

KRONBORG CASTLE



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Kronborg Castle has towered above the Sound between Denmark and Sweden and played a key role in Northern European history for four centuries between the 1420s and 1857, when the famous Sound Dues were abolished. The Renaissance castle stands majestically with its spires, towers, columns, sandstone and copper roofs. Kronborg is also world-famous as the home of Prince Hamlet in Shakespeare's tragedy. No wonder this magical place was added to UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2000.

MAKING MEMORIES

Although we're sure you'll leave Kronborg with many wonderful memories, remember to take a look around the castle gift shop. We have a large range of items to suit every taste, including jewellery, textiles and porcelain, as well as many lovely children's gifts. If you're looking for something smaller, we have postcards, keyrings, posters and puzzles.

You can also add to your Kronborg memories by taking one of the tours that are included in your ticket. Check with the gift shop or on the screens for current tours.

FOOD & DRINK

Do you need a quick break? Then grab a cup of coffee and a snack in Café Sundtolden just beside the castle gift shop.

If you're feeling peckish, you'll find many delicious possibilities in the restaurants and cafés in the castle grounds. You can enjoy lunch at Kadetten and top that off with a delicious special roast coffee from Strandvejsristeriet. You can also enjoy your own food in our lunch room beside the castle kitchen.

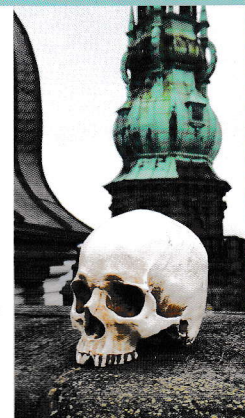
FREDERIK II & SOPHIE



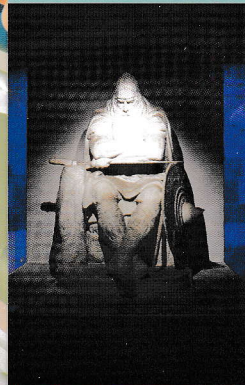
Frederik II built the impressive castle in order to establish himself as the most powerful king in Scandinavia. He surrounded himself with artists and scientists, and threw grand parties at Kronborg. In 1572, he married his young queen, Sophie. Their marriage is known as one of the happiest royal marriages in Europe.

HAMLET'S CASTLE

In the late 1500s, William Shakespeare wrote his most famous drama, Hamlet, Prince of Denmark. The play takes place at Kronborg Castle, and Shakespeare was allegedly inspired by Frederik II's impressive parties, which were known throughout Europe. At the Flag Bastion, the Queen's Chamber and the Chapel, you can walk in the footsteps of Hamlet.



HOLGER THE DANE



In the casemates, Denmark's national hero Holger the Dane is fast asleep. According to legend, he will wake up and grab his sword if Denmark is threatened. The sleeping warrior was placed at Kronborg by Hans Christian Andersen in a fairytale from 1846. The statue below the castle is a cast of H.P. Pedersen-Dan's original statue from 1907.



FAMILY EXHIBITION - MONSTER



In the dark corners of the casemates you can meet 12 monsters created by multi-artist Shane Brox. Through time people believed in these monsters which served as an explanation for all phenomena that were hard to understand.

In this family exhibition, the monsters give body and shape to difficult feelings and inspire young and old to put these monstrous feelings into words.



THE ROYAL APARTMENT

The royal apartments were the home of the King and Queen when they lived at Kronborg.

The chambers were originally designed when King Frederik II transformed the original fortress into Kronborg, but King Christian IV had to recreate them after a fire in 1629.



THE CASTLE



Frederik V's apartment on the second floor is decorated in the 18th century style with a hall, a bedroom, a salon and a parade room. However, the king never actually lived here.

