Selected events on Samsø in 2017





Jan 20 Children's Opening of European Capital of Culture 2017

On Samsø, we will gather together all the children aged 3-18, beginning our day with a dawn event in Kanhavekanalen where all the children will carry candles, sing and fill the canal with artistic expressions and live presentations while we walk east towards the sunrise. In the Culture Hall, the opening ceremony continues with an exhibition of the artistic expressions created by the children based on Wonderland.



100 Year Anniversary of the Sale of the Danish West Indian Islands

We celebrate the friendship and cultural spirit between Danes and West Indians with lectures, art and photo exhibition, book introductions, debates, workshops with food and music and a lot more. It will all finish with a great celebration of Danish-West Indian relations on Midsummer's Day, the 23rd of June.

Samsø Chamber Music Festival May 5

- May 6 Classical music concerts in beautiful surroundings.
- May 7 Experience talented musicians and concertmasters from Det Kongelige Kapel (The Royal Chapel) and Radiosymfoniorkestret (The Radio Symphony Orchestra) perform works by the great masters of classical music.





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SAMSØ SAMSØ CUP

May 12 Samsø Cup 2017 May 13

Samsø offers supreme conditions for sea trout fishing, and with a coast line of more than 120 kilometres of beautiful littoral stretches rich in May 14 fish, meaning there is room for lots of participants. And with everything from fiords to spectacular open coasts round the whole island, it is never difficult to find a sheltered place. There will be attractive prizes for the winners, e.g. DKK 5000 for the biggest sea trout.



May 25 Samsø's Best Open Potato Sandwich

For the sixt year running the island's restaurants will participate in the competition to create "Samsøs bedste kartoffelmad". The audience can build their own sandwiches, whilst having a nice chat with their fellow participants. The panel of judges consists of famous names from the national food and restaurant industry.



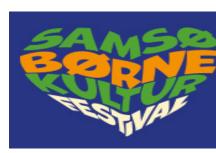
May 26 **Open by Night in Tranebjerg**

The town's stores will be open late plus there is entertainment for both children and adults. Grab a bargain, take part in competitions and sample some of the delicious food.









June 3 **Black Bay Board Festival**

June 4 This year, the Samsø Longboard Session will be expanded with activities such as, high class street car, free style skate performance, graffiti showdown, cool DJs from Danish hip hop circles, break dance battle and, of course, a long board marathon across beautiful Samsø. The street art will be auctioned off for the benefit of charities on Samsø.

The Samsø Sustainable Festival June 3

to June 19 It all started with an electric-car-day and has now grown into two weeks of exhibitions, presentations, events and product stalls to show the islanders how to live a sustainable life, ranging from demonstration of the latest electric bikes to local perm culture and organic samples. On June 10 and 11, these weeks will culminate with a great festival at the Energy Academy in Ballen.

June 9 Strikkeweekend (Knitting Weekend)

June 10 Bring your knitting gear, your friends and your family to Samsø for an June 11 educational and cosy weekend centred around knitting. Participate in one of the interesting workshops, visit the yarn market or take a look at the knitwear exhibition.

June 10 Sommer i By (Summer in Town) June 11

Each year on the first Sunday following Pentecost, local residents ride "Sommer i By". Beautifully decorated horses and their riders ride through Nordby with banners and flags. The horses are followed by a parade with horse carriages and elegantly dressed passengers. To mark the parade there will be a party, a collective dinner, music and fun in Nordby.

June 17 Samsø ULTRA

The idea is that the race is as simple and uncomplicated as possible. The social element and general feeling of togetherness are both given pride of place. It caters chiefly for those who want to do something different from what they usually do. The race includes several distances with 100 kilometres as the longest distance, and half-marathons as the shortest. If you choose the longest distance, you will get a chance to discover the totality of Denmark's nature in one race.

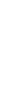
June 17 June 18

Samsø Råvarefestival (Samsø Produce Festival)

This year the traditional "Samsø Råvarefestival" will be held in June. Participate in celebrating Samsø's great specialities and produce. Food samples, entertainment, markets, activities for the entire family and much more. On Saturday evening, there will be a big party as well as the Tug of War Championship of Samsø.

Samsø Childrens' Culture Festival July 4

Samsø Childrens' Culture Festival is an initiative where children and fami-July 5 July 6 lies can enjoy themselves, engaging with music, entertainment, theatre, dance, literature, gymnastics, rhythmics, and movement in intimate surroundings and across several days.



