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A CYCLING NATION



A COUNTRY OF EVERYDAY BIKING

Denmark is one of the world's greatest cycling nations. We are therefore very honored and excited to welcome the world's greatest cycling race, Tour de France, to Denmark.

In Denmark, cycling is our heart and soul. We may have been Vikings once, but we are certainly Bikings today. Everyday cycling is a way of life in Denmark and part of our DNA. We bike to school and work. We bike to the beach and we bike in our spare time. In Denmark school children, young and old bike every day. And sometimes you can even find princes and prime ministers on a bike. In 2022 we all come together

to celebrate our everyday world of cycling by hosting the Tour De France for the first time ever in Denmark.

We want to create the most unique start of the Tour de France ever. In 2022 we will throw a huge party, cover Denmark in yellow and invite the whole world to join and experience a country of everyday cycling - where cycling provides a green, sustainable, fun and healthy way of living.

Welcome to Tour de France Grand Départ Copenhagen - Denmark.

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CYCLING FACTS

Denmark has a long and proud tradition of everyday cycling. Cycling makes up 23% of trips to work and education in Denmark.

Copenhagen has been named the world's most bicycle-friendly city in 2017 and 2019.

Several major sporting cycling events are scheduled to be hosted in Denmark, including Tour of Scandinavia on the UCI WorldTour, UCI Mountain-bike Marathon World Championships 2022, UCI Gran Fondo World Championships 2024, UCI Track World Championships 2024 and UCI BMX World Championships 2025.

In the capital, there are 736,000 bicycles, and 42% of all trips to work and education in Copenhagen are by bicycle.

Denmark has 11,000 km of designated cycle routes.

Copenhagen has 386 km of cycle tracks and 64 km of Green Cycle Routes, 35 km Cycle Superhighways and 14 cycle and footbridges. In several cities abroad, the cycle tracks separated by curbs are called 'Copenhagen lanes'.

On average, Danes cycle 1.4 kilometres a day.

Today, Denmark is one of the leading countries in terms of hosting worldclass sporting events (in top-12 globally according to SportCal).

Denmark has extensive experience in hosting major international sporting and cycling events. Denmark hosted the Road World Championships and the BMX World Championships in 2011. Hosted the start of the Giro d'Italia in 2012, the Road World Championships for Amateurs in 2015, the European Road Championship 2017 and the Cyclo-cross World Championships in 2019. And the annual "Post Nord Danmark Rundt", a 5 stage race which is part of the UCI Pro Tour.

