

Let your spirit set sail



Cornwall and the English Channel

Sailing season's end off the English south coast

Sat 28 September 2019 ⇨ Sat 05 October 2019



This sailing trip along the coasts of the United Kingdom turns out to be "very British". Starting from Cardiff, the capital of Wales, this cruise takes us through the Bristol Channel and around Land's End, the southwestern foothills of the Cornwall Peninsula. It is not only at "tea time" that we will take it slow: As we have seven days to cover a relatively short distance, there will be plenty of time for you to experience the ship as a place of tranquillity, where you can leave behind the hectic buzz of everyday life. The planned port visits ensure a perfect balance between your time at sea and relaxed excursions on shore.

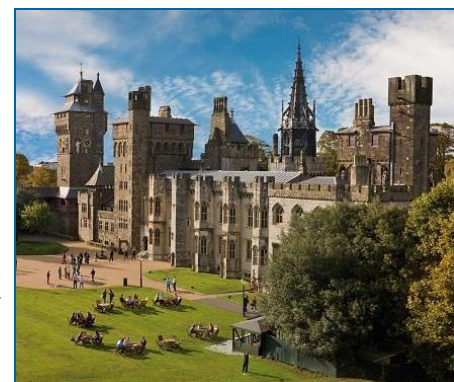
This is where you will go on board: Cardiff, Wales

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

You can fly to Cardiff Airport with only one stop from many airports on the European mainland. Alternatively, there is a fast train from London (travelling time around 2.5 hours). There are non-stop connections from international airports to the nearby city of Bristol, too. 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.

The port of Cardiff offers a wonderful ambience, where it is a pleasure to set anchor (pictured right: cosy evening atmosphere at Mermaid Quay). 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.

Why not take some time to explore Cardiff before boarding. As part of your visit to Cardiff, 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 sightseeing spots, sports, culture and entertainment. Historic houses and castles, nature and animals, art or water sports. There is all sorts of entertainment to enjoy, with theatres, galleries, museums, opera, ballet, musicals and live music to suit every taste. Our tip: Cardiff Castle (pictured right) is more than 900 years old and was a Roman fort as well as a Victorian manor house.





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

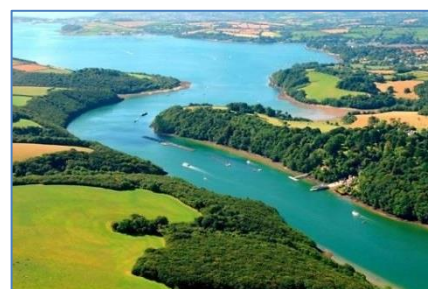
After receiving safety instructions and an introduction to sailing from the ship's crew, you will soon be able to take part in the sailing. Being at the helm and keeping a wind-powered tall ship on course is a unique holiday experience – especially under a starry night sky! Your active assistance on 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 sea. Naturally, you can just enjoy watching the traditional seamanship and sailing manoeuvres in action.

Our sailing waters: around Land's End into the English Channel

Our route takes us 250 nautical miles between Cardiff and Plymouth along the north and south coast of Cornwall, past the famous natural monument Land's End and through the English Channel. This is where a remarkable section of our journey begins: Every day, up to 500 vessels are on the move in these sailing waters, which means that you can discover new ships from deck all the time. Due to the high volume of maritime traffic, this part of the Celtic Sea is undoubtedly one of the most exciting areas for ship spotters.

Depending on the progress of our journey, there will be several opportunities en route to go on shore. In principle, the decision on which port or anchorage 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.

Falmouth in the county of Cornwall offers a wonderful opportunity for a longer stay in the port. The coastal town at the mouth of the River Fal (pictured right) is a popular holiday resort with its five beaches and Georgian-style houses. Make the most of your time on shore with a visit to the National Maritime Museum or Pendennis Castle. The parks with their Mediterranean flora are another great attraction that should not be missed. The most famous parks are Trebah, Trelissick and Glendurgan, where a maze of laurel hedges awaits you.



This is where you will disembark: Plymouth, England

Britain's "Ocean City" offers an abundance of nature, history and culture: Beautiful beaches and romantic hidden coves can be found along the coastline on either side of Plymouth en route to Devon and Cornwall. Attractions in Plymouth include the waterfront promenade with its famous Mayflower steps, from which the Pilgrim Fathers once set sail. You can also take a ferry or water taxi to Sutton Harbour or Royal William Yard to discover the city's maritime heritage.

Our tip: Due to its location between the sea and the moor, Plymouth is the ideal starting point for an exploration of the area around the "English Riviera". You can take the Cremyll ferry from Stonehouse to explore the beautiful Mount Edgcumbe House and Gardens, or head inland and marvel at the jagged expanse of Dartmoor, one of Britain's most beautiful and largest national parks.



Six good reasons to go

- Attractive voyage itinerary: from the Welsh capital Cardiff along the coasts of Cornwall
- Balanced ratio between time at sea and time for shore leave
- Shore leave in Cornwall: port cities of Falmouth and Plymouth on the south coast of England
- 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 will take care of your well-being right from the start



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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