



Move to Denmark

Move to the island of FUR



The car-ferry

- takes 3 minutes
- sails every 15 minutes, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year
- holds 30 cars or 2 trucks/semitrailers and 14 cars



Car-ferry schedule (times are from Fur, departure from Branden 5 min. later)

- 05-19: every 15 minutes
- 19-01: every 30 minutes (Fridays and Saturdays until 03)
- 01-05: every 60 minutes

Car-ferry charges (charge includes both to- and return-trip)

- Resident pedestrian free
- Resident car + passengers (50 trip rebate) DKK 24 per return trip
- Resident car + passengers (one year pass) DKK 2.500
(210 trips = approx. DKK 12 kr pr trip)
- Non-resident car + passenger (50 trip rebate) DKK 54
- Non-resident car + passengers (single return trip) DKK 100
- Non-resident pedestrian DKK 20

Facts about Fur

- Area: 22 km²
- Coastline: 24 km²
- Population: 850

Facts about Skive Municipality

- Population: 48.000

Distance by car (approx.)

- from Fur to:**
- Skive 30 km.
 - Aalborg 85 km.
 - Aarhus 125 km.
 - Esbjerg 170 km.
 - Odense 230 km.
 - Copenhagen 320 km.
 - Hamburg 420 km.



”Denmark’s loveliest island”

About Fur

Fur is an island situated in the middle of the Limfjord – a large salt water sound more than 1.500 km² large that lies in the middle of North Jutland – with an outlet to the North Sea in the west and to the Kattegat in the east. Fur island itself is a modest 22 km², with 850 inhabitants. In summer however, the number swells as over 500 summer-houses are occupied and a total of 180.000 tourists visit the island to enjoy Furs natural beauty. No wonder then, that of all the small islands in Denmark, Fur was voted the loveliest, by readers of a major national newspaper in 2010.

Although an island, Fur is well connected! It must have the best ferry connection of any island in Denmark, with a modern large car-ferry taking the 3 minute trip every 15 minutes all through the day and round the clock service making 70 trips a day (see schedule in the Facts-box on page 2). There has been talk of a bridge – but the majority of inhabitants want to maintain the advantages that go with being an island – first and foremost the peace and serenity of less traffic and a speed limit on the entire island of 50 km/h.

From the mainland there is a bus to Skive – the capital of our municipality – 30 km away. From Skive the railway gets you to Copenhagen in 5 hours and to the other large cities such as Aarhus and Aalborg in 2 hours. Being situated on the mainland of Jutland – there is easy connection by road and rail southwards to the rest of the European continent. Travel to Norway and Sweden is also easy with several daily ferry connections from Hirtshals. Hirtshals is 2 hours away by car, 4 hours by train.

There is even a small airstrip on Fur, allowing smaller planes to land and take off.

The harbour, home to a small number of professional mussel-fishing boats and to a growing number of pleasure craft, is especially busy during the summer months when salingboats, yachts and motorcraft stay here for one or more nights on their tour of the Limfjord.



Environment

Apart from the natural beauty of its landscape Fur enjoys beaches with water qualities meeting EUs high standards for swimming, fresh clean air borne by a westerly wind from the North Sea and perhaps Denmark's cleanest drinking water – filtered through millennia of mo-clay sediments – the basis also for our Fur-beer – brewed by our micro-brewery 'Fur Bryg' – famous throughout Denmark.



Foto: Fur Turist

Geography

Within Furs relatively modest area you can experience all the classical landscapes prevalent in Denmark. On the northern side there are the mo-clay cliffs for which Fur is famous. They were created during the Ice Age 25.000 years ago, when glaciers from the north-east pushed the seabed up into folds and thrusts, exposing the mo-clay layers. To the south the landscape falls back into soft rolling hills leaving a rich moraine soil suitable for cultivation. This is where most of the settlements are located. To the west there are grass wetlands and to the east the sound and the wind have combined to create deep bays and spindly sandbanks stretching out into the sea.

