

Kings and Vikings - Roskilde County

Welcome to the first capital of Denmark, where Vikings lived and kings and queens of Denmark have been buried for a 1000 years.

Scenically situated in the middle of Zealand, yet close to Copenhagen, Roskilde is a natural base for a diversified holiday, and offer some of the most interesting cultural and historical sights in Denmark.

Roskilde Cathedral

A perfect example of 800 years of Danish architecture, work on the Cathedral was begun in the 1170s, and porches and chapels of different architectural styles have been added since. The impressive red brick cathedral with the slender spires has been inscribed in the World Heritage List of Outstanding Cultural and Natural Heritages. 39 Danish kings and queens have been laid to rest here, many in magnificent sarcophagi. Guided tours can be arranged.

www.roskildedomkirke.dk



The Viking Ship Museum

Around the year 1000 five Viking ships were sunk in Roskilde Fjord to block the most important fairway and protect the capital, then Roskilde – from sea enemy attack. In 1962 the ships were excavated and are now exhibited in the Museums Hall. Guided tours can be arranged as well as sailing trips and educational courses.

www.vikingskibsmuseet.dk

Ledreborg Palace

Feel the pulse of history and see one the most impressive exampels of 18th century rococo buildings and landscaping culture. Exclusive gala dinner for 40 people or events for 10,000 are possible. Activities such as a welcome with Danish hunting horns, treasure hunts, falconry displays, concerts in the park, wine tasting in the old kitchen and archery can be arranged.

www.ledreborgslot.dk

Lejre Reearch Centre

Denmark's past in a perfect blend of nature and culture. Find an Iron-Age Village, take a close-up look at rural life 1500 years ago or watch the craftsmen recreate household utensils and garments of our forefathers. Group activities for 10 to 300 participants, such as: "Fight to the End", "Prehistoric Recipes", "Viking Trade" or "To the Manor Born".

www.lejre-center.dk

Roskilde Priory

The old and beautiful Priory of Roskilde dates back to the 13th century and were Denmark's first noble home for unmarried ladies of rank. Experience the wing-beat of history by touring the priory's beautifully restored great hall, chapel and reception rooms.

Roskilde Museum`s Old Grocer`s Shop

Founded in 1892, the Old Grocer Shop today is part of Roskilde Museum and fitted to the look of the 1920's. In the shop, visitors can buy articles from olden days and experience authentic yard atmosphere. www.roskildemuseum.dk