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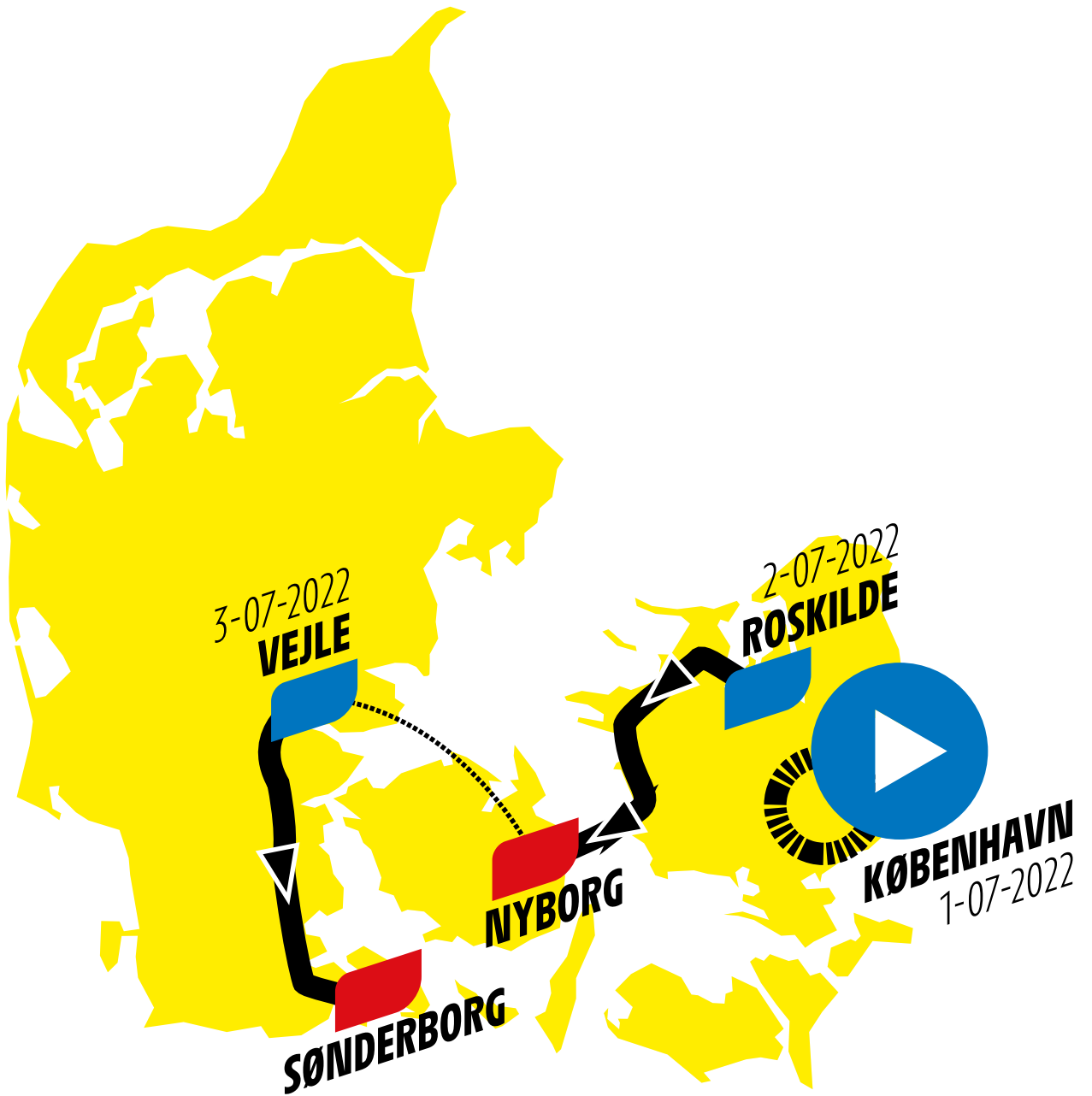
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STAGE 1

Copenhagen | 1-07-2022



1st stage

Copenhagen > Copenhagen

13 km

Individual Time Trial

Tour de France 2022 starts off with a 13 km individual time trial. The world's best riders take on the streets of Copenhagen in a fight for the yellow jersey. The flat route through the Danish capital and world's best cycling city has no sharp turns, letting the riders gain full speed. For TT specialists dreaming of a stage win and a yellow jersey, aerodynamics are key through the entire stage. The GC favourites will work hard to reduce the time loss.

13 KM



Dronning Louises Bro
(© Wonderful Copenhagen)



1^{re} étape

Copenhague › Copenhague

13 km

C.I.m individuel

Les premiers coups de pédales de ce Tour de France 2022 s'effectueront en solitaire sur un contre-la-montre de 13 km. Le parcours urbain tracé dans Copenhague devrait favoriser les meilleurs rouleurs du monde et c'est l'un d'entre eux qui devrait revêtir le premier Maillot Jaune. Les larges avenues planes de la capitale et les virages peu prononcés permettront d'atteindre des vitesses très élevées. Pour espérer s'imposer, il faudra être capable d'emmener de grands braquets tout en adoptant une position aérodynamique tout au long du parcours. Pour les favoris du Tour, l'objectif consistera d'abord à minimiser la perte de temps.



1. etape

København › København

13 km

Enkeltstart

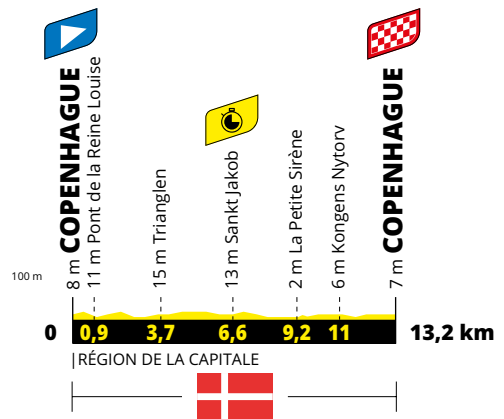
Tour de France 2022 skydes i gang med en 13 km lang enkeltstart i verdens bedste cykelby. Københavns gader bliver indtaget af verdens bedste cykelryttere, som kommer til at kæmpe om løbets første gule trøje. Den flade rute gennem hovedstadens brede gader uden skarpe sving giver mulighed for fuld fart i pedalerne. Skal rytterne gøre sig forhåbninger om en etapesejr, er kodeordene højt gear og aerodynamisk holdning gennem hele etappen. For Tour-favoritterne er målet først og fremmest at begrænse tidstabet.

