

Tour de Aarhus 2015

An international Goodwill and Understanding project

We invited soroptimists in Europe, and a group of 24 people representing 9 nationalities gathered in Aarhus in June. We had some splendid days.



Below photos are added into the original program text

Day 1: Saturday June 13th – Arrival

We will receive you in Aarhus according to individual agreements.

Saturday evening: Grill get-together with Soroptimists and -misters from Aarhus



Our president, Heike Lundahl bids "Welcome Europe"



soroptimisters (Heikes husband Ove) grills delicious chicken for us

Day 2: Sunday June 14th – around in Aarhus

We will bike into the center of Aarhus.



Passing the Cathedral in Aarhus



The harbour area



The quite new DOKK1 - Library, meeting place and much more

In the morning you can choose between a visit to **Aros Art Museum** or **The Old Town**.



Looking at Aarhus through the Rainbow



Meeting the geese in the street

After lunch we will walk along the beach in Aarhus to see **Sculptures by the Sea**, an exhibition of art in the nature where many Danish and foreign artists have built up special works of art.



Sunday evening: Get-together with Aarhus Kraka, a Soroptimist club in Aarhus.



A cozy evening with good food, music and songs



Margrethe Bogner, Aarhus Kraka told about the 100 years anniversary for womens right to vote

Day 3: Monday June 15th – biking trip to Odder

We pack our things and continue the tour towards Odder (south of Aarhus)



We will pass Varna - an old mansion which is a restaurant in the green areas south of Aarhus

We stop for lunch at **Ørnereden**- a Nature Center in the woods.



A stop at Skovmøllen - a very old restaurant



Nothing is better than coffee, tea and cakes served in the wood



A cup of tea or coffee makes everyone happy :)

We continue biking to our destination- Saxild Strand.

Monday evening: together with Soroptimists from SI Odder.



SI Odder had prepared a wonderful evening with soroptimist meeting,



untraditional music



bonfire speach



and a good time along the coast with music and song

Day 4: Tuesday June 16th – continue to Skanderborg

We bike to **Vester Mølle** – an old mill which has been renovated into a museum, restaurant and meeting place.

After lunch we continue to **Sølund**, which is a home for the handicapped people. We will be given a tour and learn more about “gentle teaching”.

We then bike to a youth hostel in Skanderborg where we will stay overnight.



We had great weather when we reached Skanderborg Vandrerhjem

Two brave, Swedish vikings in the lake

Tuesday evening: get-together with Soroptimists from SI Skanderborg



We were welcomed by SI Skanderborg in a farmhouse. Each member of the club had made some of the food. **Very delicious :)**



The barn was decorated with light and tree branches



With the soroptimist host in the band we heard great folk music And the soroptimist husband could lead the dance for everyone



Day 5: Wednesday June 17th – To the Sky Mountain in pouring rain!

We bike to Ry to Hotel Blicher- and then we park the bikes!

We will first take the train to **Ludvigsløst** for lunch and then take the ferry to **Himmelbjerget** (Sky Mountain – height 147 m!) and walk to the top.



We found the woman oak and the woman stone



Marianne defied the rain and told us the story of the Sky Mountain, but she had problems with the champagne



It really was not easy to open that bottle, but at last ...

We will take a walk in the area and find the **"female oak"** – an oak planted exactly 100 years ago to celebrate women receiving the right to vote in Denmark. Marianne Purup - tourist manager in the municipality of Skanderborg will tell us about the Sky mountain and its history, and we will celebrate the jubilee.

Evening: We will then take the ferry to Silkeborg where we will meet with SI Silkeborg.



Solvejg Jensen, president in SI Silkeborg bid welcome



We had good soroptimist talk: what do you do in your club?



We enjoyed relaxing soroptimist meeting after a long and wet day

Day 6: Thursday June 18th – Moesgaard Museum

From Ry we will bike to **Moesgaard Museum**, south of Aarhus. The museum shows scenes from the oldest period of time in Denmark, but it is the newest museum building in Aarhus and quite spectacular! We will stay here for a while and have lunch.



