

*Let your spirit set sail*



## *Along the German Coastline*

### **Seaport cities Rostock, Lubeck and Kiel**

**Thu 4 June 2020 ⇒ Wed 10 June 2020**

Let us cast off for a cruise that will take us to some of the most beautiful and important historic ports of the German Baltic Sea. In June, we will sail on the former shipping routes of the Hanseatic League, which was once the most powerful merchant association on our coasts. Rostock is the starting point of our journey, which will take us to Kiel via Lubeck. Days at sea will alternate with nights at the sheltered mooring spot or in the harbour. Enjoy relaxing days on board and doing some 'harbour hopping' – no previous knowledge or experience is required for sailing on our windjammer.



#### **This is where you will embark: Rostock**

Our crew will welcome you on board in the port city of Rostock. Embarkation takes place at 19:00 hours. 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.

Make the most of your time before going on board by taking a tour through the historic city center of Rostock. There you will find parts of the city wall with its fortification towers, as well as the 13<sup>th</sup> century town hall and monastery churches with hidden gardens. The whole appearance of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania's largest city is dominated by Gothic brick buildings from the Hanseatic era. You can also take an evening stroll past the historic storehouses on the banks of the Warnow river and through the picturesque town and the Museum Harbour. Exactly 100 years ago, Rostock was the home port of the Eye of the Wind – at the time she was called 'Friedrich'.

#### **Living maritime tradition on board**

After receiving safety instructions and an introduction to sailing from the ship's crew, you can soon join in the sailing yourself – always on a voluntary basis, of course. Climbing the rigging, steering the course and pulling the ropes will make this trip an unforgettable holiday experience of a special kind. All sailing manoeuvres are performed manually by the experienced crew, so setting and trimming the sails becomes a fascinating performance from long gone seafaring times, which you can also enjoy comfortably from deck.



## Our sailing waters: Bays of Mecklenburg, Lubeck and Kiel

Our route takes us westwards into the Bay of Mecklenburg. Depending on the wind and weather conditions, we will spend a night in the harbour of the Hanseatic city of Wismar. The old port is a magnet for locals and tourists alike. From there it is just a few minutes' walk to the Altstadt (the historic part of town), which is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The water gate, the old town house, the Nikolai Church, and the Wismarer Wasserkunst monument bring the city to life and make its history tangible.



### Time on shore in Lubeck – the "Queen of the Hanseatic League"

For lovers of historic sailing ships, dreams come true around the mooring area of Lubeck: As a maritime museum, the Holsten port is home to numerous traditional sailing ships, some of which are up to 140 years old and still fit to sail. Here, our brig will be in good company. The first destination is the Holsten Gate (pictured left), which is still known to most folks as the motif on the back of the 50 deutsch marks banknotes. From this landmark, a small bridge leads into the "Stadt der sieben Türme" (City of the Seven Towers).



In the 14<sup>th</sup> century, Lubeck was regarded as the 'Queen of the Hanseatic League'. The nearby European Hansemuseum is well worth a visit. The themes of the multimedia exhibition are trade, cultural history, and seafaring in 600 years of the Hanseatic League. Our tip: In the evening, you can take part in a guided nightwatchman tour through the historic city center.

A specialty that has been produced in Lubeck since the Hanseatic era is the world-famous Lubeck marzipan. Our ship's cook will surely understand if you 'smuggle' this treat on board as a small supplement to his dishes ...

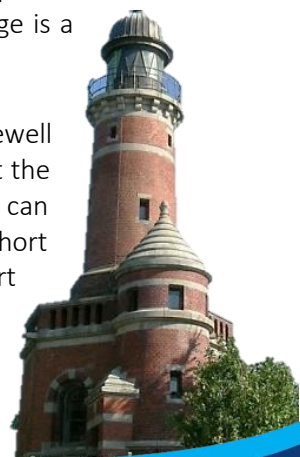
## The Baltic Sea between Schleswig-Holstein and Falster

Another possible destination for a day stop is the Danish port city of Nykøbing on the island of Falster. Built in 1419, the monastery church forms the center of the village and can be reached from the harbour in a few minutes. In the same century, the castle of Falster was built, in which there is a small zoo. The look of this typical Scandinavian village is characterized by well-preserved half-timbered houses that are well worth seeing. Depending on the wind and weather conditions, our destination for a stop to go on shore is the bustling ferry port of Rødbyhavn, which opened more than 100 years ago. From here, car ferries cross between the German island of Fehmarn and the Danish archipelago.

## This is where you will disembark: Kiel-Holtenau

On the last evening of our trip, we will find a nice mooring spot in the idyllic and green Eckernförde Bucht or off shore in the Kiel Fjord. In good weather and calm seas, it will be possible to take a final photo tour around the ship with the Eye of the Wind's dinghy. The highlight of the last day of our voyage is a small captain's dinner in a familiar atmosphere.

Holtenau on the western shore of the Kiel Fjord is where our cruise ends and you can bid farewell to the crew and your fellow sailors. In Holtenau, you can watch the lively coming and going at the locks of the Kiel Canal. From small sports yachts to ocean liners, vessels of all kinds and sizes can be seen passing by during the daytime on the world's busiest artificial waterway. On the short walk to the nearby small Holtenau lighthouse, you will get a taste of the nostalgic port atmosphere – old cargo ships and schooners are often anchored at the quay at dusk.



## Six good reasons to go

- Well-balanced ratio between time at sea and shore leave
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer ... feel free to participate!
- Ideal for beginners: Safe and pleasant sailing in coastal waters
- Attractive ports and stopovers: Rostock, Lubeck (optionally: Wismar), Kiel
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- The friendly crew ensures pleasant travel memories



## Journey time

Thursday 04 June 2020 ⇨ Wednesday 10 June 2020

## Services included

- 6 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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