

Optional activities in connection with the 1st Coast Alive Annual Meeting

Geocaching Course

Firstly, this course will give an insight into what geocaching is and how it is carried out. Secondly the participants will learn how to handle/use geocoins on www.geocaching.com. Coast Alive have ordered 1000 of its own geocoins, which will be available at the Annual Meeting. The first Coast Alive geocoin will be placed in a cache in the forest nearby immediately after the course.

**Time: Monday 15th March 2010 at 16:00-19:00 in
Krøyers Salon 4+5.**

Free of charge.

*For placing of the first Coast Alive geocoin departure on foot
from the hotel at 19:00. Return in time for dinner at 20:00.*



Fish auction at the harbour of Skagen

In the morning it is possible to have a look at the fish auction at the auction hall on the harbour. At the auction, buyers bid for seasonal fish and seafood. Guest are welcome but please remember that it is a workplace. Note how the different buyers make their bids. Try to keep up - the auctioneer can!

**Time: Tuesday 16th March 2010. Departure from the
hotel by bus at 06:30.**

Free of charge.

A guide will accompany the group.



Råbjerg Mile

Råbjerg Mile is a migrating coastal dune south of Skagen. It is the largest moving dune in Northern Europe with an area of around 1 km² (0.4 mi²) and a height of 40 m (130 ft) and it contains a total of 4 million m³ of sand. The wind moves it in a north-easterly direction up to 18 m a year.

In northern Jutland up until the end of the 1800s sand drifting was a serious problem for the population: huge dunes, some stretching up to 7 km (4 mi) inland drove them away from their land and buried their villages. The Sand Drift Act of 1857 allowed the state to buy areas suffering from sand drift. Dune grasses and conifers were planted to stabilise the sand and these plantations became common after 1880 and by the 1950s the sand drifts were under control.

While the majority of dunes were stabilised by planting, the Råbjerg Mile was left to allow future generations to understand the problem of sand drifting. The central area of the Mile was purchased by the State in 1900, and after the Conservation of Nature Act in 1917 further surrounding areas were purchased. The dune is now, however, drifting out of the government-owned area and discussion over further conservation legislation is taking place.

Time: Tuesday 16th March 2010. Departure from the hotel by bus at 9:00 with return at approx. 12:00.

Free of charge.

A guide will accompany the group. The tour will include a visit to the dune and a walk on the North Sea Trail. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.



Den tilsandede Kirke (The Buried Church)

The sand drift that encroached on the area in the 18th and 19th centuries led among other things to the abandoning of the old parish church to the drifting sand – the famous Buried Church (Den tilsandede Kirke). The congregation eventually gave up digging their way into the church every Sunday morning! The fight against the sand was kept up until 1795 when the church was abandoned. The tower of the church remains rising up from the dunes. It was left as a navigational marker when the church was abandoned.

The church is not far from the hotel and the study tour will take place entirely on foot. After visiting the church, the guide will take the walkers on a tour of the surrounding area, including the North Sea Trail.

Time: Tuesday 16th March 2010. Departure from the hotel on foot at 14:00 with return at approx. 16:30.

Free of charge.

A guide will accompany the group. The tour will include a visit to the church and a walk on the North Sea Trail. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.



Skagen Museum

From the beginning of the 1870s, and up to the turn of the century, Skagen was an international venue for young artists, who came to paint in the special light which is said to exist in Skagen. Common for all of them was that they were inspired by naturalism and outdoor painting, sought new places and motifs, and during the course of the 1880s Skagen was transformed into an artists' colony with room for both work and play. The artists' favourite motifs were the fishermen working on the beaches, the tiny fishermen's cottages, the landscape and the artists' social life. Already during their own lifetime the Skagen artists became world-famous through prominent exhibitions abroad.

Some of the most famous painters were P.S. Krøyer, Christian Krogh, Holger Drachmann, Laurits Tuxen and the couple Michael and Anna Ancher and many of their paintings are exhibited at Skagen Museum.
www.skagensmuseum.dk

Time: Tuesday 16th March 2010. Departure from the hotel by bus at 17:30 with return at approx. 19:45.

Free of charge.

Guest will have a guided tour of part of the museum and the visit will finish with a drink before returning to the hotel for dinner.



Grenen

Grenen north of Skagen is the most northern tip of the European continent. It is formed by sand, which the sea transports northwards all along the coast of Jutland and it grows approximately 10 meters per year in a north-easterly direction towards Sweden.

Two seas meet at Grenen – Skagerrak and Kattegat – and that shows on the waves, which come from different directions. This causes dangerous currents so bathing is prohibited, but it is, however, safe to stand with one foot in each sea.

The tour will also include a visit to Grenen Art Museum, founded by the artist Axel Lind in 1977.

Time: Wednesday 17th March 2010. Departure from the hotel by bus at 9:00 with return at approx. 13.00.

Free of charge.

A guide will accompany the group.

Krøyers Hus

P.S. Krøyer came to Skagen for the first time in 1882. His enthusiasm for nature, the local environment and not least the social life with the other painters meant that he returned nearly every summer. In 1894 he and his wife were allowed to rent a house in Skagen Plantation and it was subsequently adjusted to suit the needs of the painting couple. Since then the house has been known as Krøyer's House.

Today the house serves as the office of the Coast Alive partner, the Danish Forest and Nature Agency.

Time: Thursday 18th March 2010. Departure from the hotel on foot at 9:00 with return at approx. 11.00.

Free of charge.

A guide will accompany the group.

Bicycles for hire

During the days in Skagen it is possible to hire bikes if you would like to explore the area on your own. The cost is 100 kr. for all the days. You need to book this on the Coast Alive registration form.

