

Post Congress tour (Preliminary plan)

Time Schedule

From: Friday July 1nd Departing from Congress Venue around 2 pm

End: Saturday July 9th no later than 1.30 pm at Copenhagen central station or 2.30 pm at Copenhagen Airport

See the rest of Denmark and experience historic attractions and successful farm operations

The post congress tour is a mix of tourist attractions and agriculture related visits including visits to national and world heritage sites. Two days are multiple purpose visits where delegates can choose tourist attractions or agricultural related visits. When you join the post congress tour you are going to see old mansions with entrepreneurial owners who managed to diversify but still have a strong and modern farming business. You will also have look into the world leading wind-mill industry originally founded in agriculture and of course you will see well managed dairy and pig operations.

Spend the week in Denmark in the beginning of July. July brings with it the warmest weather of the year and the height of the tourist season to Denmark and quite often temperatures reach 25°C (77°F), but lower temperatures and cloudy weather is also quite typical.

Friday July 1st

Departing from congress venue in the afternoon

We are going to see and learn more about the Danish horticulture and grass seed production where we visit the seed company at Funen specialized in spinach for seed.

Spend the night in the hometown of the world known poet and writer Hans Christian Andersen.



More about a successful niche in Denmark

Jensen Seeds produce flower and vegetable seeds for seed companies worldwide. For more than 50 years, we have developed and refined our methods and techniques for cultivating and cleaning seeds. Jensen Seeds A/S is an independent seed production company that has been owned by DLF since 2017. In order to achieve and maintain this goal, we continuously expand our production area and capacity using the best and latest technology in the industry. Our main crops are spinach hybrids, Chinese cabbage, and hybrid pak choi.



Saturday July 2nd

This Saturday we are going to visit Egeskov Castle – a 16th century mansion with access to the castle. The castle park is nicely kept with multiple attractions and a veteran car museum. You can also choose to have insight into the 840 hectare farming operation specialised in grass seed production.

After Egeskov castle, the tour is headed to Viking Ship museum in Kerteminde in the Northern part of Funen. The museum's history is the story of the unique ship burial and a lot of other very interesting things.

Before dinner we experience the atmosphere of "Le Tour de France" where second stage is ending in Nyborg a Funen this Saturday.



Entrepreneurship is necessary to secure survival of estates

For 460 years, Egeskov Castle has stood in its beautiful location in the landscape of Southern Funen. Take a closer look at the interior of Egeskov in the castle guide which provides an overview of both the ground floor and first floor of the building. The Veteran car Museum holds 530 larger objects (cars, planes, motorbikes etc.). The total acreage at Egeskov amounts to 1,143 hectares, divided into 840 hectares of arable land. In recent years, we have progressed from the intensive cultivation of cereals to become experts in seed production.



Sunday July 3rd

See the "Birthplace of Denmark" and Harald Bluetooth's rune stone (UNESCO world Heritage) The mobile connection technology is named after this former Danish king

We plan to visit an innovative dairy operation and hopefully hear from a Danish farmer, who is member of European Parliament talking about European agricultural policy from a farmer perspective

We are visiting the first Danish "folk high school" which for centuries (founded in 1844) has been a voluntary educational stay for young people for either a few months or a whole year. Focus of the folk high school is formation of democratic citizens able to be part in the public debate and society. Folk high schools have been a major driver in formation of the cooperative movement in Denmark. Still the major Danish agricultural companies are run as cooperatives.



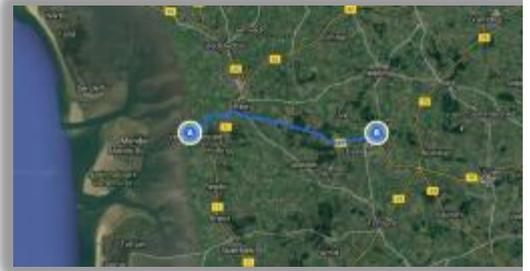
A school where you live and learn together. There are no prerequisites, no exams, and no grades

Rødding Højskole is a modern folk high school building on the inspirator N.F.S. Grundtvig's ideas about enlightenment and participating in the democratic society. Rødding Højskole (Folk High School) was founded as the first folk high school in 1844 as part of the struggle to maintain the Danish language and culture in the border area to Germany and to prepare farmers to participate in the dawning democracy.



Monday July 4th

Visit to Gram Castle – a castle that has undergone an incredible transition since 2007 where the current owners took over the castle after the castle had been unoccupied in 25 years. The current owners stems from a traditional farming background and had to come up with creative financing solution to have the dream come true.



Innovation in marketing and ownership – departing from organic dairy

Gram Castle is a unique and very versatile company undergoing continuous development. The company consists of a hotel, restaurant, holiday apartments and a large, organic farm. At the same time, Gram Castle is a cultural institution providing vivid presentations of history, architecture, culture and nature.

