
[Prehistoric Denmark](#) [1]

From fascinating carvings to fully-preserved prehistoric corpses, Denmark's ancient origins are visible in many places and waiting for you to experience them.

Denmark's first people

People populated Denmark long before the Vikings. Trace Denmark's history right back to its prehistoric origins at [The National Museum](#) [2] (Nationalmuseet) in Copenhagen. Here you'll witness archaeological finds from as far back as the Palaeolithic Age. [Denmark's regional museums](#) [3] also contain excellent prehistoric artefacts.

The Tollund Man

In the 1950s, locals near Silkeborg made a grizzly discovery in a nearby swamp: a body, complete with a rope wrapped round his neck. This body turned out to be the best-preserved prehistoric body in the world. His face is so well preserved that you can count the wrinkles on his forehead. You can see [the Tollund Man](#) [4], who was likely killed as a sacrifice to the gods, at [Silkeborg Museum](#) [5].

Live Danish history

There are many outdoor museums, reconstructed villages and interactive exhibits around the country where you can live Danish history yourself. [The Stone Age Centre](#) [6] at Ertebølle has, amongst other things, the site of a famous Stone Age kitchen rubbish heap (a midden) to explore! 10,000 years of Danish history are brought to life for you at [Sagnlandet Lejre](#) [7] (Land of Legends). Here you can picnic amongst reconstructed houses from the Stone, Iron and Bronze Ages and take part in historical activities. At [Hjemsted Oldtidspark](#) [8], on an old Iron Age village, you can also delve deeper into the everyday life of Denmark's prehistoric people.

Bornholm's stone carvings

[Bornholm](#) [9] is the place in Denmark where most Bronze Age stone carvings have been found and preserved. You can uncover intriguing images of ships, wheels and humans all over the island and you can learn more about them at the [Bornholm Museum](#) [10] in Rønne.

Further reading

Read more about [The History of Denmark](#) [11].