

Guided tour of Kronborg Castle

Dear S22 students

We have arranged a guided tour of Kronborg:

- **WHAT:** See and learn about the “Castle of Kronborg” – the UNESCO World Heritage Site made world-known by Shakespeare. You will also get a chance to see recreated pictures of former Danish Kings and Queens – by a Danish designer Jim Lyngvild.
Your Danish teacher – Benedicte – will be guiding us and telling us stories etc.
- **WHEN:** Sunday November 13th 2022
- **WHAT TIME:** From 10:30 to approx. 14/14:30 – please take a train so you arrive **before** 10:30. There will be a lunch break (with toilet access) around 13 to eat the food **you bring!**
- **MEETING POINT:** S-train station Helsingør (Stationspladsen 2, 3000 Helsingør) – just outside the station building if not raining, otherwise in the hall just inside (see map and image below)
- **FOR WHOM:** S22 students are invited, but there is room for up to 5-6 from host families to join.
All must register – not just show up :-)
This is not mandatory, but highly recommended – and if you register, we expect that you join as we have to know the full group has arrived and if not showing up we need to call you.

S22 students, you must:

- Sign up via the invitation which you will receive in the database system and via e-mail - [latest November 6th 2022](#).
Please note, that only if you support arranged events will we continue to plan more tours – so please join.
- There is a bit of a walk from the station to the castle and we have to do a bit of walking inside the castle, so please wear proper clothes for a being outside in the cold (possible rain) and for walking.
- Larger bags/backpacks/umbrellas can be stored for free
- **Bring a packed lunch and drink** – food cannot be purchased at the castle but after the event you can of course go and visit Helsingør city (though not all will be open as it is Sunday).
- Discuss with your Host family how you can get there and back home – it is **important to be there LATEST at 10:30**.
If some from host families are interested to join, please contact Bodil directly as we can be a few extra.
- **LATE CANCELLATION:** If you cannot join - after you have registered, please be sure that Bodil is informed (via email or phone)

Any questions? – please reach out to us in the District

Experience Kronborg Castle – “Elsinore Castle” from Shakespeares Hamlet

For 400 years, the castle was the headquarters for the collection of the Sound Dues. Kronborg was a legend in its heyday in the late 1500s. With its menacing guns pointing directly at the ships in the Sound, sailors did not dare to sail past the castle without paying the king his Sound Dues.

The Sound Dues filled the king's coffers, and Frederick II adorned the castle with spires, sandstone and copper roofs. Kronborg Castle became one of the most beautiful castles from the Renaissance period. Sailors, merchants, diplomats and aristocrats recounted tales of the magnificent castle and court in Elsinore with its pomp, splendour and cannon blasts that resounded to the toasts that the king proposed.

The lavish court life vanished from the castle after the fire of 1629. The flames devoured most of the castle's precious furniture, paintings and its copper roof. After that day, the castle's fortunes faded. The Swedish king, Karl Gustav, occupied and plundered Kronborg in 1658-1660. For the next three hundred years, Kronborg was only used as a fortress and barracks for the Danish army.

Today, life has returned to the castle which now receives 325,000 visitors a year.

Kronborg Castle towers above a very narrow promontory between the coasts of Denmark and Sweden. The renaissance castle stands majestically with its spires, towers, columns, sandstone and copper roofs. Kronborg Castle is a magnificent renaissance palace and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.