A little geology...

is inevitable when discussing Fur – because of the exposed mo-clay cliffs. Mo-clay is a mixture of fine clay and diatomites: microscopic algae that lived, died and sank to the seabed as Norway and Greenland drifted apart and the North Atlantic was formed, 55 million years ago. Over a period of 3 million years, diatomite layers accumulated, interspersed with layers of black ash from volcanic eruptions, eventually forming newspaper-like pages in a layer 60 m thick. What is special about diatomite is the way its porous structure has enabled the preservation of ash layers and fossils of creatures embedded in it. What's special about Fur and the Limfjord area is the way these layers have been brought to the surface so they can be "read", in black&white, ash&diatomite – by anybody walking on Fur's northern shore. The best souvenirs are free – fossilized sea urchins – echinoids – are common and it is still possible to find fossils of fish, birds and insects in the mo-clay, though rare finds are designated "danekrae" and belong to the State. The best specimens are on display at Fur Museum. The diatomite cliffs of Fur and the Limfjord are a candidate for inclusion on the World Heritage list.



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A little history

Fur has been populated since the stone age. After having been ruled by church, king and nobility from 1410 to 1802, residents finally became their own masters. The next 100 years there were about 66 farmsteads, with landless dwellings increasing from 60 to 250 in 1903. In 1925 the population reached its maximum of 1729. Many of the landless residents took to fishing to supplement their income. Today the number of farmers and fishermen have dwindled: we have 10 farmers, mostly cultivating grain, some livestock farmers and 4 professional fishermen, mostly catching mussels and oysters for export to Europe.



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Employment

The population has gone steadily down the last 55 years as it has become harder to make a living the traditional way as a farmer or fisherman. Young people have gone to the cities to receive an education, found employment and stayed there. Those who work on the island are either self-employed, public employees or work for some of the large employers on the island. Those who work off the island shuttle every day by car or bus to jobs in mainland Salling or to Skive and cities all over Jutland.

Browse the green box to get some idea of the range of businesses established on Fur. The fact that they are established on Fur does of course not mean that their business is limited to Fur, many work off the island and export. Recently a group of entrepreneurs set up a network for Fur and North Salling called the ERFA-group.

In addition there are public employees at the school, ferry, museum and in care for the elderly. There is also a substantial number of artists and galleries, a large number of homes offering Bed&Breakfast, a large number of vacation houses offered for rent by the week/weekend, and many small gift-shops selling i.a. antiques, flowers, handicraft articles and farming produce. Finally, some are self-employed, working out of their home offices over the internet or telephone.

For a small island Fur has a very diversified business structure including:

- 2 factories exploiting the diatomite resources to produce bricks and other insulating materials
- a micro-brewery
- a company selling/leasing indoor trucks
- 4 transport/trucking companies
- a heavy machine rental company
- a wharf and shipbuilder
- a number of small hotels and restaurants
- two inns
- a number of building companies and builders
- a broad spectrum of craftsmen
- a number of cafés
- a supermarket
- a petrol station
- an air strip
- a hair dresser
- a tourist office
- a camping site
- a taxi company
- an estate agency
- a savings bank.





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Innovation Fur

What will life be like in the future? With today's rapid technological development even 10 years can mean large changes. Fur will be a trial site for the development of new technologies to facilitate family life in rural areas, a crystal ball for what life will be like in the near future. For 5 years a major Danish IT and energy supplier – Energi Midt – will, together with national and international partners – see what can be done on Fur to make it an attractive place to settle for a modern family.



Ultimately the idea is to build an environmentally sustainable advanced technological society. The project is only in its infancy – on the drawing board are ideas such as new energy electric cars, medical consultations over the internet and reduced energy bills. Skive municipality and Fur hope that this project will bring long-term benefits to Fur and the region, including more residents and jobs.



In our spare time...

People on Fur are active in their spare time – the island boasts over 25 associations of some kind or other – bands, choirs, music, fishing, art, scouts, women's groups, literary societies - you name it. We take an active part in what goes on and public meetings are always well attended. We try to keep track of it all through the islands internet newspaper www.furnyt.dk.

In addition there are many sports societies: there is the sailing/rowing club which offers training courses for children and adults in sailing and kayaking, with small boats and kayaks available to members free of charge. The tennis club keeps two tennis courts right by the sea, there are riding horses available and riding tracks. Fur's varied landscape is also very well suited for all types of hiking and bicycling all along Furs well kept system of nature-tracks through woodland and coastal areas. All the while, the Limfjord is right there for the taking – whether you want to swim in it, row on it, sail on it or fish, collect your own mussels, oysters and lobster or simply go diving in it.

