

Kongernes Jelling

Welcome



## The Experience Center

Discover the amazing history of the Viking Kings Gorm the Old and Harald Bluetooth, rulers who built the great monuments here in Jelling more than 1,000 years ago. Today, Kongernes Jelling - Home of the Viking Kings forms the setting for that history with the use of sound, light and surprising effects. Along with your curiosity, it gives you an experience you will not forget.

## Highlights of the exhibition

 Remember to touch, press and turn the orange colours. The stories will then unfold.

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### The Bonfire Room

Sit around the fire and listen to stories from the Viking Age told in the glow of the flames.

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### The World of the Vikings

The Vikings come alive when you press the orange buttons. Can you stand the sight of blood? Then grab a weapon beside the dead warrior.

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### The Burial Chamber

Explore and see what the dead took with them on their final journey, as objects are brought to life in the small windows.

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### Journey to Valhalla

Follow the orange signs on the floor and do the trip from the battlefield to Valhalla, as you approach the mirror.

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### The Mythology Room

Learn about Norse mythology. Follow the voice and search for the stories that are told on the roots of the tree of life, Ash Yggdrasil.

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### Bluetooth and the new faith

Hear the stories about the construction king Harald Bluetooth and how Christianity slowly took hold. Can you turn Harald's large stones?

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### The Sequence of Kings

Follow the Danish royal family's story of war, love and power spanning 1,000 years - from Gorm the Old to the present day.

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### The Monument Table

Get an idea of Jelling through the ages by turning the round button.

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### Drone

Fly like a bird over Jelling. Grab the handle and control the camera on the drone.

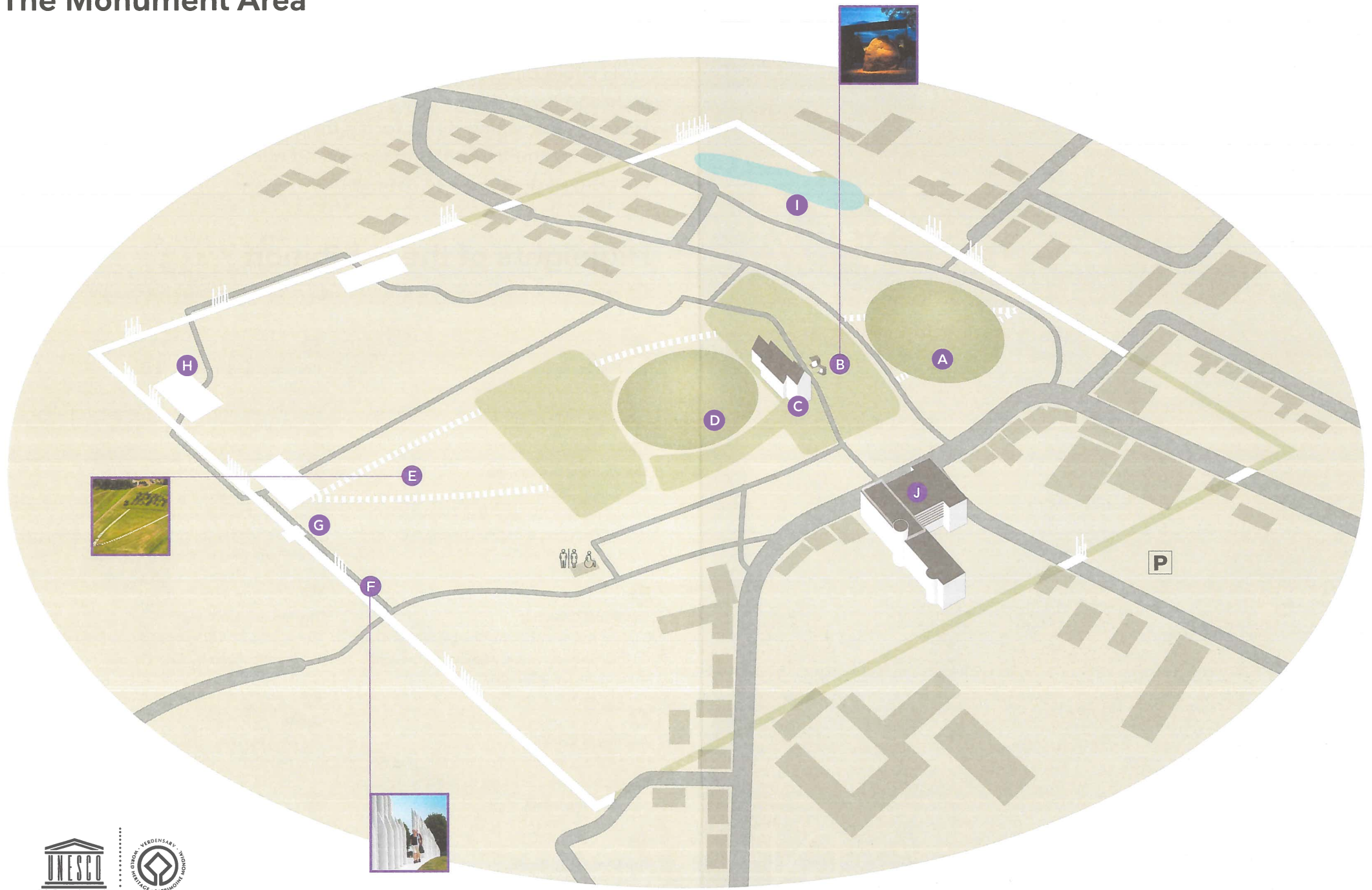
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### The Roof Terrace