Gram Castle is located in exceptional surroundings, which we use, together with others, to develop and offer a broad selection of events and activities. The surroundings are also available to companies, organizations and private persons who want to take part in the exciting environment in and around Gram Castle.

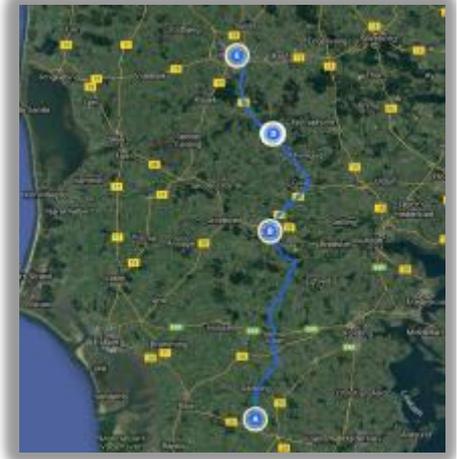


UNESCO World Heritage – Watten Sea

The Wadden Sea is famous for its rich flora and fauna, especially birds. Hundreds of thousands of waders, ducks, and geese use the area as a migration stopover or wintering site. The watten sea stretches from The Netherlands to Denmark. A guided tour of 45 minutes which gives a good introduction to the Wadden Sea, the migratory birds and the tides

Tuesday July 5th

Visit LEGO house in Billund; a lab with 25 million bricks covering 12,000 sq meters. This is a short stay where you can also look into the LEGO museum. From there we go north to visit another industry with current success – The wind mill sector. Siemens Gamesa in Denmark started as Bonus wind mills which was a spin of from agricultural industry.



Constant innovation

The LEGO Group is a privately held, family-owned company with headquarters in Billund, Denmark, and main offices in Enfield, USA, London, UK, Shanghai, China, and Singapore. Founded in 1932 by Ole Kirk Kristiansen, and based on the iconic LEGO® brick.

Farmers are engaged in energy production and green technologies

Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy is engaged in all three areas of the wind power business: Onshore, Offshore and Service. Siemens has peerless expertise integrating customer needs into wind energy solutions for maximum benefit. Discover our portfolio and see how Siemens' products and solutions turn wind power into a viable source of green energy.



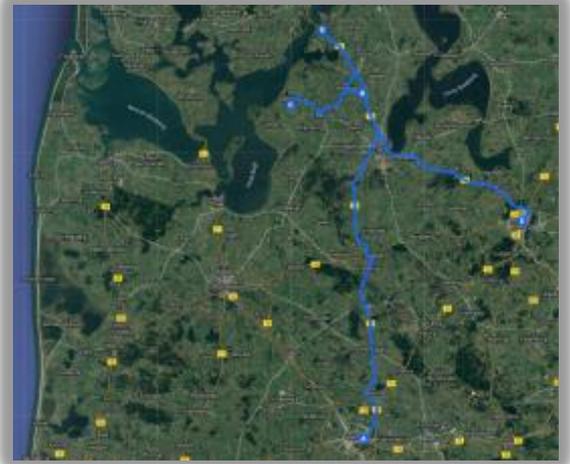
Innovation and product development

KMC Potato Granules are a high-quality natural ingredient that's ideal for binding water. Historically this cooperative owned by farmers was producing potato starch only, but declining profitability was making potato production decline. New innovations and has changed potato production into a vivid industry.

Wednesday July 6th

Visit to a large pig operation with thousands of piglets produced for export to Germany. This farm is good example of the productive and well-managed pig operation. This visit also opens for a discussion about intergenerational transfer.

After visit to the pig farm, we visit Green Lab Skive where new energy producing technologies and other green technologies are displayed. We plan to visit a supplier to agriculture utilizing big data.

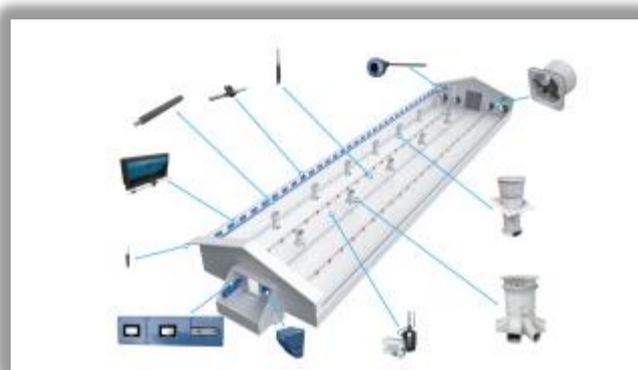


Agriculture and green technologies

GreenLab Skive is a unique park for businesses working actively with integrated renewable energy, energy storage and resource efficiency. Integrated data streams also enable “plug and play” commercialization of new intelligent energy, green products and services. Our ambitious aim: to become the leading centre for integrated green energy, intelligent grid and sustainable production.