Cultural events such as theatre, concerts, ballet, art exhibitions are available in the cities of Holsterbro, Herning, Aalborg and Aarhus, as well as in nearby Skive and Nykøbing Mors.

Each year volunteers from all walks of life on Fur organize three main events: the "Mussels Day" the last Saturday in May every year, when the mussel fishermen invite everyone to sample delicious dishes made with mussels down at the harbor. It is a crowdpleaser every year. The second Saturday in July there is the "walk around Fur" day when we all walk the length of Furs coast, accompanied by anyone who wants to join in the fun. Then there is the wooden sailship race "Around the Limfjord" that takes place every year in September. Fur is a regular port called on and we repay them with a hearty meal followed by music and dancing by the harbour.



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Fur - a great place for kids to grow up!

Fur provides a safe and beautiful setting for children growing up – close to nature and with plenty of possibilities to practice most kind of sports, except mountain climbing and slalom skiing – we go next door to Norway for that! But if your children would like to learn swimming, sailing, rowing, wind-surfing, kite-surfing, tennis, riding, hiking, bicycling - then it is right outside your doorstep.

Fur Arena is where kids meet on Fur! It is a small outdoor arena with facilities for football, handball/basketball, skateboarding, petanque and an 18-hole mini-golfcourse. There are many sports opportunities on the mainland: in Selde there is Fursund Hallen, a large arena for indoor sports like gymnastics and football. There is swimming in Durup and Skive. In Tøndring there is a boxing facility that has fostered several regional/national champions from Fur, and in Roslev and Breum it is possible to play handball at a high level.

For entertainment: within a 30 min. drive there is in Skive a cinema, theater and concert facilities, and an olympic size swimming pool/

water playground with water chute – Skive Badeland. In Nykøbing Mors there is Jesperhus amusement park. There is even a “Circus Factory” with a real circus tent just 15 minutes away in Lindum if your children want to have fun learning circus artists acrobatics!

Daytrips can be made to other attractions on Jutland: Legoland (in Billund), Randers Tropical Rainforest with three domes that house animals and plants from rainforests in South-America, Asia and Africa, the Kattegat centre – with aquariums with tropical sharks as well as fish from Danish seas (Grenå), AQUA-aquariums showing life in Danish lakes and rivers (Silkeborg), Scandinavian zoo with i.a. polar bears (Kolind), Ree Park-Safari (Ebeltoft), Hjerl Hede – an open air museum and nature reserve, and amusement parks such as Fårup Summerland (Løkken), Tivoli Friheden (Århus) and Djurs Sommerland (Nimtofte). A little further away in the south of Jutland is Danfoss Universe – a science theme park where children can play their way to scientific knowledge (in Nordborg).



Kindergarten

Recently the public kindergarten service for children under school age on Fur was closed down, due to the falling number of children. Instead the children were offered places in the closest public kindergarten in Selde – 10 minutes away on the mainland. This was a blow to many parents who wanted their youngest looked after on Fur.

So ... they set up a private kindergarten – “Børnehuset” which started up 15 October 2010 for children from 0-6 years old. And lo and behold, by the end of 2010 there are 22 children being looked after in Børnehuset. The cost for one child attending from 06 to 17.00 is the same as the municipal charges but with an added cost for providing 3 meals a day: in 2010 it was DKK 1745,- a month for children 3-6 years old and DKK 2200,- for infants 0-3 years old.

Fursund School

Because of falling levels of children on Fur, Fur School in 2008 merged with Selde School on the mainland into one school with the name of Fursund School. The school has two units – one in Fur and the other in Selde, each offering schooling from grade 0-6. In 2010 Fur School had approx. 46 pupils and Selde School approx. 140 pupils.

Although small in size, Fur School has good teachers and modern equipment, eg. a Lego Education Centre Kit – to inspire students to learn about mechanics, energy and IT through constructing robots and machines with advanced electronic Lego. Headmaster of Fursund School's two units is Gert Slynghborg. For grades 7-9, pupils transfer to the mainland school in Breum. For more information, go to www.fursundskole.dk

Secondary education

Gymnasium and other secondary education opportunities are available in Skive and Nykøbing Mors, 30 minutes drive away.





The soul of Fur

Why live on Fur? What does your day look like? What facilities on Fur do you use most?