PROFILE & MAP

COPENHAGEN TIME TRIAL



The Citadel in Copenhagen
(© Thomas Høytrup Christensen)



COPENHAGUE



COPENHAGEN

FACTS

Copenhagen is a green and sustainable cycling city with bicycle bridges, bike lanes and bicycle playgrounds for children. Cycling is Copenhagen's living trademark. When visiting Copenhagen, you will immediately discover that bicycles are a natural part of everyday life in the city. Copenhagen has been selected as the world's best cycling city twice.

Copenhagen City has 638,117 citizens (2021). The most recent statistics show that we have 736,600 bicycles in Copenhagen. This means, that several Copenhageners own more than one bicycle.

Copenhagen has been selected as the world's best cycling city twice – and for good reason. Over the past 10 years we have been investing 1.5 billion Danish kroner (€200m.) to improve the conditions for cyclists in the city.

Everyday Copenhageners bike 400 Tour de France-races in total. That is almost 1.5 million kilometers on a regular day – no matter if it rains, snows or the sun is shining.

The classic bicycle lanes in Copenhagen next to the road separated by curbs are so iconic that they are known as 'Copenhagen Lanes' around the world.

The first bicycle lane in Copenhagen (and Denmark) was established in 1892. Today, we have 386 kilometres of bicycle tracks in Copenhagen.

Copenhagen has 23 iconic bicycle- and pedestrian bridges i.e the Bicycle Snake, the Circle Bridge and Lille Langebro.

Copenhagen has 10 cycle superhighways which connects the surrounding municipalities to Copenhagen – 5 more are opening in 2022.

Dronning Louise's Bridge in Copenhagen is one of the world's most heavily trafficked cycling stretches. On a regular day, almost 40,000 cyclists cross the bridge.

The bicycle is such a natural part of the everyday life of a Copenhageners that we almost start biking before we start walking.

38% of all school kids in Copenhagen bike to school and almost half of the adult Copenhageners bike either to work or school.

The iconic Christiania bike was invented at Christiania in the 1970s and both Nihola, Sorte Jernhest (Black Iron Horse) and Butchers & Bicycles' cargo bikes are being produced in Copenhagen.



Copenhill

Spectacular and innovative in the true sense of the words. That's CopenHill - the artificial ski slope and recreational hiking area opened in the fall 2019, built on top of the new waste management centre. The new architectural beacon is designed by Bjarke Ingels and is visible from most of Copenhagen, just as there is a magnificent view of Copenhagen from the top.



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Havneringen

The ultimate Copenhagen walk can be found along the edge of the harbour, where trails, sidewalks and bridges together create the 13 kilometres long walking- and biking path - the Harbour Circle. If 13 kilometres sounds like too big of a commitment, the route is designed so you can do shorter chunks of the route of 2, 4 or 7 kilometres.



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SIGHTSEEING IN COPENHAGEN



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Tivoli

Part of Tivoli Gardens' secret is that there is something for everyone. The scenery is beautiful with exotic architecture, historic buildings and lush gardens. At night, thousands of coloured lights create a fairytale atmosphere that is completely unique. The team presentation will be held in Tivoli the 29th of June.



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The Children's Traffic Playground

The Children's Traffic Playground is a perfect place for young and older kids to learn about road safety and traffic rules. To provide realistic traffic simulation, the playground features traffic lights, road signs, road markers, bike paths, petrol stations, and much more.

