



The Vikings and the Wadden Sea Route is one of 25 panoramic routes along the Danish coastline. Panorama Routes are premium cycle routes offering places to eat, accommodation and entertaining experiences. The routes provide spectacular views, but also secret hideaways with space for quiet contemplation. The Panorama routes are part of the Powered by Cycling: Panorama project supported by the European Regional Development Fund.

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Vikings and the Wadden Sea Ribe, 28 km

Wherever you cycle in the region, you will see traces of the Viking Age and sense how humans have long lived in harmony with nature. Cycling across this landscape gives you a real sense of how the South Jutland marshland and sea have shaped this city for good or bad. Note the markings of the storm surges that have wreaked havoc on the area.

Where the route takes you...

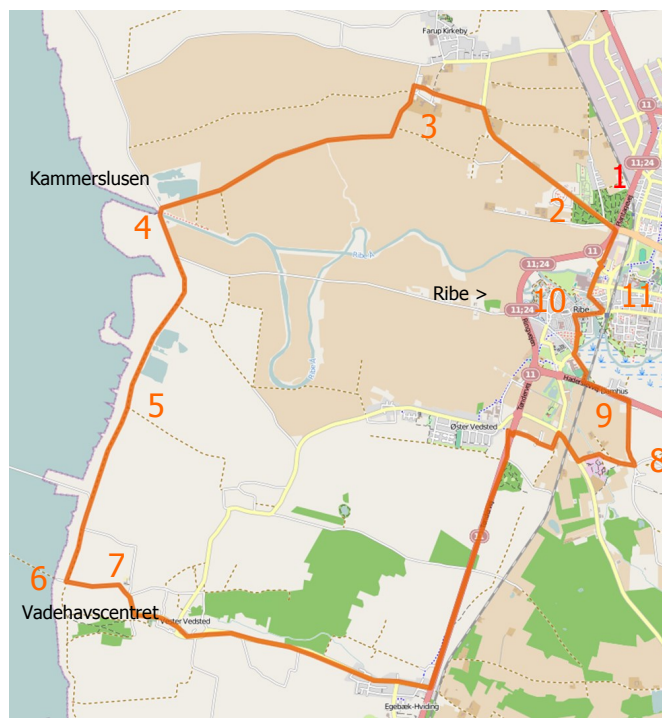
This route can be started anywhere on the circular route. This guide takes as its starting point the edge of Ribe at Ribe Plantation.

The first stop is a large cluster of trees **(1)**. The year 1911 is etched on one of the trees. The height indicates the water level of the major storm surge of 1911. A storm surge that cost several human lives. A stone's throw from the road in Ribe Plantation is Galgebakken (Gallows Hill) which was previously a public place of execution. On your way to Nørre Farup you pass Den Gamle Avlsgaard from 1879 **(2)**. It was once a workhouse, but is now a popular bed & breakfast.

Nørre Farup **(3)** on the edge of the marsh is a 'forten' town. The farms are situated round 'forten' - a joint grazing area. Follow Kammerlusevej and note the many canals and dams as you go.

Let your thoughts fly with the wind and take time to look at the landscape as Kammerluse **(4)** slowly draws near in the distance to the southwest. The construction of Kammerluse in 1912 was vital in securing the Ribe area against major storm surges.

Take time to experience the impressive animal life behind the dyke south of Kammerluse. The area is part of the largest national park in Denmark, the Wadden Sea National Park **(5)**.



The sheep graze on the dyke blissfully unaware that they will end as delicacies on the dining tables of the world. You would be well advised to go up the dyke for an unobstructed look of the Wadden Sea. The trip along the dyke ends at Mandø Ebbevej **(6)** where the tall storm surge pillar tells the story of the problems both humans and marshland have suffered at the hands of the Wadden Sea.

This is a unique landscape with its salt and sand deposits. Read and experience more at the Wadden Sea Centre **(7)** which also offers treats for the hungry and thirsty.

The route from Vester Vedsted towards Ribe may offer challenging wind conditions, so pedal hard and look forward to travelling 1200 years back in time at Ribe Viking Centre **(8)**. Activities and fun experiences for all the family.

Before Ribe, the route takes you through the village of Lustrup **(9)** where thatched houses testify to the way nature has been used for very practical purposes. A goodbye to Lustrup soon reveals Ribe and the large steeple of the Cathedral.

The trip through Hundegade up to Ribe Domkirke **(10)** (Ribe Cathedral) tells you the story of a market town that developed around Denmark's first cathedral from the year 1250. At Ribe Kunstmuseum **(11)** (Ribe Art Museum) you will find the history of both Ribe and Denmark depicted in art.