We asked Alek Krylow, 65 years old. "I grew up in England and moved to Denmark 30 years ago. Why? A Danish girl....I lived in Århus at first but moved to Fur 12 years ago. Being a painter – I was drawn to Furs beautiful landscape, the quiet and the space to breathe. I bought a house with a large garden, which includes a small wood. Here I can work when I'm not travelling and teaching. Here I find peace.

I paint, make tree sculptures, shoot film of Fur throughout the seasons. I am an author of books and videos about painting aquarels (you can see some of the videos about Fur on this link: www.akvarel.dk/fuur.html). I share my life with another artist - Jette Herne– also a painter who came to Fur in mid-life. We teach painting classes, provide board and lodging if desired, and have a gallery.

We are by no means alone, Fur has many artists and galleries and we would welcome more – for example glass-blowers, ceramicists and sculptors! We have an artist society that regularly exhibits. One of the society's projects is the famous Fur-fishes – glass-fibre sculptures of fish decorated with a good bit of humour by local artists. Fur-fish are constantly on the move - placed seemingly at random

all over Fur and sometimes over the waters. The fish of the year is featured on a bumper sticker.

Facilities I use – well I play tennis – we have a lovely tennis court right by the sea with many members. I can tell you I have been made to feel at home – I have learned to speak Danish and if I still have an accent, they bear over with it gracefully!"



We asked Ole Poul Hansen, 70 years old. "I came to Fur on my retirement because of the waters – I paddle a kayak – and Fur – being in the middle of the Limfjord – simply offered the best starting point for a number of varied kayak trips. I used to live in Copenhagen – but got tired of only having the option to paddle up the coast or down it, and then back again. Here I can circumnavigate Fur in 5 hours if I feel like it – or cross over to the neighboring island of Livø or to any part of the mainland in any direction of the compass. I just bought a sailboat – so I plan to extend my explorations that much further around the Limfjord with Fur as my home harbour.



Apart from the fresh air, clean water – that I enjoy in copious amounts – the facility I use most would be the museum, of which I am a member, which has a unique collection of 55 million year old fossils from the mo-clay layers on Fur. It is a great place to take the grandchildren, with lots of interesting and educational events in the summer season, including daily volcano eruptions and fossil hunts with a real geologist in Furs landscape.

We say the best souvenirs on Fur are free – the ones you collect yourself. Children also love to walk on the beach – where there is a high likelihood of finding fossilized sea-urchins.

I wish to draw the attention of others to the possibilities of living the good life in the less densely populated areas of natural beauty in Europe - and so I'm devoting some of my time as project manager for "Branding Fur".

I want to share Fur with others who can appreciate Fur's unique qualities as I do and contribute to a sustainable vibrant diverse population on Fur."



We asked Anne Marie Mortensen, 41 years old and the mother of three children. "Well, I came to Fur from Zealand 14 years ago and am married to a "Furbo" (person born/living on Fur). My children are 3, 7 and 10 years old. I settled in very nicely here on Fur – I was lucky because my job at the ferry introduced me very quickly to all of them!



I am one of 13 employees at the ferry – we work in shifts around the clock. All of us have a certificate to captain the ferry and we take turns steering and collecting tickets. I like the job – you are in close contact with people and can feel the pulse of the island so to speak.

The shift schedules also suit me as I get more time with the children than I would with a 9-17 job. However, it is challenging at times to live in a small community – for example when Fur's municipal kindergarten closed down in 2010 because the number of children was too low. I was facing having to shuttle my youngest to and from the municipal kindergarten on the mainland in Selde every day.

One of the joys of living on an island, I think, is not having to leave it for basic services such as childcare and primary schooling. So – I took the initiative to start a private kindergarten together with other parents on Fur. 'Bornehuset' has been up and running since October 14th 2010. It was an effort – but I am happy we managed to bring it off!

As you can see – we need more families with children on Fur! It is a lovely place to bring up children – it is quiet and peaceful – with the sea, woods, beach and cliffs to enjoy nearly every sport and leisure activity you can think of – and it is a safe environment with little traffic and crime rates are almost zero. I hope you and your family will pay us a visit."



