



Møn, Falster & Lolland

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Why Go?

Denmark's 'South Sea Islands' may lack the coconut palms and hula skirts usually associated with that phrase, but they *do* offer a fine glimpse of rural Scandinavian island life: rolling fields, sandy beaches and Neolithic tombs.

Møn deserves the most attention: it's perfectly sized, artistically spirited and home to something very unusual for Denmark – cliffs! Four churches exhibit wondrous medieval frescoes, from recognised masterpieces to primitive daubs. Add evocative beaches, enchanted forests and cosy guest-houses, and you've got the perfect island escape.

While less inspiring than Møn, Falster is famous for its beach, which lures Danish sun worshippers each (short) summer. Further west, Lolland's sprawl of farms and woods is punctuated with Maribo's small-town charm, as well as blockbuster attractions Lalandia waterpark and Knuthenborg Safari Park.

All three islands are easily accessed by road bridges from Southern Zealand.

When to Go

To catch a glimpse of Møn's rare orchids, head to the island between May and August. This is a good period in general, as many attractions and restaurants close or reduce their hours outside high season. Falster's famous beaches make July and August crowded, but if lazy beach days and lively bar nights are your thing, these are the months to go.

Across the islands, September is ideal, with relatively good weather and fewer crowds, especially at Lolland's family-focused drawcards.



Møn, Falster & Lolland Highlights

- Track down prehistoric fossils in the gleaming chalk cliffs at **Møns Klint** (p130)
- Channel your inner knight or maiden at the medieval-themed **Middelaldercentret** (p134), just outside Nykøbing F (p135), Falster's premier summer beach resort
- Marvel at superb medieval frescoes inside Møn's **Elmelunde Kirke** (p130) and **Faneørd Kirke** (p132)
- Tan, splash and just kick back on the sand at **Marielyst** (p135), Falster's premier summer beach resort
- Take a boat ride on the gorgeous **Sønderø** (p137)
- Monkey around at the drive-through **Knuthenborg Safari Park** (p139) at Bandholm
- Make the kids squeal with glee at splash-happy theme park **Lalandia** (p139)