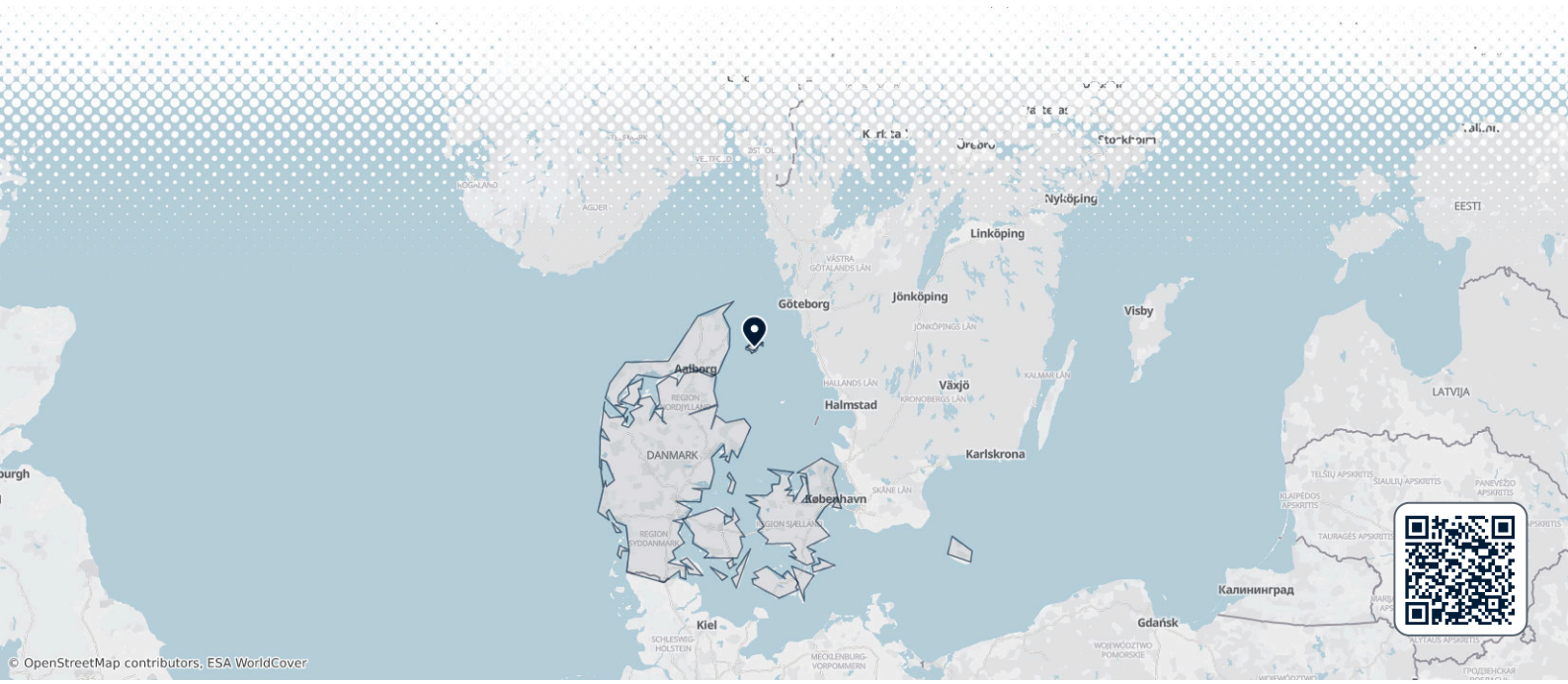


Læsø

North Jutland Region · Denmark

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Læsø is the largest island in the Kattegat, a flat and quiet place about 90 minutes by ferry from Frederikshavn. Fewer than 2,000 people live here, spread between the ferry port at Vesterø Havn, the inland main town of Byrum and the fishing harbour at Østerby Havn. Most visitors come for slow days of cycling, walking and swimming, with a strong sense of island life.

The island's history is unusual. In the Middle Ages, Læsø was known for boiling salt from its salty groundwater, and the fuel demand cut down almost all of its forest. With almost no wood left, people roofed their houses with eelgrass from the shore. These seaweed roofs are now the island's symbol, and the cultural landscape is on Denmark's tentative list for UNESCO World Heritage. The south of the island is a large wetland of salt meadows and sandbanks, important for wading birds and ducks.

When to visit

Summer is the best time to visit. Days are long and mild, the sea is at its warmest, and the sights keep their longest opening hours. Spring and early autumn are quieter and good for walking and birdwatching, but expect wind and changeable weather. Winters are dark, wet and windy, and several sights close.

