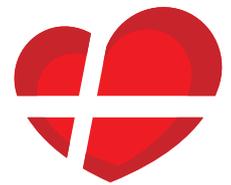


Suggested tour – Cultural experiences



Assens

Half or full day tour – length around 45 km

Manor houses, museums and unique scenery!

1 Start – Assens Harbour:

Drive along Kildensmindevej and then continue along Brahesborgvej.

2 Galleri Sulegården:

Take a little detour along Lundagervej to visit Galleri Sulegården. The gallery was started in September 1991 by artist Carl Henning Aarsø. Five changing exhibitions of contemporary art by Danish and international artists are held every year.

3 Brahesborg Gods manor:

Continue towards Gamtofte to Brahesborg Gods. In the Middle Ages, a small manor house, Bispbo, was situated here. In 1638–1656, it was rebuilt into the current Brahesborg.

Jørgen Steensen Brahe, the owner of Brahesborg in the 1600s, was nicknamed “the little king of Funen” as he was quite the collector of estates. The name Brahesborg comes from his time as owner of the manor house. In 1828, Brahesborg was purchased by Supreme Court barrister F.W. Treschow, and has remained in the family ever since.

4 Gamtofte church:

The church was built in the 12th century of granite ashlar on a beautifully profiled base. Over the years, it has undergone major changes. The chancel has been extended by about 7 metres to the east. In the south side of the chancel, there is a granite decoration called “Den spillende engel” (The playing angel). The angel is playing a gige (violin), and this is thought to be the oldest decoration of a stringed instrument in Denmark.

5 The Strøjer Collection:

From Gamtofte, heading for Søllested, is the Strøjer Collection. A vibrant and constantly evolving car collection. See the cars and experience the atmosphere at one of the most interesting private collections in Denmark. Open all Tuesdays in July as well as group visits by appointment.

6 Krengerup Gods manor:

Continue the tour towards Vedtofte and turn off Nårupvej/Krengerupvej to the fantastic Krengerup Gods. The manor house is surrounded by Krengerup Skov woods. There is free admission to the park, where you must follow the signposted routes. In the summer, concerts are held at the manor, which are open to the public. In connection with Krengerup Gods are Hørvævmuseet, a weaving museum and Skoda Museet (the Danish Skoda Museum).

- Hørvævmuseet (the Flax Weaving Museum), Krengerup

Hørvævmuseet is a working museum with mechanical looms, hand looms and old tools used in the flax weaving process. There is an annual exhibition, and the café has changing exhibitions of handicrafts and a shop selling its own products.

- Skoda Museum, Krengerup

The museum boasts an extensive collection. Right from the first mass-produced Skoda 420 Popular from 1937 to Skoda Felicia 1996, which was the first car built in cooperation with VW.

7 The Øksnebjerg stone:

Continue along Dærupvej and turn right into Odensevej. On this route, you will come across the monument commemorating the Battle of Øksnebjerg in 1535. Looking north from here, you have a view over most of west Funen. To the south, there is a stunning view of the “Eggerup Banker” hills.

8 Kærum church:

On the way back, you can take a detour to Kærum church, a large village church, seating 180 – dedicated to St Laurentius. The church has a Romanesque chancel as well as groin vaults in the nave, which date back to the 15th century. A fire in January 1981 revealed a unique chalk fresco depicting twining vines and leaves from c. 1570. The church underwent extensive restoration in 1981–82.



Links:

www.sulegarden.dk
www.brahesborg.dk
www.strojersamlingen.dk
www.hvm-krengerup.dk
www.skodamuseum.dk

Map of the route