STAGE 2

Roskilde–Nyborg | 2-07-22



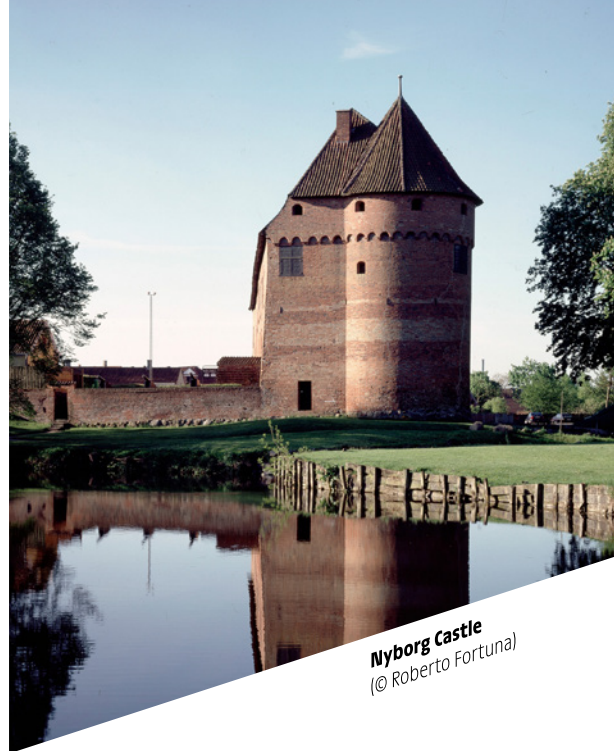
2nd stage

Roskilde › Nyborg

202 km

First, the riders go through picturesque landscapes along fjords and over hills to end up at the Great Belt Bridge for the last 20 km of the stage. The wind will play a defining role when the riders cross the belt. Team captains will need to rely on the collective strength of their team and the devotion of their teammates. The peloton is expected to be split up before crossing the finish line in Nyborg. Time losses will determine who gets the yellow jersey and impact the GC going forward. The stage victory, however, could very well go to the strongest sprinter of the peloton.

202 KM



Nyborg Castle
(© Roberto Fortuna)

 **2^e étape**
Roskilde › Nyborg
202 km

Après avoir traversé des paysages pittoresques, longé des fjords et escaladé quelques collines, les coureurs auront à franchir dans les vingt derniers kilomètres de l'étape le pont du Grand Belt. Le vent jouera alors un rôle majeur au moment de traverser le détroit. La force collective des équipes et le dévouement des équipiers seront alors primordiaux pour défendre les intérêts de leurs leaders. A priori, le peloton devrait se présenter morcelé sur la ligne d'arrivée à Nyborg où les écarts enregistrés compteront pour l'attribution du Maillot Jaune et déjà énormément pour le classement général final. La victoire d'étape ne devrait pas échapper à un sprinteur hyper-résistant.

 **2. etape**
Roskilde › Nyborg
202 km

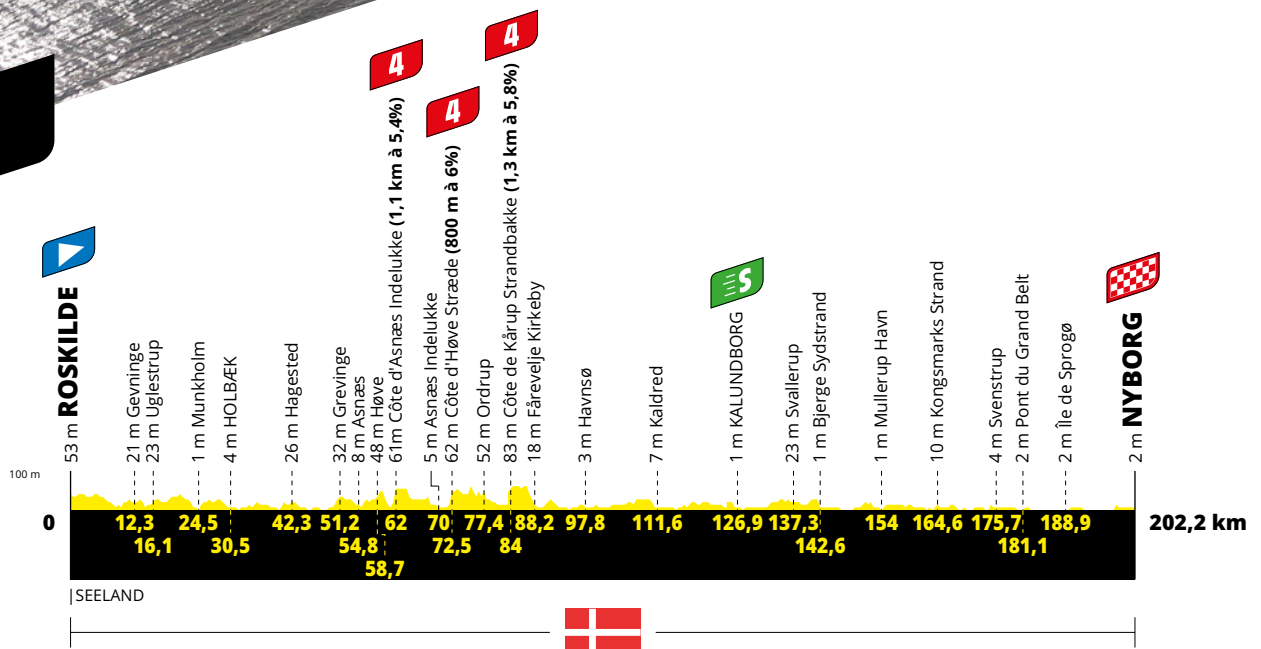
Rytterne kører først gennem maleriske landskaber langs fjorde og over bakker for på etapens sidste 20 km at køre over Storebæltsbroen. Når de krydser bæltet, kommer vinden derfor til at spille en helt afgørende rolle. Holdkaptajnerne må således sætte deres lid til holdets kollektive styrke og opofrelsen hos den enkelte rytter på holdet. Det forventes, at det bliver et opsplittet felt, der krydser målstregen i Nyborg, og at tidstabene får stor betydning for, hvem der må køre videre i den gule trøje, og for det endelige samlede klasserement. Sejren kan meget vel gå til en af de stærke sprintere i feltet.