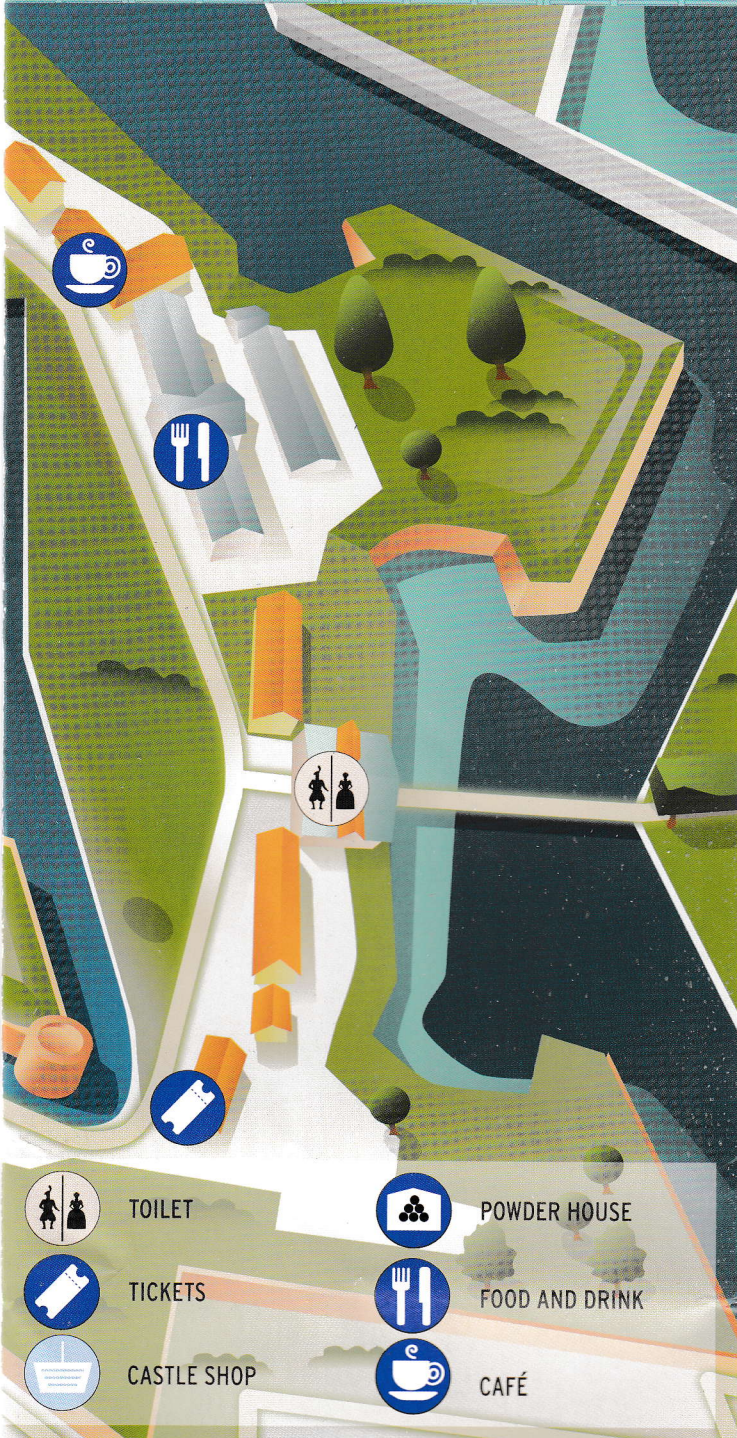
You'll also see the magnificent 62m long Ballroom - it's quite a sight!



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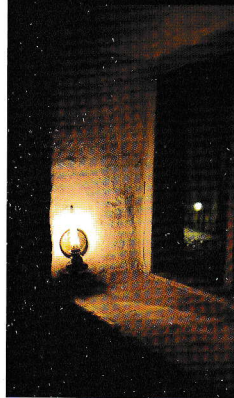


✝ THE CHURCH

The chapel has beautifully carved and colourful Renaissance interiors. The church was consecrated in 1582 and survived the great fire in 1629. It will give you an impression of the brilliantly coloured splendour that originally characterised Kronborg.



🏠 THE CASEMATES



Beneath Kronborg, you can visit the gloomy casemates, which served as soldiers' quarters during times of war. These dark and damp rooms could accommodate up to 350 men with enough supplies for a six-week siege.

This is also where you'll find our famous Holger the Dane fast asleep in the darkness!

🍳 THE CASTLE KITCHEN

Kronborg has four kitchens in all. The King and Queen each had their own kitchen with a loyal and faithful staff to avoid the risk of poisoning. In the castle kitchen, food for the soldiers and staff was prepared. The fourth kitchen was the frying kitchen. The kitchen open to visitors is the King's kitchen.



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