





# **Borderland Trail**

between Germany and Denmark







## Hjertelig velkommen på Rømø!

Some important **informations for your stay** with us are following: While our Trailride your receiving full pension. So food and drinks are included, but alcohol is not included.

## Sunday – your arrival day

With the motto of a hyggelig get-together and to get to know each other, we meet in Stensbæk Højeskole. You get to know each other, the horses and us. We'll also tell you a bit about the farm and our horses.

## Monday

You will get Breakfast in the hotel from **7.30 a.m.** at the buffet. Afterwards we meet at the stables at **9 a.m.** where you will receive a detailed introduction and get to know our amazing Icelandic horses in person.

#### Your Ridingtour today: Ca. 5 hours "Stensbæk Plantage"

The Tour today leads us in the forest, over the heath and close to the moorland in Stensbæk Plantage - we ride beside the old German - Danish border from 1864-1920 (when the Germans took the land from the Danes after the German Danish War in 1864)

The plantation is approximately 770 ha in size and located between Ribe and Gram. Together with Varming and Nørbæk Plantage, the privately owned plantations Enderupskov and Brogård Plantage as well as the meadows and moors around Gelsåen, Stensbæk Plantage forms a total nature and forest area of over 2,000 ha.

#### Your accommodation tonight:

We stay at Stensbæk Højskole

The buildings there have a history. They were built by the Danish Government in 1933 as one of seven Danish work camps for young unemployed Persons. After 1939 the young Danes and as well some young people from Norway had to build German bunkers and has been forced to work in Germany. The camp functioned until 1943. Since then, it served many purposes, and the buildings have housed a high school since 2010.



### Tuesdayy Your Ridingtour today: "Stensbæk to Vester Vedsted"

We ride beside the old German-Danish border ca. 25 km from Stensbæk Højskole to Vester Vedsted.

With the constitution of 1849, Denmark wanted equal legislation in Denmark and the duchies, which led to the First Schleswig War, the Three Years' War of 1848-1850. Denmark won, but the issue was not resolved. This led to the Second Schleswig War in 1864, when Denmark lost Schleswig-Holstein. The new border, the Kongeå border, was drawn south of Ribe, which had been largely Danish since the 13th century. This is the border we will follow today.

It is still possible to see traces on the land beyond the old border. In Esbjerg municipality, 11 boundary stones are still located in various places. In Spækbro, boundary stone no. 1 marks the old border, and in several cemeteries the boundary stone has been recycled for gravestones. Stones were engraved with Kr. Dm. (Kingdom of Denmark) on one side and Kr. Pr. (Kingdom of Prussia) on the other side.

**Your accommodation tonight:** We stay at Vester Vedsted.







## Wednesday

#### Your Ridingtour today: Ca . 4,5 hours "Mandø"

From Vester Vedsted we ride ca. 20-25km to Mandø. To cross the sea and arrive on Mandø, we chose the old "Ebbevej". On Mandø we ride along the dike and half around the island to Mandø village. We'll pass a historic flood, the little church of Mandø and Danmarks smallest supermarket.

Mandø or Manø is a 7.63 km<sup>2</sup> Danish Island in the Wadden Sea between Rømø (to the south) and Fanø (to the north). The island has 31 inhabitants, who live in "Mandø City", which is located on the western part of the island (and 800 sheep!). In addition to the Ebbevejen which we use for riding, there is the Låningsvejen, which connects Mandø with Vester Vedsted in Jutland. It is public and can be used also by car - if you know the tides!

#### Your accommodation tonight:

Tonight, we stay on our cozy farm Mandøgården, where we will live door to door with the horses.



#### Your Ridingtour today: Ca. 3,5 hours "Koresand"

From Mandøgården we will ride again through the village and then onto the huge 20 km<sup>2</sup> large Sandbank where the guests maybe can see sea eagles and seals, but for sue you can experience drifting sands and lots of birds and enjoy the tranquility with no cars and no tourist.

Koresand is a **20 km<sup>2</sup>** sandbank in the Wadden Sea southwest of Mandø. The sand bank is flooded during storms, which prevents the growth of plants and the formation of permanent dunes. The name Korre is a West Jutland term for a special fishing net. Koresand is an **island at high tide** - but becomes **landlocked** with Mandø **at low tide**. You can be on the sandbank for around 3 hours before high tide cuts off Koresand from Mandø and Mandø from the mainland.

#### Your accommodation tonight:

We will stay a second night in Mandøgården.

## Friday

#### Your Ridingtour today: "Mandø 2"

From Mandøgården we'll ride back to Vester Vedsted. We will ride between Mandø's fields and so, surround the whole island on horseback. Through the World Heritage Waddensea we again cross the sea on its bottom. But you will notice that no two rides are the same - there is always something new to see and marvel at. We are sure you will never forget the sound of the Horses hooves on the ground of the Waddensea.

When arriving on the mainland, we will be picked up at the "Waddensea-Center" nearby Vester Vedsted and drive with our horses in the trailers to Rømø. For the horses it will feel like coming home and for you the next part of the adventure is starting.

#### Your accommodation tonight:

We stay at our, with the Islændercenter connected, Hotel Kommandørgården on Rømø.

It can possible that you can see the pastures where our horse life in the night from your Room. If not - it's only a few minutes to walk there when you are coming from the Hotel.

## Saturday

#### Your Ridingtour today: 5 hours "Half-Day-Tour"

On the last day of your program, we will take you on the Rømø Half-Day-Tour. Here you will experience everything that Rømø has to offer in terms of riding: winding forest paths, heath, our old fire dam, the "slaughter bank", the dunes and the ride across our field where the young mares live, as well as a tour to the beach. In the low season we will ride with you along the beach to Lakolk.

#### **Dinner together & feedback session**

On our last evening together we all will eat at around 19:30 in the Hotel and then sit down for a drink to talk about the week and its adventures.

We would like to know from you, what has been good and where are the points we can improve, your opinion is important to us, we want to continually develop ourselves further.

#### Your accommodation tonight:

For your last night with us you will stay again at Hotel Kommandørgården on Rømø.

## Sunday

Breakfast in the hotel from 7.30 a.m. You need to check out your room until 10 a.m., but you're very welcome to take a last visit in the stable for a "see you next time"!