Lunch time at Momu



Waiting for the guide and an interesting tour in Momu

We will then bike to the center of Aarhus and say goodbye to our bikes. After a short walk, you will reach your hotel, Cabinn, in the center of Aarhus.

Time for a little shopping in the center of the town

Thursday evening: Farewell party with Aarhus Soroptimists.



The more we are together..
 The more we bike together...
 The more we smile together..
 etc in many different languages.
 A warm goodbye after a great week :)



Lucy played the piano

Greetings from participants:



We would like to thank you for a wonderful week cycling through the beautiful countryside of Denmark. Although the weather could have been better, the mood among the group was fantastic. New friendships are born.

Thank you for the warm welcom and the perfect organisation. We hope you all had a good rest afterwards. We went home with a bucket full of good memories.

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Det var bare alt helt fantastisk, hele sykkelturen, fra første øyeblikk. En fantastisk vennlighet, god organisasjon over alt, god mat og en fin gruppe. Mer kann man seg jo ikke ønske.

En stjerne på himmelen skulle dere alle hat.

Nok en gang hjertelig tusen takk til dere alle, og alle de andere klubbene.

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Congratulations on both a successful and a memorable Cycling trip. I know you and the committee spent many months planning the trip --and it showed. ... I hope there are many more successful years ahead. I had a wonderful time thanks to you and your club, the trip was outstanding. I would like to convey a massive thank you to the members of all the clubs who have organized such wonderful evenings with great company, food, wine and entertainment. It was obvious to all who attended that the club members put great time and effort into making this trip a big success:

SI Aarhus, SI Aarhus Kraka, SI Odder, SI Skanderborg, SI Silkeborg

Thank you again for all the coordinating, driving and keeping us all up to date. The trip wouldn't have been the same without you, the club members and all the other cyclists.

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Vi kom hem till midsommarfirande i Sverige och sedan direkt tillbaka till jobbet igen. Oj, vad jag har tröttat ut alla med alla intressanta berättelser om våra dagar på Jylland. Det var verkligen en helt fantastisk resa. Jag glömmer den aldrig.

Ju mer man tänker på all planering som ligger bakom desto mer imponerad blir man. Alla dessa transporter, alla dessa aktiviteter, alla dessa olika login och alla dessa olika klubbar. Så perfekt!!!

Vet du, det jag kanske mest av allt är tacksam för att jag fått uppleva under dessa dagar är faktiskt att jag fått äta hemlagad dansk mat! Jo! Jag är ju född och uppvuxen i Malmö, så resorna till Danmark har varit otaliga, men hemlagad mat? Nej aldrig förr! Jag har provat att göra några av de goda sallader vi fick. Det gick ganska bra, jag fick beröm. Och kunder berätta att det var recept från Jylland

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I wanted to thank you all very, very much for the brilliant organization and the wonderful time we had. I enjoyed it very, very much. And on top all these wonderful people we met.

It was a wonderful experience.

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Tusen takk för en fantastisk vecka på Jylland. Aarhus med omgivning är en läcker upplevelse.

Ni ska verkligen känna er glada och stolta över ett väl genomfört projekt.

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Thank you so much to you and all the other wonderful Danish Soroptimists for such a marvelous tour. Richard and I both enjoyed it so much. The countryside, the friendship and the fun will remain in our minds for a long time. Denmark is a very special country, even in the rain. I do hope that we are able to continue the friendships we made.

Will you please pass on our sincere thanks to all the members of Aarhus Soroptimists and indeed any of the other clubs that you meet.

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A very BIG thank you for the fantastic tour you and a few Danish clubs from Jutland have organised. It was a great pleasure for me to meet Danish Soroptimists and the participants. Even ill, I enjoyed it a lot. With your help, I had the great pleasure to follow all the program, ...on 4 wheels. With all my thanks and my congratulations for the great Aarhus tour, I wish you all a very nice summer.

