

# Born to Holm

## - Bornholm adventure 2014

An island somewhere in the middle of river (a Holm) sounds like very attractive and quiet place in the world especially for fishing and water activities.

But Island on the Baltic Sea is much more attractive and interesting place to go and visit. Is not only a Holm, it is Bornholm! This is a place where people are flying to get away from all their problems and they are closer to blue sky. Bornholm is in Danish territory, full of wonderful and colourful houses, old ruins telling us many stories from the past. Hundreds years ago Poland was one of the biggest and strongest country in Europe (like NATO today), managed a space from Baltic Sea to Black Sea. But why Polish Kings forgot about Bornholm and so far have not ever taken this Island over? Lot of small churches, windmills, quiet villages but life is not sleep, is not hiding under rocks. If you are looking for location where you could take a break and really breath deeper, slow down but not be bored just look at Bornholm on the North. North is safe, as far as we know from the West (I mean both of Americas) – PED (virus swine's disease) is killing millions of piglets, from East – ASF is spreading around and Russian Army follows behind him, murderous the same for the world but pretending that they are Humanitarian Assistance, and on The South – Ebola (in Africa) – dangerous human virus attacks people. In the northern direction there is nothing. Maybe small thunderstorms happen sometimes located in Kolobrzeg and caused by my cousin's ex-wife, arguing all the time. She wants to get back from her husband a CD with James Plant's music but of course he still has not given it to her. But don't worry, you can pass them by and go to Nexø by ferry or also use a ferry from Sassnitz in Germany or Swinoujscie in Poland to get in Ronne. There are many ways to go for vacation there and stay in beautiful, well designed cottages and houses which you can rent at Bornholmtour operator and really they are not too expensive.



Somewhere... riding a bike



Ruins of castle, not for sale



Look at Gudheim



Knock, knock... open the door to Bornholm please



Joboland - have a fun

So, I did it and went to Ronne by ferry from Sasnitz and then to Ro – the place I stayed was next to Gudheim. But a deal was that I should take with me 4 girls – teenagers and I was a little scared that they would destroy my vacation but I was wrong. Everything was perfect. They started to fly as fast and did not want to go back to school later.

I said „perfect“... to be honest, many things were disorganised, usually we did not plan anything. But thanks to unexpected situations the vacation on Bornholm was great and we will remember it in our minds forever. We have not regretted anytime that we had decided to spend on this Island. I don't want to mention all attractions available on Bornholm (just read the guide) but my goal is to give you a positive shot to go to this place as fast as you can and always choose Bornholmtour travel agency. Now are you ready? Have you been born to go for Bornholm adventure?

At the beginning we made a resolution to ride the bicycles. Everywhere in Bornholm you can find a place where can rent a bicycle but of course it is better to use your own. There are lot of roads for such activity and we did the distance from Gudheim (in our opinion the most beautiful coastal village) to Sandvig and then to Hammershus castle. To make it easier we took a shorter way among big trees in the dark forest and of course we were not faster because we got lost! Our trip took us a few hours and the teenagers did not have enough strength to go back to Ro. My daughter complained that she couldn't go forward, that it was hard to ride on her bike. Finally I noticed that her tire was completely flat! How she managed to 25 kilometres!? I don't know. So, we took a bus and negotiated the cost of transportation all of us and our bicycles. We paid huge amount – budget for half a day!

Next day we did the second mistake and we went to great beaches around Dueodde and Balka but when we arrived in sandy, huge beach it started raining and we could not stay there. The weather in the end of August was nice, very often sunny, but sometimes the rain disturbed us a lot. We went to a valley in the forest near our village called Ro, visited beautiful Fall, and during our trip big drops of water have fallen from the sky on us and the ground was wet and slippery everywhere. We slid down and we could not go on like elderly people without any support. We went back to our cottage dirty and wet like swines but it was wonderful. On Bornholm you can feel like on the sea, in mountains or in the countryside at the same time. Whatever you need, 3 in 1! And ex-wives, husbands and debt collectors won't catch you or track you down. Tell them: „good bye“.

One day we went to Nexø and visited house of a known writer named Andersen. We thought that Christian Andersen – king of fairy tales – lived in this place but we were wrong! Another mistake! In Nexø lived Martin Andersen, other guy and now I am not surprised that a man who sold us tickets asked us twice before: „do you wanna really go in? All of you?“. In Nexø we went also to a restaurant to eat smoked Herring which is very popular here. But we placed a wrong order and received fish in vinegar with onion and bread, without any French fries. For me was great and tasty, but for the girls not so much.

„Where is McDonald's restaurant?“ – they kept asking me. But hopefully there wasn't any.

But then I had to go to NETTO market to buy 1 kg of frozen French fries and bake them in our modern cottage house and they ate like small swines with ketchup. Their white faces were painted by red ketchup, so they were white and red – Polish and Danish colours.

Halfway to our trip to Bornholm we went to Joboland Park and spent the entire day, walking, staring at small animals: birds, guinea pigs, goats, sheep and lots of monkeys. We did many other activities and also used basins and water tubes to slide down. But water was terribly cold, when we went down we knew that in a few seconds we would be completely frozen by water. What did they want to do with us? Freeze like mammoths for the next generations? But later we felt like new born babies, fresh and healthy.

Then we decided to go to Paradisbakkerne and take the shortest way and take a walk. But we got lost and we could not find the right way. We walked 6 or 7 kilometres but this distance was not the same as we wanted. Does not matter, we spent time in fine forest and went back to Ro, relaxed and pleased.

In Ro we lived in a red cottage house made from wood, very comfortable for us. We watched TV – especially Danish immortal movie about „Olsen's Gang“, played cards, „Monopoly“ game and I drank a wine to bear better the teenagers and their talking and we ate wonderful „dana – blue“ cheese produced on Bornholm, well known in the world.

So... really we had a great time! We cleansed and opened our minds before going back to school and work.

See you on Bornholm next year. Plan it in advance.



Fly with us on Bornholm Island



Beauty of Bornholm's coast



Still flying on the beach

