

### Included in the price:

- Seven nights' bed and breakfast: Five nights at the 4\* Scandic Aarhus City Hotel and two nights at the 4\* Holiday Inn Hamburg Berliner Tor (or similar)
- Six dinners including a Gala Dinner with local Danish specialities
- Two packed lunches (on Day 2 and Day 4)
- Welcome drink on the first evening
- Comfortable coaching throughout
- Entry to all private gardens and nurseries; Jelling archaeological site, Aarhus Botanical Garden and a walking tour of Aarhus

### Not included (per person):

- Single room supplement (see below)
- Insurance

### Prices (per person, based on two people sharing a room & based on 25 travelling):

(July) from £1195.00pp

Single room supplement: £380.00



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11th – 18th July 2020

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Saturday 11 July

We travel under own arrangement to Aarhus today and make our way to our accommodation at the **4\* Scandic Aarhus City Hotel**. Dinner will be served in the hotel this evening.

### Day 2 Sunday 12 July

Following breakfast this morning we will depart for **Randers** for a visit to two private gardens. We begin with the garden of **Lotte Hansen**, a typical Danish allotment garden, similar to the English Allotment garden and German Schrebergarten but filled with perennial flowers.

We then make our way to the garden of **Kirsten and Ingolf Nielsen**. This is a total contrast in that each plant grows in its own space and all the plants are labelled. The garden contains several different areas such as lawn and flower beds, a collection of small shrubs and trees planted in granite troughs, a stone creek and paved and cobbled walkways.

This afternoon we travel to Ulstrup to visit another private garden, that of **Laden and Vejrup**. There are around 1800 different species (varieties) of plants in small and large groups. The flower beds are divided into different colours, white, yellow and pink to obtain the greatest effect of a single colour. There are also some special beds with iris germanica, hemerocallis, peonies, roses, alpine plants, rhododendrons, hydrangeas, trees and bushes. There is also a large barn containing many things to buy.

Our final visit today is to the **Aarhus Botanic Gardens**, which contain plants from different habitats found in Denmark, placed in groups so you can see what grows where. The Tropical Houses contain four different climatic zones and there is also a Botanical Drawing Exhibition showing botanical illustrations by Bent Johnsen.

Dinner is served in a local restaurant this evening.

### Day 3 Monday 13 July

After breakfast this morning we will enjoy a walking tour of Aarhus with a local guide. We will see the Latin Quarter, Mollestein Street, Den Gamle By and Aarhus Art Museum (admission not included).

This afternoon we will travel to Horsens where we will visit the private garden of Ina and John Anderson, known as **'The Creative Garden'**. This has been named Denmark's most beautiful privately-owned garden for several years. It took three years to landscape the garden digging out three lakes, felling trees and placing 900 tons of stones in the garden. Overall in the garden there is a Japanese influence, but the garden has been built using Danish materials. There are four Japanese pergolas in traditional red and green colours with lots of wood carving all designed and built by the owner of the garden. There are a number of seating areas where you can sit and enjoy the garden and views of the garden.

We then transfer to Hinnerup to visit the garden of Society members, **Elmer and Lissy Aagesen**, which is packed with plants including around 300 clematis. The garden has a number of raised beds surrounded by natural stone, planted with many special trees, shrubs and acid-loving plants. Elmer's clematis collection includes old favourites and newer varieties both large and small flowered. Some of the clematis are planted in the ground and many others are in pots.

We return to our hotel this evening where dinner will be served.

### Day 4 Tuesday 14 July

This morning after breakfast we visit the archaeological site of **Jelling**, which is inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as an outstanding example of the Pagan Nordic culture. Jelling was a royal monument during the reigns of Gorm, and his son Harald Bluetooth, in the 10th century, and may possibly pre-date this era. The complex consists of two flat topped mounds, 70 metres in diameter and up to 11 metres high, which are almost identical in shape and size and construction, being built of turf, carefully stacked in even layers, with the grass side facing downwards. A small simple church of whitewashed stone is on the site of at least three earlier wooden churches, all of which were destroyed by fire.

This afternoon we visit the garden of **Lille Malunds** in Klovborg. The garden is one of Denmark's oldest open gardens and started as an ordinary farm garden belonging to the farm, Lille Malund. It has a large plant collection of more than 10,000 different plants, arranged harmoniously in a predominantly English garden style including a number of mature roses and clematis in a rose garden with a pergola and seats to enjoy the garden. There are other areas of seasonal interest such as spring flowering plants, alpine stone beds, a lake with water lilies and also a small Japanese meditation garden.