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Your hearty welcome led our visit to Aarhus a lovely adventure! I'm really very grateful to you and the planning group for the fantastic days we spent with you.

I'm very pleased even to know we could cooperate in helping the hospital children project.

It will be very moving to receive a lot of photos from the participants of the tour and keep the memory of the European sisters of Soroptimist. All the best to you all.

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- oh - what`s a pleasure - to be together - and later on get all those very, very nice pictures !!

For me it was a great experience - and on my daily cycle routes I remember how nice it was to be member of such a big group.

Hoping to see some of you again - on the next Soroptimist biking tour !!!

and until then - keep smiling- (and cycling)

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Thank you very much for everything you did for us to make the tour a big success! Now we can dream away with all these pictures in the nice memories we all have. Your club and sisterclubs really did a great job. Organizing this tour was much more difficult than in the Netherlands, where we had our hotel and dinner with us on the boat.

So chapeau! Hope to see you again somewhere in soroptimistland.

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Having the advantage to join this wonderful event was for me the very peak of this summer!

Thank you all in the Soroptimist host clubs in Aarhus with surroundings!

To experience the beauty of the Danish countryside in midsummer time the way we travelled was splendid. It was an experience I never would have thought was able for me in this age of life. Today I use my bike at home every day for longer distances than before and that is wonderful.

The weather was perfect! I never noticed that it was windy some days, I was so occupied struggling up-hills!

About the rainy day: The good thing was that we were not on our bikes during the rain! We will all remember that day for ages and how wet we were in that famous place in Denmark and how special it was drinking champagne and listening to the history by the women`s oak when the rain was pouring down! It was the only rain we had worth mentioning.

And then, in the evenings, we had all this well tasting food and nice friendship meetings, everything so well organised.

A special thank you from me to the Danish participants who did their very best to keep us in "the tail" together with the group and in good spirit! Good comradeship!

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Thank you to our sponsors:

LauRie



LauRie sponsored a pair of "Pedal pants" to all the participants. That was very popular and the day after almost everyone was biking in their new pants.



Det lune Brød from Vericenteret sponsored delicious morning bread and Danish "Wienerbrød"

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When the owner heard that we were soroptimists he offered to sponsor rent of helmets - as his mother is a soroptimist :)

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Sculptures by the Sea



We walked along the beach in Aarhus where many Danish and foreign artists have built up special works of art.

This exhibition in the nature is always very well visited

See the web site [HERE](#)



Sunday we visited The old Town in Aarhus - a five star museum with buildings that are exactly rebuilt from old houses in Denmark. The newest part is a museum that shows our way of living in 1974. See the web site [HERE](#)



Some visited Aros, the new art museum and walked in the rainbow on the top of the roof. Art from the golden age or modern art can be found in the museum. See the web site [HERE](#)

The nest of the eagles



On the tour south we will make a stop here to rest and to learn more about the nature at this place.

The translation of the name of the place is : The nest of the eagles



We continue our tour along the East coast of Jutland and our accomodation is close to the beach.

Going to Skanderborg



We visited the beautiful place Vester Mølle. This is an old place that has been carefully renovated by the municipality together with engaged local people.

Here we found a small museum with things from the old mill. There is a fine restaurant and there are beautiful areas where we can relax, enjoy our lunch and enjoy the view over Skanderborg Lake

To the Sky Mountain in rain !



On this day we more or less parked the bikes. We sailed to Himmelbjerget (146 m high) It is a very popular sight seeing place, and we walked to the top, and found The female oak in the wood and celebrate that women received the right to vote for exactly 100 years ago. See the web site [HERE](#)

Moesgaard museum



The highlight of this day is a visit in Moesgaard Museum. It will open in October 2014. The museum is half way hidden in the ground so it becomes an integrated part of the nature. See the web site [HERE](#)

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More pictures !!









