European Historic Houses *Circle*

Owners' Circle Congress 2026

1st–4th October 2026

Denmark

"Charming and Unique Buildings of Denmark"

Programme



Gavnø Castle, Denmark

Welcome

We are excited to invite you to the fourth edition of the Owners' Circle Congress which this year has been organised in collaboration with our Danish member association, Historiske Huse.

Together, we have prepared an engaging programme of visits, dinners and talks, providing not only an unforgettable time in vibrant Copenhagen and the Zealand and Funen countryside, but also a chance to share ideas, witness best practices and discuss the joys, opportunities and challenges involved in the maintenance and 'business' of historic houses.

Over these three (or four) inspirational days, you will have the opportunity to visit some of the most unique private historic properties in Denmark, hearing directly from owners about their passion for developing their properties, as well as their models for keeping the houses sustainable long into the future.

Whether you are a returning Circle Member, or are joining us for the first time, we can't wait to (re-)connect you with other members, all the while exploring this wonderful corner of Scandinavia.



HISTORISKE HUSE

Thursday, 1st October

15:45 h Visit to The David Collection

17:15 h Optional Guided Walking Tour

19:30 h Dinner at Nyhavns Færgekro


Copenhagen, Denmark

Friday, 2nd October

Free time

<u>Main Programme Begins</u>

12:00 h Visit, Tour and Lunch at Vallø Castle

15:30 h Visit to Holmegaard Manor

19:00 h Welcome and dinner at Kragerup Manor (our hotel for 2 nights)


Vallø Castle, Denmark

Saturday, 3rd October

07:00 h Breakfast and tour at Kragerup Manor

8:00 h MetaHeritage presentation

10:00 h Tour at Sanderumgaard Manor

12:00 h Talk and lunch at Broholm Castle

15:15 h Welcome to Hesselagergaard Manor

19:00 h Welcome and gala dinner at Ledreborg Castle


Ledreborg Castle, Denmark

Sunday, 4th October

08:00 h Breakfast at Kragerup Manor

11:00 h Talk and tour at Gavnø Castle

Thursday, 1st October

OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

For members arriving in Copenhagen on Thursday, consider:

Accommodation recommended:
Hotel Phoenix Copenhagen, Hotel Petra or Hotel Admiral

15:45 h — **Visit to The David Collection**
Kronprinsessegade 30, 1306 København, Denmark

17:15 h — **Optional Guided Walking Tour**

19:30 h — **Dinner at Nyhavns Færgekro**
Nyhavn 5, 1051 København K, Denmark

Included: 3 course traditional Danish dinner

Dress code: smart casual



Nyhavn, Denmark



The David Collection, Denmark

Learn about the venues

The David Collection

The David Collection, located in the heart of Copenhagen, is an exclusive museum that houses a rich collection of Islamic art. It also offers a fine selection of European 18th-century art, with a smaller but exquisite representation of Danish early modern painting, sculpture and ceramics. Now owned and administrated by the C.L. David Foundation and Collection, the museum was founded by C.L. David, who left his art collections to posterity in the building that used to be his home. Since his death in 1960, the collection and the space of the museum have been in constant increase.

As mentioned, what highlights The David Collection is its large collection of Islamic art, which contains works for almost the entire Islamic cultural sphere, from Spain to India, from the 7th to 9th centuries.

Nyhavns Færgekro

Nestled in the heart of Copenhagen, where Nyhavn's rich history meets the charm of the harbor, you'll find Nyhavns Færgekro — where Danish tradition, authenticity, and maritime heritage come together. The restaurant embraces the spirit of the past while offering a warm and inviting atmosphere for all who step through its doors.

Opened in 1983 and hosted in one of Nyhavn's oldest buildings — a harbor house dating back to the 1600s — it is surrounded by unique and historic features. For example, the marble floor in the dining area comes from Dagmar Theater, closed in 1937. Its most remarkable historical detail is found in the windows of the first floor: the building once housed the ticket office of the shipping company that sold tickets for the Titanic, and the destinations are still etched into the glass.

Friday, 2nd October

In the morning - Free Time

MAIN PROGRAMME BEGINS

12:00 h - 15:00 h

Transfer from Hotel Phoenix to visit Vallø Castle
Slotsgade 4, 4600 Køge, Denmark

The lunch will be “sit down” at Valloe Inn, next to the castle.

It will be followed by a tour and talk of the castle with Dekanesse at Vallø Marianne Bardenfleth and Curator, Kammerherre Christian Castenskiold.

15:00 h

Transfer by bus

15:30 h

Visit to Holmegaard Manor
Holmegaardsvej 71, 4684 Holmegaard, Denmark

The owner Kammerherre, Christian Danneskiold-Lassen, will guide us on a tour around the house.

16:30 h

Transfer by bus to Kragerup Manor, our hotel

19:00 h

Welcome and informal dinner at Kragerup Manor
Kragerupgaardsvej 33, 4291 Ruds Vedby, Denmark

Regitze Dinesen, owner, will welcome us to Kragerup Manor with a story about the place.



