

Let your spirit set sail



Trans-Atlantic under Sail!

From the Canaries to the Caribbean – the Sailing Adventure of the Year
Wed 20 November 2019 – Thu 19 December 2019

Bluewater cruising. Long distance sailing. These words make the heart of every sailing enthusiast beat faster. For the experience of being surrounded by the vast ocean for several weeks, with the gentle creaking of the sails high up in the rigging, will be something you will never forget! Sailing in harmony with nature and the weather is at the forefront of every voyage. During a sailing trip like this, the bond between passengers and crew grows even stronger than on other journeys.

There is no limit to the enthusiasm of "seasoned sailors" who have ever experienced a long cruise. Spending several weeks on the endless expanses of the ocean is the luxury class of relaxation. Count the nautical miles, marvel at the wonders of the ocean, or climb the mast from time to time and enjoy the view – experiencing all of this during an Atlantic cruise on our tall ship will fill you with boundless joy.

An experience you will never forget!

- Can you imagine going without the latest world news, the latest sports results and pre-Christmas shopping stress for four weeks in a row?
- Do you have the courage to leave your smartphone, computer and TV turned off for a whole month?
- Do you want to know how it feels to leave the car at home and use one of the most environmentally friendly means of travelling instead?
- How does the thought of having no appointments or work make you feel? Could you imagine just leaving the suit and tie in the wardrobe?
- Have you ever been on a trip with 3000 fellow travellers on one giant cruise ship? If so, you will know that this isn't exactly relaxing.
- Can you imagine that spending 29 days between the ocean and the sky will keep burnout at bay?
- Do you finally want to fulfil your dream of sailing between continents on a real windjammer, just like Christopher Columbus?

If you answered "Yes" to at least three of these questions, please read on. For you will soon be able to experience one of the last great adventures of our time and cross the Atlantic on a real tall ship!



This is where you will go on board: Los Abrigos, Tenerife

The two airports of Tenerife can be reached from many cities with a stopover in Madrid. This Canary Island is often called the "Island of Eternal Spring" because of its incomparable climate. Its secret lies in the mixture of scenic and cultural diversity. Volcanic areas, mountains, ancient laurel forests, bizarre rock gorges and beaches characterise the landscape. Above all else towers Pico del Teide, Spain's highest mountain (pictured right) – the island's landmark will remain in sight for quite a while, even after setting sail for the upcoming trip.



Tenerife itself also offers a rich cultural variety. Make the most of your stay by taking a stroll along the magnificent streets ("Ramblas") in the pulsating capital Santa Cruz, and for a detour to the city's tropical park.



If you want to spend a few more days on the island, it is worth taking a trip to the old wine merchant town of La Orotava (pictured right), the coastal town of Puerto de la Cruz, the oldest dragon tree in the world, or the mountain regions of Anaga and Teno.

The fascination of the ocean

Embarkation takes place at 19:00 with a welcoming from the whole crew. Afterwards, there will be dinner together in the comfortable lounge, where you will quickly feel at home on the Eye of the Wind's deck and soon get to know your fellow sailors.

After a safety briefing, the command "Cast off!" will be given the next day. The first time the sails are set and fill up with wind, and the moment the engine goes silent – breathtaking! This special moment when we depart for the Atlantic crossing is palpable for everyone on the ship. The fascination that emanates from the ocean is experienced even more intensely on a tall ship. The smooth and steady up and down of the hull in the waves, the vast ocean and surrounding nature are the ingredients for a wonderfully relaxing holiday experience.



Sailing away from stress

In a world that seems to be turning ever faster, you will experience the ship as a place of tranquillity, where you can leave the flood of information and the hectic pace of everyday life behind you.

A captain once coined the phrase "the ship is the doc". And seafaring does indeed have a healing, almost therapeutic effect on many people. In harmony with the wind and the sea, discovering slowness is something we actively encourage so that you can feel deeply relaxed on board.

Days and weeks at sea

Long bluewater sailing on the vast ocean is known to make seafarers hungry – and hardworking sailors need a good refreshment! You can look forward to the excellent onboard food and drink, which regularly receives the top mark in our customer satisfaction surveys. Be inspired!

Whenever a fresh trade wind blows across the deck outside, you can make yourself comfortable in the homely saloon with a cup of tea below deck, and browse through the extensive onboard library or DVD collection.

This is where you will disembark: Marigot / Saint Martin

Long before the Caribbean island of Saint Martin – which is our destination – appears on the horizon, the Eye of the Wind will already have become the ship of your dreams.

The modern Marigot marina in the French part of the island will be our berthing spot. Make the most of your stay on Saint Martin island for a relaxing day at the breathtaking Dawn Beach, a hike along the rugged cliffs of Pointe Blanche Bay, or a boat trip through Simpson Bay Lagoon.

Every day, several cruise ships sail into Philipsburg, which is the largest port. There is a wide range of tourist attractions, from jet skiing and snorkelling tours to casino and beach visits in Great Bay.

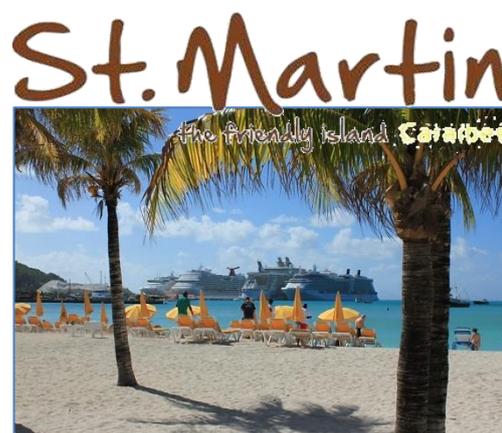
In the bustling shopping mile on Front Street, typical local handcrafted goods are sold in a rich variety of colours typical for the Caribbean. Our tip: Saint Martin is considered the 'culinary capital of the Caribbean' – do not miss the local specialities made from the guava fruit.

"Caribbean Way of Life" and low-flying planes at Maho Beach

After a long voyage, our journey ends with this perfect "reception" before the stunning Caribbean backdrop. The nights on deck under the starry sky and the sails blown by the trade winds make this trip an unforgettable experience.

You can reach the airport from Marigot with a short drive by taxi or minibus, during which you will pass the monument on the Dutch-French borderline. This monument is so remarkable because the mother countries on the European continent are at no point adjacent, and because there is no smaller island in the world that is divided between two nations.

Another unique attraction worth seeing is visible directly before leaving this Caribbean island paradise: On the nearby Maho Beach, the distance between landing aeroplanes and beachgoers' heads (or the masts of the boats anchored there) is often only a few metres. On a chalkboard attached to a surfboard, the arrival times of the largest planes are announced for hobby photographers every day.



Six good reasons to go

- Canary Islands, North Atlantic and the Caribbean: blue water sailing on the endless ocean
- Atlantic crossing aboard a real tall ship
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer ... feel free to participate!
- Recreative long term sailing
- „Advent Aboard“ – experience a stress-free pre-Christmas period out on the ocean
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening



Journey time Sat 20 November 2019 ⇌ Thu 19 December 2019

Services included

- 29 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.

Basic travel information (non-binding information, subject to change)

Tenerife

Official website ▷ www.hellocanaryislands.com
Language: Spanish
Currency: Euro
Climate / Avg. Temp.: Air 18–23 °C, Water 21 °C
Traffic: right-hand driving

Saint-Martin

Official website ▷ www.st-martin.org
Languages: English, French, Dutch
Currencies: Antillean Guilder, US \$, part. Euro
Climate / Avg. Temp.: Air 22–28 °C, Water 25 °C
Traffic: right-hand driving

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