

Nyborg Castle and City

Nyborg Castle and city is one of the most important cultural heritage monuments from the Middle Ages in Denmark. Nyborg Castle and town were from the beginning of the 13th century and until 1560 the king of Denmark's favourite residence. The king met with Danish parliament at Nyborg Castle for almost two centuries and here the first constitution of the realm was signed in 1282. The great Church of Our Lady which in cooperation with the castle defines the historic city centre was founded to commemorate the military victory that made it possible for Queen Margrethe I (1376-1412) to unite the three Nordic kingdoms – Denmark, Norway and Sweden – in the Union of Kalmar.

The town has always been a junction – a place you passed to get from one end of the country to another. That's the reason why several kings and queen spent a great deal of money on planning, expanding and fortifying it. Queen Margrethe I launched an impressive water regulatory project whose purpose was to create a fortified town surrounded by water. Christian III (1503-1559) made large investments in Nyborg, he fortified the entire city and gave the city centre its present heartformed shape. All their efforts to make Nyborg a strong royal fortress are still clearly visible and makes the medieval chapter of the history of one of the oldest monarchies in the world come alive in Nyborg.

Today the remains of Nyborg Castle are to be found behind the still-preserved parts of the great ramparts and moats that recalls Nyborg's history as one of the main fortresses controlling the passage ways through the country forming the backbone in the defence of the realm from the seventeenth century until the nineteenth century.

Visit Nyborg Castle or the city museum of Nyborg situated in the old house of the mayor founded in 1601 opposite the castle. The green areas of the fortifications surrounding castle and parts of the city centre makes a perfect setting for a relaxing walk or perhaps a picnic.

The historic city centre has a lively trade with many shops and cafés, and some of Denmark's best beaches and beach hotels are found just outside the city limits. Since the middle ages farmers have been growing high quality vegetables and fruits in the fertile soils of Eastern Funen. Enjoy a dinner prepared from the finest local products in one of the gourmet restaurants at the waterfront. From Nyborg you can get around by bike or car to the many fascinating attractions and experiences of nature in the once royal landscape of Eastern Funen. Nyborg is easily reached by train or car and for sailors there is a good harbour, which still recalls the history of the ferries that used to connect the Danish kingdom before the Great Belt Bridge. Staying in Nyborg - right in the heart of Denmark - makes it easy for you to go to all other places in

Denmark by car or by train. Enter the old royal city of Denmark and create your own adventure in Nyborg – The Heart of the Kingdom of Denmark. Nyborg Castle and Nyborg museum are parts of Østfyns Museer with departments in Ladby and Kerteminde as well. Currently a strong effort is made to make Nyborg Castle and City a candidate for a UNESCO World Heritage List.