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Few places have as many contrasts as the island of Bornholm. A bus and a guide give visitors the opportunity to experience Bornholm's many sights of interest easily and conveniently.

Tour 1: The Best of Bornholm (duration: 4 hours)

The tour departs from Rønne and heads north towards the fishing village of Hasle, passing through the beautiful wooded area interconnecting these two villages with each another. From Bornholm's coast, it is possible to discern the coast of Sweden, only 32 kilometers away at the closest point. The impressive ruins of the medieval fortress Hammershus come into view as the bus approaches the northern tip of Bornholm. Today, Hammershus is the largest castle ruin in Northern Europe and Bornholm's most popular attraction. The construction of the castle is assumed to have begun in the early 1200s, to consolidate the power of the archbishop of Lund over the island. In the ensuing 500 years, Hammershus was the seat of power for the island's succession of rulers. In 1743, the king of Denmark finally abandoned Hammershus, and the people of Bornholm began to retrieve stones from the site, which gradually fell into ruin, until 1822 when it was listed on the national historic register. The tour continues along the north-east coast of Bornholm through rolling countryside and charming hamlets. The village of Gudhjem is located right on a steep rocky outcrop. A walk through the village attests to the gentle restoration and preservation of its original exotic environment. The climate – and especially Bornholm's many hours of sunshine – provides good growth conditions for mulberry, walnut and fig trees. On this tour we make a stop at one of Bornholm four unique round churches. In addition to religious ceremonies, these churches were used as places of refuge in times of unrest and during raids by foreign invaders. The final leg of the tour back to Rønne passes through the lovely wooded area of Almindingen Forest with rift valleys, small lakes and captivating scenery.

- **Brief description in any order:**
- Hammershus with a stop.
- Gudhjem with a stop.
- Round Church with a brief stop.



Tour 2: South Bornholm (duration: 4 hours).

The tour starts out with a brief circular tour of Rønne, telling the town's interesting history, which includes the occupation of the island by the Soviet Army after World War II. Almindingen is the largest forest on Bornholm. The forest is transected by many rift valleys giving it a harmonic, idyllic ambience. The forest also contains two medieval fortifications. On the way to Svaneke, the tour passes through the fishing hamlets of Bølshavn and Listed with their small charming fishing houses and farmsteads. Svaneke is the easternmost market town in Denmark. The town is excellently well preserved with half-timbered houses and old merchant houses. The harbour and town square are "linked" by many small craft artists' shops and demonstration workshops. Visit the old grocery shop selling Bornholm specialties and other products. Visitors will satisfy their "sweet tooth" here by dropping in on Svaneke's workshops making liquorice, ice cream, sweets, chocolate and toffee. The fishing hamlet of Snogebæk is especially renowned for its unique offshore harbour, connected by a long jetty to the mainland. The southern tip of Bornholm is named Dueodde and is also the location of one of the best bathing beaches in Denmark. According to legend, the sand is so fine it was once used by Napoleon in his hourglass! On this tour we make a stop at one of Bornholm four unique round churches. In addition to religious ceremonies, these churches were used as places of refuge in times of unrest and during raids by foreign invaders.

- **Brief description in any order:**
- Almindingen Forest.
- Svaneke with a stop.
- Snogebæk.
- Dueodde with a brief stop.
- Round Church with a brief stop.



Tour 3: Bornholm Ramble (duration: 4 hours)

Bornholm is the island of contrasts with flat sandy expanses in the south and beautiful hilly scenery in the north with rocky terrain and rift valleys formed in the last Ice Age. The first stop on the tour is Dueodde, at the south tip of Bornholm. The beach's sand is reputed to be so fine it was used by Napoleon in his hourglass! Visitors take a short walk through this sand-filled seaside dune landscape teeming with bird life. On the way to the old idyllic fishing hamlet of Melsted, the tour follows the east and north coast of Bornholm through splendid well-preserved villages and hamlets. The walk to Gudhjem follows the old rescue path along the coast with the village and the Baltic Sea on either side. Gudhjem is one of the most unique villages in Denmark. It lies on a steep rocky outcrop and many small rock gardens are found its main street. Visitors will have time to experience Gudhjem on their own, before the tour heads back to Rønne.



- **Brief description in any order:**
- Walk at Dueodde.
- Walk from Melsted to Gudhjem.
- Time alone in Gudhjem with the option of visiting to a Glassblower's and/or a ceramicist's demonstration workshop.

Tour 4: Island Tour of Bornholm (duration: 6 hours)

Bornholm is the island of contrasts: the sand in the south is so fine that Napoleon is reputed to have used it in his hourglass. Where the north is characterized by rugged rocky terrain and cliffs. The landscape, ambience, rocks and long sandy beaches can all be experienced in just 6 hours.