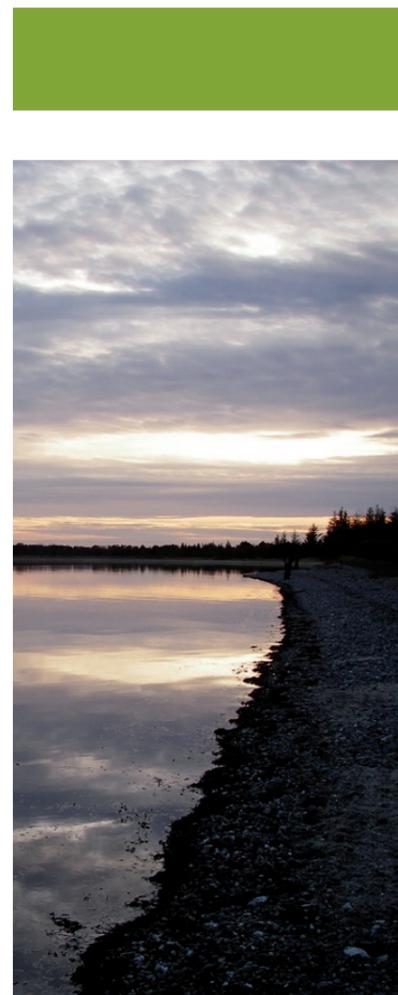
We asked Elke Mølgaard, 39 years old. "I was born a "Furbo" and persuaded my husband from Salling that Fur and its inhabitants, especially, made Fur the best place for us to live. I am convinced that this is the loveliest spot in all Denmark!



My work is in Glyngøre 24 km. away, so I commute each day by car/ferry. It takes me 30 minutes but there is no traffic! I don't have to plan to be at the ferry at a particular time – because it goes so often – every 15 minutes – you never have to wait long. After a hectic day at work it is a relief to take the ferry home over the sound to Fur. Even though the trip only takes 3 minutes, it gives me those 3 minutes to reflect on my day and adjust mentally to the fact that I am off duty – physically disattached from work. I am of course always available online – have to be in my job – but just knowing I am on an island makes me relax.

We have 2 children 10 and 13. The youngest goes to school on Fur – a school which though being small maintains a high standard of education. Parents here are very supportive of the school and have fought tooth and nail to keep it to the extent possible. We should have liked to have been able to offer schooling up to 9th grade, as we did before. Our oldest transferred to Roslev school from the 7th grade. This has been a positive experience however, as she is benefitting from the many opportunities a larger school environment has to offer. Both our children love Fur – they are free to roam the entire island without much parental interference and they dream of making a living here when they grow up.

In my free time I engage in local politics, having been elected a member of the municipal council in 2009. This gives me a broad understanding of the challenges facing small communities such as Fur and an appreciation of the energetic dedication of the whole community of Fur in improving life for everyone on this little gem of an island."



We asked Holger Lundgaard, 72 years old. "Both my wife and I are born and bred on Fur – I am the 9th generation of my family dating back to 1734 - and my wife's family goes back even further - so this is home to us and we would never dream of living anywhere else! I have seen the island go through many changes – ups and downs – but never as promising as now.



Fur used to be considered remote in Denmark – but on a modern scale with new technologies Denmark is in itself small and the distances within Denmark even smaller. Suddenly the advantage of space means we can offer people a quality of life not available in the cities. The coming "Innovation Fur" project will enable residents on Fur to make use of the very latest developments in IT-services and technology, creating job opportunities, better public services and a more sustainable future for the island. I have served as a representative of Fur to sister islands abroad – and can tell you that people on Fur welcome diversity. On Fur we live and let live, while maintaining our traditions.

What facilities I use? Well, the church – there is a beautiful. 11th Century church on Fur, with its own parish vicar Claus Olsen. It is located on top of a bank overlooking the sound – with a breathtaking view. I have worked for the church as a cemetery worker as well as a singer for many years. Like all Fur folks – my wife and I use the local supermarket/post office, part of a large chain in Denmark – which is convenient with very user-friendly opening hours: 08-20 every day, 7 days a week. The supermarket is somewhat of a hub on the island, the islands only petrol station is on the same site, as is Fur Arena – the local outdoors sporting ground with an 18-hole minigolf-course, football/basketball field, skateboard arena and petanque. The library bus parks there once a week – bringing books we have ordered over the internet and a selection of books/dvds/games for children and adults alike - saving us the trip to Skive."



