

Tour C | The Legacies of Utzon and Aalto: Modernism and Post-Industrial Transformation in Aalborg



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Description

This combined bus and walking tour explores key sites and iconic buildings in Aalborg that trace Danish modernism from the early welfare state to postmodern additions and contemporary landmarks. The itinerary highlights how architecture has shaped changing visions of industry, culture, housing, and the city's waterfront over the past century.

The tour moves from the revitalised liquor factory "Spritzen" along the Limfjord to the Utzon Centre, designed by Jørn and Kim Utzon, via the former power station "Nordkraft" and The House of Music by Coop Himmelb(l)au. It then continues into the dense inner city, focusing on classic modern housing projects along Vesterbro, before heading to post-war suburban

neighbourhoods, including the privately commissioned Villa Strøbyberg by Poul Henningsen, and stopping at Alvar Aalto's art museum KUNSTEN Museum of Modern Art.

Finally, participants will have the opportunity to visit the 55-metre-high Aalborg Tower, built in 1933 for the "Nordjysk Udstilling" (North Jutland Exhibition), which offers a panoramic reading of the city's layered topography, infrastructures, and post-war expansions, framing the day's sites within a wider territorial perspective.

Itinerary

- 08:00: *Departure from Aarhus Coach Station*
- 09:45: Alf Cock-Clausen, BIG – Bjarke Ingels Group, Praksis Arkitekter, VMB Arkitekter: Spritten
- 10:15: Utzon Associates: Utzon Center (*guided visit*)
- 11:15: Nordkraft (*guided visit – lunch included*)
- 12:45: Coop Himmelb(l)au: Musikhuset (House of Music)
- 13:00: Vesterbro district
- 13:30: Villabyen, including Villa Strøbyberg by Poul Henningsen
- 14:30: Alvar Aalto, Elissa Aalto & Jean-Jacques Barué: KUNSTEN Museum of Modern Art (*guided visit*)
- 15:30: Carlo Odgaard: Aalborg Tower (*coffee/tea and cake included*)
- 16:15: Departure from Aalborg
- 18:00: *Return to Aarhus Coach Station*

Times are approximate and subject to adjustment.