

*Let your spirit set sail*



# *... through the scenic Kiel Canal*

## **"Tall Ship Taster Trip" from Hamburg to Kiel**

**Tue 12 May 2020 ⇒ Sat 16 May 2020**

Join the Eye of the Wind's crew on a sailing trip between Hamburg and Kiel – right through the middle of Schleswig-Holstein. First, we will explore the territory of the Lower Elbe. On the Kiel Canal, we pass under ten high bridges and will experience the endless shipping traffic of container ships, cruise liners, pleasure boats and ferries on the world's busiest artificial waterway. At the end of the trip, we will set sail towards the Kiel Fjord.



### **Something to enjoy:**

#### **Sailing the waterways through the Kiel Canal**

Every year, around 40,000 ships pass through the exits of the Kiel Canal (in German: Nord-Ostsee-Kanal, literally 'North-to-Baltic Sea canal'). The canal was opened by Kaiser Wilhelm II in 1895 – later on, the construction costs were raised by a tax on sparkling-wine introduced by the Kaiser.



The journey will take us right through Schleswig-Holstein, along green banks and under high railway bridges which almost seem to touch the top of our mast. During this cruise, you will have time to make yourself comfortable on deck or in the comfy lounge and browse through the extensive on-board library or the DVDs, read a book, explore the ship and enjoy delicious culinary creations from the on-board kitchen.



### **Overnight stay in Rendsburg**

We plan an overnight stay in Rendsburg, the charming town between the river Eider and the Kiel Canal. For the Eye of the Wind, this stay is a kind of nostalgic journey into her own past, as the builder and contractor who had the ship built in 1911 was a captain from the Rendsburg area.



### ... only one more lock till the Baltic Sea

After almost 100 kilometers we will reach the eastern canal locks in Holtenau and immediately afterwards the Kiel Fjord. Mooring in the lock chambers is always a very special experience. In fact, almost three times as many ships sail on the Kiel Canal than on the Panama and Suez canals – ship enthusiasts can look forward to lots of photo opportunities. Walking to the small Holtenau lighthouse (pictured left), you will get a taste of the nostalgic harbour atmosphere – numerous old cargo ships and schooners are often anchored on the quay at dusk.

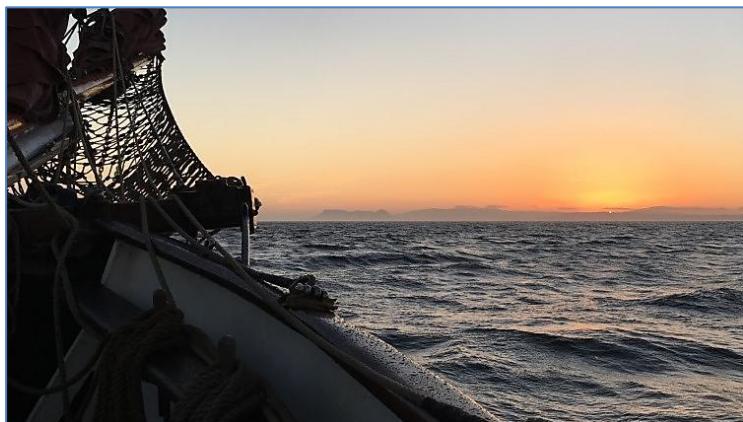
### Hoist the sails! Day trip on the Kiel Fjord

For safety reasons, ships usually only move through the Kiel Canal by engine without set sails. On the river Elbe between Hamburg and Brunsbüttel, it may be possible – depending on the wind direction – to set sails now and again.

On the last full day of our short cruise, however, we want to experience the ship under sail! From our mooring spot at the cosy quay at Tiessenkai, we will set off for a day trip to the Kiel Bight. After breakfast, it will be time to "Cast off!".



Passing the greenish-white Friedrichsort lighthouse, we will soon see the Naval Memorial of Laboe on our starboard side. Right next to it, we will spot the former submarine U 995, which – from this perspective – sits impressively on the beach of Laboe. On the opposite bank of the fjord we can see the silhouette of the Olympic center of Schilksee – this is where the Olympic flame burned during the games in 1972. Soon afterwards, we reach the open Baltic Sea at the Kiel Lighthouse.



Before nightfall, we will decide on where to set anchor in the idyllic green Eckernförde Bay or off shore in the Kiel Fjord. To round off the cruise, you can enjoy the evening atmosphere on deck with a glass of wine from the onboard bar. In good weather and calm seas, it will be possible to take a final photo tour around the ship with the dinghy. The highlight of the last day of the cruise is a small captain's dinner in a familiar atmosphere.

### "Farewell!" on the next morning

At the end of this spring cruise, we will fasten the mooring lines in the port of Kiel-Holtenau. Here you will bid farewell to our crew and your fellow travelers, and leave with a sailor's bag full of memories. Some exciting and eventful days on the river Elbe and the Baltic Sea now lie behind us.

## Six good reasons to go

- Well-balanced ratio between voyage time, shore leave, anchoring, and sailing at sea
- Active sailing and manoeuvering on a 100-year-old windjammer ... feel free to participate!
- Ideal for beginners: "Tall ship taster trip" in coastal waters
- Easy arrival and departure to and from the ports of Hamburg and Kiel
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Active involvement into the onboard-life by our friendly crew



## Journey time

Tuesday 12 May 2020 (7 pm) ⇛ Saturday 16 May 2020 (10 am)

## Services included

- 4 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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