The tour departs from Rønne harbour and heads for Dueodde at the south tip of Bornholm. Here there is a brief stop where it is possible to explore the impressive dune landscape. Svaneke is one of the best-preserved towns in Denmark with charming old cottages and merchant houses. The town is also home to an abundance of craft artists and small workshops producing everything from liquorice and sweets to ice cream. The village of Gudhjem lies directly on a steep rocky outcrop. The narrow streets and tall houses exude a unique ambience. Fig and mulberry trees are found in many of the rock gardens. The mild climate provides optimal growth conditions. Many artists came to the village in the last century, enticed by the light, rocks and landscape, and eventually prompting many leading Danish and Swedish painters to settle here. The tour heads inland through rolling countryside from where there is a splendid view across the island and the Baltic Sea. The Ertholmene archipelago is vaguely discernable on the horizon. Bornholm has four unique round churches. In addition to religious ceremonies, these churches were used as places of refuge in times of unrest and during raids by foreign invaders. Hammershus is the largest castle ruin in Northern Europe. The construction of the castle was presumably started by the archbishop of Lund in the 1200s, when most of the island came the control of the archdiocese. In the following centuries, Hammershus was the seat of power for the island's succession of rulers. This impressive edifice was also used as a stopping-off point en route to the medieval crusades through the now Baltic States, and Hammershus was also used to store the taxes in kind levied from the people of Bornholm. On the way to Rønne, the tour follows the beautiful west coast of Bornholm from where it is possible to see the coast of Sweden on a clear day.

- **Brief description in any order:**
- Dueodde with a brief stop.
- Svaneke with a stop.
- Gudhjem.
- Round Church with a brief stop.
- Hammershus Castle Ruin with a stop.



Tour 5: Shopping (duration: 4 hours)

Bornholm is especially renowned for its many craft artists. This trip gives visitors a gentle “peek” into the many offers available on the island. Svaneke is Bornholm’s town of artists and artisans, where its waterfront and market square provide a natural centre around which many small workshops and shops – offering a wide range of products from ceramics, art and glass – are located. The town is a gem in its own right with small half-timbered cottages and old merchant’s houses. Go for a stroll through the small streets, soak in the charm and notice how time seems to stand still. Outside Gudhjem lie Baltic Sea Glass, craft-artist couple Maibritt Jönsson and Pete Hunner, will welcome visitors to their “Kingdom of Glass”. In their studio, red-hot molten glass is wonderfully transformed into beautiful vases, glassware or one-off works of art (“Unika”). The village of Gudhjem lies directly on a steep rocky outcrop. The narrow streets and tall houses exude a unique ambience. Fig and mulberry trees are found in many of the rock gardens. The mild climate provides optimal growth conditions. Many artists came to the village in the last century, enticed by the light, rocks and landscape, and eventually prompting many leading Danish and Swedish painters to settle here. On this tour we make a stop at one of Bornholm four unique round churches. In addition to religious ceremonies, these churches were used as places of refuge in times of unrest and during raids by foreign invaders.

Brief description in any order:

- Svaneke with a stop.
- Baltic Sea Glass with a stop.
- Gudhjem with a stop.
- Round Church with a brief stop.



Extra: In Gudhjem there is a possibility to visit the local smokehouse to taste a smoke herring, Smoked herring is also called the “Gold of Bornholm”.

Tour 6: Taste of Bornholm (duration: 4 hours)

Drive through the lush countryside to the Lille Gadegaard Vineyard, an idyllic place close to the Town of Aakirkeby. The vineyard was founded in 1995 and started out making strawberry wine. Not until 2000 was viticulture introduced in Denmark, and they harvested their first grapes in 2002. This is now the largest area vineyard in Denmark. At the vineyard you will tour the premises and enjoy a little wine tasting of the three varieties. Continue across the island to the Hallegaard, a real countryside farm covering 80 acres. This farm specializes in sausages and everything is specialized in sausages and everything is organically handmade according to old recipes. Take a stroll around the beautiful farm and taste the sausages as you hear about their production. Next stop is in Svaneke (meaning small swan), on the eastern coast of Bornholm. Visit the brewery housed in an old merchant's house dating back to 1750. Here you will see the process of making beer and of course enjoy a taste as well. After a fun, gourmet experience, return to the pier in Rønne through Almindingen, one of the largest forest areas in Denmark

Brief description in any order:

- Vineyard Lille Gadegaard ½ hrs. stop
- sausage Hallegård ½ hrs. stop
- Brewhouse in Svaneke ½ hrs. Stop and ½ hrs free time in Svaneke



Tour 7: Cycling incl. a smoked herring (ca. 25 km/4 hours/easy terrain).

From Rønne the journey goes along the old Rail line to Nyker and to Ny Kirke, one of four round churches on Bornholm. Local Guides recounts the exciting history of the round churches. At the herring smokehouse in Hasle, a local guide tells the interesting insight into the age-old herring smoking methods that have been used for centuries here on the island. Smoked herring is also called the “Gold of Bornholm”. The best way to enjoy a freshly smoked herring is on a slice of dark rye bread, with a sprinkle of coarsely salt. The tour back to Rønne passing through a beautiful forest area.

Brief description:

- Rønne.
- Ny Kirke.
- Visit the herring smokehouse in Hasle, with taste samples and a beer/soft drink.

Remarks: Max 25 pax pr. localguide.



General remarks:

Note the Round Churches is closed on Saturdays and Sundays, and when there is a religious ceremony.

The tours will be driving in any order.

We take reservations for misprints.