

## Tour D | Manorial Architecture, Monastic Landscapes and Medieval Urban Life: Randers and Djursland



### Tour guides

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### Description

This full-day excursion explores the architectural and cultural landscapes of Randers and Djursland, focusing on the relationship between aristocratic power, ecclesiastical patronage and medieval urban development. Moving through manorial estates, parish churches and historic towns, the tour highlights how authority, land ownership and religious institutions shaped the region from the Middle Ages onwards.

Key sites include the renaissance manor of Gammel Estrup, now a museum, and the baroque palace of Clausholm, designed by Nicodemus Tessin, both illustrating the long continuity of aristocratic landscapes and estate culture. This perspective is further developed at Rosenholm Castle, one of Denmark's most significant renaissance estates, and at Hornslet Church, where the Rosenkrantz chapel provides an important example of aristocratic

patronage within a parish context. Thorsager Round Church offers a rare and internationally distinctive example of medieval ecclesiastical architecture.

In Randers, the programme concludes with a guided introduction to the city's medieval fabric through sites such as the House of the Holy Ghost, spolia from Essenbæk Abbey and the historic street structure of the town centre. Together, these elements offer a nuanced perspective on medieval architecture as preserved in standing monuments, fragmentary remains and subtle urban traces.

### **Itinerary**

- 08:00: *Departure from Aarhus Coach Station*
- 08:45: Thorsager Round Church
- 10:30: Clausholm Palace (*guided tour of the building and gardens*)
- 11:45: Gammel Estrup – The Manor Museum (*guided tour of the manor museum – lunch included*)
- 14:30: Rosenholm Castle (*guided tour of the castle*)
- 15:45: Hornslet Church
- 16:45: Guided medieval walk in Randers (*including coffee/tea and cake*)
- 18:15: Departure from Randers
- 19:00: *Return to Aarhus Coach Station*

*Times are approximate and subject to adjustment.*