

Culture and nature

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The churches of the river valley, Baunehøj (baune hill) and vantage points.

One day cycling trip 16,6 miles.



Starting point Assens Harbor

1. - Mariendalstranden (Mariendal beach)

Right after the harbor lies the Mariendal Beach with its bathing Jetties. Continue on the road Mariendalsvej, which is known as Assens silver coast. It is a new beautiful residential neighborhood with a lovely view over Bågø.

2. - Aborg

Aborg has always been a big and significant village with many farms and houses. By Aborgvej you can go for a detour to Aborg beach, that has a very nice bathing jetty. The route continues towards Tvingsbjerg lighthouse. At first you can't see the as it consists of a front light in a privet house here by Aborg Minde and a rear light by Baunet further inland.

3. - Aborg Nor (Only by bike)

Further down the road you pass the dam and the pumping station by Aborg Nor (Aborg Cove). Puge Mølle Å (stream) runs out in Lillebælt at this point. During the Viking age you were able to sail up the stream, and the name Aborg (borg means castle) indicates that there has been a castle on the south side, but ruins have also been found north of the stream. The dam was established in 1913 to prevent flooding for Lillebælt with salt-water. The cove has a rich bird life and amongst others the white-tailed eagle, snipes, common sandpiper and different kinds of ducks and geese have been observed.

4. - Baunet

At Baunevej you turn right. On your left hand you will find "Baunet", which is a small hill with shelter, a bonfire place, a nice picnic area with both tables and chairs and a small playground. On the other side of the road lies Tvingsbjerg Bagfyr (Tvingsbjerg rear light), which is black painted tower. In the whole area around the river valley many different vegetables like asparagus, onions, strawberries, peas, potatoes, cabbage and corn are grown. When it is season for det different vegetables, they are sold from Torup Bakkegård on Middelfartvej just north of Sandager.

5. - Sandager Church and Barløse Church

From the hilltop on the road you can see the whole of Puge Mølle stream with both the churches of Sandager and Barløse. The spire of sandager church is put up as a navigation mark by the lighthouse and buoy depart-

ment. The church of Barløse on the hilltop is also an official navigation mark. In Sandager church a statue of Madonna statue can be found. It is made by Claus Berg in the beginning of the 16th century. Drive right by Sandager Kirkevej and right across Middelfartvej to Barløse church by Langemosevej and Barløsevej.

6. - Barløse Church

High above the countryside lies the church, which is from the 12th century and one of the first roman churches there was built. From the church you can take a detour to Barløseborg golf club, where you can find the Café Tee Time. From Barløse you drive by Langstedgyden and from the top of the ridge you can enjoy the view over Lillebælt. Turn right by Bæringsvej and after that turn left by Barløsevej.

7. - Puge Mølle (Puge mill)

Just before you reach the old ford Salbrovad lies Puge møllegaard Barnløsevej number 2. From the country road you can faintly see the old half-timbered house where the mill is housed. Puge Mill has existed on the spot since the 15th century. Move on to Salbrovad and drive left by Middelfartvej towards Assens.

8. - Holevad Church

On your left hand lies Holevad church which is the last of the three churches around Puge Mill stream. A rich area in the middle ages. From Middelfartvej you drive by Bækagervej and Jørgen Brahesvej towards Assens.

9. - Brahesborg

The road goes through the home farm and on the yard, there is a very nice view of the main building from 1656 with Jørgen Brahe and Anna Gyldenstjerne. The renaissance house was rebuilt in classicistic style in 1756. Drive left of Brahesborgvej and notice the nice suspension bridge across the moat.

10. - Gallery Sulegård (Pillar farm)

In Lundager lies Gallery Sulegård, and the farm is a brilliant representative of the pillar farms of Fynen. A pillar farm has a very special construction of timber, which carries the roof construction. That makes for a high ceiling and a possibility to give the building smooth edges.

Follow the route back to Assens.

Map of the route

