

# The City Tour

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# 1: Vejle Å



Vejle Å originates at Engelsholm Sø near Nørup. It runs into Egtved Å not far from the Egtved girl's grave. From here it runs northeast until it empties into Vejle Fjord in Vejle harbour. Vejle Ådal is approximately 20 km long. Vejle Å is one of the best places in Denmark to catch sea trouts.



## 2: The Five Sisters



Located in western Vejle, the landmark residential buildings The Five Sisters (De Fem Søstre) tower to a height of almost 40 metres. The five blocks are constructed on a 35,000 m<sup>2</sup> former industrial area. Each tower block consists of 48 apartments spread over 12 floors. Despite the circular exterior of the buildings, the apartments have no curved or slanted walls to complicate the interiors. It's the large crescent-shaped balconies on the exterior of each apartment that make the towers seem round-shaped from the outside.



## 2: The Five Sisters

The Five Sisters were designed by the Danish architectural firm Arkitema and constructed in 2008–2016.



### 3: Sønderbro, Søndertorv and the shopping street



Sønderbro dates back to 1804 and has been restored to its original design. Søndertorv and the bridge Sønderbro have been refurbished with new granite paving. The bridge has an inscription and a royal crown, just as it had when it was originally constructed



### 3: Sønderbro, Søndertorv and the shopping street

From Søndertorv and Sønderbro you can enjoy a view to the town's windmill, which was erected in 1890 on the old gallows hill. The mill served as a flourmill until 1960.



### 3: Sønderbro, Søndertorv and the shopping street

During the refurbishment of the pedestrian area in 1999-2001 an approx. 700-year-old cobbled road was discovered below street level. The medieval cobblestones have been preserved in their original place and are visible in three illuminated glass showcases a bit further up the pedestrian street to the left. The pedestrian zone is paved using different paving stones that feature the text from the rune stones of the town of Jelling. The wavy lines in the pavement between Torvegade and Nørregade represent the course of the town's central waterway during medieval times. Torvegade started on one side of the line and Nørregade on the other, just as they do today.



## 4: Den Smidske Gård

Den Smidske Gård in Søndergade is a beautiful old half-timbered house, which today is the only of Vejle's old merchant houses that has been preserved. Feel the cozy atmosphere of this old merchant house dating back to 1799, while you enjoy a meal or drink in the café or wine bar inside the courtyard.



## 4: Den Smidske Gård

Commissioned by merchant A.I. Smidt, the old merchant's house was constructed in 1799 . The front house facing Søndergade is the oldest part. Note the inscription with the year of construction and the names of the merchant and his wife above the gate lintel. This building was their residential home with kitchen, utility and ironing room (front house and northern wing), grain storage, warehouse, coach entrance and stables for the clients' horses.



## 5: Sct. Nikolai kirke

Sct. Nikolai Church was erected in approx. 1250.

In the north wall of the church you see 23 holes placed at odd distances. Each hole contains a human skull, which is embedded so that you look through the neck hole into the skull. No one knows why these skulls – or indeed why there are exactly 23 of them – are located here. According to legend these are the skulls of 23 Polish robbers, who were captured in the woods in the 17th century and executed.



## 6: Town Hall



Vejle Town Hall (Vejle Rådhus) was built in 1878–79. The current building is the town's fourth town hall and is situated on the original location of a medieval convent. The town hall bell, which sounds every day, is the same bell that once called the monks of the medieval convent to mass. Today, the town hall houses the Vejle council chamber on the upper floor.



