

Trip to Ribe – the oldest town in Denmark

Ribe is a Danish town half an hour away from Varde. The town has a population of around 8.200. It is part of the enlarged Esbjerg Municipality in the Region of Southern Denmark. Ribe is the oldest extant town in Denmark, among the Danish population people often refer to Ribe as the old capital of Denmark, even though it never was. It was, however, a very important town. Ribe celebrated its 1300th anniversary in 2010.

8.00	Departure from Campus
8.45-9.15	Visit to a special Danish school for young people aged 18-25 years. We don't have an English word for this kind of school, but in Danish it's called a "højskole".
9.15	Departure from the school to the center of Ribe.
10.00-11.00	Guided tour of a historic museum: "Ribes Vikinger". The museum consists of a walk through the Wiking Age of Ribe and the Middle Age of Ribe.
11.00-11.30	Lunch break – everyone will get a lunch bag from Campus in Varde. Now you'll have time to eat at the museum.
11.30-11.45	We'll walk down to the hostel in Ribe.
11.45-13.00	Now you'll have time for some shopping or to go around and enjoy Ribe on your own.
13.00-14.00	A presentation from Kirsten Margrethe Andersen, who is married to the Bishop of Southern-Jutland and used to work as a priest, but now teaches religion at the university to become a teacher. She'll tell us about the church and the government in Denmark, how they are

divided in some ways and not in others. And she'll tell us about the political debates about the church in Denmark.

- 14.00-14.15 Walking together to our Lady Maria Cathedral.
- 14.15-15.00 We'll visit the Lady Maria Cathedral. Inside there's a small museum and you can go up the tower, in which there is a small museum inside.
- 15.00-15.15 We'll go back to the hostel where we'll meet with Laura, who is young and very active in politics. She is a part of a youth party called Liberal Alliance.
- 15.15-16.00 Presentation from Laura.
- 16.00-16.45 A short break.
- 16.45-17.00 We'll walk to Drakomir.
- 17.00-18.00 We'll visit a Danish theatre-club called Drakomir. They'll tell us about politics connected with a theatre organization and what happens when you change from one municipality to another municipality. And there will be a small surprise.
- 18.00-18.15 We'll all walk together down to Peking House where we'll have our dinner.
- 18.15-19.30 Dinner at Peking House. You are able to enjoy a nice Chinese buffet.
- 19.30-19.45 We'll walk towards the tourist office in Ribe.
- 19.45-20.45 We'll meet a watchman. He'll tell us about Ribe, its history and tradition, and he'll sing to us. Afterwards

we'll walk around the historic streets and alleys with him.

21.00-?

Departure from Ribe, back to Campus in Varde.