Enjoy the view of the World Heritage area and use the digital binoculars, which will take you more than 1,000 years back in time when you press the buttons on the left.



# The Monument Area



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



Jelling Mounds,  
Runic Stones and Church  
inscribed on the World  
Heritage List in 1994

# The Monument Area

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## South Mound

The South Mound was the largest mound built during the Danish Viking Age. Two million blocks of turf were used. No burial has ever been found inside the mound.

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## Rune Stones

The small rune-stone is raised by King Gorm in memory of his wife Thyra. Here, the name Denmark appears for the first time within the country. The large stone is raised by Gorm's son, Harald Bluetooth, around 965AD. It states that Harald won all of Denmark and made the Danes Christian.

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## The Church

Harald Bluetooth might have had his King's Hall here. In the late 1000s one of the first stone churches was built. In the floor a small strip of silver marks the grave of King Gorm the Old.

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## North Mound

The North Mound is in the center of the area surrounded by the palisade. The burial chamber was almost empty when it was excavated in 1820. The person buried in the mound had, most likely, been moved to a new burial under the church. We suspect this person to be King Gorm the Old.

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## Stone Ship

The stone ship, which is now marked by white concrete tiles, is the largest in the world. According to Norse mythology, the dead could sail in this ship to the gods in Valhalla. Beneath the raised tiles in the north end, stones from the original stone-ship were found.

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## Palisade

The palisade was built by Harald Bluetooth towards the late 960s AD. The palisade rose about 4 meters tall. The total length is 1.4 kilometers. Today it is marked by white concrete pillars.

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## North Gate

There are only traces from one small gate to the north where two riders side by side could pass. We suspect that a more impressive entrance was built elsewhere in the palisade, which has yet to be found.

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## Long-houses

Along the inside of the palisade, three typical long-houses from the Viking Age were built. They are now marked in the concrete surfaces.

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## Pond

Today white concrete pillars mark where Harald Bluetooth's palisade once stood. Beneath the pond archaeologists have excavated oak from the original palisade which dates to around 968 AD.

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## The Experience Center

Bring the whole family and discover the amazing history of the Viking Kings. Visit the café and shop. Free admission



## Shop

Here you will find beautiful jewelry, exciting books for both children and adults, unique posters and much more.



## Café

Taste our great coffee while enjoying the view of the mounds and the church. The café offers tea, coffee and other beverages as well as something for the sweet tooth. During the summer season you can also choose between several tasteful lunch options.

## Fun Facts:

The stone-ship is about 50 meters longer, than the Eiffel-tower is tall!

Under the floor of the little church a box is buried, containing the bones of Gorm the Old ... if the bones actually belongs to him, that is?

On the pages of the Danish passport you will find the pictures from Harald's large rune-stone.

Bluetooth technology is named after Harald Bluetooth. The logo are the runes H and B on top of one another. H for Harald and B for Bluetooth.

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