PROFILE & MAP

ROSKILDE-NYBORG



The Great Belt Bridge
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Kattegat

Hesselø Bugt

Côte d'Høve Stræde 4

Côte d'Asnæs Indelukke 4

Côte de Kårup Strandbakke 4

HOVEDSTADEN (RÉGION-CAPITALE)

ROSKILDE

Kalundborg

SJÆLLAND (SEELAND)

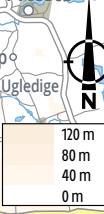
NYBORG

SYDDANMARK (DANEMARK-DU-SUD)

Fyn (Fionie)

Langeland

Langlands Belt



ROSKILDE

FACTS

Float on the wings of history, experience a unique fjord landscape, and explore an exquisite array of local experiences and world-class attractions. In Roskilde – a part of Fjordlandet, you get up and close with the mythical kings and Vikings, who used to rule the region a thousand years ago.

Roskilde is a part of the tourist destination Fjordlandet. Fjordlandet is the green front yard of Copenhagen – the scenic region covering Roskilde, Frederikssund and Lejre. The region offers many unique experiences – from a UNESCO World Heritage site in the form of Roskilde Cathedral to the life of Vikings in Lejre Land of Legends, the Viking Ship Museum and the Frederikssund Viking Games – and spectacular nature in the National Park Skjoldungernes Land.

Roskilde is known, in part, for its festival. Roskilde Festival is Northern Europe's largest culture and music festival. Every year, 130,000 people gather for a week of music, beer, camping, and entertainment. The number of participants makes Roskilde Festival Denmark's fourth-largest "city" measured by population.

According to the legend, Roskilde was founded by King Roar (also known as Ro) around the water springs in the city – "spring" being "kilde" in Danish, thus giving the city the name, Ros Kilde. And there are many springs. North of the Alps, Roskilde is the place that has the most water springs, and these are the springs that the city is founded upon. There used to be 12 named springs, and now there are 8 left.

In Fjordlandet (Roskilde, Lejre and Frederikssund), you will find Zealand's first national park, Skjoldungernes Land National Park, which is named after the fabled kings known as Skjoldungerne. The 170 square kilometers of the national park consist of unique nature, cultural history, and one of Denmark's most beautiful ice age landscapes with its wavy hills and large meltwater valleys.

Roskilde Cathedral is on UNESCO's World Heritage list as a structure of unique and universal value for mankind. This is because it is a magnificent example of the passage of time and changing styles. Additionally, the beautiful cathedral contains no less than 40 royal tombs, which is not seen anywhere else in the world. According to the legend, the Viking king Harold Bluetooth is also buried here, but this is not known for certain.

The Viking king Harald Bluetooth is said to have moved Denmark's capital from Lejre to Roskilde – where he built Roskilde Cathedral (a wooden church at the same location of the current cathedral). Only later did the capital move east to Copenhagen.

You find Roskilde merely 30 minutes away from Copenhagen by car or train – allowing you to get far away in no time.

NYBORG

FACTS

With its central location, Nyborg is the meeting point of Denmark connecting the western and eastern parts of the country. Nyborg is both a medieval and historical city known as "The Heart of Denmark" (Denmark's first constitution was signed here in 1282), and today a modern city with active cultural life and one of the largest meeting and conference destinations in Denmark. On July 2 the city will transform into one big yellow party with 10 event zones and eight big screens.

On July 2 Nyborg will with priceless help from our local clubs and associations transform into one big yellow party with 10 event zones and eight giant screens.

