

*Let your spirit set sail*



## *Springtime Cruise on the North Sea*

**From Hamburg via Heligoland to Bremerhaven**

**Tue 14 May 2019 ⇨ Tue 21 May 2019**

Experience the North Sea like never before: At the beginning of the sailing season, let's discover the tidal area of the German Bight aboard a traditional tall ship! We'll explore the estuaries of the Elbe and Weser rivers, and intend to spend a night in port on the offshore island of Heligoland. Further stops are possible in Cuxhaven or Wilhelmshaven, or even on the island of Sylt, depending on the wind and weather conditions.



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

On arrival in Hamburg, the Hanseatic city will still be dominated by the recently celebrated 830<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its port. Take your time to explore the heart of Hamburg. Spring is now luring locals and tourists out for ice creams at the Inner Alster and strolls through the 'Planten & Blomen' park. The Fish Market Hall, the St. Pauli Piers, the tower of the church of Saint Michael's, the three-mast 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. Our crew will welcome you on board in Hamburg's City Sporthafen, which is within sight of the Elbphilharmonie concert hall. Embarkation takes place at 19:00 hours. Afterwards, we will have dinner together in the comfortable lounge, where you will quickly feel at home on deck and get to know your fellow sailors.



**Our tips for Hamburg:**

Entry to the plaza of the Elbe Philharmonic Hall is free (information as of October 2018) – it offers a fantastic view of the port. A visit to the nearby International Maritime Museum in Hafencity is definitely worthwhile.



### Time to 'cast off' and set course down the Elbe

In the morning, after safety instructions and an introduction to sailing, it is time to cast off and set course down the Elbe river. We will be able to marvel at barges, harbour tugs, ferries and container ships up close. We slowly glide past the Oevelgönne museum harbour and soon after see the white villas of the noble Blankenese suburb on our starboard side.

A little later, we pass the Welcome Point (literally, Ship Greeting Station) near Wedel on the Lower Elbe. Large vessels leaving Hamburg harbour are given a traditional flag signal: the flag of Hamburg is lowered and the letters U and W are hoisted for "have a safe journey". We respond to the salutation from land in a typical seafaring manner by 'dipping' the national flag (briefly taking it down and hoisting it again).

### Heligoland: Germany's 'most beautiful natural wonder'

After a day of sailing, we will reach Heligoland, Germany's only deep-sea island. The island with its red cliffs and the Lange Anna ("Tall Anna") landmark – a free-standing rock column that is visible from afar – make a perfect sheltering port and offer numerous opportunities for duty-free shopping. Some years ago, the North Sea island was designated Germany's most beautiful natural wonder. Make the most of your stay with a walk through the nature of the Heligoland Oberland (Upper Level) or a boat trip to the island Düne, where visitors share the beach with seals and grey seals.



### Bremerhaven: Attractive 'Havenwelten' and containers from all over the world

After some more 'beating and tacking' (as sailors call sailing manoeuvres to change course) on the North Sea, we can see the distinctive port backdrop of the maritime city Bremerhaven on the horizon. We sail past the Stromkaje, which, with an impressive length of 4,930 meters, is

considered the largest connected container terminal in the world. The characteristic container gantry cranes are located in a long row close to the shore, allowing us to watch the largest cargo ships being loaded and unloaded in a hurry. Built in the style of North German Brick Gothic, the Big Lighthouse links the industrial cargo-handling port on the one side and the modern maritime-styled Havenwelten (Harbour Worlds) quarter on the other, as an attraction for visitors. Behind the grassy Weser dyke, the Schiffahrtsmuseum (German Maritime Museum), the popular Klimahaus Bremerhaven 8° Ost and the Deutsche Auswandererhaus (German Emigration Centre Museum) are

waiting to be explored. From the Weser, we can successively see the Zoo am Meer (zoo by the sea), the Atlantic Hotel Sail City (which is modelled after a windswept sail), and the Geeste estuary with its distinctive green and red mole heads.



## Seven (plus one) good reasons to go

- Attractive sailing area with rough charm: Elbe and Weser estuary, Heligoland
- Springtime cruise on the North Sea, past the lighthouses of the outer Weser
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- One week on board together with the nicest sailing crew of the seven seas
- Sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer – you may participate actively!
- Varied seafaring experience with plenty of boat traffic for shiplovers and shipspotters
- Visit to the offshore island of Heligoland with duty-free shopping opportunities
- Optional / weather permitting: stopovers in Cuxhaven, Wilhelmshaven or island of Sylt



## 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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