



Northern Jutland

Northern Jutland, split from the rest of Jutland by the Limfjord, will enthral you with its magnificent light, intimidate you with its barrenly beautiful landscapes and charm you with its bluntly infectious characters. The tourist boards promote this region as 'Lysets Land', or the Land of Light, and if you have the opportunity to admire the soft blue hues by the water as day turns into night, you'll certainly understand how the name came about (and you'll begin to comprehend the appeal of the region to artists).

But it's not just artists who flock here. Windsurfers and beach-goers make a beeline for the north the minute the weather turns kind. The tourist literature makes much of the fact that this region enjoys the most hours of summer sunshine in the country thanks to its latitude (let's conveniently overlook the fact that this also means the fewest hours of daylight in winter!). So sun-lovers get their fix of vitamin D, families head off to the zoos, aquariums and fun parks, and seafood-lovers rejoice in the fresh-off-the-boat catch.

The region's 'capital' is Aalborg, Denmark's fourth-largest city and place that's flown under the traveller's radar for some time. It's worth a visit for its wealth of cultural attractions, as well as Denmark's most recognisable party street, Jomfru Ane Gade, and an abundance of great eateries. Further north is the area's most coveted tourist destination, Skagen. This treasure lies at Denmark's northern tip and acts as a magnet for most of Denmark each summer, when the town is full to capacity but still manages to charm. It's both a civilised place of upmarket restaurants and art museums, and a wild place where nature calls the shots (witness the turbulent tides of Grenen or the shifting sands of Råbjerg Mile) – which neatly sums up the entire region, really.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Standing with one foot in the seas of Kattegat and Skagerrak at Denmark's northernmost point, **Grenen** (p305)
- Finding inspiration in the artworks of **Skagens Museum** (p304)
- Discovering the culinary and cultural treasures of **Aalborg** (p294)
- Letting the wind take you places at **Klitmøller** (p313)
- Stepping back in time on low-key **Læsø** (p302)
- Lolling about on lovely **Lokken beach** (p311) or **Tornby Strand** (p309)



