

Let your spirit set sail



Kiel Canal and Weser estuary

Sailing the inland waterways from Kiel to Bremerhaven

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Join the Eye of the Wind's crew on a sailing trip through the middle of Schleswig-Holstein. On the Kiel Canal, we pass under ten high bridges and will experience the endless shipping traffic of container ships, cruise liners, pleasure boats and ferries on the world's busiest artificial waterway.

At the end of the journey, we reach the Outer Elbe, the North Sea and the Weser estuary before we dock at the destination port of Bremerhaven.



This is where you will embark: Kiel Holtenau

Our crew will welcome you on board in Holtenau on the western shore of the Kiel Fjord. Embarkation takes place at 19:00 hours. After a welcome drink and dinner in the comfortable lounge, you will soon feel at home on the Eye of the Wind's deck and get to know your fellow sailors. On the walk to the nearby small Holtenauer lighthouse, you will get a taste of the nostalgic port atmosphere – old cargo ships and schooners are often anchored at the quay at dusk.



Across Schleswig-Holstein

Around 40,000 ships sail along the Kiel Canal every year – this is almost three times the number of vessels as on the Panama Canal or the Suez Canal. Ship enthusiasts can look forward to numerous photo opportunities. The journey will take us right through Schleswig-Holstein, along green banks, and under high railway bridges which almost seem to touch the top of our mast.



Please note the following information about the itinerary:

For safety reasons, ships usually only sail through the Kiel Canal by engine without set sails. Depending on the wind direction, it is planned to set sail on the North Sea between Brunsbüttel and Bremerhaven. The ship's management reserves the right to change the itinerary at short notice depending on wind and weather conditions.



Something to enjoy: Sailing the waterways of the Kiel Canal

After almost 100 kilometres, we reach the western canal locks in Brunsbüttel and immediately afterwards the area of the Elbe estuary that flows into the North Sea. In the meantime, you can make yourself comfortable on deck or in the comfortable lounge and browse through the extensive on-board library or the DVDs, read a book, explore the ship and enjoy delicious culinary creations from the on-board kitchen.



This is where you will disembark: Bremerhaven

When we reach the Weser estuary, the striking view of the port of Bremerhaven soon emerges on our port side. The Große Leuchtturm (Big Lighthouse) built in 1854 links the freight port and the modern "Havenwelten" as a point of attraction for visitors. Situated behind the Weser dyke are the German Maritime Museum, next to it the Klimahaus Bremerhaven 8° Ost (a modern museum focusing on the environment, climate and different cultures) and the German Emigration Museum. From the Weser river we can see the "Zoo am Meer" (Zoo by the Sea), the Atlantic Hotel Sail City, and the Geeste estuary with its distinctive green and red moles. Mooring in the lock chambers is another extraordinary experience.



Services included:

- 5 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.

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