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The Viking-Age Ring Fortresses, Denmark

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2023)

PROJECT DATES

15 – 28 September 2025

THE SITE - These five archaeological sites comprise a system of monumental ring-shaped Viking-Age fortresses sharing a uniform geometric design. Constructed between about 970 and 980 CE, the fortresses at Aggersborg, Fyrkat, Nonnebakken, Trelleborg and Borgring were positioned strategically near important land and sea routes, and each made use of the natural topography of their surrounding landscape for defensive purposes. They are an emblematic demonstration of the centralized power of the Jelling Dynasty, and a testimony to the socio-political transformations that the Danish realm underwent in the late 10th century.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims at engaging volunteers at the Viking-Age Ring Fortresses to explore and convey the site's history and significance to a broader audience. It aims to connect the past with the present by having volunteers participate in activities that promote the site and its stories, fostering a deeper understanding of its cultural heritage.

ACTIVITIES - The activities involve a combination of learning, practical engagement, and dissemination. Volunteers will participate in guided tours and workshops to gain knowledge about the Viking Age and the ring fortresses. They will also work on developing methods to communicate the site's history in engaging ways, such as through storytelling, digital media, and events. The finality of these activities is to equip volunteers with the skills and knowledge to effectively share the site's heritage with the public, increasing awareness and appreciation for the Viking-Age Ring Fortresses.

PARTNERS – The Viking-Age Ring Fortresses; Nordjyske Museer; National Museum of Denmark; Slagelse Kommune; Mariagerfjord Kommune, Educational Institutions, Local volunteers.

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