We will return to Aarhus where the rest of the day is at leisure – dinner is not included this evening but will be available in the hotel or local restaurants.



### Day 5 Wednesday 15 July

After breakfast this morning we will visit two more private gardens. First we travel to Rønne, where we will visit the garden of **Margit and Vagn Elgaard**. The garden of Margit and Vagn Elgaard is a large garden with a lawn sweeping up to the house and flower beds on either side containing shrubs, perennials and several clematis. We hope to have tea and coffee with Danish Kringle cake available to try!

This is also where the clematis collection of Society members, Jette and Lars Jensen of Clematis Bageren, is currently 'stored' in pots while they sell their house to buy a smaller house with a bigger garden. Jette is the daughter of Margit and Vagn.

Nearby we find the garden of **Birthe and Flemming Hansen**. This is a smaller garden but it contains many clematis attractively presented in different ways in a garden setting. For many years Flemming Hansen was known as 'Mr Clematis' in Denmark and his and Birthe's garden contains many interesting specimens.



We then travel to Egå to visit **Plantorama Egå** – a large garden centre selling many bedding plants but also many other plants and items for the house and garden.

This afternoon's visit is to **Staubelblomsten** in Harlev, created by Kirsten Kragh and Morten Nielsen in the shape of a flower with yew hedges outlining a number of petals filled with perennials. Each petal contains plants of a single colour or colour shade of the rainbow. From the centre you can see into all the individual gardens but when in one garden the other gardens are not visible. There are over 1,100 different perennials within the 3000 sq m garden including many clematis.

This evening we will enjoy a Gala Dinner in a local restaurant featuring some typical Danish cuisine.

### Day 6 Thursday 16 July



This morning after breakfast we check out of the hotel, and head south towards Stouby, where we will visit **Have-Idyllen**, a garden created by Hanne and Leon using their own ideas, with an emphasis on lines, perspective and balance. Inspiration was taken from many of their visits to Danish garden owners and their lovely gardens. There are a number of small buildings that help create a lovely environment to enjoy the garden. Hanne and Leon use supports of concrete reinforcing bars to display clematis plants to their advantage.

We then continue to Nordborg, where we visit the garden of **Hans Jørgen and Maya Kuus**, a wild garden with over 2000 different plants in it. Hans Jørgen's interest in gardening started seriously in 1986, when he began to collect plants. He has many rare trees, shrubs and climbers from all over the world. His big passions are ferns, hellebores, paeonies and clematis species, especially the texensis group. There are a number of clematis in the garden but you may have to search for them!

We then travel over the border into Germany and continue to Hamburg, where we will arrive at our hotel, the **4\* Holiday Inn Hamburg Berliner Tor**. Dinner will be served in the evening.

### Day 7 Friday 17 July

Following breakfast this morning we will visit the **Münster Baumschulen**, the clematis nursery of Mathais Münster, a member of our Society. There are garden areas around the houses of both Mathais and his father, Klaus, which include some unusual varieties. The rest of the nursery area near the houses is devoted to rows and rows of clematis being grown on for sale. Mathais produces around 80,000 clematis every year and he will explain the process that he uses. He grows a number of other climbing plants, shrubs and trees and there is an area across the road which we can also visit. We will also pay a visit to the garden centre in Elmshorn.



This afternoon we visit the **Garten der Horizonte** in Heidgraben, The garden behind the ordinary looking house of Maia Luer and her family is a surprise and consists of several different areas containing perennial flower beds for different conditions. The plant selection of 1,500 perennials and grasses is very varied and colourful giving a good contrast with the green of the lawn. There is also a large plant nursery in the garden selling the plants displayed there.

Our final visit is to **'Clematiskulturen'** the Clematis Nursery of Society members Manfred and Sabine Westphal in Prisdorf, which produces around 100,000 clematis a year. There is also an impressive display garden with many clematis growing both in the ground and in pots. We finish our tour in a little bit of clematis heaven!

Dinner this evening will be served in the Restaurant Goldschätzchen here in Prisdorf, after which we return to our hotel in Hamburg.

### Day 8 Saturday 18 July

We check out of our hotel after breakfast this morning, after which travel home is under own arrangement.