Kragerup Manor, Denmark



Kammerdame Birgitte Dinesen and daughter Regitze Dinesen
Kragerup Manor



Dekanesse Marianne Bardenfleth
Vallø Castle



Kammerherre Curator Christian Castenskiold
Vallø Castle



Holmegaard Manor, Denmark

Learn about the venues

Vallø Castle

In 1708, King Frederik IV purchased Vallø and gave it to his wife, the later Queen Anna Sophie Reventlow. After the king's death in 1730, the new king, Christian VI, transferred Vallø Estate to his queen, Sophie Magdalene. In 1737, Vallø Stift was founded as an independent institution. Its original purpose was to support unmarried daughters of the Danish nobility who were enrolled in the institution, while also carrying out significant social work in the local community. From 1976, Vallø Stift maintained its obligations to these women while also expanding its mission to promote charitable and public-benefit purposes.

Kragerup Manor

The history of Kragerup Estate dates back to the early Middle Ages, where Kragerup was part of the village of Kragetorp. The main building is inverted and there used to be a drawbridge over the moat. The estate has been in the Dinesen family for 9 generations and over the years prominent members of the family have characterized Kragerup's development as a workplace, family home and historical landmark. In 1998, Kragerup was transformed from a farm to a hotel that has 57 rooms and where meetings, events and nature experiences take place.

Holmegaard Manor

Holmegaard Manor is one of Denmark's few remaining timbered manor houses. The estate was acquired by Christian Conrad Danneskiold-Samsøe in 1801 and has remained in his family since. In 1825, his widow founded Holmegaard Glass Factory. The main building became a protected heritage site in 1918, and the estate today covers about 1,724 hectares of land.

The current main building represents one of Scandinavia's most well-preserved sites, among other things, because of its unspoilt, large and unique half-timbered construction. It is a three-winged structure, with a two-storey main wing, and originally featured a tower. The building is constructed on a fortified site with a fieldstone base, surrounded by a deep, water-filled moat.

Saturday, 3rd October

07:00 h	**Breakfast at Kragerup and quick tour of the house** with Regitze Dinesen and her mother Kammerdame Birgitte Dinesen
8:30 h	**Optional walk** around the garden and farmyard with Birgitte Dinesen and Regitze Dinesen
8:00 h	MetaHeritage Presentation
09:00- 12:00 h	**Transfer by bus to Sanderumgaard Manor** Sanderumgaardvej 150 5220 Odense, Denmark Tour by owners Kammerherre og Kammerherrinde Erik and Susanne Vind
12:00- 15:00 h	**Transfer by bus to Broholm Castle** Broholmsvej 32, 5884 Gudme, Denmark Talk by previous owner, Kammerdame Anne Lütken-Harhoff followed by lunch in the Thorvaldsen Room
15:00 - 16:00 h	**Transfer by bus to Hesselagergaad Manor** Hesselagergårdsvej 20A, 5874 Hesselager, Denmark Welcome to the house by owner Baron and Baroness Henrik & Gitte Blixen-Finecke
16:00 - 17:00 h	**Transfer by bus and return to Kragerup Manor**
18:00 - 22:30 h	**Transfer by bus to Ledreborg Castle** Ledreborg Allé 2D, 4320 Lejre, Denmark Welcome and gala dinner hosted by owners Kammerdame Sylvia Munro and Jock Munro Dress code: black tie
22:30 h	**Return by bus to Kragerup Manor**



Baron and Baroness Blixen-Finecke
Hesselagergaad Manor



Kammerherreinde Susanne Vind
Sanderumgaard Manor



Kammerherre Silvia Munro and Jock Munro
Ledreborg Castle

Learn about the venues

Sanderumgaard Manor

Located 12 km southeast of Odense, on the island of Funen, this manor house is run as a traditional agriculture and forestry business and extends to some 900 hectares. Its history goes back to the 1400s, when the fjord of Odense reached the area. It is believed that its name comes from those times, as part of the estate's land is an old drained fjord bed. After a major renovation in 2010, the garden was opened to the public and has since held markets, parties and conferences.

Broholm Castle

Broholm Castle is a privately run estate covering a total of 420 hectares, of which 295 are arable land, 95 forest, and 30 used for other purposes such as meadows. In 1839, it was renovated in the Neo-Gothic style by Gustav Friedrich Hetsch. Nowadays, it is mainly operated as a rental business, hosting activities such as agriculture, forestry, hotel events, and more. There is also a museum of antiquities. Anders Sehested is the current owner and represents the 13th generation of the family at Broholm.



Kammerdame Anne Lütken-Harnoff Broholm Castle

Hesselagergaad Manor

Hesselagergaad Manor is the oldest Renaissance building in Denmark. It is first documented in the 13th century, when it was mentioned in King Valdemar II's land register as a crown estate. The beautiful stone tablet above the entrance door indicates the year 1538, although it is unclear whether the date marks the beginning or the end of its construction. It was originally designed as a late Gothic defensive castle, but many features inspired by Venetian Renaissance churches were later added. In 1904, it was purchased by Kammerherre Castenskiold for his daughter, after which it became part of the Blixen family.

