## Let your spirit set sail



# Oslofjord and Skagerrak

### **Baltic Sea cruise from Oslo to Gothenburg**

Sat 01 September 2018 – Sat 08 September 2018



It is no exaggeration to say that this will be the best sailing trip of the season! On this summer Baltic Sea cruise between Norway and Sweden, we explore the scenic coastline of the narrow Oslofjord and the West Swedish archipelago. Days at sea alternate with nights at the sheltered mooring or in the harbour. Depending on wind and weather conditions, there will be stopovers with shore leave along the Scandinavian coast.

The sailing trip ends in Gothenburg in the summery province of Bohuslän. Enjoy relaxing days on board – no previous knowledge or experience is needed for sailing on our windjammer.

#### This is where you embark: Oslo / Norway

Our crew will welcome you on board in the port of the Norwegian capital Oslo. Embarkation takes 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.

The focal point of the harbour setting is the town hall with its two distinctive block towers, which is the venue for the annual awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize. The location of the city in the inner fjord creates a unique atmosphere. Make the most of your time by exploring the Royal Castle and historic town of Gamlebyen with its exposed medieval city walls. In good weather and clear visibility, you should take a trip to the Holmenkollen Olympic ski jump, which is located above the city and offers a fascinating view of the inner Oslofjord.

Museum-goers will relish a visit to the Fram Museum. Norwegian researchers sailed with the exhibited ship through the ice of the polar regions. The expeditions of the Norwegians Fridtjof Nansen and Roald Amundsen, who was the first person to reach the South Pole, are depicted vividly. The raft Kon-Tiki of the adventurer Thor Heyerdahl has its own museum in Oslo as well. You could also start your journey by treating yourself to a visit to the Norwegian Opera. The New Opera House, architecturally modelled on a floating iceberg, has become known worldwide since its opening in 2008.









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

After receiving safety instructions and an introduction to sailing by the ship's crew, you can soon join in the sailing yourself – on a voluntary basis, of course. Our competent regular crew will be happy to explain how things work and all the details of the historic square-rigger.

Climbing the rigging, steering the course and pulling the ropes make this trip an unforgettable holiday experience of a special kind.

All sailing manoeuvres are performed manually by the experienced crew. Setting and trimming the sails becomes a fascinating performance from a long gone seafaring era, which you can enjoy comfortably from the deck.

#### Our sailing waters: Oslofjord, Skagerrak and Kattegat

We leave Norway's charming capital and sail along the rugged natural coast of the fjords. The typical Norwegian landscape of the Oslofjord is characterised by wooded shores, and the unmistakable ox blood red coloured log cabins along the entire coast – an ideal, typically Scandinavian setting for our first day at sea. Taking a southern course, we sail through the Skagerrak within sight of the coast. The decision on where to head is 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. This ensures that your sailing trip is a pleasant mix of adventure, relaxation, active participation and pure enjoyment.

#### This is where you will disembark: Gothenburg / Sweden

We will cruise through the greyish blue waters of the Kattegat bay. Before entering the port of Gothenburg, we have to master the nautically demanding passage through the archipelago – small rocky islands are scattered here and within easy reach when approaching the city centre. The area of the Western Swedish archipelago is considered by experienced sailors and Scandinavia enthusiasts to be the most beautiful of the Baltic Sea.

The "maritime adventure playground" off the coast of the Swedish provinces of Västergötland and Bohuslän has a diverse landscape, is well protected, visually unique, attractive and at times fairytale-like and dreamy.

The city centre of Sweden's second largest city is easy to explore on foot. Numerous coffee houses invite you to linger and watch. The Stadsmuseet (City Museum) shows a Viking ship found in 1933 along with a small exhibition on the Viking period. For maritime enthusiasts, a visit to the four-masted barque Viking built in 1906 is also worthwhile. This largest windjammer built in Scandinavia is now a museum ship in the port section of Lilla Bommen. As a side note: the hull of Eye of the Wind laid in waiting on the site of a shipyard in Gothenburg for a year in 1970 after she had lost her seaworthiness due to a fire on board. Some time later, the work to convert her into the passenger ship in its current form and the "second life" of this tall ship began here, too.







#### Six good reasons to go:

- Balanced ratio between sailing time at sea and shore leave
- Suitable for beginners: safe sailing in coastal waters
- Scandinavia for lovers: Oslo and Gothenburg as starting and destination ports
- Exploring the natural landscape of the Swedish Skerries Archipelago from the water
- Active sailing and manoeuvering on a 100-year-old windjammer you may participate!
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening

#### 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.

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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