

Let your spirit set sail



Swedish Skerries and Southern Norway

A cruise through the Skagerrak from Gothenburg to Stavanger

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The western Swedish skerries seascape is considered by experienced sailors and Scandinavia enthusiasts to be one of the most beautiful sailing areas of the Baltic Sea. This 'maritime adventure playground' off the coast of the Swedish province of Västergötland has a diverse landscape, is well protected, visually unique, attractive, and at times dreamy and fairytale-like. This is where our special discovery tour through this fantastic landscape begins: From Gothenburg, we cross the Skagerrak and then sail along the southern Norwegian coast to Stavanger, where the Høgsfjord starts.



This is where you will go on board: Gothenburg in the summery province of Bohuslän

Our crew will welcome you on board at the port of Gothenburg. You can get there either by the daily ferry connection from Kiel/Germany or by direct flight from many international airports. Embarkation takes place at 19:00 hours. Afterwards, there will be dinner together in the comfortable lounge, where you'll soon feel at home and be able to find your way around the Eye of the Wind's deck – and you'll quickly get to know your fellow sailors.



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 bustle. For maritime enthusiasts, a visit to the four-masted barque Viking built in 1906 is worthwhile, too. This largest windjammer built in Scandinavia is now a museum ship in the port section of Lilla Bommen (pictured left).



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. Sometime later, the work to convert it into the passenger ship in its current form began here too, giving this tall ship its 'second life'.



Amidst a stream of container ships, ferries and yachts, our windjammer will push along from Gothenburg through the channel to the Baltic Sea. On the horizon, lighthouses, stone beacons and the typical brownish-red rock of the archipelago stand out before our ship's bow.

As if strewn randomly in the water, the rocks, small islands, and various granite formations force the smaller motor boats around us to sail in a zigzag course.

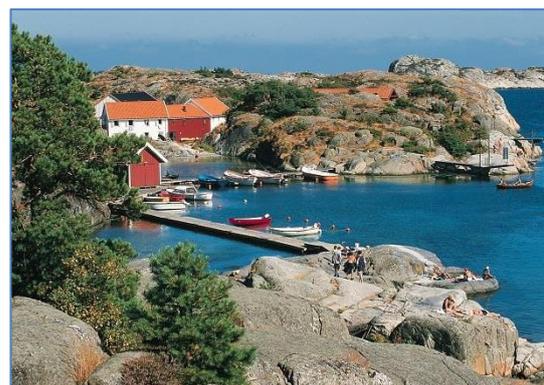


Our sailing waters: Through the Skagerrak to southern Norway

This summer Baltic Sea cruise starts with a longer leg of the journey at sea. Crossing the Skagerrak on a north-westerly course, we pass the distinctive coastline near the Danish town of Skagen at a safe distance. This area is seen as the symbolic boundary between the Baltic Sea and the North Sea (pictured left). In the evening, we'll either find a sheltered mooring spot or sail through the night if visibility and weather conditions permit. The sight of the night sky above the ship's masts is a breathtaking experience and an unbeatable highlight of any sailing trip!

The wind and your wishes set the course

After a distance of more than 100 nautical miles, we reach our first intermediate destination: the coastal region around Kristiansand. The south coast in the Sørlandet district is considered one of the sunniest areas in Norway and is known as a sailing area that offers a lot of variety: between the dense skerries and open sections, the landscape varies between harsh and rugged, sheltered and quaint. Here, the nature with its lush greenery, the landscape with its towering mountains, and the friendly people of southern Norway all radiate a special charm. From the sea, we can discover deep forests, bare rocks and busy, small harbour towns close to the solitary wilderness. Every corner of this stretch of coast is beautiful in its own unique way.

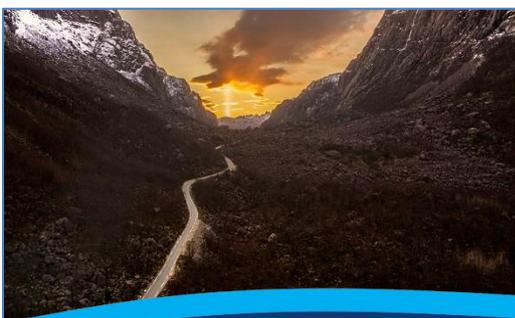


In general, the decision on which port or mooring spot to call on in the evening is made by the captain on the same day and depends on the wind and weather conditions – whenever possible, your wishes will be taken into account. This ensures that your cruise is a pleasant mix of adventure, relaxation, active participation and pure enjoyment. Here is a selection of possible stops with the opportunity to go on shore:

▷ **Kristiansand:** In the summertime, this port city with its beaches and leisure facilities is one of the most popular holiday resorts in Norway. The main attraction is the Dyreparken zoo and amusement park.

▷ **Mandal:** The southernmost town of Norway is located at the estuary of the Mandalselva into the North Sea. On shore, we can discover the townscape with its distinctive white houses, the listed churches and the Uranienborg vantage point. As an alternative to a stay in the port, we can call at Farsund, which lies a few miles further west.

▷ **Flekkefjord:** The fascination of the Norwegian coastal landscape is within our reach – we can only get to this inland port village (pictured right) through a narrow fjord. Here, you can make the most of the afternoon and early evening by taking a stroll through the 'Holländerstadt' quarter with its narrow streets and wooden houses.



This is where you will disembark: Stavanger / Norway

Our cruise ends in Stavanger at the majestic Lysefjord. Here, you will leave the ship with a sailor's bag full of unforgettable memories of your journey. The cathedral and the Norwegian Petroleum Museum are considered the main tourist attractions of the cultural city of Stavanger and its port.

Seven good reasons to go

- Balanced ratio between sailing time at sea and shore leave
- Attractive and easily accessible starting and destination ports: Gothenburg und Stavanger
- A whole night at sea – without stopover or shore leave
- The Sørlandet coastal region: a scenic sailing area, known for many hours of sunshine
- Sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer – you may participate actively!
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Scandinavian sailing experiences, accompanied by our friendly windjammer crew



Journey time

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Services included

- 8 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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