

Let your spirit set sail



North Sea Expedition Cruise

From West Norway to the Shetland Islands

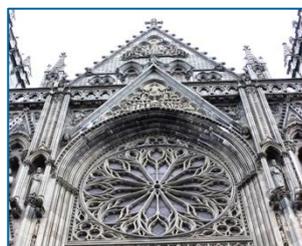
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On this summer expedition cruise, we will cover about 400 nautical miles within a week – after all, the Eye of the Wind was built for sailing long distances. Enjoy the vastness of the North Sea and the legendary landscape off the Norwegian coast with its stunning archipelago! On this trip, you will experience coastal sailing as well as non-stop sailing by day and by night – a unique experience in the midst of nature. Our destination is the port of Lerwick on Shetland, the northernmost British island.

This is where you will go on board: Trondheim / Norway

Our crew will welcome you on board in the port of the university and trading town of Trondheim, near the fjord of the same name. You can easily reach the nearby airport from many cities via Oslo or Amsterdam. We will be happy to assist you with the individual planning of your arrival and departure. If you have any questions, please contact us in good time. Embarkation takes place at 19:00 hours. Afterwards, there will be dinner together in the comfortable lounge, where you will soon feel at home and be able to find your way around the Eye of the Wind's deck – and you will quickly get to know your fellow sailors.



A longer stay in Trondheim before the start of the cruise is well worthwhile. With a number of museums and galleries for visual arts and history, the town has a rich cultural offering. Popular attractions for tourists are the impressive Nidaros Cathedral (pictured left) with the bishop's residence, the canal port and the old city bridge of 1862. On the Nidelv River, paddling tours are offered that take you along the backdrop of the old warehouses (pictured above right).

“All hands on deck” or all laid back – the choice is yours!

After receiving safety instructions and an introduction to sailing from the ship's crew, you will soon be able to take part in the sailing yourself. To be at the helm, keeping a wind-powered tall ship on course, is a unique holiday experience – especially under a starry night sky. Active assistance on deck is always voluntary, and our regular crew will explain every step. Of course, you can just enjoy watching the sailing manoeuvres and the traditional seamanship in action.

Our sailing waters: Norwegian West Coast, open North Sea, and Shetlands

From Trondheim, we set course for the Norwegian west coast, where before us unfolds a barren but scenic idyll of rocky islands in the Norwegian Sea. Here we discover unique sailing waters with a diverse landscape of lakes, rocks and greenery. In this coastal world which is traversed by bays and estuaries, you will enjoy a lasting holiday and sailing experience with unforgettable impressions of this pristine region. Depending on the progress of our journey, there is the possibility of a stopover to go on shore. The decision on which port or mooring spot to call on in the evening is usually made by the captain on the same day and depends on the wind and weather conditions – whenever possible, your wishes will be taken into account, too. Possible places to go on shore are, for example:

▷ **Ålesund:** The "Art Nouveau town" of Ålesund (pictured right) stretches across several islands. Since a devastating fire in 1904 and the town's subsequent reconstruction, it has been characterised by its famous Art Nouveau architecture. The countless beautiful ornaments and turrets seem almost fairy-tale-like. Today the city is the cultural centre of the region. A stroll through the city with a visit to the "Atlantikpark" aquarium or a walk through the city park with its fantastic lookout are well worthwhile.



Sailing by day and by night

On the second leg of our journey, which takes us to the Shetlands, the North Sea unfolds its rough charm, as a fresh breeze blows through the rigging. You will get to know the Eye of the Wind as a seaworthy ship that has proven itself in all weather conditions. The heave of the sea and fresh ocean air are known to make sailors hungry – our excellent onboard cuisine will surprise you every day with new creations from the galley cookbook. In the meantime, you can make yourself comfortable below deck in the lounge, read a good book from the onboard library, or browse through our DVD collection.



This is where you will disembark: Lerwick, Shetland / Scotland

When we arrive at Lerwick, we will be on the northernmost British island, 160 kilometres from the Scottish mainland. The port city is full of narrow lanes that branch off from Commercial Street with its myriad shops. Victoria Pier is a hub of activity in summer, when sailboat races and regattas take place in the harbour. Throughout the year, the city centre is host to street markets and live concerts. Our tip: A visit to the Shetland Museum & Archives is free.



In the Shetlands, no point is more than three miles away from the sea. You will have trouble finding any tartan and bagpipes – instead, it is the Viking tradition that is still celebrated. The islands are best known for their ponies and the fine knitwear made of merino sheep's wool with the traditional Fair Isle patterns. If you want to extend your stay in the Shetlands by a few days, be sure to bring along photographic equipment: Moussa Island is home to large bird colonies – at the Sumburgh Head lighthouse, the adorable puffins often fly in front of the lens. Also, you will be able to watch the seals in the numerous small bays if you are patient enough.



Seven good reasons to go

- Discovery cruise along the Norwegian Skerries coastline and across the North Sea
- Plenty of time at sea, sailing by day and by night: a great travel and nature experience
- Fresh air guaranteed! Sailing in a pleasant oceanic climate
- Sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer – you may participate actively!
- Attractive starting and destination ports away from the tourist crowds: Trondheim (NOR) and Lerwick (SCO)
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Our friendly crew creates a feel-good atmosphere on board



Journey time

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Services included

- 7 nights' accommodation aboard the Tall Ship Eye of the Wind.
- Accommodation in a comfortable double cabin with hot and cold running water, shower, toilet, and air conditioning (single cabin surcharge).
- Full board (including all meals, soft drinks, coffee & tea).
- Lounge with TV/DVD and extensive on-board library.
- The tour price includes VAT.

Not included

Arrival and departure, shore excursions and alcoholic beverages.

Please consider the following notes on the itinerary

The indicated ports are optional. The ship's management reserves the right to change the itinerary at short notice depending on wind and weather conditions. Even in the summer months, passing low pressure areas, changing winds and precipitation must be expected. For this trip it is advisable to be equipped with foul weather gear. We are happy to advise you on the selection of suitable weather clothing.

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