

Let your spirit set sail



Tall Ship Taster Trip

Four days in the Baltic Sea: the Kiel Fjord and the Danish South Funen Archipelago

Fri 8 June 2018 – Tue 12 June 2018

Do you want to make your dream of sailing on a windjammer come true at last? Not sure yet whether you can endure the pitching and tossing of the waves? This short cruise is an excellent way to get a taste of seafaring adventure! From our main mooring in Kiel-Holtenau, we will sail along Schleswig-Holstein's Baltic Sea coast and will continue sailing within sight of the coast. At this time of the year, only low waves and moderate wind speeds are to be expected in this area of the Western Baltic Sea. We guarantee plenty of fresh spring air, but certainly no 'hell ride' in gale-force winds. Even in the few days at sea, you will enjoy the comfort and excellent on-board cuisine, experience genuine traditional seamanship, and get a taste of how it feels being back on shore after a day at sea. Our aim is for this taster cruise to whet your appetite for more. The following times and ports are an exemplary and non-binding sailing plan. In the Danish South Funen Archipelago, there are many other ports and anchorages to choose from for a stop.

Day 1: Kiel-Holtenau

Our crew will welcome you on board in Holtenau, on the western shore of the Kiel Fjord. Embarkation will take place at 19:00 hours. After a welcome drink and dinner in the deck lounge, you will have the opportunity to observe the lively coming and going at the locks of the Kiel Canal. From small sports yachts to ocean liners, vessels of all kinds and sizes can be seen passing by around the clock on the world's busiest artificial waterway. On the walk to the small Holtenau lighthouse, you will get a taste of the nostalgic harbour atmosphere – numerous old cargo ships and schooners are anchored on the quay at dusk.



Kiel-Holtenau is the starting point of our journey: the locks of the Kiel Canal (left) and the lighthouse near the mooring area (right).

Day 2: Kiel – Flensburg Fjord – Sønderborg (DK)

After breakfast, it will be time to "cast off!". On the eastern shore of the fjord, we will see Laboe's naval memorial; soon afterwards we will reach the open Baltic Sea at the Kiel lighthouse. After a day's sailing, we will cross the invisible German-Danish maritime border and find ourselves in the sheltering harbour of Sønderborg, on the island of Als, which will be our mooring for the night. A major attraction is the castle with its park, which is within sight of our mooring spot. A walk along the harbour row with the historic merchant's houses and a stroll through the Old Town with its typical Danish tranquility should not be missed.



Day 3 / Day 4: From Sønderborg (DK) to Ærø or Langeland

After circumnavigating the southern tip of the island of Als, we will cross the Little Belt and head for Marstal in the southeast of the Danish island of Ærø. The reputation of this seaport as Denmark's sailing ship hub is not exaggerated. At the turn of the 20th century, a fleet of more than 300 commercial sailors was based here. Even today, the port is still a busy place with steel and wooden shipyards, engine factories and a ferry port. The seamen's houses are built close to the harbour. In between, the narrow streets and alleys twist and wind in a charmingly disordered manner. The harbour is home to the internationally renowned Maritime Museum, which houses more than 200 ship models and other exhibits from all seven seas.



Small beach houses near Marstal on the island of Ærø.

We will leave Marstal in time and head for the Kiel Fjord: Fresh air and sailing off Schleswig-Holstein's Baltic Sea coast once again. In good weather and calm seas, it will be possible to take a photo tour around the ship with the Eye of the Wind's dinghy. Afterwards, we will have the opportunity to spend a night anchored in front of Strande on the western shore of the Kiel Fjord - another highlight of every sailing trip!



Day 5: Disembarkation in Kiel

In the morning, we will reach our destination and port of departure, Kiel-Holtenau; disembarkation is scheduled for 10:00 am.

Please note the following information on the travel schedule:

The route described here is optional and may change at short notice due to wind and weather conditions. Alternative destinations may be the ports of Bagenkop or Faaborg on the Danish coast. The decision on where to head is made by the captain on the same day – whenever possible, your wishes and requests will be taken into account. This ensures that your sailing trip will be a pleasant mixture of adventure, relaxation, active participation and pure enjoyment.

Six good reasons to go:

- Balanced ratio between sailing time at sea and shore leave
- Safe sailing in coastal waters
- Sailing in moderate wind and weather conditions in the area of the Western Baltic
- Experience the most beautiful places of the South Funen Archipelago and the Kiel Fjord from aboard
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening



Journey time:

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Services included:

- 4 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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