In general Nyborg is a place buzzing with spirited volunteers. In fact, Nyborg Municipality is one of the places with the most volunteers in relation to population in all of Denmark.

Once the capital, Nyborg is now the central meeting point of Denmark connecting the western and eastern parts of the country.

Last year more than 12 million vehicles crossed The Great Belt Bridge, underlining its place as the most important infrastructural link in Denmark since 1998.

Denmark's first constitution was signed here at Nyborg Castle in 1282, making Nyborg the cradle of Danish democracy.

With more than 50 kilometers of coastline and beaches, Nyborg represents some of the most rich and scenic nature in all of Denmark.

Handball was invented in 1897 in Nyborg by Nicolaj Ernst.

We actually have our very own rainbow stripes in Nyborg. In 1961 Kai E. Jensen won the world championship in individual pursuit.

Nyborg has 175km of dedicated bike lanes. This equals 5,3 meters of lanes per citizen, which brings Nyborg to the very front in Denmark.

Nyborg is part of and the gateway to Bike Island Fyn, an international cycling destination with more than 1000km dedicated bike routes and 200+ bike friends (free service pit-stops where you can get help, water and more).

The Viking Ship Museum

The Viking Ship Museum offers incredible insight into the world of the Vikings and their era of maritime craftsmanship and impressive ships. Experience the five original Viking ships that bear witness to war, trade and sea voyages. From 1 May to 30 September, you can pull the oars and sail out on Roskilde Fjord.



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Bike Island

Funen and its surrounding islands are a cycling destination just waiting to be explored. Funen, in the centre of Denmark, excitedly invites both novice and expert bike riders to set off for adventure. On its 1200 kilometres of designated and signposted trails, the possibilities are endless. The stunning landscape alternates between flat stretches by the coast, and gently undulating roads weaving their way through idyllic villages, old market towns, and historic castles.



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SIGHTSEEING IN NYBORG & ROSKILDE



The Great Nature at the Great Belt Bridge
The world's third longest suspension bridge is the centre of the Great Belt. Along the breath-taking coastline of Nyborg, you can go for a bike ride or take a swim in the cleanest waves from one of the many inviting, sandy beaches. Unwinding with a walk at Knudshoved will offer a stunning, panoramic view of the incredible nature and the vast Great Belt Bridge.



MUSICON
Roskilde's creative district is located in a former industrial area, which today houses RAGNAROCK, eateries, a micro-brewery, creative entrepreneurs, and Roskilde Festival Højskole. RAGNAROCK's iconic gold-cut facade sets the scene for the museum, which tells the story of pop, rock and youth culture in Denmark.

STAGE 3

Vejle–Sønderborg | 3-07-2022



3rd stage

Vejle › Sønderborg

182 km

The stage starts in hilly terrain before the route takes the riders south. The Danish riders will without a doubt try to make it in the breakaway and prove their worth in front of the home crowd. The second part of the stage has no major challenges, and there are good chances of avoiding any strong winds. So, the stage should be a treat for teams who can organize a well-prepared mass sprint. The broad streets and flat terrain favour the fastest sprinters who are expected to fight for the stage win.

182 KM



Gråsten Palace
(© Sønderborg Kommune)



3^e étape

Vejle › Sønderborg

182 km

Après les premiers kilomètres en terrain vallonné, les coureurs prendront la direction du sud et il y a fort à parier que les coureurs danois en profiteront pour tenter de s'échapper et briller devant leurs supporters. Cependant, le parcours sans difficultés majeures dans la seconde partie de l'étape et quasiment toujours protégé du vent devrait permettre aux équipes de sprinteurs de préparer l'emballage final dans les meilleures conditions. Les larges routes plates près de Sønderborg seront propices à une grande confrontation entre les coureurs les plus rapides du peloton.



