



Ag Tour to Denmark

August 4 to August 16, 2007

Last October, 48 Danish farmers and their wives toured Minnesota, including a 2 1/2 day visit to Renville County value-added Co-ops, a new ethanol plant, and various area farmers. Now they wish to return the favor.

They have a tremendous 12-day package for us!

Here is just a sample of what you will see:

- Danish wind farms - Wind provides more than 20% of all electricity used in Denmark.
- Special visit with Danish Agricultural attaché Anders Klockner, who spoke at the Echo Creek Vineyard in Belview when in Minnesota last October.
- Arla Foods Cheese Dairy plant owned by 10,000 Danish and Swedish farmers.
- A dairy farm where cows are milked by robots.
- Meet and talk with Bent Sorenson, president of the Danish Dairy Board.
- VESTA's Windmill Plant - Manufacturers of the VESTA turbines, which predominate on Minnesota's Buffalo Ridge.
- Grethe & Kristian Kjaers family farm - Once 30 hectares, today 600 hectares, plus 1,300 sows. Kristian is the past president of the National Organization of Farm Supply Co-ops.
- 80,000 per week Danish Crown slaughterhouse.
- A big fur farm and Fur Fashion House. Denmark produces 0% of all furs world wide.
- Ribe Biogas, which produces energy from animal manure and industry waste.
- Aase and Henning Urup pork farms, which produce special pork chops for export to UK and US. The Urup family is also famous for champion horses. Henning is a former MP.
- Much more including the following: Sunday service in The Peoples Lutheran Church, built in the 12th Century in Flade. (Minister Bruce Stoyer, born and raised in Minnesota, will give us an "English" sermon.) We will also visit a Danish brewery, see scenic areas along the coast of Sweden. In beautiful Copenhagen we will see Tivoli Park plus take boat tours to the Royal Castle Aalienborg and The Little Mermaid. (Danny Kaye sang as Hans Christian Andersen in a movie about Wonderful Copenhagen).

Minnesota is 5 times larger than Denmark (225 sq. km vs. 43,000 sq. km) but the country has about a 5.3 million population. Denmark very big on pork - 27 million hogs versus 10 million in MN. 90% of all Danish pork and about 65% of all Danish dairy production has to be exported into world markets, so free trade/no subsidies is important to the health of Danish farmers.

THIS TOUR IS LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE. A 30% DEPOSIT (\$1350) IS NEEDED BY MARCH 21 TO CONFIRM YOUR SPACE. THE SECOND 30% IS DUE BY MAY 1. THE FINAL 40% IS PAYABLE JULY 18.

Cost is \$4500 per person (\$5100 if traveling alone), which covers ALL expenses including taxes and gratuities, air travel via Icelandic Airlines, food and lodging. If this trip interests you, fill out the coupon below and give it to Lynn Ketelsen, or RSVP by sending this coupon to:

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Yes, I/We are interested in this Ag Tour to Denmark.
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