Large and efficient pig production

New buildings with 1,100 sows on top of the existing 1,100 sows were established in 2016 – all piglets are exported

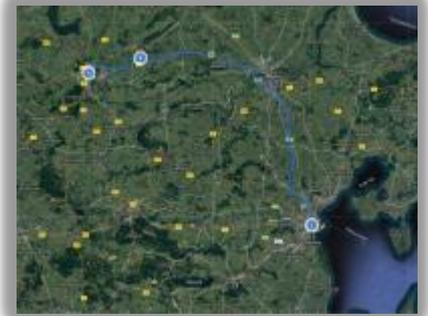


Big data og management

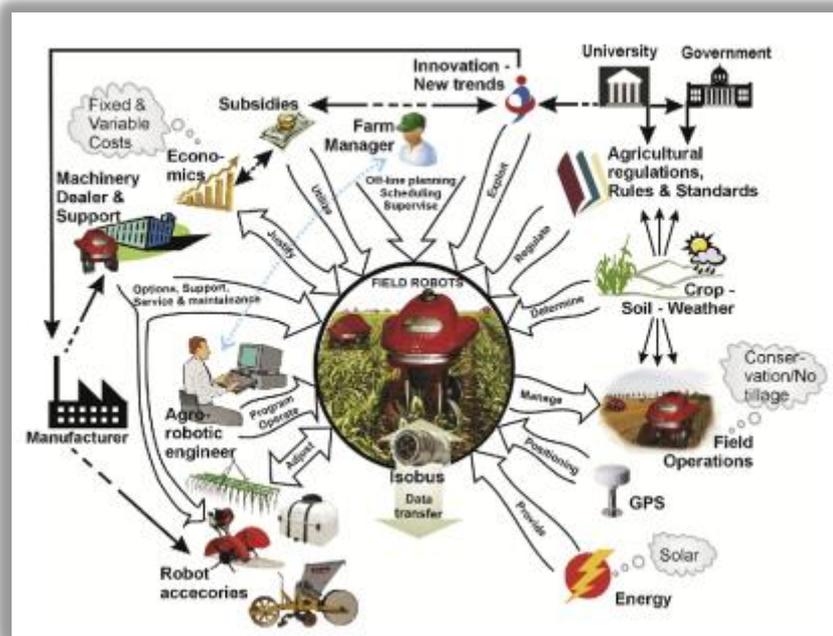
Thursday July 7th

Visit to University of Aarhus and Danish Centre for Agriculture.
 We are going to learn how researchers are working with
 precision farming

The afternoon is off in the second largest city of Aarhus.



Precision agriculture



Source: Spyros et al. (2014)

Tourist attractions

Aarhus is the second largest city in Denmark and have about 280.000 inhabitants. You can e.g. see the art museum Aros with the iconic panorama view of the city in all rainbow colours.



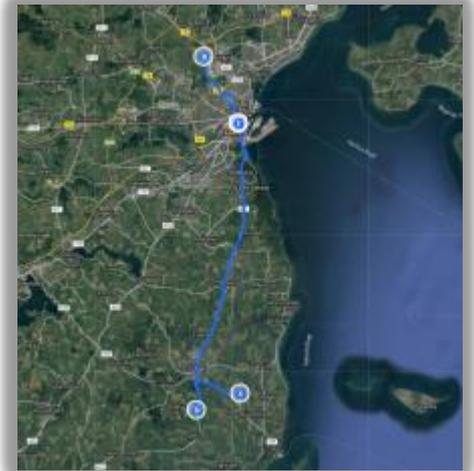
Friday July 8th

You can either spend the morning in Agro Food Park and learn about the food cluster hosting almost a 100 firms related to food production. The innovation centre of the advisory service, SEGES, which is farmer owned, is located here and is neighbour to the newly built Arla Innovation centre (Dairy processor).

Or you can have the morning off in Aarhus

We visit a Dairy farmer with direct sale to consumers and a seed company.

Dinner will be consumed in a farm-shop restaurant



Innovation and synergy from clustering

Agro Food Park wants to become the leading innovation and growth center for food in Denmark – and to be among the world’s best. In Agro Food Park you will become part of an open and trustful ecosystem: The will to “Open Innovation” creates new ways of thinking and growth for everyone involved and thereby turns Agro Food Park into a power center in the Danish food cluster. Approximately 1,000 employees work in Agro Food Park.

Direct sale and architecture in farming

Dairy farm which had part of the new facilities funded by private foundation (Realdania). The purpose of the supported project was to design a farm building of tomorrow. Today it is run as a dairy farm with farm gate sale of milk besides standard sales to processing plant.



Saturday July 9th

Travel home – bus ride from Aarhus to Copenhagen