3. etape

Vejle › Sønderborg

182 km

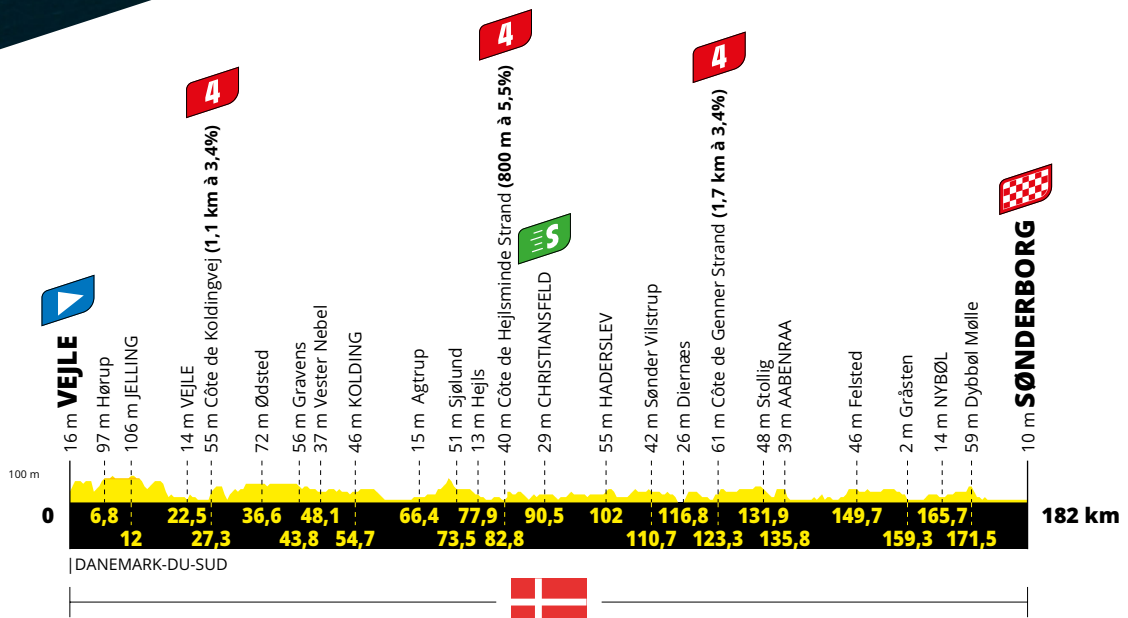
Etapen starter i kuperet terræn, hvorefter ruten går sydpå. De danske ryttere i feltet vil uden tvivl forsøge at komme i udbrud og bevise deres værd foran deres hjemmepublikum. Anden del af etappen byder ikke på de store udfordringer og køres næsten helt i læ, hvorfor etappen bør ligge til sprinterholdene, som må satse på en velforberedt slutspurt. Forholdene med de brede gader i fladt terræn omkring Sønderborg er særligt gunstige for de hurtigste af feltets ryttere, der må ventes at kæmpe om sejren.

PROFILE & MAP

VEJLE-SØNDERBORG



Sønderborg Slot
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VEJLE

4 Côte de Koldingvej

4 Côte de Hejlsminde Strand

4 Côte de Genser Strand

SØNDERBORG

SYDDANMARK (DANEMARK DU SUD)

SYDDANMARK

Fyn (Fionnie)

Jylland (Jutland)

ALLEMAGNE



VEJLE

FACTS

Vejle offers you some of Denmark's most beautiful countryside with our inlet, river valleys and beech forests. An incredible cycling terrain with some of Denmark's roughest hills: Kingdom of Cycling. We have a unique history: Denmark was born here. We are Denmark's fifth largest municipality and located right in the centre of Denmark, close to highways, an airport and great tourist attractions, such as Givskud Zoo, Legoland and Kongernes Jelling.

The citizens of Vejle gathers around an enormous, yellow jersey right before Tour de France. Citizens in all ages have joined in knitting patches with a total of 9,000 balls of yarn. See it near the harbour!

With a gradient of 25.5%, Chr. Winthersvej is unofficially the steepest road in Denmark and a side street to the tour. It is so steep that there are steps instead of pavement, and it is prohibited to cycle downhill.

Bluetooth is named after Harald Bluetooth, a Viking King. Back in the 1990s, a team of engineers came up with the new, wireless technology, Bluetooth. One of them was a great admirer of Harald Bluetooth, as he succeeded in uniting Denmark and was a highly skilled communicator.

Vejle, Kingdom of Cycling, is the centre of several cycling tours. Since 2004, with a gradient of 19%, Kiddesvej has been the topic of drama on the queen stage in 'Danmark Rundt', Denmark's biggest cycling tour.

Vejle has everything that joggers and professional bikers dream of: Denmark's most rugged terrain, fierce gradients, super tours and 34 hill signs. And you are free and clear of city traffic.

'Fjordenhus', designed by Olafur Eliasson, is the new, iconic building at Vejle harbour. Since there are no straight lines in the building, the bricklayers had to learn to lay the bricks "incorrectly". Intentionally, the bricks have been put rather "disorganised".

