

Let your spirit set sail



850 Miles of Blue-Water Cruising

Through the Atlantic from the British Virgin Islands to Bermuda

Sun 01 March 2020 ⇒ Wed 11 March 2020

Since the times of Christopher Columbus, the Bermuda Triangle – the mysterious region in the Atlantic Ocean between Miami, Puerto Rico and Bermuda – has been the subject of 'sailor's yarn', which sometimes tells stories of ships and planes that have mysteriously disappeared without a trace, and of alleged hauntings or inexplicable natural phenomena.

However, maritime superstition is not in our luggage on this crossing, as the Eye of the Wind will not be sailing into the legendary triangle, but instead only into the northern boundary point – the dreamlike Bermuda archipelago.



This is where you will embark: Road Town, Tortola / British Virgin Islands

Our crew will welcome you on board in Road Town port on the Virgin Island Tortola at 19:00 hours. Afterwards, there will be dinner in the comfortable lounge, where you will quickly feel at home on the Eye of the Wind's deck and get to know your fellow sailors.

With its combination of mild climate, beautiful landscape and Caribbean serenity, the port city exudes a special holiday feel. Before setting sail, why not make the most of your time by taking a walk through the botanical garden in the centre of Road Town? On the Main Street of the British Virgin Islands' capital, numerous colonial-style houses will tempt you to stroll through the shops and enjoy a drink or two in the bars and pubs. You will notice that a certain British etiquette is blended with the tranquility and cheerfulness of the "Caribbean way of life".

Instead of high-rise buildings and casinos, visitors to the Virgin Islands will find nature parks and untouched, white sandy beaches that stretch for kilometres. Here and there, the shores are lined with prickly cactuses under which iguanas bask in the midday heat, and mangrove trees with their knotted roots protruding from the water. Emerald hummingbirds suck nectar from colourful calyx flowers, and we can imagine the coral reef with its armada of colourful tropical fish beneath the surface of the sea. The constant sound of the Atlantic Ocean will dispel any thoughts of the cold and wet winter months right away.



On our way towards the open Atlantic Ocean, we will – wind and weather permitting – drop anchor again before Virgin Gorda, the third-largest island of the archipelago. Here, the randomly arranged granite boulders of "The Baths" (photo left) form small caves and pools, inviting you to explore and snorkel.



Our sailing waters: The North Atlantic between 18 and 32 degrees latitude

As the wind pushes us through seemingly endless expanses of azure blue water, you will feel "boundlessly happy". The smooth and steady rise and fall of the hull in the waves, the vast ocean and the soft creaking of the rigging are the ingredients for a very special holiday experience.



Bermuda on the horizon

A stunning star-filled night sky, the steady trade wind and the sight of the wind-swept sails: ahead us lie some 800 nautical miles of Atlantic Ocean, which our two-masted ship will cover with the power of the wind. It is time for you to 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. Enjoy just relaxing on deck or take part in the watchkeeping, climb the shrouds and set the sail as part of the crew! During the cruise, you can enjoy the dishes from our excellent onboard galley, which change daily. You can treat yourself to some peace and quiet in between with a good book from the extensive onboard library.

At the end of the journey, the coastline of Bermuda will appear before our bow on the azure horizon. Coming closer, we will soon be able to see the paradise-like pink beaches and the island's typical limestone houses with their whitewashed roofs and pastel-coloured facades. Along the main island of Grand Bermuda, we will enter the sheltered port of Saint George's, the second-largest island.



The "Jewel of the Atlantic"

Explore the 34-kilometre-long main island by bus, ferry or scooter in a day trip and discover Bermuda as a fulfilling holiday destination in a mild maritime climate, far away from mass tourism. The lively capital city Hamilton attracts visitors with duty-free shopping on the classy Front Street at the harbour. Here you can buy VAT-free local products, art, perfume, jewellery and fashion items, as well as brand articles from all around the world. With their shimmering pink coral sand, Bermuda's beaches are among the most beautiful in the world. On the south side of the island, they are lined up like pearls on a string, almost one kilometre long.

Nature lovers will not be disappointed – lush tropical vegetation dominates the island's appearance. In the Botanical Garden you can discover the diversity and rich variety of colour of the local flora. An insider's tip are the breathtaking stalactite Crystal Caves, located in the Hamilton district, not far from our mooring. The real beauty of nature unfolds beneath the ocean surface – snorkelling in the shallow water with its colourful and biodiverse coral reefs is a must.



This is where you will disembark: St. George's, Bermuda

In the daytime, St. George's resembles a lively open-air museum from British colonial times. A favourite meeting place is King's Square with its reconstructed pillory and the ducking stool, which was once used to briefly lower "gossipy women-folk" into the harbour basin – a ceremony which is nowadays re-enacted for tourists.

In the evenings, a colourful hustle and bustle unfolds throughout the harbour. Countless bars, restaurants and shops invite visitors to dive into the night with rum punch, calypso music and the constant choral singing of innumerable tree frogs. The international airport of Bermuda is located on St. David's Island and is therefore within easy reach of our mooring. From here you can get to many major international airports with just one stopover (e.g. via London, New York, Atlanta or Boston).



Six good reasons to go

- Blue water sailing in the endless North Atlantic: lots of time at sea, little time in the harbor
- Day and night sailing in a fresh oceanic climate
- Attractive ports of embarkation and debarkation: British Virgin Islands and Bermuda
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer ... feel free to participate
- Optional: subsequent Atlantic crossing to the Azores



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Services included

- 10 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)

British Virgin Islands

Official website: ▷ www.bvitourism.com

Language: English

Currency: US-Dollar

Climate / Avg. Temp.: Air 29 °C, Water 27 °C

Avg. sunshine hours per day: 9

Traffic: left-hand driving

Bermuda

Official website: ▷ www.gotobermuda.com

Language: English

Currency: US-Dollar / Bermuda-Dollar

Climate / Avg. Temp.: Air 21 °C, Water 19 °C

Avg. sunshine hours per day: 7

Traffic: left-hand driving

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