## 6: Town Hall

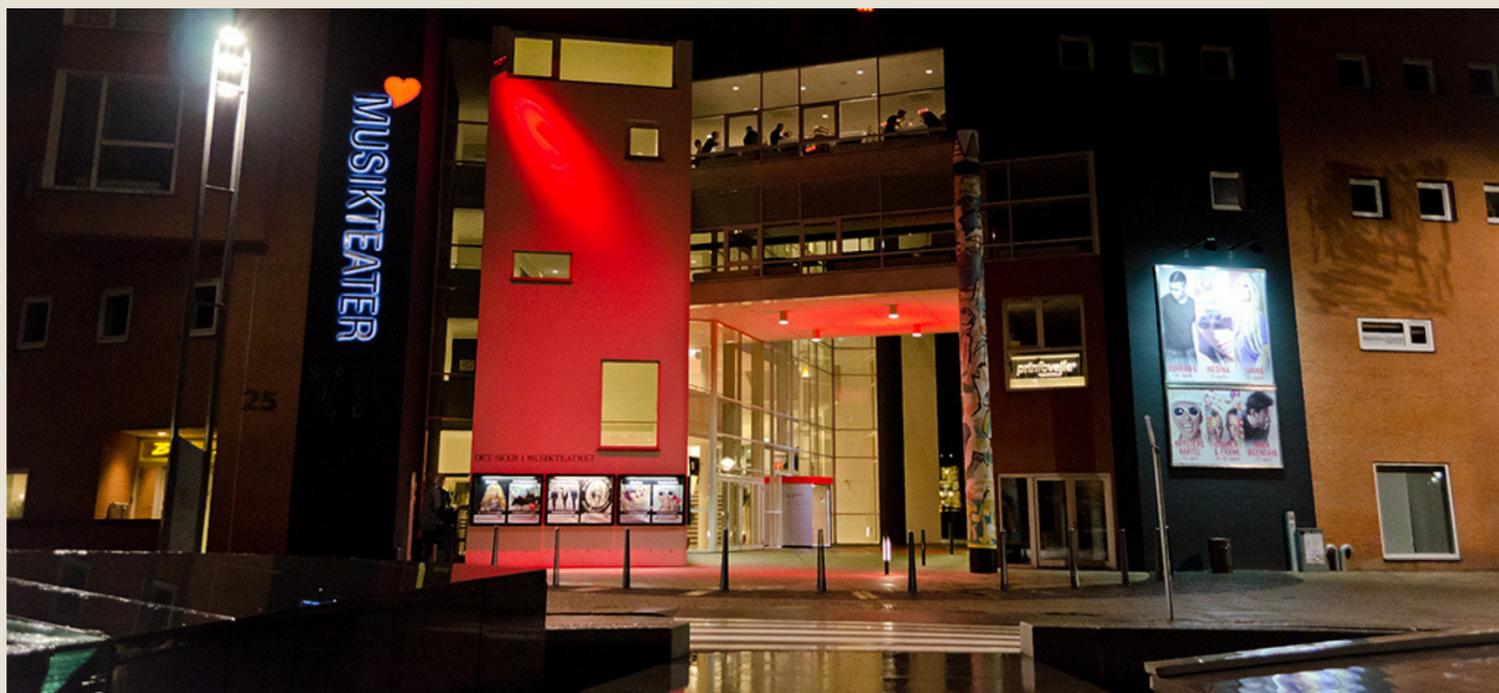
When the oldest town hall by Gammel Torv was raised to the ground by fire in 1530 the cloister became Vejle's second town hall. The third town hall was built on the same site in 1780 and was subsequently replaced by the current Old Town Hall in 1878.



The town hall also included the old prison and Vejle's old police station, which is now a café and activity house. Following the municipal reform in 1970 a whole new administrative building was constructed in another part of the city near the Musical Theater (7).



## 7. The Music Theater



The Music Theatre, (Vejle Musikteater), was inaugurated in 1992 and has established itself as part of the town's cultural scene.

Vejle Music Theatre is centrally located in Vejle with Hotel Scandic Jacob Gade as its nearest neighbour. Colourful columns decorated by artist Knud Nielsen adorn the entrance to this exciting cultural institution. The theater is constructed as a classic West-End theatre with two main terraces and two side balconies, which means you can get really close to the great stage experiences.



## 7. The Music Theater

In front of the theatre you see what is probably the only roundabout in Denmark where pedestrians walk through the middle. The centrepiece fountain is made of steel and granite. In the evening, the many water jets of varied height are illuminated. Encircling the square are three tall lampposts, which help visually mediate the illuminated music theatre, city park and the newly renovated Flegborg street with the city's pedestrian streets.



Vejle's city park (Byparken) is located in the courtyard of the Vejle Music Theatre and is used for major events with a capacity of up to 6,400 people.



## 8. The Art Museum

The Art Museum (Vejle Kunstmuseum), with its 50 etchings by Rembrandt and with an extension designed by architect Kim Utzon is one of Vejle's many highlights.



## 9. Vejle Midtpunkt



Vejle Midtpunkt is located at the crossroads between Tønnesgade and Nørregade by the northern section of Vejle's shopping street. The Midtpunkt area – combined with the upper section of Nørregade, Paladspassagen, Nørretorv and Vestergade – is also known as Vejle's Latin Quarter. Within short distance, you will find an exciting mix of restaurants, cafés, bars, specialty boutiques, smørrebrød stores, groceries, a baker, chocolatier & pastry shop as well as residential homes. Every year from April to October, you can experience the colourful umbrella sky above Vejle Midtpunkt



## 10. Dæmningen



Straddling the stream are eight iron bridges for pedestrians and cars. The railings are designed by different artists, one for each bridge. Half way down Dæmningen you reach Volmers Plads, a square facing the multi-storey car park Tróndur. The stair tower is designed as a large stained glass artwork by artist Tróndur Patursson from the Faroe Islands. Volmers Plads was inaugurated in 2008 as a public IT playground with different activities.



**Thank you for joining  
us on this tour.**

**We hope you had fun!**

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