranging from cliffs and skerries to woodland, heather and miles of sandy beaches.



The smokehouses demonstrate in practice how herring has been smoked on Bornholm through the ages.

The idyllic small towns with beautiful half-timbered houses and winding, cobblestone streets and the charming fishing hamlets with their characteristic smokehouse chimneys are virtually living museums of urban history. Bornholm offers a wealth of opportunities to experience life to the full.

Kings & Tsars

Bornholm is home to northern Europe's largest castle ruin – Hammershus, which was laid out as a virtually impregnable fortress capable of withstanding lengthy sieges. Until the mid-15th century, Crown and Church were in conflict in Denmark, and control of Hammershus – and



Built in the early 12th century, Hammershus is the largest castle ruin in northern Europe.

with it Bornholm – passed between them several times. Later Bornholm became a fiefdom under the Danish crown, until in 1645 Sweden – then at war with Denmark – occupied the island. The Swedes vacated Bornholm the same year on signing a peace treaty with Denmark, but soon the two countries were at war again and Denmark ceded Bornholm to Sweden along with Scania, Halland and Blekinge in what is today southern Sweden. In 1658, in the face of popular resistance, Sweden decided to surrender the island. Thus the people of Bornholm freed themselves from Swedish rule, and Bornholm was given back to the Danish king as his personal property. In return, the people of Bornholm were granted certain privileges and an assurance that the island would never again be relinquished by Denmark.

City Life & Outdoor Events

Rønne is the capital of the island, and the town square is a living center where guests and locals gather round the fountain, the granite sculpture, and in cafés and shops. In downtown Rønne you will find a wide choice of specialist shops – fashion wear, gold & silver, gifts, shoes, books, hairdressers, hardware, bakeries, a cheese shop etc. Beyond Rønne, Bornholm offers excellent opportunities for hiking and cycling, with terrain ranging from rugged coastline and sandy beaches – the miles of pristine sands at Dueodde are rated one of the finest beaches in the whole of Denmark – to undulating landscapes and forested interior. For the sports enthusiast, there are four excellent golf courses within easy reach of Rønne, while sailing offshore gives a fascinating new perspective



Arts and crafts are alive and flourishing on the island of Bornholm.

on landmark sites such as the imposing castle ruins of Hammershus on the north-west coast.

Great Shopping & Fine Food

Rønne has several high-quality fashion shops, with ranges different from those found in major city centers. You can have beautiful one-off evening gowns tailored in silk, and shops specializing in tailored children's wear are also gaining a foothold on Bornholm. The island is famous for its glassblowers and ceramicists, and many workshops are open to visitors. The workshops provide ample opportunities to watch the artistic process and buy works of art. Check out the textile artists, weavers and woodworkers, too.



If you are visiting Bornholm in search of gastronomic delights, you have come to the right place.

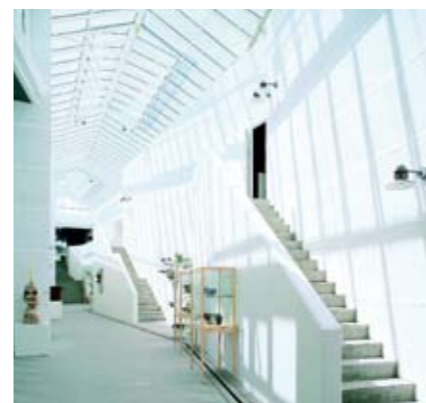
Bornholm offers a bounty of gastronomic delights, with many local specialties to choose from: fresh smoked herring served at a smokehouse, exclusive gourmet dinners featuring local produce, or perhaps a local beer or a piece of exquisite homemade chocolate. Bornholm is also renowned for its prize-winning cheeses, meat products, ice cream, bread, biscuits and much, much more. As well as Bornholm's famous smoked herring, other fish specialties of the island include salmon and cod.

Ancient & Modern

It's exciting to go in search of the past on Bornholm, whether you're interested in the genesis of the island or the traces left by our



Østerlars Round Church is the best known and largest church on Bornholm.



Bornholm Art Museum's architecture and its location at Helligdomsklipperne make it an attraction in itself.

ancestors. Geologically, Bornholm comprises granite bedrock in the north of the island, formed around 1.7 billion years ago, and sandstone in the south, which is only around 500 million years old. A small area has been exposed south of the NaturBornholm interactive visitor center, where you can literally straddle 1.2 billion years of geological evolution. Visitors to the center, located in the middle of Bornholm near Aakirkeby, will gain a fascinating glimpse into the diversity of nature found on the island, with modern technology enabling you to travel back in time to experience and learn about the wonders of Bornholm's unique geological formation.

The most fascinating traces left by the people of the Bronze Age on Bornholm are the many carvings cut into the rocks and cliff faces. They are thought to have had a religious significance, but as yet not much is known about them. The best examples are found in the north of the island. In the past, the island's central location in the Baltic made it an important intersection for trade routes throughout the Baltic Region. In the viking era the island was subject to hostile attacks from neighboring countries, and the church architecture of the period reflects the need to protect people and property. The four characteristic round churches – Østerlarskirke, Olskirke, Nykirke and Nylarskirke – and a number



The easternmost point of Denmark is Christiansø – a unique place with no cars and only about 100 residents.

of churches built in the Romanesque style have been preserved from the Middle Ages. There is a theory that the Knights Templar resided on Bornholm up until the 14th century. Set among some of the most picturesque and spectacular scenery on the island, near Gudhjem on the north coast, is the Bornholm Art Museum. The leading arts venue of its kind on Bornholm, the building itself is a prime example of contemporary Danish architecture, and the museum's own collection and special exhibitions aspire to an international audience. Open daily throughout the summer and on selected days all year round.

Rønne – Bornholm Top 10 – don't miss

- Hammershus
- Bornholm Art Museum
- Round churches
- The Medieval Center of Bornholm
- Town of Gudhjem
- Old town of Rønne
- Baltic Sea Glass that combines glass art
- NaturBornholm visitor center
- Smokehouses
- Nature exploration



Useful links

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Tourist information: www.bornholm.info

Public information

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