



European Tugowners Association

61st Annual Meeting Helsingør 11 - 14 June 2024

The European Tugowners Association will organize its 61st Annual General Meeting in the Danish city of Helsingør, from the 11th to the 14th of June. The event will be kindly hosted by ETA member Svitzer.

Helsingør is internationally famous for its magnificent Kronborg castle, which protected the entrance of the Øresund straits and inspired Shakespeare to write Hamlet. The city was strategically located in the center of the trade routes between the Baltic and the North seas and therefore, the kings of Denmark imposed the Sound Dues on the boats crossing the straits, collecting an enormous wealth for the city of Helsingør and the kingdom of Denmark. Today, Helsingør has kept much of the wealth of yore, and it is one of the most picturesque port cities in the country.



Marienlyst Strandhotel shall host ETA delegates, guests and partners during the 4-days event this year. This historical beach hotel founded in 1861 has hosted during the last 163 years celebrities, princes and royals. The 322 rooms hotel is equipped with outdoor and indoor swimming pools, casino, a private beach and 3 restaurants, the

French bistro Røry specialized in classic French cuisine, 1861, a restaurant with 163 years of history dedicated to Nordic cuisine and Restaurant Isabell, which offers delightful Danish cuisine with a modern twist. Moreover, the guests can enjoy a fully renovated spa. ETA delegates will be able to experience a combination of classic and traditional activities, such as saunas, salt therapy, heated pools and much more.

The ETA tournament will take place this year at **Simon's Golf Club**. Its golf course was designed by world-renowned golf architect Martin Hawtree and offers 27 holes spread over 3 challenging loops. The club has hosted high level tournaments like the European Tour – Nordic Open, the Ladies European Tour and the Senior Europe Tour – Shipco Masters.





The Full Members dinner will take place at the **Maritime Museum of Denmark**, in the waterfront of Helsingør. The museum, opened in 2013 has received several architectural and design awards, both for the exhibitions and the architecture. The building is located within the walls of the dry dock and functioning below sea

level with absolutely nothing showing above ground to block the view of Kronborg Castle.

On Wednesday, the 12th delegates will visit the **Sauntehus chateau**, which was built in 1914, and it still maintains the allure of that epoch, with antique furniture and rich fabrics. The in-house restaurant's à la carte menu is based on fresh, seasonal and local ingredients and the chateau offers wine-tasting sessions at the cellar with the finest wines.



In the evening ETA delegates and guests will enjoy a Welcome Dinner organized by our host Svitzer in the Hamlet room of the Marienlyst Hotel, with the best Nordic cuisine and a spectacular view of the Øresund strait.



Partners will enjoy a guided tour by the historic center of Helsingør on Thursday, the 13th. Helsingør has a picturesque old town with paved streets and squares, old churches like Saint Olaf's and a pretty lively center during the summer months. The guided tour includes a lunch at the

Københavneren, one of the oldest and most traditional pubs in the city.

The **Kronborg castle** will host the Gala Dinner. This fortification is located at the entrance of the Øresund strait and in front of the Helsingør's harbor. Danish king Frederick II ordered the construction of this magnificent renaissance castle in the late 1500s. Since then, the



building has been at once a royal residence as well as an impregnable fortress, guarding and protecting the profitable Sound Dues. Furthermore, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is the actual castle that Shakespeare set Hamlet in! The catering shall be prepared by **Restaurant Streijf**, the most selected in Helsingør. Its dishes use organic, local and delicious ingredients and adapted to every season.



On the **Social Day** (Friday, the 14th) ETA delegates and guests are visiting Copenhagen in a very special manner: a guided tour on a boat through the canals of the Danish capital, visiting some of the most beautiful and historic landmarks of the city. Lunch will be served on board.