



# Bornholm

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## Why Go?

The sunniest part of Denmark, Bornholm lies way out in the Baltic Sea, 200km east of Copenhagen. But it's not just (relatively) sunny skies that draw the hordes each year. Mother Nature was in a particularly good mood when creating this Baltic beauty, bestowing on it arresting chalk cliffs, soothing forests, bleach-white beaches and a pure, ethereal light that painters do their best to capture.

Humankind added the beguiling details, from medieval fortress ruins and thatched fishing villages, to the iconic *rundkirker* (round churches) and contemporary Bornholms Kunstmuseum (arts museum). The island's ceramic and glassware artisans are famed throughout Denmark, as are its historic smokehouses and ever-expanding league of food artisans. It's no wonder that seven out of 10 visitors to Bornholm return.

From October to April, many places close, so always do your homework ([www.bornholm.info](http://www.bornholm.info)).

## When to Go

Bornholm blooms from June to mid-September, with attractions, tourist offices, transport and cultural events operating at full steam. Long days and warmer weather are ideal for hiking, cycling and getting wet on Bornholm's beautiful beaches. On the food front, June plays host to Denmark's most famous one-day cook-off, Sol over Gudhjem.

Outside of these warmer months, the island slows down, with many attractions, restaurants and accommodation options reducing their hours or closing down for the season. Needless to say, prebook accommodation in the summer, especially in the most crowded month, July.



## Bornholm Highlights

- 1 Spot wild deer in the storybook woods of **Paradisbakkerne** (p146)
- 2 Tuck into traditionally smoked fish in a Bornholm *røgeri*, or smokehouse, like the one in **Gudhjem** (p152)
- 3 Time travel to the far-flung island fortress of **Christiansø** (p156) for a taste of cosy village life
- 4 Wiggle the finest white sand between your toes on the sweeping beach at **Dueodde** (p146)
- 5 Shop for one-off creations at the island's plethora of glass-blowers' and potters' studios, including **Baltic Sea Glass** (p150), one of the leading glass-blowing ateliers
- 6 Hit the bike pedal from Gudhjem to the striking, whitewashed **Østerlars Rundkirke** (p153)
- 7 Snoop around the clifftop ruins of **Hammershus Slot** (p155)
- 8 Watch Denmark's top chefs battle it out at food fest heavyweight **Sol over Gudhjem** (p152)

### Getting There & Away

Bornholm can be reached by air, boat or a combination that couples the boat with a bus or train via Sweden.

#### AIR

**Cimber Sterling** ([www.cimber.com](http://www.cimber.com)) operates several flights a day between Copenhagen and Rønne. Book ahead for cheaper flights.

#### BOAT

**BornholmerFærgens** ([www.bornholmerfaergen.dk](http://www.bornholmerfaergen.dk)) operates an overnight ferry service from Køge, 39km south of Copenhagen, to Bornholm. The ferry departs daily at 12.30am and arrives at 6am. The 266kr one-way fare for adults (cars cost 1532kr to 1550kr) is a good use of time as you travel while you sleep (a berth costs an extra 259kr). The downside is