

Let your spirit set sail



To Wales on a Windjammer

Across the Irish Sea from Dublin to Cardiff

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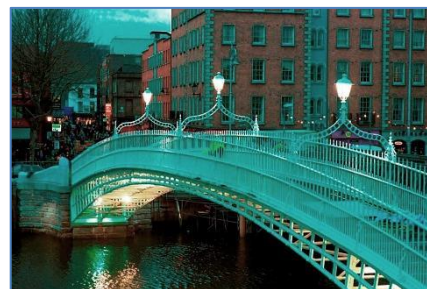
Dublin on the east coast of Ireland is one of the most attractive and livable European capitals and the starting point of our week-long journey. With Ireland on starboard and Wales on the port side, we set course for Cardiff, the capital of Wales. Along the naturally rugged coastline with its impressive variations, we sail through the Bay of Dublin, the southern part of the Irish Sea and the St George's Channel. Enjoy a late summer's week of sailing on board the Eye of the Wind: It is time to experience the ship as a place of tranquillity, where you can leave behind the flood of information and the hectic buzz of everyday life.



This is where you will go on board: Dublin, capital of the Republic of Ireland

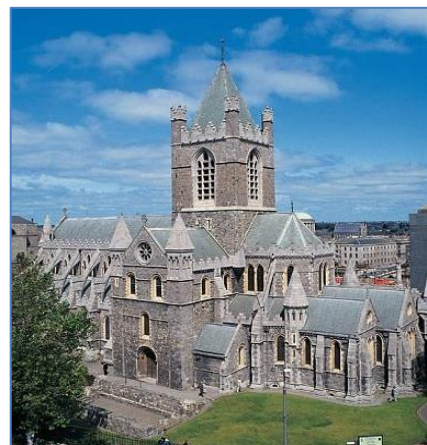
Embarkation takes place at 19:00 hours. Afterwards, there will be dinner together in the comfortable deckhouse, where you will soon feel at home and be able to find your way around the Eye of the Wind's deck – and you will quickly get to know your fellow sailors.

You can fly directly to Dublin from many airports in continental Europe. 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.



Take plenty of time to explore this diverse metropolis before boarding, because Dublin is a lively capital that has the familiar atmosphere of a village and is as welcoming as the Irish pub around the corner. Between the Dublin Mountains and the Bay, nature, classic sightseeing attractions, and everyday cultural and social life merge to create a unique experience.

Churches, historic buildings (the famous Half Penny Bridge pictured above), parks, museums, literature, whiskey distilleries and nightlife – you will need more than a day to experience everything Dublin has to offer. The famous Guinness Brewery, St. Patrick's and Christ Church cathedrals (right), Trinity College with its fascinating Book of Kells, the 13th-century castle, or the empty Kilmainham Gaol prison building are on the list of many visitors to Dublin. In the evening, you can visit the Temple Bar cultural district with its typical pubs and lots of Irish music. By the way, entrance is free to many of the city's museums that are well-worth visiting.



Our tip: From the nearby coastal town of Howth, small excursion boats go to Ireland's Eye island several times a day. After around 15 minutes, you enter a different world and find yourself in the middle of a seal and bird colony, with a great view of the coast north of Dublin.





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

You will soon be able to take part in the sailing yourself after receiving safety instructions and an introduction to sailing from the ship's crew. Being at the helm, keeping a wind-powered tall ship on course, is a unique holiday experience – especially under a starry night sky! Your active assistance on deck and in the rigging is always voluntary, and our regular crew will explain everything you need to know. The reward of climbing to the top of the mast is an unforgettable view of the vast ocean. Naturally, you may just lean back and enjoy watching the traditional seamanship and sailing manoeuvres in action, too.

Our sailing waters: Southbound through the Irish Sea

After leaving Dublin Bay, we reach the centre of the Irish Sea. Here, the wind and tide squeeze the ocean between the land masses. Following no set rhythm, the landscape changes again and again. Ireland on our starboard side, Wales on our port side – from time to time we can see a rural and sleepy idyll on land amidst a stunning landscape. Further south, at the exit of St George's Channel, the waves become noticeably longer and higher. Impressions of nature blend with the sailing experience, creating a unique holiday experience.

Depending on the progress of our journey, there will be several opportunities to go on shore at some of the ports along our route. Due to the weather conditions that can change quickly, the captain plans the journey from day to day. Whenever possible, the passengers' suggestions and wishes will be taken into account, too. This ensures that your cruise is a pleasant mix of adventure, relaxation, active participation and pure enjoyment. If the wind, swell and current allow it, we will alternatively spend a night or two at anchor in the shelter of the coast – a highlight of every sailing trip! St Bride's Bay or the sailing waters off Milford Haven offer wonderful opportunities to drop anchor.



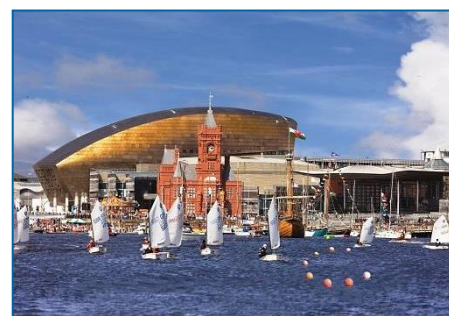
This is where you will disembark: Cardiff, Wales

Llygad y Gwynt – this seemingly meaningless string of letters is the translation of the name Eye of the Wind into Welsh. Welcome to Cardiff, the capital of Wales and the destination of our trip!

In Cardiff, you will bid farewell to the crew and your fellow sailors, and leave the ship with a sailor's bag full of unforgettable memories of your holiday at sea. As part of your visit to Dublin, you can take part in a guided tour of the city and gain an insight into the city's local history and its peculiar language.

Special theme tours deal with the topics of nature and the environment, Welsh culture, or legends and ghost stories. Cardiff is a city packed with many sight-seeing spots, sports, culture and entertainment. Historic houses and castles, nature and animals, art or water sports ... there is all kinds of entertainment to enjoy, with theatres, galleries, museums, opera, ballet, musicals and live music to suit every taste.

Cardiff Airport provides a stopover to many destinations on mainland Europe. Alternatively, there is a fast train to London (travelling time around 2.5 hours).



Six good reasons to go

- Attractive ports of (dis)embarkation: from the Irish metropolis Dublin to the Welsh capital Cardiff
- Balanced ratio between time at sea and time for shore leave
- Irish Sea: Nature impressions in an exceptional sailing area
- 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 allows you to participate in life on board and explains every step



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.

The weather in this sailing area is considered very moody and varied. Passing low pressure areas, changing winds and precipitation must be expected. For this trip it is advisable to be equipped with foul weather gear. We are happy to advise you on the selection of suitable weather clothing.

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