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July 7 July 8 July 9

7 Viking Days

The Samsø Piano Festival

8 True Viking atmosphere with campfire food, pony rides, forging and
9 much more at Camping og Feriecenter Samsø at their first ever Viking Days.

During five Thursdays in July and August, the intimate concert hall in

Toftebjerg will host piano concerts with reputable names. In 2017, the programme offers names such as Thorson & Thurber, Janus Araghipour,

Richard Cionco, Christodoulos Georgiades and Morten Gunnar Larsen.



15 Samsø Traktortræk (Samsø Tractor Pulling)

If you like roaring machines, horsepowers by the bundle, smoke and noise, then Samsø Traktortræk is for you. Participants will come from Samsø and throughout Denmark, and will compete in multiple classes; from the very heavy monster machines to ordinary garden tractors. A pleasant day out for the entire family.

July 19 Samsø Festival

- July 20 Ever since 1989, Samsø has hosted one of the friendliest and most beauti-
- July 21 fully situated music festivals. Surrounded by fields and only a few metres
- July 22 away from a wonderful beach, Samsø Festival is a popular choice for both families, teenagers, and not forgetting those with a few grey hairs.
- July 27 July 28 July 29

Samsø Jazz Festival

The line-up is focused on high artistic quality, stylistic diversity and a mixture of established artists and young up and coming talent that will meet on Samsø in order to inspire each other and the audience. The festival is arranged by two young guys from Samsø in close collaboration with the Samsø Big Band association.



July 29 Old-Fashioned Market by the Museum

Here you can experience market fun and songstresses. You can listen to street organs and troubadours. You can ride the carousel, fish in the duck pond and do other traditional things from jolly old times. Old-fashioned pastries and Bavarian beer will be served, and the market stalls will sell all kinds of stuff.



Aug 19 Samsø Marathon

Exercisers with a taste for beautiful nature can participate in "Denmark's most cosy marathon". The 42 kilometre route covers most of the island and leads you along the coast, through the idyllic small towns and over a "hill from hell" with a height of around 800 metres.



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Sep 7 The Yoga People's Festival

Sep 8 The many small "community centers" and selected locations in the nature

of Samsø will be transformed into small oases with yoga, lectures, medita-Sep 9 tion, sea bath with sauna, podiatry, massage and various lectures. The Yoga Sep 10 People's Festival is for anyone who is interested in wellness, contemplation, yoga, meditation and healthy lifestyle.

Sep 8 Samsø Open in darts

- Sep 9 Samsø Darts Club organizes for the 28th time the major darts tourna-
- Sep 10 ment, Samsø Open. With more than 300 participants, the event has been Denmark's biggest darts tournament over the last several years, but there is always room for more, both participants and spectators.



0ct 14 **Energy and House Trade Show**

Oct 15 Brdr. Stjerne in Besser will host an energy and house trade show where interested house owners can study the latest initiatives in the field of energy friendly solutions for private homes. At this trade show, suppliers and local craftsmen will explain about everything from smart wood burning stoves, heat pumps, and solar cell systems on the roof as well as house renovation in general.

0ct 14 **Chestnut Festival**

0ct 15 Craftsmen, artists and local producers present their autumn products at the old merchant's house in Ballen on Samsø. First of all, we'll pay homage to the edible chestnut and other sorts of nuts and provide information about different sorts, reproduction, sale and stalls but there will also be many other autumn products, artistic performance and children's activities.

Oct 18 Halloween Race in the Samsø Maze

During the autumn half-term break, we open up for nocturnal adventure in the World's Biggest Maze. Brave people may meet with a very special experience in their attempts to find their way out in pitch darkness. Dare you accept this challenge?







Store Græskardag (Great Pumpkin Day) Oct 19

For many years, Samsø has been a major supplier of Halloween pumpkins to the rest of Denmark, and when autumn hits, the fields light up with a pretty orange glow. In October, the pumpkin is particularly celebrated on Great Pumpkin Day where children and adults alike can have a great time carving pumpkins and taking home their works of art.

Nov 24 Lighting of the Christmas Tree in Tranebjerg

The biggest Christmas tree on the island is lit in front of the town hall, Anton Rosens Hus. There will be songs from the choir, Gløgg (mulled wine), pastries, and presents for the children.



