

*Let your spirit set sail*



# *63 Degrees North — Home of the Trolls*

**Norway's legendary water world**

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The skerries and the fjords on Norway's rugged coast are a unique sailing area. Secluded and natural, barren and yet varied: this water world is a spectacular scenic experience! The fjords limit the Trollheimen region, the "land of the trolls".

It is said that these likeable, long-nosed mythical creatures of Norse mythology hide in this mountain landscape ... Look forward to a legendary sailing trip full of stunning natural impressions!

**This is where you will go on board: Ålesund / Norway**

Our crew will welcome you on board at the port of the "Art Nouveau town" Ålesund. You can easily reach the nearby airport from many cities via Oslo or Amsterdam. We will be happy to assist you with the individual planning of your arrival and departure. If you have any questions, please contact us in good time.

Embarkation takes place at 19:00 hours. Afterwards, there will be dinner together in the comfortable lounge, where you will soon feel at home and be able to find your way around the Eye of the Wind's deck – and you will quickly get to know your fellow sailors.

The beautiful town of Ålesund stretches across several islands up to the Norwegian Sea. Since a devastating fire in 1904 and the town's subsequent reconstruction, it has been characterised by its Art Nouveau architecture, for which it has become famous. The countless beautiful ornaments and turrets seem almost fairytale-like.

Today, the town is the cultural centre of the region and famous for the numerous events that take place there. You can combine your stay with a stroll through the city and a visit to the "Atlantikpark" aquarium or a walk through the city park with its fantastic lookout.



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

After receiving safety instructions and an introduction to sailing from the ship's crew, you will soon be able to take part in the sailing yourself. Hands-on assistance on deck is always voluntary, so if you want, you can just relax and enjoy watching the sailing manoeuvres and the traditional seamanship in action every day. Fresh sea air is known to make sailors hungry – our excellent onboard cuisine will surprise you every day with new and varied creations from the galley cookbook.



## Our sailing waters: A legendary voyage through the world of the fjords

Starting from Ålesund, we will slowly head towards the Norwegian open sea, where before us unfolds a barren but scenic idyll of rocky islands. Combined with the majestic fjords inland, we discover unique sailing waters with a diverse landscape of lakes, rocks and vegetation. In this coastal world that is traversed by bays and estuaries, you will enjoy a lasting holiday and sailing experience with unforgettable impressions of this pristine region. With the Eye of the Wind, we will advance into this deep and calming blue, into this surprisingly gentle and unique world of granite islands, steep mountain slopes, beautiful mooring spots and narrow shores.

### An excellent balance between time at sea and time on shore

In the meantime, you can make yourself comfortable below deck in the lounge, read a good book from the onboard library, or browse through our DVD collection. The decision on which port or mooring spot to call on in the evening is usually 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, too. This ensures that your cruise is a pleasant mix of adventure, relaxation, active participation and pure enjoyment. Possible stops with the opportunity to go on shore are, for example:

▷ **Molde:** Located on the north bank of the Moldefjord, the town is also known as the "City of Roses", as the relatively mild climate favours the growth of roses and other delicate plants. South of the city lies a small archipelago with islands such as Bjørsetholmen and Reknesholmen. The cathedral built in 1957 with its freestanding bell tower and the open-air museum just outside the town centre are well worth seeing. All around, snow-capped mountain peaks provide an impressive panorama – and after a good climb, you will have a breathtaking view of the city and its surroundings.

▷ **Kristiansund:** The island town is best known for cod fishing and the production of stockfish, some of which are still dried on the rocks. An old museum is a reminder of this old tradition. A sailing shipyard located directly at the harbour has also been converted into a museum which is open to visitors. Two churches and an opera house are seen as architectural landmarks of the port town.

### This is where you will disembark: Trondheim / Norway

Our trip ends in Trondheim, a university and trading town by the fjord of the same name. Here, you will leave the ship with a sailor's bag full of unforgettable memories of your journey.

An extended stay in Trondheim after your cruise is absolutely worthwhile. With a number of museums and galleries for visual arts and history, the town has a rich cultural offering. Popular attractions for tourists are the impressive Nidaros Cathedral (pictured right) with the bishop's residence, the canal port and the old city bridge of 1862. On the Nidelv river, canoeing tours are offered, which lead past the backdrop of the old warehouses (pictured below right).

There are direct connections from Trondheim Airport to Berlin, Oslo and Amsterdam.





## Seven good reasons to go

- Discovery cruise through the water world of the skerries and fjords ... aboard a tall ship!
- Balanced ratio between sailing time at sea and shore leave
- Attractive and easily accessible starting and destination ports: Ålesund and Trondheim
- The coast of the Trollheimen region: a fabulous sailing area with great natural impressions
- Sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer – you may participate actively!
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Our friendly crew ensures a Scandinavian feel-good atmosphere on board



## 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.

## 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. The steep banks of the fjords usually provide for a considerable wind cover. For this reason, some distances may be covered most likely by the use of the engine and without the sails being set.

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