

Let your spirit set sail



From the Kiel Fjord to the Jade Bay

Through the Kiel Canal to Wilhelmshaven

Sat 19 September 2020 ⇒ Fri 25 September 2020



Join the Eye of the Wind's crew on a trip through the middle of Schleswig-Holstein. On the Kiel Canal, we'll pass under ten high bridges and experience the never-ending stream of container and cruise ships, pleasure boats and ferries on the world's busiest artificial waterway.

At the end of our journey, we'll reach the Outer Elbe, the North Sea and the Weser estuary before docking at the destination port of Wilhelmshaven.

This is where you will embark: Kiel Holtenau

Our crew will welcome you on board in Holtenau, on the western shore of the Kiel Fjord. Embarkation takes place at 19:00 hours. After a welcome drink and dinner in the comfortable lounge, you will soon feel at home on the Eye of the Wind's deck and get to know your fellow sailors. During the day, you can watch vessels of all kinds and sizes – from sports yachts to ocean liners – passing by on the world's busiest artificial waterway. On an evening walk to the small Holtenau lighthouse (pictured right), you will get a taste of the nostalgic harbour atmosphere – often, numerous old cargo ships and schooners are anchored on the quay at dusk.



Across Schleswig-Holstein

Around 40,000 ships sail along the Kiel Canal every year – this is almost three times the number of vessels than on the Panama Canal or the Suez Canal. Ship enthusiasts can look forward to numerous photo opportunities. The journey takes us right through the middle of Schleswig-Holstein, along green banks and under high railway bridges that almost seem to touch the top of our mast.



Please note the following information about the itinerary:

For safety reasons, ships usually only sail through the Kiel Canal by engine without set sails. We plan to set sail on the North Sea between Brunsbüttel (the exit of the Canal) and the seaport city Wilhelmshaven, depending on the wind direction. The ship's management reserves the right to change the itinerary at short notice, depending on wind and weather conditions.

Something to enjoy: Sailing the waterways through the Kiel Canal

After almost 100 kilometres, we reach the western canal locks in Brunsbüttel and immediately afterwards the area of the Elbe estuary that flows into the North Sea. In the meantime, you can make yourself comfortable on deck or in the cosy lounge. Here, you can read a book from our large onboard library, choose a film from our DVD collection, explore the ship, and enjoy delicious culinary creations from the on-board kitchen.



Heligoland: Germany's "most beautiful natural wonder"

After a day of sailing, we reach Heligoland, Germany's only offshore island. The island with its red cliffs and the Lange Anna (Tall Anna) landmark – a free-standing rock column that is visible from afar – make a perfect sheltering port and offer numerous opportunities for duty-free shopping. A few years ago, the North Sea island received the award as Germany's most beautiful natural wonder. Make the most of your stay with a walk through the countryside of the Heligoland Oberland (Upper Land) or a boat trip to the island Düne, where island visitors share the beach with seals and grey seals.



Your choice: All hands on deck or all laid back

The Eye of the Wind is not a ship that likes to be in port for too long. After receiving safety instructions and an introduction to sailing from the ship's crew, you will soon be able to take part in the sailing yourself. Active assistance on deck is always voluntary. Naturally, you can just enjoy watching the traditional seamanship and sailing manoeuvres in action.



This is where you will disembark: Wilhelmshaven

From Heligoland we set course for the Jade estuary and our destination Wilhelmshaven, the 'green city by the sea'. The huge ship-to-shore cranes of the modern cargo handling terminals of JadeWeserPort can be seen from afar (pictured left).

Mooring in the lock chambers is another very special experience. After entering the Ems-Jade Canal, we'll soon reach the mooring at Bontekai.

This is where our six-day cruise ends and you will bid farewell to our crew and your fellow sailors. Some exciting and eventful days between the Baltic and North Sea now lie behind us. Worthwhile destinations for excursions in Wilhelmshaven are the Deutsche Marinemuseum (German Naval Museum), the Südstrand (south beach) and the Aquarium, all of which are close to each other. During an evening stroll through the port, you'll have an excellent view of the Kaiser Wilhelm Bridge (pictured left).



Six good reasons to go

- Balanced ratio between sailing time at sea, motoring in the Canal, and time for shore leave
- Suitable for beginners: short "taster trip" with comfortable and safe sailing near the coast
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer ... feel free to participate!
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Active involvement in the onboard-life, guided by our friendly crew
- Optional: stopover with shore leave on the island of Heligoland



Journey time

Saturday 19 September 2020 (7 pm) ⇌ Friday 25 September 2020 (10 am)

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.

Basic travel information (non-binding information, subject to change)

Kiel (Germany)

Official website ▷ www.kiel-sailing-city.de/en.html

Language: German

Currency: Euro

Traffic: right-hand driving

Climate: avg. air temperature 18 °C / 5-6 avg. daily sun hours

Wilhelmshaven (Germany)

▷ www.wilhelmshaven-touristik.de

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