

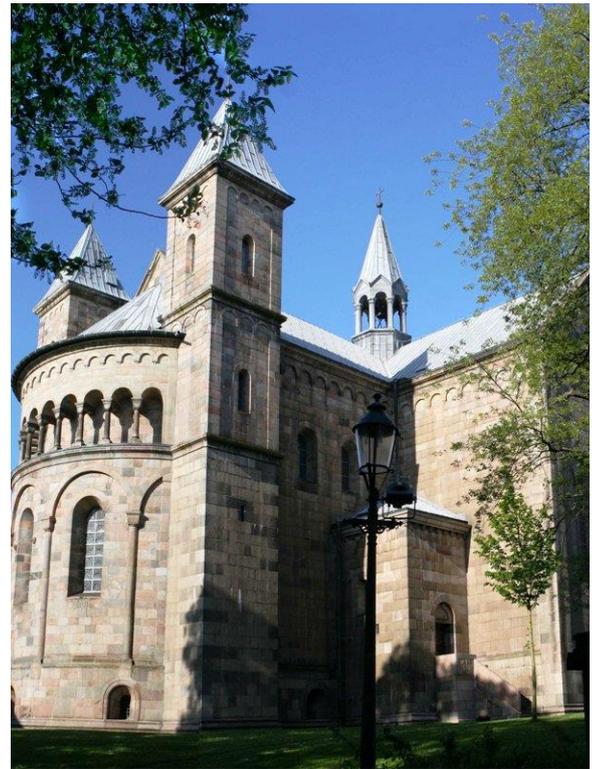


TOUR DESCRIPTION

Tour Facts:

- Individual tour (24HAER-4a)
- Length: 4 days
- Date: 1/3 – 30/9
- Difficulty grade: 1-2
- Accommodation grade: 2-3
- Hiking with transportation of luggage. Price per person based on 2 people travelling together. Solo surcharge for single tour participant.
- Price: 2500

Magnificent scenery and compelling history make The Ancient Road a very special walking experience. The route goes along the Jutland ridge from the cathedral city of Viborg to scenic Bølling lake. You walk through some of the most beautiful Danish landscapes with hills and valleys, fields and meadows, lakes and streams, craters, forests and meadows. Along the way, staying at inns, hotels and bed and breakfasts. Your luggage will be transported to the next accommodation, so you can enjoy the walks. The trip ends at Bølling lake near Engesvang.



Viborg Cathedral

- Experience the old city of Viborg - see, among other things, Nytorv, Viborg Cathedral with the two towers, Latinerhaven and Sct. Mogensgade with the beautiful old houses
- Enjoy the walk while your luggage is driven to the next accommodation.
- Wander through the protected area at Hald lake and Dollerup hills south of Viborg, where the ice age has created great height differences.
- Walk through the beautiful heather landscapes in the area south of Viborg.
- In Ulvedal Plantage you can see remains of the old dirt road and in some places also remains of paved dirt roads
- Experience nature along the ancient route along Jutland's ridge and watershed.



Sct. Mogensgade Viborg

DAY-TO-DAY PROGRAM

Day 1: Arrival in Viborg

The trip starts in Viborg. You can arrive when it suits you. If you arrive after 19:00, you should notify the place of accommodation of arrival time. If you arrive early in Viborg, we recommend that you visit the Viborg Cathedral and visit the old streets and alleys of the city. Accommodation in Viborg. (- / - /)

The code above in parentheses shows the meals that are included (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner), (-) is not included.

Day 2: From Viborg to Hald

The days walk begins gently along The Ancient Road from Viborg. The route goes through Viborg heath plantations, and further through Røverdalen, which is a beautifully preserved heathland with many archaeological sightings. You can take a little detour past the Haervej stone, which was erected in the 70s, commemorating the many wayfarers who have used the old road for centuries, and past the Søndermark church where the beautiful handmade tapestry of the old Ancient Road is hanging.

The walk continues to Niels Bugges Kro and Hald Manor house (now a hostel) at Hald lake. The lake offers fantastic walking experiences. The lake and surroundings are protected. It is up to 31 meters deep at the south end, surrounded by steep slopes and heights of up to 80 meters. The days hiking is approx. 14 km. Overnight stay in Hald. (B/-/D)

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Hald Lake



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Day 3: From Hald to Thorning at Blicheregnen

The route today is characterized by heathlands. From Hald Lake, the route passes through Dollerup Bakker on the western side of Hald lake with a beautiful view of the lake. Through the small village Skelhøje, the route continues into Havredal Plantage, where there are more than 50 protected burial mounds. You continue to Stendal Plantage, which was planted in 1788 to create shelter for the cultivation of the heath.

Following on to Ulvedal plantation, there are several places left of paved dirt roads, and on the outskirts of Ulvedal there is a 4000-year-old well-preserved elongated burial mound. The burial chamber is 40m long and contains two chambers, known as the cave of Jens Longknife. Keep your eyes open as it is easy to get lost in the area. Today's hiking ends between Ulvedal and Stendal Plantager (about 17 km). Transfer to hotel. (B/-/D)

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Dollerup



Ulvedal

Day 4: From Blicheregnen (Thorning) to Bølling Lake

After breakfast you will be driven to the same place on Ulvedalsvej, as you were picked up yesterday. Today's stage is long. If you want to shorten the route with 8 km, you can instead be dropped off at Ravnholt Plantation / Sdr. Knudstrup (the part of the Ancient Road with which the route has been shortened mainly follows the gravel road through the fields).