The biggest event is the Langoustine Festival (Jomfruhummerfestival) in Østerby Havn, held on the first Saturday in August. Danish chefs compete in a cooking contest, and the day is a free harbour party built around the island's langoustines.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 7° Feels like -4°	1° / -5°	14 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 6° Feels like -5°	0° / -6°	12 rainy days · Dry air
March	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	4° / 7° Feels like -2°	2° / -3°	Dry air
April	Fair Fair for wildlife watching	8° / 13° Feels like 3°	5° / 1°	Dry air
May	Good Good for cycling	13° / 18° Feels like 9°	10° / 6°	Dry air
June	Good Good for cycling	16° / 21° Feels like 13°	13° / 10°	13 rainy days · Dry air
July	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 23°	16° / 13°	14 rainy days
August	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 23°	16° / 14°	15 rainy days
September	Good Good for cycling	16° / 19° Feels like 12°	14° / 10°	13 rainy days · Dry air
October	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	12° / 15° Feels like 6°	10° / 5°	17 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	8° / 12° Feels like 1°	6° / 1°	17 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 9° Feels like -2°	3° / -3°	16 rainy days · Dry air

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights

At A Læsø Salt Museum, known locally as Læsø Saltsyderi, the island's medieval salt trade comes back to life. In a rebuilt seething hut, salt is boiled from brine in iron pans over an open fire, and you can buy the salt in the museum shop. It sits at the edge of the southern salt meadows.

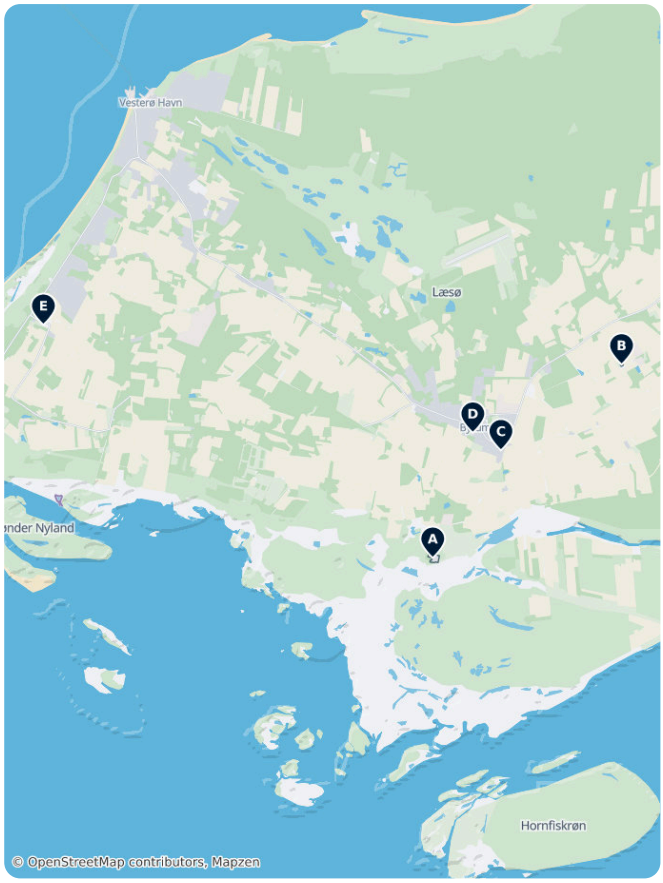
B Museumsgården "På Lynget" is a whitewashed farm with a thick seaweed roof, the best place to see the island's traditional building style up close. Its rooms keep furniture and household items from the mid-1800s.

C Læsøtårnet in Byrum is a 17 m brick lookout tower built in 1927 by a local clogmaker, Thorvald Hansen, who made the bricks himself. Climb it for a view across the whole flat island.

D Byrum Kirke is the largest of the island's churches, built in the 13th century. Inside is a winged altarpiece from about 1450.

E Vesterø Søndre Kirke is a medieval church outside Vesterø Havn. Its choir vault has early 16th-century wall paintings of the Three Kings.

South of the salt works, the wetland of Rønnerne covers more than 1,700 hectares of salt meadows, heath and sandbanks. Many waders and ducks breed or rest here, and guided nature tours are available.



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Getting there

- **By ferry**: Læsøfærgen sails from Frederikshavn to Vesterø Havn several times a day, and the crossing takes about 90 minutes. Book ahead if you bring a car, especially in summer, and check in at least 15 minutes before departure (10 minutes on foot).
- **By train**: Trains run from Aalborg to Frederikshavn in about 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes. From there, continue to the ferry at the harbour.
- **By air**: Aalborg Airport is the nearest major airport. Take the train from Aalborg to Frederikshavn for the ferry.
- **On the island**: The local bus, route 840, is free. The island is flat, with about 100 km of paved roads, so cycling is the easiest way to explore. You can bring a bike on the ferry or rent one on the island.
- **Combine with the mainland**: Skagen is about 40 minutes north of Frederikshavn by train, so it is easy to add to the same trip.

