

OVERVIEW MAP

● Explore the castle rooms, find the various historical traces and get to know the 800-year history of Sønderborg Castle.

● Immerse yourself in the very special history of the border region, in the sometimes turbulent, but also fruitful meeting between Danish and German.

● Discover our special exhibitions.

We recommend that you start your visit in the intro room (B), where you will find an overview of the castle's rooms and exhibitions. The overview corresponds to the map here, which you can take with you on your tour around the castle.

Enjoy your visit!

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SØNDERBORG CASTLE — 800 YEARS OF HISTORY

Sønderborg Castle has been a royal fortress and aristocratic home for 800 years. The castle was built and extended several times over the centuries. You can see traces of many eras: cannon ball craters in the outer wall, the dungeon, the Renaissance castle chapel and the castle kitchens that once catered for parties in the Banqueting Hall. Follow the red route to learn the history of the castle as a medieval fortress, as dethroned King Christian II's prison and as the residence of Duke John the Younger, ancestor of the present Danish Royal family.



Meet among others **Duke John (Hans) the Younger** in the exhibition *The Dukes of Schleswig and Holstein* in room 11 on the 1st floor

THE HISTORY OF THE BORDER REGION

Sønderborg Castle houses the region's largest historical museum. The green route tells the extraordinary history of the border region, where the Danish and German languages and cultures met – at times, a peaceful and profitable collaboration and at others a violent and painful dissent. In the newest exhibitions, you can immerse yourself in the history of Southern Jutland since reunification with Denmark in 1920. The main theme is the national history of the border region and local tensions between German and Danish. The exhibition covers the Nazi era and German occupation of Denmark, but also successful reconciliation and cooperation between two cultures and two peoples.



Meet among others **Emperor Wilhelm 1.** in the exhibition *Under German Rule* in room 23 on the 1st floor

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Vestiges of King Christian II's Tower



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The history of Sønderborg