Accommodation

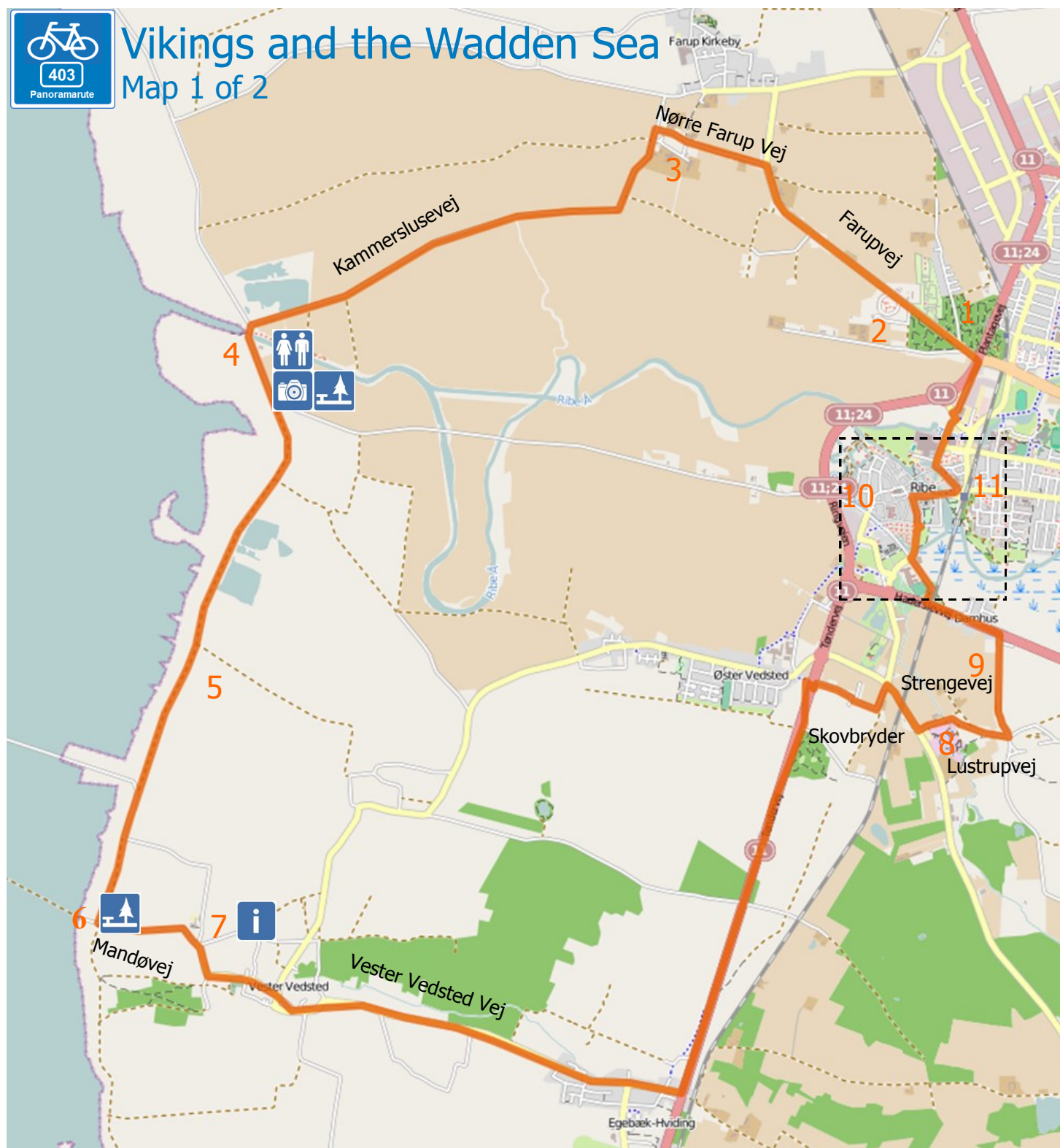
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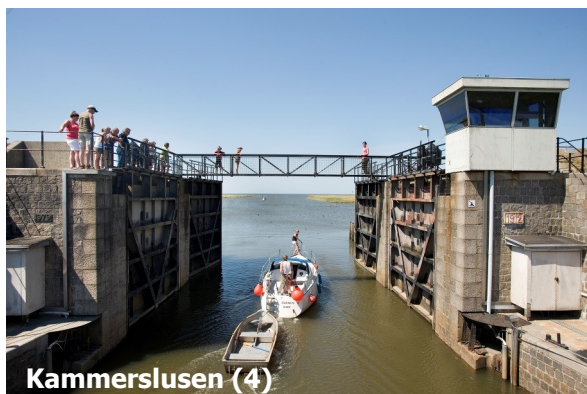
Ribe Cathedral and the Wadden Sea Centre are two of the 18 unique **Spot On** attractions located in Southwest Jutland. More information can be found at www.sydvestjylland.com/spoton

For more information about local cycle routes and cycling packages, visit www.vestkyststruten.dk which includes maps, videos and much more about cycle tourism.





Roads: very flat route. Cycling on main roads, paved cycle paths and gravel/paving behind the dykes. 200 metres without cycle path and at times heavy traffic on Roagervej on the way to Ribe Vikingecenter.



Kammerslusen (4)



Storm surge pillar (6)



Expedition with the Wadden Sea Centre



Vikings and the Wadden Sea

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Trip through Ribe: Hundegade - Dagmarsgade - Sanct Nicolaj Gade - Saltgade

Leave your bicycle at VisitRibe and explore the city of Ribe. The pedestrian streets of Overdammen and Nederdammen are highly recommended as is the beautiful Ribe River at Skibbroen



Ribe Viking Centre (8)



Ribe Cathedral (10)



Watchman in Ribe