The landscape of this stage of the route is also characterized by heath. It was in this area that Steen Steensen Blicher was a minister in the period 1819-1825 (Thorning Church). After a stretch of open country, you cross King Knaps dike, which lies at Haller creek. Shortly after passing Grathe Hede, one of Denmark's historical battles took place between Svend, Knud and Valdemar. The route passes by Klosterlund Museum, which exhibits findings from Jutland's oldest settlement sites. The museum is located at Bølling lake, where Kragelund Church is worth a visit. The local beer breweries in Kragelund and Engesvang must also be mentioned. The trip ends at Engesvang Station at Bølling lake. The days hiking is between 16 and 32 km (the route can be shortened by 8 km with a transfer in the morning and another 8 km in the afternoon by walking west of Bølling Lake towards Engesvang Station). (B / - / -)

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Grath stone

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION

During the trip you will stay at a different place of accommodation each day. You will stay in a double room at local hotels, inns and bed and breakfasts (B&B). Single rooms can be booked for an additional fee.

The Ancient Road hiking trail goes through a sparsely populated area of Jutland and passes through very small towns. Therefore, only a few places are located along the route. Most of the places of accommodation are located some distance from the hiking routes. Therefore, in the day-to-day description, there are two kilometer-distances in some places, as the total mileage for this day depends on where you depart from the route and the type of accommodation you stay at.

The accommodations vary in standard, as you stay overnight in a combination of hotel, inn and B & B. Some places are en-suite and with toilet and other places with shared bathroom and toilet. Common to all accommodations is the good host. The hosts will do their best for you to have a good experience.

CATERING

The trip is inclusive of half board, except for dinner on arrival day (day 1, Viborg). Breakfast is at your own expense and a packed lunch can be ordered at the place of stay (remember to give the kitchen notification before the evening).

It is stipulated in the daily program which meals are included or not included in the price of the trip. (Breakfast/Lunch /Dinner).

WALKS

The day trips are between 14 and 16 km (can be extended up to 32 km). Under the Day-to-day agenda, the number of kilometers per day are indicated. This is an approximate indication, as the number of km per day may vary depending on which accommodation is reserved for you and how close to / far from the route it is.

Your luggage will be transported to the next accommodation, so you only carry a small backpack with the items you need for the days hike, such as lunch pack, rainwear, camera, etc.

On your last day your luggage is transported to Engesvang town and you can pick it up near Engesvang station.

HOW TO GET THERE

The trip starts in Viborg. You must make sure to get there (by public transport or private car).

Start: The tour begins in Viborg on any day of the week. The first day is an arrival day without hiking. See www.rejseplanen.dk for train and bus times.

End: The trip ends at Bølling Lake. From Bølling Lake, there are 2 km to Engesvang Station (a little west of Silkeborg). Possibly. Extra night at Bølling Lake can be booked.

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THE ANCIENT ROAD

The 'Military Road' is just one of the names of the traditionally-rich road that goes from North Jutland via Viborg to Hamburg. It is one of the oldest roads known in Denmark, and it was originally called Studevej (Stud Road), Oksevej (Ox Road), Old Viborg Way or Kongevejen (Kings Road). There were three crossings over the Limfjord: At the Viking towns of Aggersund, at Nibe and at Nørre Sundby.

From Viborg the road continues along the Jutland ridge towards Flensburg across Nørre Snede, Randbøl, Vejen, Vojens and Rødekro. The road runs more-or-less parallel to the Jutland ridge. There was no major watercourse, as the ridges divided the streams and waterflows, running from both the east and the west. The Haervej was in old days, not one road but many different tracks that met at a major crossing, such as at the stone bridges over Immervad stream, Gejlå and Bjerndrup stream (Povls bridge).

The road was used to drive cattle and livestock down through Jutland and from Funen to markets in Hamburg and the Netherlands. Along the route royal privileged inns were introduced, so stud drivers and other travelers could get accommodation and supplies. At that time, a day's travel was 30-40 km, so the inns were located at suitable distances from each other for a day's travel. There were also folds for the animals, in the form of a circular enclosure made with rice barley.

In the Middle Ages, The Ancient Road was also used by pilgrims on their way to the sacred sites of southern Europe, of which the most distinguished (and distant) were Santiago de Compostela and Rome. Pilgrims from Iceland and Norway also followed the route along the Jutland ridge.

Today, The Ancient Road follows one track that goes through the same beautiful landscape of Jutland, and many of the same towns as the historical route. One walks through a diverse cultural landscape of hills and valleys, fields and meadows, lakes and streams, marshes and forests. In August and September, you can experience blooming violet heather, for example at Dollerup on Grathe heath and Vrad Sande. The heather is a habitat for lots of butterflies, grasshoppers and bees, who deliver the fine heather honey. experience blooming violet heather, for example Dollerup at Grathe Hede and Vrad Sande. The heather is a habitat for lots of butterflies, grasshoppers and bees, who produce the fine heather honey.



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INFORMATION ABOUT PRICE

INCLUDED

- Accommodation at hotels, inns and B&B's
- Breakfast all days
- Dinner, 2 days
- Transportation of luggage (1 per person, max 15 kg) between the accommodations
- Hiking map (1 set per couple / group)
- Information, recommendations and practical tips
- Product liability insurance
- Fee for travel guarantee fund

EXCLUDED

- Transport to the start and end of the trip
- Lunch
- Dinner (Day 1)
- Beverages
- Packed lunches can be ordered from the place of accommodation the night before
- Extra set of hiking maps (can be ordered, DKK 200)
- Extra night after the trip (Bølling Lake) incl. dinner (can be ordered, DKK 575 per person in shared double room)
- Supplement for single room accommodation (can be booked, DKK 625 per person)
- Baggage surcharge for solo traveler DKK 150.
- Cancellation insurance, 6% of the price of the trip (can be ordered)
- Booking fee DKK 145