



Day Three - bicycle to Stege on the island of Møn

Highlights: Præstø Fjord and town, Baroque mansion of Nysø, Stege and Island of Møn

Continue pedaling south to Præstø Fjord and the small town of Præstø which began as a merchant village in the 14th Century. Stop in town to view the famous Nysø Mansion, one of Denmark's first and finest examples of baroque architecture built by a local merchant in 1673. Distance: 75km (47 miles).

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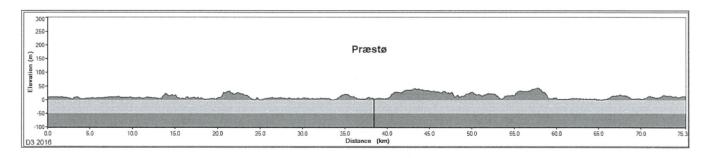
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<u>Today's Ride:</u> Today you'll ride around the bay of Faxe to Præstø and have some gentle rolling hills on the second half of the ride. Our hotel is about 4 km after the town of Stege, so if you want to go for any shopping, coffee, or beer we recommend a stop in town. Especially since they have a special coffee places and a microbrewery.



<u>Lunch and Dinner:</u> We recommend lunch in Præstø (km 38). You'll find an in & out that will take you into the little port/marina of Præstø and a couple of restaurants.

You Might Like to Know: Just before arriving in the town of Præstø and its beautiful fjord, look out for Nysø mansion. This fine baroque building is particularly known for its role in the Danish Golden Age as many artists stayed there, including Hans Christian Andersen, Bertel Thorvaldsen, and N. F. S. Grundtvig. During the first half of the 19th century, artistic creativity boomed in the fields of painting, sculpture, literature, philosophy, and architecture, in the wake of German Romanticism. Hans Christian Andersen is best known for his fairytales such as "The Emperor's New Clothes", "The Little Mermaid" and "The Ugly Duckling". His stories have been translated into 150 different languages, second only to the Bible. In terms of architecture, Copenhagen developed a new look, mainly influenced by the neoclassical style of architects such as Christian Frederik Hansen and Michael Gottlieb Bindesbøll.

Our final destination today is the **island of Møn**. To get there, you will cross over Wolf Straight (Ulvsund) on Queen Alexandrine Bridge. This beautiful structure has its own bike lane (of course!) and is so distinctive that it features on Danish 500 kroner bank notes. The island is famous for its natural beauty and sandy beaches, as well as the majestic Møns Klint white chalk cliffs on the south of the island. As well as being a popular tourist destination today, they featured regularly in paintings during the Danish Golden Age. Nearby is **Liselund Park**, an English-style estate and garden built by French nobleman Antoine de Bosc de la Calmette in the 18th century for his wife Lisa. How did a French nobleman end up in Denmark you may wonder? His family were Huguenots who had to flee France due to their Protestant religion. His father was a diplomat and after spending time in Holland, Switzerland, and Portugal, they finally settled in Denmark where Antoine fell in love with Lisa, the daughter of a Swiss baron who had also emigrated.

The last town we cross before arriving at our hotel is Stege. Charming little community, its Romanesque church dates back to the 13th century. The old town is a charming place to meander with its narrow streets, market square, old houses, and many restaurants and cafes. The microbrewery Bryghuset Møn is a must for beer-lovers. It serves seven different varieties and is renowned in the whole region.

Bicycle safety notes:

Be aware of things going on around you (situational awareness)

65% of crashes among our customers over the last 3-4 years might have been avoided with better situational awareness:

Expect the unexpected: 35% of crashes happened when a dog, cat or car came onto the road from the side.

Give yourself space: 30% of crashes happened when cyclists were too close to one another and failed to communicate properly

Danish Lesson of the Day: Here how to ask for where something is:

I'm looking for ...: Jeg leder efter ...

The city centre: centrum
My hotel: mit hotel
The market: markedet

The museum: museet

Church: kirke

Main square: torvet

Toilets: Toiletter Men: Herrer Women: Damer

Day 3 Rødvig to Stege

Stege (70km), Hotel Towns for Navigation: Faxe Ladeplads (16 km), Præstø (38 km), Kalvehave (60 km),