See Læsøfærgen for timetables and booking.

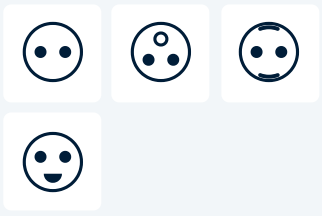
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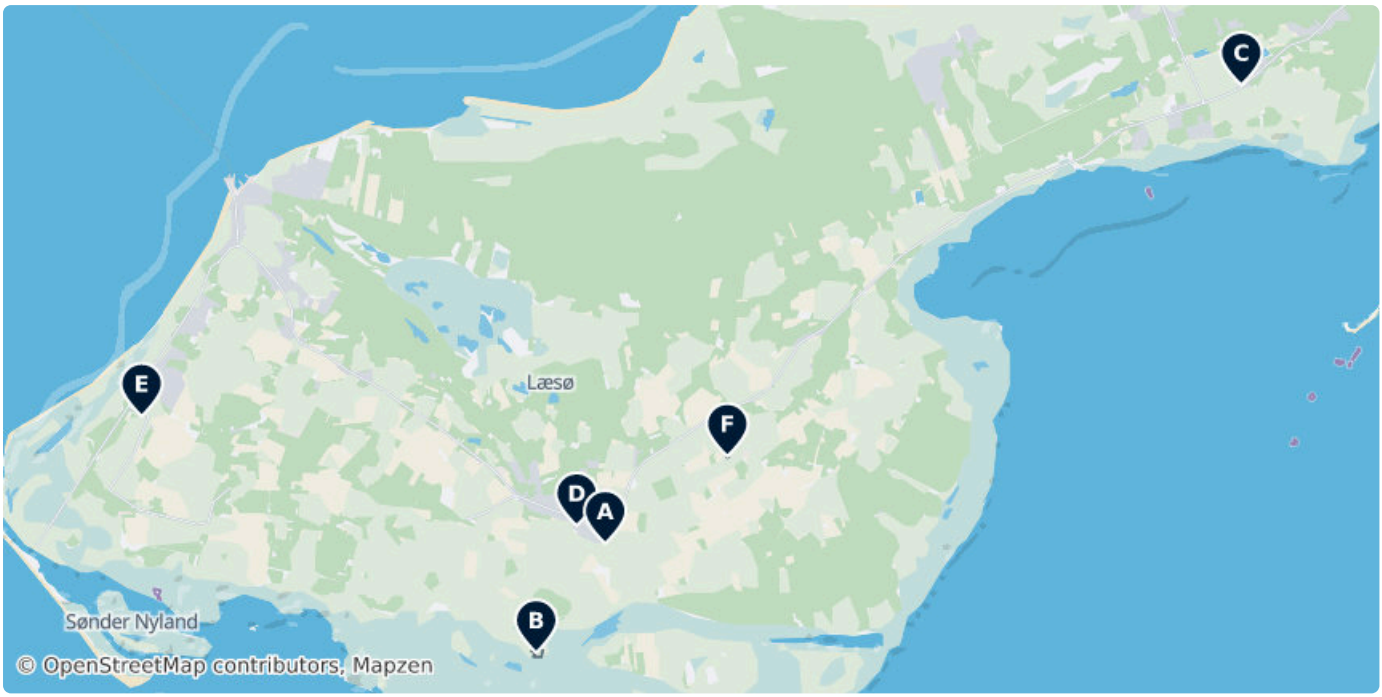


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Top sights





A Læsøtårnet

Brick lookout tower, 17 metres high, built in 1927 by a local clogmaker from home-cast bricks on a small hill.

Thorvald Hansensvej, 9940 Byrum, Denmark (57.25274, 11.00543)

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thorvaldhansenstaarn.dk



B Læsø Salt Museum

Working salt works with a reconstructed medieval seething hut, where salt is boiled from the island's brine over open fire. It was started in 1991 as a mix of research project and tourist attraction.

3 Hornfiskrønvej, 9940, Denmark (57.23962, 10.99007)

saltsyderiet.dk



C Læsø Museum

35 Gammel Østerbyvej, Østerby 9940, Denmark (57.30778, 11.14682)

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D Byrum Kirke

46 Byrum Hovedgade, Byrum 9940, Denmark (57.25488, 10.99909)



E Vesterø Søndre Kirke

Søndre Kirkevej, Strandvejen 9940, Denmark (57.26804, 10.90238)



F Museumsgården "På Lynget"

Half-timbered farm with a seaweed-thatched roof, furnished with fittings from the mid-1800s and run as a museum by Læsø Museum.

3 Museumsvej, 9940, Denmark (57.26320, 11.03259)

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