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Just as West Jutland's landscape is dominated by the sea, so is its culture and heritage. Feel the maritime past pulse through you at museums, lighthouses, galleries and historical buildings across the region.

Maritime history

Over history, the West Coast of Jutland has been notoriously savage and difficult for ships to navigate. At Strandings Museum St. George, you can see artefacts from the wrecks of ships and naval battles throughout history. Included are artefacts from the wreck of HMS St George, one of the biggest shipwrecks of all time. 13,000 British men were lost when it went down in 1811. You can also see artefacts from the biggest naval battle disaster of all time, The Battle of Jutland, where 10,000 men were lost in one day during WWI.

Museums

The West Coast offers you a wealth of art museums, in towns such as Holstebro, Herning and Esbjerg. At Struer Museum, you can hear the story behind the world-renowned company Bang & Olufsen. If you're more interested in the distant past, Hjerl Hede's Open-air Museum is situated in beautiful heathland which brings the museum's exhibitions to life.

At the Fisheries and Maritime Museum in Esbjerg, you can coo over the sealarium dedicated to cute seal cubs that have been abandoned by their mothers. These cubs have the not-so-cute nickname Howlers.

Unique sites

For a more unusual experience, Sahl Church, close to Hjerl Heath, has a unique golden altar which is well worth seeing. You can also witness the dramatic Spøttrup, Denmark's best preserved medieval fortress and castle, on the Salling peninsula.

West Jutland is also home to a special type of building, a dune farm. You can sense the wild past of the West Coast at the number of these farms nestled in the sand dunes that still exist today. The farms have a distinct shape and thatched roofs. Visit Abeline's Farm at Holmslands Dune, now preserved as a museum.

Man meets the sea

Svend Wiig Hansen's monumental sculpture, Man meets the Sea, greets people arriving in Esbjerg and Denmark from the sea. Inspired by the ancient heads on Easter Island, this impressive monument has been wowing new arrivals to Denmark since 1995. You can see the nine metre high men from ten kilometres out at sea on a clear day.

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