History, adventure and fine dining – the home island of legendary fairytale writer Hans Christian Andersen has much to offer, including romantic accommodation, maritime heritage and age-old castles. Funen is the heart of Denmark, beautifully located between Jutland and Zealand within easy reach of major cities such as Copenhagen and Aarhus.

**ANDERSEN MUSEUMS**

Learn about the fairytale writer’s life
Odense has dedicated three museums to its famous son, fairytale writer Hans Christian Andersen: The Tinderbox (a cultural centre for children), the writer’s house of birth and his childhood home. In addition, a small summer parade brings the storyteller’s fairytales to life.

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**THE FUNEN VILLAGE**

Recreating the age of Hans Christian Andersen
The open-air heritage museum features historic farms, a watermill and windmill relocated brick-by-brick from across the island. Here costumed interpretive staff members tend to the livestock, fields and historic gardens, bringing the age of the storyteller Hans Christian Andersen back to life.

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**EGESKOV CASTLE**

Vintage automobiles and garden mazes
A magical and adventurous world of vintage aeroplanes and automobiles, garden mazes and heritage castle chambers, Egeskov Castle is not only one of Denmark’s best preserved 16th century moat castles; it is also one of the most whimsical – and fun!

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**FALSLED KRO**

Romantic gardens and gourmet cuisine
A few hundred yards from the tiny Falsled fishing harbour on the southern Funen coast the whitewashed, thatched Falsled Kro is one of Denmark’s most renowned gourmet inns, serving French inspired cuisine. The seasonally driven menus rely on vegetables and herbs from the inn’s garden and local farm produce.

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**TOWN OF FAABORG**

Scenically located by the archipelago
Faaborg is one of Funen’s many small and quaint towns - very well preserved with fine old half-timbered houses, a medieval gate and with a beautiful belltower as a landmark. Faaborg also offers cosy cafés and restaurants and a new harbour bath. The town hosts festivals and events during the year.

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**THE SOUTH FUNEN ARCHIPELAGO**

Bicycle-friendly islands with maritime heritage
Ferryboats connect the many small islands of the Funen Archipelago. Popular for cottage B&Bs and bicycle holidays, the island of Ærø features the heritage town of Ærøskøbing and its quaint seamen’s houses. There are also sandy beaches. An inspiring way to travel in the archipelago is by vintage schooner.

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