



GULDBORGSUND

Invitation to 125 year jubilee of the Gedser - Rostock Ferry Connection

This year, the southernmost town in Denmark, Gedser, and the ferry connection Gedser-Rostock is celebrating the 125 years jubilee. We would like to invite you and a companion to take part in the celebration, which will be held during the weekend 24 - 25 September 2011.

The official programme starts Saturday 24 September 2011, from 9.30, where the opening speeches will be held by Roland Methling, Lord Mayor of Rostock, Peter Engberg-Jensen, Chairman of Business Lolland-Falster and John Brædder, Lord Mayor of Guldborgsund Municipality.

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The music will be provided by the Band of The Royal Guards, who will also lead us when we all will be singing some traditional songs at the legendary Gedser Station. There will be refreshments at Gedser Station

You and your companion are also invited to the concert in Gedser Church (12.00 - 13.00) with the Morgenstern Quartett, a string Quartet from Rostock that includes musicians from Norddeutsche Philharmonie Rostock.


Sunday 25 September, the first Denmark's Southernmost Half Marathon will take place. There is also a 10 km run and a power walk of 10 km.

We are looking forward to an amusing and entertaining weekend.

Please forward your registration to kiju@guldborgsund.dk or phone ++45 25180364.

Please also inform us whether you want to take part in the concert in Gedser Church.

Sincerely Yours,


John Brædder
Lord Mayor

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GEDSER BIRTH and TODAY

Gedser is well known as the southernmost point of Denmark and of Scandinavia and the phrase "from Gedser to Skagen" is a traditional expression in the Danish language, meaning "the entire country", from north to south.

Gedser is the gateway for travellers from the South and Gedser Town is closely related to the ferry function and the railroad and the town itself has developed as living quarters for employees and supply area for the ferry connection to Rostock and the railroad to Copenhagen.

In the year 1886 the Gedser Railroad was opened and a paddle steamer ferry "Freya" was brought in operation between Gedser and Rostock. This event marks the birth of Gedser Town.

Guldborgsund Municipality wishes to highlight Gedser on the Europe map with new optimism. Therefore, since 2007, we have initiated a wide range of activities and development programmes within various projects and financing sources including the Danish Ministry of Interior and Health, the EU Agricultural and Rural Development Programme and the South Baltic Area Interreg project Interface that is part-financed by the EU Regional Development Fund. All the activities contribute to the long-term sustainable development for Gedser and the neighbouring areas.

The development is initiated through town renewals, improved infrastructure, improved framework for business development with focus on tourism and transport sector, and - not least - support to local associations and cultural institutions. The Gedser Renewal Programme is planned to continue through the next 5 years.

Since the start of the Gedser Renewal Programme, a close cooperation between Guldborgsund Municipality and the Hanseatic City of Rostock has developed, involving the common infrastructure, joint tourism activities and cultural events, for example through Norddeutsche Philharmonie Rostock og Storstrøm Chamber Ensemble.

In spring 2012 Scandlines will bring two new super ferries into operation, which will double the passenger capacity for the Gedser-Rostock route. At the moment, a comprehensive construction work at Gedser Ferry Harbour is going on, which will provide a new vehicle approach area, a renovated terminal in the old train station building and improved facilities for foot-passengers and bicycle tourists.

Despite the on-going construction work, we are able to celebrate the jubilee at the Gedser Train Station thanks to the kind cooperation from Scandlines.