

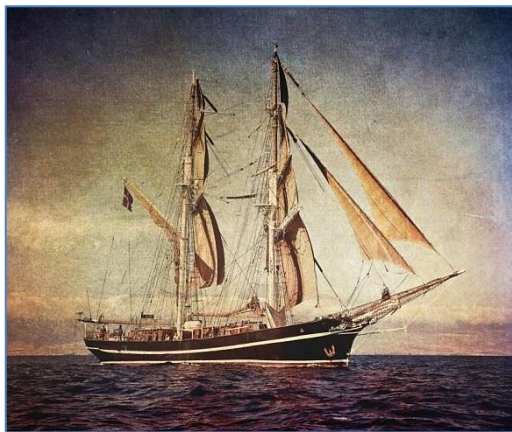
Let your spirit set sail



Wind and Waves

Across the North Sea – from Hamburg to Gravesend (Kent)

Tue 15 May 2018 – Mon 21 May 2018



A special sailing trip for the Eye of the Wind, her crew and you, as a guest on board: the starting point of the ship's 'journey into her own past' is the Hanseatic city of Hamburg, where the Eye of the Wind had her first home port in 1911 – the year she was launched from the slipway – up to 1916! From here we will head for the English port of Gravesend, which is around 20 minutes by train from London. The festive occasion for the trip that takes us close to the British capital is the 40th anniversary of "Operation Drake". In 1978, the Eye of the Wind was the flagship of this expedition which went around the world, under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Charles.

This is where you will go on board: Hamburg, the 'gateway to the world'

Our crew will welcome you on board in Hamburg's City Sporthafen, which is within sight of the magnificent Elbphilharmonie concert hall. Embarkation will take place at 19:00 hours. Afterwards, you will have dinner together in the comfortable lounge, where you will quickly feel at home on the Eye of the Wind's deck and get to know your fellow sailors.

On arrival in Hamburg, the Hanseatic city will still be dominated by the recently celebrated 829th anniversary of its port. Take your time to explore the Hanseatic heart of Hamburg. Spring is now luring locals and tourists out to eat ice cream at the Inner Alster and stroll through the 'Planten un Blomen' park.



Panorama of Hamburg with town hall tower, Jungfernstieg and Inner Alster

The Fish Market Hall, the St. Pauli Piers, the tower of the church of Saint Michael's, the three-masted former freight sailing ship *Rickmer Rickmers*, the brick buildings of the warehouse district and Hafencity – all these landmarks of traditional and modern harbour life are near our mooring spot.



"Cast off!" and set course for the North Sea

In the morning, after safety instructions and an introduction to sailing, it is soon time to cast off and set course down the Elbe river. We will be able to marvel at countless barges, harbour tugs, ferries and cruise ships up close from our mooring. As the muffled horns of the tugboats in the lively part of the harbour become quieter, we will slowly glide past the Oevelgönne museum harbour and soon afterwards see the white villas of the noble suburb Blankenese at our starboard side. A short time later, we will pass the Welcome Point at Wedel on the Lower Elbe. Large vessels leaving the port of Hamburg will be given a traditional flag signal. For this, the flag of Hamburg is lowered, and at the same time, the letters 'U' and 'W' for 'safe journey' are hoisted. We will respond to the salutation from land in a seafaring manner by 'dipping' the national flag (briefly taking it down and hoisting it again). After a few nautical miles, we will reach Cuxhaven. The area where the rivers Elbe and Weser meet is considered the busiest waterway with around 70,000 ship movements per year. We will join the endless stream of yachts, government vessels and giant container ships.

Days at sea: Nature, relaxation and pleasure

The next leg of the trip will take us along the island chain of the West and East Frisian Islands. With the spring weather, the North Sea unfolds its rough charm, and a fresh breeze will blow through the rigging. You will get to know the Eye of the Wind as a seaworthy and reliable ship that has proven itself in all weather conditions. The fresh sea air is known to make you hungry – so look forward to our excellent on-board cuisine, which will surprise you every day with varied creations from the galley cookbook. If you like, you can just make yourself comfortable below deck in the cozy lounge, browse through a good book from the large on-board library, or see which DVDs are available. In cloudy weather, you can always warm up with a cup of tea or coffee in the galley.

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 sailing yourself. Hands-on assistance on deck is always voluntary, so if you want, you can just relax and enjoy watching the sailing manoeuvres and the traditional seamanship in action every day.



This is where you will disembark: Gravesend, England

On this cruise, we want to spend a lot of time at sea and sail through the night. The decision on whether and where we go on shore will be made at short notice, depending on travel progress, weather conditions, and your wishes and requests. The destination of this trip is the Town Pier of the English port of Gravesend on the southern bank of the Thames in the county of Kent. Life in this small, tranquil, maritime town takes place between the Royal Terrace Pier and the Clocktower. A big advantage is the fact that the recreation park, a museum, shops and the railway station are located directly at the harbour. From there it takes around 20 minutes to reach Kings Cross in the heart of London!

Six good reasons to go:

- Attractive ports of embarkation and disembarkation: the Hanseatic City of Hamburg and Gravesend (near London)
- Safe sailing in coastal waters
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Journey into the Eye of the Wind's own history
- A maritime experience for 'ship spotters' and photographers, too



Journey time:

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Services included:

- 6 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.

We gladly assist you in the individual planning of your arrival and departure. Please contact us if necessary in a timely manner.

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.

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