Ledreborg Castle

Ledreborg Castle lies beautifully hidden in the forest in Zealand's first National Park, Skjoldungernes Land. The castle was built in 1740 by Lensgreve Johan Ludvig Holstein-Ledreborg, the then head of the Danish Chancellery under Christian VI, and has been the Holstein-Ledreborg family's domicile for over 280 years. The current owner, Silvia Munro, is the 8th generation at Ledreborg, and lives at the castle with her family. Traditionally run with agriculture and forestry, has also formed the framework for small and large events for many years.



Sanderumgaard Manor, Denmark

Sunday, 4th October

08:00 h	**Breakfast at Kragerup Manor**
10:00 - 13:00 h	**Transfer by bus and talk at Gavnø Castle** by owners, Kammerherre og Kammerherreinde, Baron and Baroness Otto & Helle Reedtz-Thott Gavnø 9, 4700 Næstved, Denmark
13:00 - 14:30 h	**"Sandwich" Lunch on board bus and transfer to Copenhagen Airport**



Baron and baroness Otto and Helle Reedtz-Thott
Gavnø Castle


Gavnø Castle, Denmark

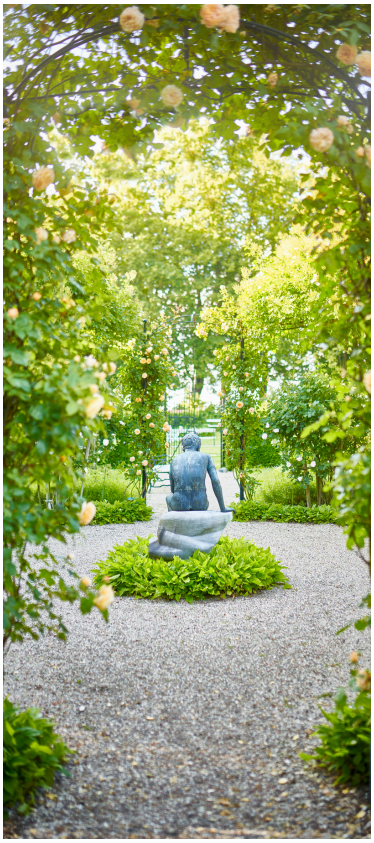
Learn about the venues

Gavnø Castle

Located on the small island off the west coast of Zealand, Gavnø Castle is an impressive Rococo manor house set within an attractive park. As early as the 12th century, there was a pirate's castle on the island. In 1398, however, it was purchased by Queen Margrethe I, who converted it into a convent for "unmarried women of noble rank".

Today, Gavnø Castle is one of Denmark's finest Rococo castles, where visitors will find a great many things of interest, including the largest privately owned collection of paintings in Scandinavia. In 1961, the Gavnø Foundation was established with the aim of preserving the estate and the historic collections, contents, and paintings that were donated











Highlights from previous editions

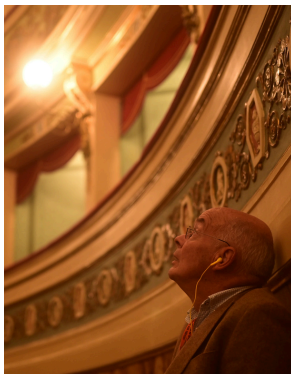






1st edition
Prague, Czechia. 2023







2nd edition
Ascoli Piceno, Italy. 2024



3rd edition
Barcelona, Spain. 2025





Tickets, Hotel and Travel

Tickets

3-day ticket (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
EUR 1095 / person

Optional Extension for Thursday
EUR 100 / person

Registration Link

https://europeanhistorichouses3.wildapricot.org/event-6669660

Included in the ticket price

The price above includes all bus transfers, meals, visits and overnight accommodation at Kragerup from Friday 12.00 until Sunday 14.00.

The optional extension includes the visit and dinner on Thursday.

Accommodation on Thursday and travel to and from the programme is the responsability of the participant.

Hotel Recommendations
If you would like to join for the extended weekend starting on Thursday, please book the Thursday night accomodation in Copenhagen for yourself. These 3 recommended hotels are situated close to each other and are close to the bus pickup point on Friday at 12.00h

- Hotel Phoenix Copenhagen (use b.phoenix@arp-hansen.dk for reservation and code 6000-1)
- Hotel Petra (advise the rates when you write to the hotel)
- Hotel Admiral (use this link for reservations)

Travel to Copenhagen
by plane: Copenhagen Airport - Kastrup (20 minutes from city centre by metro L1)

The bus will return to Copenhagen airport directly on Sunday, expected to arrive by 14.00h

General Information

Remarks:
Please be on time!
The bus doesn't wait if you are late. So please contact us and let us know if you will be catching up by car or taxi

Dresscode:
Whole weekend: smart casual
Friday dinner: jacket and tie
Saturday gala dinner: black tie

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Insurance
As organisers, EHH provides a liability insurance for the attendees during the events. The travel and health optional insurances are left to the participants' discretion.


Hesselagergaad Manor, Denmark