



Village churches and burial mounds



Tamdrup Church northwest of Horsens was built around 1120 and is one of the oldest churches in Denmark.

In a land without high mountains... you can see far...
When travelling by train (or car) towards Aalborg on the way to Ranum, you get a good impression of the landscape you pass by.

Outside the big towns, small whitewashed village churches surrounded by cemeteries and stone fences can be seen on many hilltops and nestling between fields and meadows. Most were built in the Middle Ages, and it is estimated that there were up to 2,700 of them. Of these about 1,800 are still in use, many of which have fine frescoes, so they may be worth a visit.

Along the way, a myriad of burial mounds built over wooden-built chambers, dolmens or passage graves can be seen. There are about 86,000 in Denmark, and about 20,000 of them are thought to date back to the Bronze Age.

All burial mounds are protected, but in many places it is possible to visit the area around them. This applies, for example, to the two largest, the Jelling Mounds, which participants in the post-tour will get to see.

What will the weather be like?

Of course, we have booked lovely, sunny summer weather, but we have to admit that it is not entirely up to us. However, there is a good chance of nice, sunny weather at the time of the European Conference. Yet, the weather in north-

ern Denmark, like the rest of the country, can be unpredictable, so if you want to get out and about in our beautiful countryside, it's a good idea to bring clothes for a bit of everything. And everything includes rain, wind and chilly weather. According to statistics,

the average daytime temperature in August is around 20°C.

If you want to know the weather for the next few days in Ranum, please visit the website www.isgf-euro2023.dk and look at the page "About Ranum".

ReachOut – an international project that brings together Sct. Georgs Gilderne in Denmark – the Danish NSGF

At the national meeting of district international secretaries (DIS) in 2020, it was decided to start a project that gives all fellowships in Denmark the opportunity to participate in international work. Birthe Ømark, the international secretary of the Danish NSGF, had an idea that we took as our starting point: to support girls in attending school so that they can get an education and be self-suf-

ficient in the future. We do this by donating reusable sanitary pads and information material, under the motto: Lifting girls out of poverty.

The working group is made up of 6 enthusiasts from across the country, so all meetings are on-line. We have had many ideas and discussions, but we agreed that:

- The project aims to strengthen cohesion among local fellowships in Denmark.
- We will strengthen scouting/ fellowship work in the partner country.

- Our partner is a personal contact among scouts or fellowship members.

We chose to call the project ReachOut because it's easy to remember and can be applied to other action areas once the current project ends.

At the conference you can learn more about ReachOut and you can also support the project by purchasing SuperTowels, which are made of the same anti-bacterial fabric as the sanitary pads.

For you who are a *FirstTimer*

If you attend a European Conference for the first time, you may need guidance on the programme, venue, free time, etc.

A good first-time experience is the basis for fully benefiting from similar events in another country.

FirstTimer helpers will be available throughout the conference. At mealtimes, we can be found at the table with the FirstTimer sign.

You can also approach one of the persons wearing a red T-shirt with your questions at any time.

It is important to us that all participants feel welcome and have a good experience in Ranum.

Home Hospitality

If you are able to stay in Denmark for a few days after the European Conference ends on 3 August, there are still Danish fellowship members who would like to host a foreign guest.

Especially fellowship members from Jutland and Funen are eagerly waiting to hear from a foreign fellowship friend.

If you are interested in this Home Hospitality offer, please contact us at isgf-euro2023@sct-georg.dk and we will connect you with your future host.

Newsletter 4 tells more about what a Home Hospitality stay is and what it can entail.

