# Culture and heritage [1]

Rich in Viking heritage and a favourite hang-out of Danish painters, North Jutland's cultural and historical offerings are many. Take time out from the beach to explore the region's artistic and historical traditions.

### **Artistic enclave**

One hundred years ago, Skagen was home to the artists' movement known as <u>The Skagen Painters</u> [2]. You can now see their popular paintings in North Jutland's museums, as well as in some of the artists' homes in Skagen.

## Medieval salt

Traditional methods for salt preparation are maintained on Læsø, where you can see them prepare salt exactly as they did in medieval times. In several areas up the west coast, such as Thorup, Slettestrand and Løkken, fishermen still drag their boats onto the beach. In the Rebild Hills (Rebild Bakker), you can experience the world's largest 4th of July party outside of the US, as Danes and Danish-Americans celebrate US Independence Day.

## Viking burial grounds

North Jutland is also a rich, Viking land. You can witness enormous ring fortresses, or circular forts, at both Hobro and Løgstør and on Lindholm Høje, north of Aalborg, is a huge Viking burial ground.

### **Buried church**

The church of St. Laurence, also popularly known as <u>Den Tilsandede Kirke ("the buried church")</u> [3], was built sometime around the 14th century and is a popular tourist destination. Following severe sand drifts during the 17th and 18th centuries, access to the church became so difficult that the church was closed down in 1795 by royal decree. Only the tower was allowed to remain, acting as a sea mark.

## **Further reading**

Read more about North Jutland [4].

Read more about Historical Denmark [5].