We asked Erland Groen, 17 years old. "I have found a job I like on Fur, as an apprentice cook in the restaurant of our micro-brewery Fur Bryghus. Its an exciting place to work – we have lots of tourists from all over Denmark who come to see where Fur beer is made – out here in the beautiful unspoilt scenery at the northwestern tip of the island – my job is to help give them a good culinary experience as well. I come from a family of fishermen - catching mussels and oysters – I hope to make a living cooking them instead! I plan to stay as an apprentice for 3 more years – after that, who knows? I like it here on Fur though – to me, Fur has a little bit of everything.

I love driving my motorbike around on Fur – the best way to get around the island – even when there is snow in winter! In my free time I work on my two motorbikes, play football with my mates at Fur Arena and drink beer! I ride my bike to Skive - it's a nice ride that takes about 30 minutes - to see my friends and go see a movie, go to the discoteques or just hang out. What I miss on Fur? Well, a pizza parlor would be great – right now we have to order them to the ferry from Roslev and Durup. Maybe also a convenience store with long opening hours."



Still have unanswered questions about Fur?

Some of the people already living on Fur have volunteered to be your “mentors” – to help you with any questions you might have. No question is stupid, and no question is too small or too big. We will answer them all to the best of our ability, and if we can’t help you, we know somebody who can. Please mail or telephone us! Remember: He who has all the answers is wise, but even wiser is he who knows who to ask...



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I am 55 years old and travel to and from Struer every day to work at B&O's IT-department. My spouse works full-time as marketing-coordinator at Damolin A/S. We moved to Fur 5 years ago and have 2 daughters – one in Fur School and one in Roslev School. In my spare time I am webmaster of www.furnyt.dk and member of the board of the local community organization (Sogneforeningen). Earlier I was chairman of the board of Fursund School. Ask me about: current levels of public service on the island as regards: childcare, kindergarten, schooling, health care, care for the elderly and public transport.



Establishing a business/firm on Fur

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I am born in 1951, grew up on a farm in Northern Funen, trained as a nurse in Odense and now living on Fur for the past 30 years. I am a widow, have three daughters – they are now 19, 28 and 31. All three have had a safe happy childhood on Fur. I am the main shareholder in the mo-clay factories and own the micro-brewery Fur Bryghus Aps. I worked as a nurse on Fur until 2001, thereafter employed at Damolin. From 2001-2010 I was elected a member of the municipal county in Skive. In my spare time I golf, go hunting and ski. In all my time on Fur I have taken an active part in the islands social organizations. Ask me about business environment, infrastructure, workforce, local craftsmen and possibilities for public support in starting a business on Fur.





All activities connected to the sea

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I am 56 years old, born and raised on Fur. Married with 3 grown children, and employed at Skamol A/S as head of department at the brick-factory on Fur, responsible for the daily operation, including extraction of raw materials. Through my work I have a large network of contacts with suppliers, authorities and educational institutions in connection with their visits to the brick-factory. All my life I have been close to or sailing on the Limfjord – taking an active part in the islands social organizations. Ask me about: all kinds of sea-sport, mussels, development/expansion of Fur harbour, Fur Boating Club, anything to do with the sea.



Family life on Fur

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I am born in 1961 and married a "furbo"! I have lived on Fur since 1993 and have 3 children. I have for many years worked on Fur as a teacher, i.a. in Fur Kindergarten. Today I am employed in Skive. I take an active part in the many events on the island, and I am a member of the local community organization (Sogneforeningen). Earlier I was active in the islands sports club. Ask me about anything to do with family life on Fur: children, youth, clubs and activities for both children and grown-ups, networking and the feeling of being safe, the wealth of experiences possible on Fur.





A good senior life on Fur

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I am born in 1944, MA, chairman of Fur Boating Club and member of the board of Fur community organization (Sogneforeningen). When my working life ended in 2007 my wife and I moved to Fur, which we knew from many years of vacationing here. Now we enjoy the good life, the landscape, the surrounding Limfjord and the rich social life on offer. I have always loved sailing and also enjoy contributing to the development of the area in which I live. Ask me about stunning sights and experiences for seniors on Fur, plans for a new medical centre, medical emergencies, bus and ferry, societies and other social networks and shopping/supermarket.



