

Let your spirit set sail



Tall Ship Taster Trip

**Three days in the Baltic Sea:
Fjords of the Kiel Bight and the Danish South Funen Archipelago**

Wed 10 June 2020 ⇨ Sat 13 June 2020



Do you want to make your dream of sailing on a windjammer come true at last? Not sure yet whether you can endure the pitching and tossing of the waves? – This short cruise is an excellent way to get a taste of seafaring adventure! Starting from our berth in Kiel, we will explore the Danish South Funen Archipelago and the lovely Schlei Fjord, while we will sail within sight distance of the coast most of the time. At this time of the year, plenty of fresh spring air can be expected in this area of the Western Baltic Sea. Even in these few days at sea, you will enjoy the comfort and excellent on-board cuisine, experience genuine traditional seamanship, and get a taste of how it feels being back on shore after a day at sea. The following times and ports are an exemplary and non-binding sailing plan.

Day 1: Embarkation in Kiel-Holtenau

Our crew will welcome you on board in Holtenau, on the western shore of the Kiel Fjord. Embarkation will take place at 19:00 hours. After a welcome drink and dinner in the deck lounge, you will have the opportunity to observe the lively coming and going at the locks of the Kiel Canal. During the day, vessels of all kinds and sizes – from small sports yachts to ocean liners – can be seen passing by on the world's busiest artificial waterway. On the walk to the small Holtenau lighthouse (pictured right), you will get a taste of the nostalgic harbour atmosphere – old cargo ships and schooners are often anchored on the quay at dusk.



All hands on deck or all laid back – the choice is yours!

After an introduction to sailing by the ship's crew, you can soon join in the sailing yourself if you want to – no previous knowledge is needed. You can help actively with the sailing manoeuvres or just relax and watch. The setting and trimming of the sails during the days at sea will become an ever more fascinating spectacle from a long gone seafaring era. Enjoy your time on board and treat yourself to our excellent onboard cuisine. From morning to evening, the ship's cook will surprise you with a variety of recipes from his galley cookbook.



Day 2: Kiel Bight and the South Funen Archipelago

After breakfast, it will be time to "cast off!". On the eastern shore of the fjord, we will see Laboe's naval memorial; soon afterwards we will reach the open Baltic Sea at the Kiel lighthouse. After a day's sailing, we will cross the invisible German-Danish maritime border and find ourselves in the sheltering harbour of Marstal in the southeast of the Danish island of Ærø, which will be our mooring for the night.

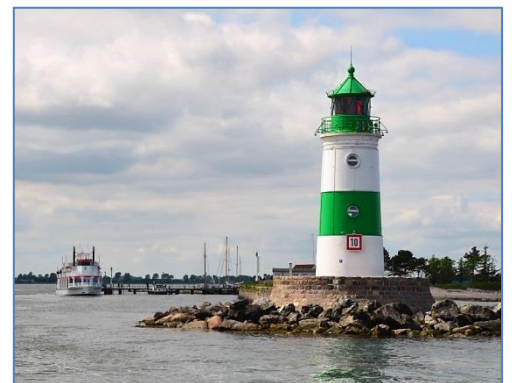


The reputation of this seaport as Denmark's sailing ship hub is not exaggerated. At the turn of the 20th century, a fleet of more than 300 commercial ships was based here. Even today, the port is still a busy place with steel and wooden shipyards, engine factories and a ferry port. The seamen's houses are built close to the harbor, spreading an atmosphere of typical Danish tranquility. In between, the narrow streets and alleys twist and wind in a charmingly disordered manner. The harbour is home to the internationally renowned Maritime Museum, which houses more than 200 ship models and other exhibits from all seven seas.

Day 3: A visit to the Schlei Fjord

We will leave Marstal in time and head in the direction of the hidden Schlei Fjord's outlet: Fresh air and sailing off Schleswig-Holstein's Baltic Sea coast once again. In good weather and calm seas, it will be possible to take a photo tour around the ship with the Eye of the Wind's dinghy.

A possible destination for the day is the Baltic Sea fjord Schlei, whose mouth is marked by the well-known green-and-white lighthouse (photo right). In the fishing village Maasholm or in the harbor town Kappeln there are good opportunities for a shore leave. During a walk along the banks of the Schlei you have a great panoramic view of this beautiful sailing area and the nature of the coastal landscape.



Instead of the side trip to the Schlei, there will be an alternative opportunity to spend a night anchored in front of Strande off the western shore of the Kiel Fjord – another highlight of every sailing trip and a great seafaring-experience, too! The culinary finale of this last day at sea will be the traditional "Captain's Dinner" in a relaxed atmosphere with all crew members and fellow sailors.



Day 4: Disembarkation in Kiel

In the morning, we will reach our destination and port of departure, Kiel-Holtenau; disembarkation is scheduled for 10 am. Make the most of your stay by exploring the Kiel Fjord, spend a day at the Falckenstein beach or take a trip to the world of sailing in the nearby marinas of Schilksee and Strande.

Please note the following information on the travel schedule:

The route described here is optional and may change at short notice due to wind and weather conditions. Alternative destinations may be other port cities and anchorages along the Danish coast. The decision on where to head is made by the captain on the same day – whenever possible, your wishes and requests will be taken into account. This ensures that your sailing trip will be a pleasant mixture of adventure, relaxation, active participation and pure enjoyment.



Six good reasons to go

- Balanced ratio between sailing time at sea and shore leave
- Safe sailing in Baltic coastal waters and in presumably moderate wind and weather conditions
- Experience the most beautiful places of the South Funen Archipelago and the Kiel Fjord from aboard
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer ... feel free to participate
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Convenient arrival and departure: start and destination ports are identical



Journey time Wednesday 10 June 2020 ⇨ Saturday 13 June 2020

Services included

- 3 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)

Germany

Official website: ▷ www.ostsee-schleswig-holstein.de

Language: German

Currency: Euro

Climate / Avg. Temp.: Air 19 °C, Water 13 °C

Traffic: right-hand driving

Denmark

Official website: ▷ www.visitdenmark.com

Language: Danish

Currency: Danish Krone

Climate / Avg. Temp.: Air 18 °C, Water 14 °C

Traffic: right-hand driving

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