



INVITATION

Nordic Baltic Gathering 2015 26th to 30th June, Horsens, Denmark

Denmark is in turn to host The Nordic-Baltic Gathering, which will take place at
Bygholm, Horsens, Denmark from 26th to 30th June, 2015.



The theme for The Gathering will be:

Traditional Practice or True to Tradition

Horsens is situated in the Eastern part of Jutland, North of Fredericia and South of Aarhus.

It is easy to reach Jutland by ferry from Norway (Hirtshals or Frederikshavn) and from Sweden by ferry (Frederikshavn or Varberg) or via the bridge from Malmoe to Sealand and then over the bridges of The Great Belt and The Little Belt.

Likewise it is easy to reach Horsens by crossing the border from Germany in South.

Bygholm is an old Manor House, situated in the middle of Bygholm Park – today part of the Scandic Hotel chain with up-to-date facilities.

Also reachable from the train station with an easy walk through the park.



Accommodation will also be possible at the close by Hostel or Camping Sites.

Places of interest for visitors to Denmark might be:

In Horsens is placed an interesting Museum of Industry and a good pedestrian street with many shops.

In the vicinity of Horsens are: Legoland (Billund), Fredericia (Fortification), Aarhus or Aalborg to the North and South of the border to Germany: Slesvig or Flensburg.

It is not planned to arrange after-tours, - but it is quite easy to do so on your own, and distances in Denmark are quite short.

Please feel free to contact us for help and/or details of places you want to go.

The preliminary program is as follows, but changes may occur.

Day 1:	12.00 - 16.00 Arrival. 16.30 Welcome and opening of the conference.
Day 2	Two speeches relating to the theme. Hike to the former prison of Horsens (now a museum). "Skothelle-kastning"(old Nordic game) - Competition between the participating countries. Campfire with entertainment.
Day 3:	Excursion to the famous Runic stones of Jelling (see description below), "Denmark's birth certificate" (Viking-time). The church of Jelling, Dinner in Vejle - combined with Workshop in the evening.
Day 4	Sailing on the Silkeborg Lakes with the boat "Mågen" (Seagull). Arrival at the "mountain" Himmelbjerget.(147 m) Guild-Hall at Bygholm. Banquet
Day 5	Departure.

It may be of interest to know that the formal founding of ISGF (at that time with the name of IFOFSAG-International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides) took place in the days from the 24th-25th October 1953 in Geneva and the first annual General Assembly took place at Bygholm in Horsens in 1955.

The cost of The Gathering is estimated to be 5.500 DKK or 740 Euro.

We are developing the program now, and we hope to be able to send out the registration forms shortly.

We hope that many of you will join The Gathering, and we look forward to seeing you.

Runestenene (Runic stones)

Jellingstenene er en samlet betegnelse for to [runesten](#) i [Jelling](#). Runestenene udgør sammen med [Jelling Kirke](#) og de to kæmpegravhøje [Jellingmonumenterne](#), som er optaget på [UNESCO's Verdensarvliste](#)

The Jelling stones are a common name for two runic stones in Jelling. Together with the church of Jelling the two burial mounds are called the Jelling monuments, which in 1994 have been placed of UNESCO's list of World heritage.

The rune stone have been erected around 950 A.D. by Gorm (the king) for his wife, Queen Thyra, and the other one was erected around 965 A.D. by his son Harald Bluetooth as a memory of his parents and not in the least of his own achievements. The later runic stone has been given the name of Denmark's certificate of baptism. By this memorial monument the Danish king officially recognized the new Christian belief.



English Summary

THE JELLING MONUMENTS

More than a thousand years ago, the monument in Jelling was created in order to show to posterity:

// Here, the country was gathered into a kingdom.

// Here, the name "Denmark" makes its appearance for the first time.

// Here, Christianity became the official religion of Denmark.

// Here, the king – the progenitor of the current Danish house of royalty – was presented.

// Here, stands the symbol of the founding of the Danish nation.

// Here, the change from a Nordic pagan society to a European Christian civilization is marked out.

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