

Let your spirit set sail



Atlantic Crossing under Sails!

From Bermuda to the Azores

Thu 12 March 2020 ⇒ Tue 31 March 2020

Bluewater cruising. Long distance sailing. These words make the heart of every sailing enthusiast beat faster. For you will never forget the experience of being surrounded by nothing but the vast ocean for several weeks, and the gentle creaking of the sails high up in the rigging. Sailing in harmony with nature and the weather is what is at the heart of any such journey. Count the nautical miles, maybe 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 endless joy.



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

The 19-day Atlantic crossing starts in St. George's, a sheltered port in the northeast of the Bermuda Islands. You can get to the international airport – which is within easy reach of the docks – from many international destinations with only one or two stopovers. Embarkation takes place at 19:00 hours. Afterwards, we will have 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.

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.

Bermuda – 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 holiday destination in a mild maritime climate and 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 inexpensive and 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 over a stretch of several miles.



A paradise for divers and snorkelers

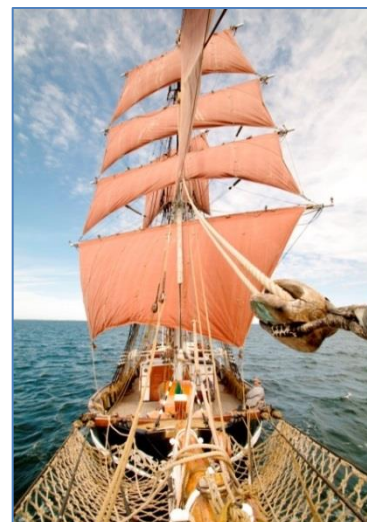
On Bermuda, nature enthusiasts will not be disappointed, as lush tropical vegetation dominates the island's appearance. In the Botanical Garden you can discover the diversity and rich variety of colour of the local flora.

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 – snorkeling in the shallow water with its colourful and biodiverse coral reefs is a must.

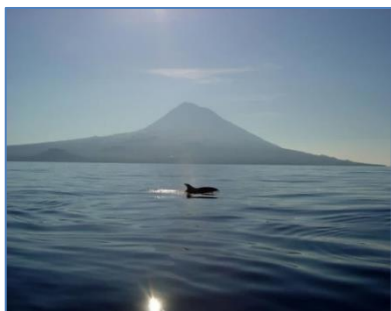
Our sailing waters: The North Atlantic between 64 and 28 degrees West

After a thorough safety briefing from our experienced crew, you will soon be familiar with the ship and can take part in the sailing yourself. After the command "Cast off!" has been given, a pleasant wind will push us through the azure water of the seemingly boundless ocean. After a short while, the paradise-like pink beaches and the island's typical limestone houses with their snow-white whitewashed roofs and pastel-coloured facades disappear behind the horizon.

Any sense of confinement will give way to a feeling of boundless freedom that can only be experienced on the high seas. The smooth and steady swaying of the hull in the waves, the vast ocean and the soft creaking of the rigging are the ingredients for a wonderfully relaxing holiday experience. You will experience the 'luxury class of relaxation', and at the same time the daily routine on board offers plenty of variety – no day is like the other.



The calming consistency of the Atlantic will soon supersede the hectic pace of everyday life. Now you can *really* relax. During the cruise, you can enjoy the varied dishes from the excellent on-board galley, which change daily. And you can treat yourself to some peace and quiet from time to time with a good book from the extensive on-board library.



The Azores on the horizon!

Passengers and crew will quickly grow together into a true community – because only a good team can keep the ship on course! The destination of our 'journey from B to A' is the archipelago of the Azores. The first sign of the archipelago is Mount Pico, a huge volcanic cone on the island of the same name. If visibility is good, you will be able to see it on the horizon from a distance of up to 90 kilometers before our ship's bow.

But the archipelago is not only known for the huge volcano, it is also considered one of the sailing areas of the world with the most steady winds.

Encounters with whales and dolphins are not unlikely in this part of the Atlantic – we will sail to Ilha do Faial, the 'Blue Island', where you will go on shore in the port town of Horta.

Make the most of your stay on the fifth-largest of the 'Hawk Islands', as the Azores are called in the literal translation. Thanks to the fact that there is little traffic and tourism, you can go hiking in absolute peace and quiet. Breathtaking routes lead across the densely vegetated island, along the cliffs, around the crater lake and to the lighthouse in the west.



Seven (plus one) good reasons to go

- Atlantic crossing: blue water sailing in the endless ocean
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer ... feel free to participate!
- Fresh air guaranteed! Sailing in a pleasant sea climate
- Exotic and attractive ports of departure and arrival: Bermuda and Azores
- Encounters with whales and dolphins are not unlikely
- More than two weeks of absolute relaxation in the natural vastness of the North Atlantic
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Option to continue: 2nd leg of the Atlantic crossing to mainland Europe



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Services included

- 19 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)

Bermuda

Official website: ▷ www.gotobermuda.com
Language: English
Currency: US-Dollar / Bermuda-Dollar
Climate / Avg. Temp.: Air 21 °C / Water 19 °C
Traffic: left-hand driving

Azores (Portugal)

Official website: ▷ www.visitazores.com
Language: Portuguese
Currency: Euro
Climate / Avg. Temp.: Air 14-19 °C / Water 17 °C
Traffic: right-hand driving

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