The cycle superhighway in Vejle connects the city centre with the surrounding area. The highway is full of places with extra bike services for cyclists – such as air pumps, electrical bike charger and smart benches with Wi-Fi.

Vejle was the first city with an architecture policy and has a lot of beautiful architecture. 'Bølgen', exclusively distinctive housing at the harbour, designed by Henning Larsen Architects, has become the new landmark in Vejle and received several awards.

In Vejle, you will find some of Denmark's best mountain bike tracks. There is something for both the beginner and experienced biker on the tracks in the forests of Nørreskoven, Sønderskoven and Munkebjergskoven, as well as the tracks at Himmelpind.

It is said that Grejsdalen, Denmark's deepest valley with steep cliffs was created in 20 minutes when the ice melted, and the melt water suddenly broke through Grejsdalen.

SØNDERBORG

FACTS

The final of the Grand Depart 2022 in Denmark takes you to Sønderborg Municipality, which is the gateway to Denmark. Located less than 35 km from the German-Danish border, this is the place where Scandinavia meets Europe. We build a bridge between Denmark and Germany through culture, business and education. In Sønderborg people and companies are leading the way in the green transition with a goal of CO2- neutrality in year 2029.

In Sønderborg Municipality, there are over 300 km of bicycle paths, and several bicycle paths are on the way in the near future.

With 255 km of coastline, the Sønderborg area is a natural gem that offers an active holiday both on land and at sea. Here is a unique setting for cycling, hiking, surfing, diving, fishing, rowing and sailing.

We love biking to work. In May 2022, 1,145 people from Sønderborg Municipality participated in the campaign Bike To Work. With a total of 124 teams from both public and private workplaces, it places Sønderborg Municipality on a national 9th place in the cycling competition.

In Sønderborg Municipality, there are many active cyclists who are members of the municipality's six official cycling clubs, which include Denmark's 3rd oldest cycling club.

If you need air in the bicycle tires, you can get free air at one of the 20 bicycle pumping stations in the municipality. They will soon be joined by further seven pumping stations.

The royal family of Denmark live at Gråsten Palace during the summer. The palace is placed just a few kilometers from Sønderborg. You can freely visit The Palace Garden and explore The Royal Kitchen Garden, among other things. The Palace Garden is open for the public, when the royal family is not in residence at the palace.

Sønderborg Municipality has almost 74,000 citizens and is Denmark's 16th largest municipality.

The bicycle ferry Rødsand is available from 25th of June from Egersund via Marina Minde in Rendbjerg and Brunsnæs on to Langballigau in Germany and back.

Tourists can also have a fantastic cycling experience in Sønderborg Municipality, where 37 beautiful bicycling routes have been created. You can, among other things, visit the royal town of Gråsten, roll a trip along the idyllic Flensburg Fjord and Gendarmstien.

In Sønderborg Municipality, you will find 25 Bike Friends, where you as a cycling guest will feel extra welcome. At the Bike Friends, you can take a rest, use the toilet, fill your water bottle, and at some Bike Friends it is also possible to charge the battery for your electric bike.

A fun day with Science

In the adventure park Universe, you can experience the coolest natural phenomena up close and try out the newest technology. Playing around with the natural sciences is the key to an active and entertaining day for the entire family. Lift a car, build a water rocket, walk the plank in virtual reality, or challenge the robot in Ball Factory.



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Become a Soldier for a Day at History Centre Dybbøl Banke

Denmark lost one third of its territory when the Prussians conquered Dybbøl Banke at Sønderborg in 1864. Dive into an important chapter of European history at History Centre Dybbøl Banke. Meet the brave soldiers, taste their rations, and take a walk on the recreated fortifications while listening to the thunder of cannons.



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SIGHTSEEING IN VEJLE & SØNDERBORG



Experience the beauty of Vejle - Kingdom of Cycling

The beautiful, grand and contrasting nature of Vejle is best experienced from the seat of a bicycle. A web of bike trails, signposted cycling routes and experiences weave the area together. When it comes to hills, gradients and vertical meters, Vejle offers the best routes for cyclists in Denmark.



Jelling Mounds (UNESCO) - Denmark's birth certificate

The Jelling Mounds are among the most significant monuments in the world and they are included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The Danish nation was born and created in Jelling. The museum centre Kongernes Jelling - home of the Viking kings is located in the centre of the historic area and offers a unique and supremely modern digital sensory experience.

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