

A Roundtrip to suburbia

Part 3.

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When leaving our house I see this house on the opposite side of the road. It is up on a hill with firs and other trees on the slope down to the road. The house is entered from the door to the left, leading to a tunnel ending at a staircase under the house and then from the bottom up. Bottoms up!



To day we are going to the center of Bagsvaerd. I do not like these two high rise houses. Living in them you have all the disadvantages of living in the town as on a shelf in a cupboard without enjoying the pleasures of lving in the more open land. Furthermore, the two houses act as a funnel on windy days.They collect the wind which races in high speed and terrible force in between the houses.



This is the municipal school of Bagsvaerd where all my children went.



This is the church of Bagsvaerd, a very unconventional building designed by Joern Utzon, known as the designer of the Sidney Opera house. It also acts as a community house with several audiences for lectures and chamber music.



This an aerial photo of the church. The church itself is situated under the highest part whnch also acts as bell tlower. The three compartments to the left are the auditories. Between them and the church there is a small atrium garden.



If you should not know what the Sydney Opera House looks like, here it is. It is the most well known building designed by Joern Utzon. Because of his fame a lot of architects and other interested people come every day to have a look at Bagsvaerd church.



Here we are in the church room. The roof is like a number of waves. Even if we are not ordinary church goers we come here quite often for organ or other concerts, offered by the municipality.



This is one of the auditories.



The altar



The corridor between the church and the auditories is used for shifting art exhibitions.



A picture by Utzon's daughter Lin in the staircase to the basement.



Next to the church there is another municipal old people's home. The wing in the foreground is a cafeteria open for all senior people in Bagsvaerd. It is even cheaper than the one shown in part 1, but the food is not as good. The remaining part of this wing is a physiotherapeutic clinic with a warm water pool and lot of fitness training facilities.



Here we are in the first wing with the cafeteria below and a physical training center for all local senior citizens, who can come here free of charge.



I come here regularly. It is Sunday to-day. And just now I am the only one exercising.



Sitting on the exercise bike I have a view of the church in the background.



One of the specialized exercise rooms for people who need training after operations.



The end

