

Geography:

The Öresund Region includes the Danish islands Zealand, Lolland-Falster, Møn and Bornholm and the Swedish Region Skåne.



Area:
21 203 square kilometres

Population:
Total: about 3.6 million i
Danish: about 2 465 000
Swedes: about 1 199 000
(January 2008)

As the importance of national borders continues to decline in the new borderless Europe, the Öresund Region is an example of an international region that reflects the modern age: two countries complementing one another in a region without frontiers.

Highly educated population

In the Öresund Region, businesses are spoilt for choice. The region is home to the largest concentration of highly educated people in Northern Europe. It is liberally sprinkled with world-class innovative environments and boasts a well-developed working relationship between industry, higher education establishments and the authorities.

Accessibility and good infrastructure

With a centrally placed international airport, the Öresund Region is easily accessible from all parts of the globe. Copenhagen airport, Kastrup, is the largest international airport in Northern Europe and operates direct flights to more than 120 destinations. Within the Öresund Region itself, journey times are short thanks to an excellent public transport network, as well as extensive investments in good infrastructure.

Political co-operation

Throughout history, there have been strong trade links between Eastern Denmark and Southern Sweden. So, whereas the expression "the Öresund Region" was not firmly established until the fixed link between Denmark and Sweden became a reality in 2000, the idea of a common region is much older.

The Öresund Region comprises two nations, and therefore has no common governing body. However, the national governments co-operate on several levels to make the Öresund Region politically accessible to its inhabitants. Perhaps the best example of this is The Öresund Committee, a regional forum for political co-operation which consists of politicians from both countries and has been hard at work eliminating national administrative boundaries since 1993.

Visit the Öresund Region

To many English-speakers, the word "Öresund" sounds exotic, a little like "horizon". And there may be some truth to the claim that people from these latitudes are indeed a little exotic. A little laid back. However, visitors soon feel the pulse and hi-tech dynamism that also permeate some parts of the Region.

Copenhagen is the natural centrepiece of the Region and boasts a wealth of shopping options and cultural delights. It is also rightly famous for its wonderful architecture, which spans all styles from classic nineteenth century design to modern masterpieces such as "The Black Diamond", which houses the national library.

As a tourist destination, the Öresund Region has an extra dimension because it spans two countries and two cultures. The Öresund Bridge, and the ferries that run between Helsingborg and Elsinore, make it easy for visitors to get around.

The sea is a constant presence

As close as you are to the pulse of the big city, you are just as close to magnificent countryside. Vast expanses of sandy beaches, beech forests where the sunlight dapples the undergrowth and makes stars twinkle in the puddles, rolling fields, and the special light that is only to be found at Österlen in Eastern Skåne. The climate is perfect for golf all year round, and there are around 90 golf courses in the Region. There are also numerous open-air swimming baths which always entice – whatever the season. Or why not try your luck with rod and reel in some of the many rivers and canals that cut through the landscape?

A host of small towns and villages

The numerous small towns and villages that line the roads often fascinate visitors to the Region. It is almost impossible to resist stopping for a coffee, a shopping trip or a stroll around the arts and crafts shops. History is also very evident in the Region, mainly in the form of the numerous churches and historical remains.

Lots to see and do

When you visit the Öresund Region, your taste buds will have the time of their lives, too. There are all kinds of cuisine – in generous helpings. Scandinavian cuisine is famous for its fresh raw ingredients from local producers. And in recent years, the style has absorbed international influences that add surprising treats to the gastronomic delights. The Region is home to no fewer than ten restaurants with start from the Michelin Guide.

Shopping enthusiasts will be able to indulge themselves to their hearts' desire in the Öresund Region, which is home to everything from giant luxury chains to small independent designers. The most famous shopping street in the Region is "Strøget" in Copenhagen, which is the address of both international designers and large clothing chains. If you prefer uncommon brands or second-hand shops, we recommend a visit to the smaller streets. If you love culture, sights and attraction, then you can be sure of a busy stay in the Öresund Region, as you are sure to find just what you are looking for. Shows, art museums, concerts, architecture, design, castles and cabins... The list goes on and on, and everything is within 90 minutes of Copenhagen's international airport.

The Öresund Region is blessed with pure, unspoiled countryside distinguished by beaches, cliffs, forests, fields, lakes, rivers and the sea. There are many ways to enjoy the varied and fascinating landscape. The Swedish part of the Region has more than 1,000 km of rambling trails, while the Danish section is well known for its finely developed network of cycle paths.

