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Cycling Copenhagen to Berlin  
16<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

### Day Two – Bicycle to Rødvig

**Highlights:** Kalvebod Fælled, Mosede Fort & Beach, Køge oldest half-timbered house in Denmark

*Leave Copenhagen on one of its many extraordinary bike paths to the Kalvebod Fælled nowadays one of the biggest recreational areas around Copenhagen. Stop for lunch in Køge, a century old market town with an impressive medieval section surrounding the central square, which is home to the oldest dated half-timbered house in Denmark. Distance: 73km (45 miles)*

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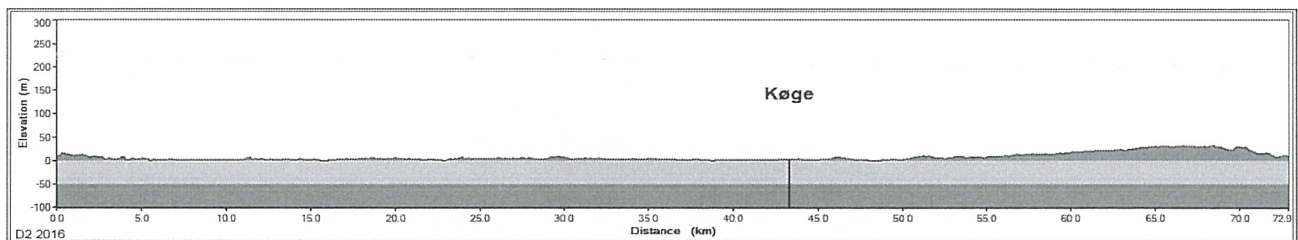
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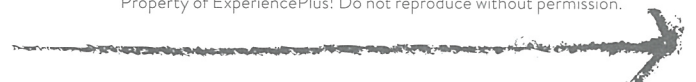
**Today's Ride:** You'll leave Copenhagen on bike paths and go across the famous snake bridge for cyclists. As you leave Copenhagen, you'll have a 2 km stretch on packed gravel before getting back onto standard Danish bike paths, working your way down the coast to our final destination of Rødvig.



**Lunch and Dinner:** The best place for Lunch is in Køge (km 44), the central market place with a couple of restaurants, cafés, bakeries, and grocery stores to replenish.

**You Might Like to Know:** As you ride out of Copenhagen, you'll ride past the nature reserve of **Kalvebod Fælled**. Prior to World War II, the place was sea floor. From 1943, the 20 km<sup>2</sup> area was turned into dry land as a job creation project to keep the police busy during German occupation, but nature—especially birds—took it quickly. For the first 40 years, it was a place where military practiced. Today it has been cleaned from "military leftovers" and the only thing left is some ammunition shells at the educational center and the names of the paths around the park. It is a popular destination for the people of Copenhagen to connect with nature at the weekend, go for a bike ride, or enjoy an ice cream.

The ride today will highlight the peaceful atmosphere that is so characteristic of Denmark. But of course that was not always the case, and **Mosede Fort** is proof of that. Built during World War I to protect against German naval invasions, it was also actively used by the Germans themselves during their occupation of the country in World War II. Today it is a museum dedicated to Denmark's role in WWI and a recreational area with a café and restaurant.



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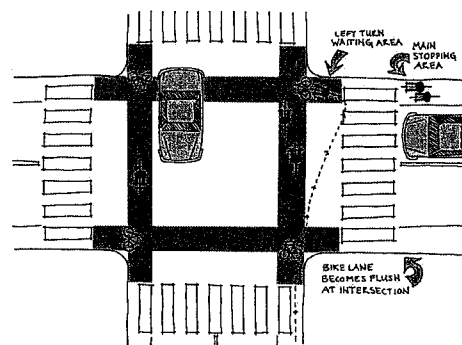
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**Køge** is a small town where you can admire beautifully preserved half-timbered houses, including the oldest one in Denmark, from 1527. These houses may have stood the test of time, but if you look carefully, you'll see some of them are actually leaning. Nearby you can see Sankt Nicolai Church, which has a lighthouse in its tower, testament to the naval and fishing heritage of the town.

**Rødvig** is a charming little fisherman's village. If you find the time, walk north along the coast to see the famous **Stevns Cliffs**. The Cliffs tell the dramatic story of how the dinosaurs and half of all species of animal were wiped out 65.5 million years ago when the Earth was hit by an asteroid. Stevns is the best place in the world to see the thin layer of fish clay hidden between chalk and limestone, which bears witness to the impact of the asteroid. The patient explorer can look down and find fossils in the many rocks on the beach.

**Bicycle Safety Note:** Bicycle riding is an essential part of Copenhagen's culture. Over half of the city commutes by bicycle every day, regardless of the weather. The city has tackled a number of civic improvement projects and made cyclists an equal participant in traffic involving practices you might not be used to. The most "uncommon" to you might be the so-called "Copenhagen-left". As a general rule in Denmark, cyclists are required to make a wide left turn where they cross the perpendicular street and wait to cross the original one. The space between the crosswalk and bike lane becomes a waiting area for the cyclists turning left.

Source: [betweenyellowandblue.wordpress.com/2009/04/08/copenhagen-to-two-wheels-part-1/](http://betweenyellowandblue.wordpress.com/2009/04/08/copenhagen-to-two-wheels-part-1/)



## **Danish Lesson of the Day:**

Asking: "Taler du engelsk?" (Do you speak English) the most probable answer will be: "Ja" (Yes). Since the Danish are a very polyglot people, it seems that almost everyone speaks some English. Nevertheless it is nice to learn at least a few words in Danish so when you are asked: „Taler du dansk?“ (Do you speak Danish) you can answer: „Nej“ (No) or „Ja, en smule“ (Yes, a little).

If you are hungry ask for a "Smørbrød" (sandwich) you'll be surprised by its size! or "rød grød med fløde" (you also learn a twister to non-Danish tongues) it is a delicious red fruit pudding with cream (ask a local to teach you how to pronounce it!)

And thank you is: „Tak“ or „Mange tak“ (thank you very much) or „Tusind tak“ (*thousand thanks*).





**Cycling Copenhagen to Hamburg**  
 Scale 1:200.000

**Day 2 Copenhagen to Rødvig**  
 Towns for navigation: Brøndby Strand (18 km), Mosede Fort (30 km), Køge (43 km), Strøby Egede (50 km), Strøby (55 km), Store Heddinge (66 km), Rødvig Stevns (76 km)

