

Handout - Fredensborg Palace, Garden and Lake Esrum

Story telling in 9 walking breaks. Length of route: 4,1 km / Time = 2 hours

See attached map of the historical garden, blending baroque symmetry with the romantic style's winding paths and wooded sections. Open to the public all year. The Reserved Garden is open only in the summer time and is **not inclusive**.

1. The Palace seen from the Main Entrance

Standing in front of the Palace you hear about the inauguration in 1722 and paintings of the Palace are shown. The buildings, garden, architects and other VIP persons (paintings) in the 1700s are commented. In short you are told about today's function of the Palace and the Royal Family (picture). When we are walking the tour you are told some characteristic in the 1700s: Language spoken, population, way of living etc.

2. The Skipper's house and "Chaluphuset"

From distance you hear the story and variously use of the Skipper's house and "Chaluphuset".

3. The Norseman's Valley - A unique sculpture park

A highlight of the garden is the Norseman's Valley, featuring 70 sculptures of primarily Norwegian fishermen, peasants and wives. This collection tells a rare story of Nordic rural life.

4. The King's Bridge, Eremitagen (Gazebo) and the two Hermitage Pavilions

Besides the story of the buildings and the King's bridge Lake Esrum will be presented.

5. The Great Northern War (1700-1721)

By the hill "Tusinddalerhøjen" and the Frederick IV 1920 Stone you are shortly briefed about the Great Northern War.

6. King Christian IX

In front of the busts of King Christian IX and Queen Louise you hear of "the father-in-law of Europe". In the summertime they loved the Palace and the family gathering, and new life was giving at the end of 1800s.

7. Sculptor Johannes Wiedewelt and his Antique Sculptures and Architect Nicolas-Henri Jardin's redesign of the Baroque Garden and Park

The Baroque garden and the figures of liberation on the Brede Alle' and the state monuments on the Ring Alle' etc. are the topics.

8. King Frederick IV and King Frederick V

At the bench close to the parterre and Palace shortly you will be briefed of the history the 2 kings, who marked the development of the Palace in the glorious heyday in 1700s. You also hear the story of one of the most famous royal love affairs in Denmark.

9. Emperor Alexander's Imperial Villa

One of the Palace's regular guests, Russian Tzar Alexander III, lived here. He wanted his own house to have some privacy during his visits with his Danish Empress Dagmar.