Self-employment and entrepreneurship on Fur

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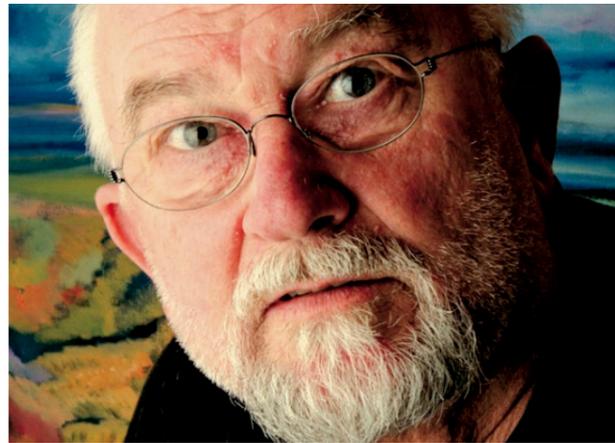
I am 55 years old and married for 30 years. We have 2 grown children on the mainland. We moved to Fur 3 years ago and haven't looked back. I am a free-lance programmer, inventor-personality, and run the shop Lidt Bedre (A Littlebit Better). I net-work with other local entrepreneurs in the ERFA-group we have established. My experience is that it is good to be an entrepreneur on Fur, and that Fur is an impressive place to show your business contacts. Ask me about loans available to entrepreneurs through island-support mechanisms, the local ERFA-group for entrepreneurs, the importance of the good fibrenet development on Fur and prospects in connection with the coming Innovation Fur project.



 An artists life on Fur

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I am 60 years old. I have been visiting Fur on and off since 1998 and have now moved here. We have 5 children and 14 grandchildren in Denmark and Switzerland. I have been a teacher for 35 years, though I strayed briefly into the restaurant-business. My wife is an active artist and together we have run the gallery "Karolines Hus" on Fur the past 5 years. I am chairman of the local artists society – www.furkunst.dk – which includes both artists and people interested in art. The society's aim is to work for the good of art on Fur in general in all its manifestations and market it locally and nationwide. Ask me about the terms of life as an artist on Fur, networks, strategy to strengthen the environment for artists on Fur.



 The living Encyclopaedia

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I am born in 1957, grown up on Fur. Married, with 2 children. Archeologist. Employed in Museum Salling as inspector of Fur Museum. Active bus-guide, lecturer and author. Work professionally in documenting the development on Fur and disseminating knowledge about life on an island in the Limfjord. I have participated in a large number of committees, exhibitions, fund-raised and appeared on radio and tv. I am on the board of Fur's website www.furnyt.dk. I usually get to answer those questions no one else can answer. Ask me about: anything - Furs sights and history from prehistory to today – life on Fur yesterday, today and tomorrow, working life and private life, migration to and from the island.



 Danish society

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I was born in 1940, am an economist, have lived abroad for many years and have lived on Fur for 9 years. I am married, with 3 children in Copenhagen. Having worked a lifetime with environmental, local planning and development aid projects, I have taken on the job of assisting Fur in securing a sustainable future i.a. through marketing its qualities more efficiently. I am project leader for "Branding Fur" – a 2,5 year project supported i.a. by the Danish Ministry of Interior. I take part in the national debate on development of rural areas and on how to deliver efficient public services. Ask me about Denmark in general, political system, public debate, development projects on Fur: Branding Fur, Innovation Fur.



Useful links for more information about life on Fur

Please email movetofur@gmail.com if you want to contact representatives of Fur directly and inquire about something, or email or telephone one of the mentors listed in this brochure.



www.furnyt.dk - Fur's local internet newspaper with a dedicated site entitled "Move to Fur" with information for potential residents – simple translation available online into other languages, incl. Dutch.

www.fursund.dk - Fur's tourist information office

www.fursund.dk/page36.asp - information about Fur's car-ferry

www.fursundskole.dk - website of Fursund School, comprising Fur and Selde schools

www.roslev-skole.dk - website of Roslev Hjerk-Harre School on the mainland

www.breumskole.dk - website of Breum School on the mainland

www.furmuseum.dk - Fur Museum: geology, history of Fur (also in English)

www.fuurkirke.dk - local church website

www.skive.dk - Skive municipality's home page,

www.skiveet.dk/tilflytter - Skive municipality's information page for newcomers (info available also in English)

www.boligsiden.dk - has information on all houses, apartments for sale in Denmark – keep clicking on Fur on the map and you will find available living space on Fur.

www.rejseplanen.dk – a journey planner with information on schedules and cost of travel by rail and bus as well as most ferries in Denmark (has an English version)