

Let your spirit set sail



Sailing in the Rhythm of the Tides

From Jade Bay to the English Channel along the Frisian island chain

Sat 26 September 2020 ⇒ Sun 4 Oktober 2020



Eight days on board: This is plenty of time for you to experience an active holiday under sail while getting to know the ship as a place of tranquility, where you can leave behind the flood of information and the hectic buzz of everyday life. To round off the summer season, we'll explore a fascinating sailing area: the North Sea coast and the English Channel. Starting from Wilhelmshaven, the 'green city by the sea', the journey takes us along the East and West Frisian island chains to Plymouth on the coast of the English Channel.

This is where you will go on board: Wilhelmshaven/Germany

Our crew will welcome you on board in the maritime city of Wilhelmshaven. 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.



Worthwhile excursion destinations in Wilhelmshaven are the German Navy Museum, the south beach and the aquarium, all of which are located close to each other. During an evening stroll through the port, you'll have an excellent view of the Kaiser Wilhelm Bridge (pictured above). On the next morning, it's time to 'Cast off!'. After exiting through the sea lock, we first leave behind the huge ship-to-shore cranes of the modern cargo handling terminals of JadeWeserPort (pictured right). Then we leave the Jade estuary and head for the North Sea.



Our sailing waters: The North Sea and the English Channel

Challenging waters lie ahead of us, in which the forces of the tidal current set the natural rhythm. With its high volume of traffic, the Channel is one of the most interesting areas for sea lovers and ship spotters. Every day, up to 500 vessels are on the move in these sailing waters, which means that new ships can be discovered from the deck all the time.

From morning to evening, the ship's cook will surprise you with a variety of recipes from the galley cookbook. Naturally, there is always a cup of tea or coffee to warm you up if the North Sea should unfold its rough charm. In cooler hours, you can just make yourself comfortable below deck in the comfy lounge, and browse through the large onboard library and a collection of DVDs.

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. Of course, you can just enjoy watching the traditional seamanship and sailing manoeuvres in action, too.



Sailor's reward: Time to go on shore!

At least one more stay at a port is planned during the cruise. Where we go ashore strongly depends on the wind and weather conditions, and is decided at short notice by the captain who will take your wishes into account whenever possible. This ensures that your cruise is a pleasant mix of adventure, relaxation, active participation and pure enjoyment. Here are two examples of possible stops for a shore leave:

▷ **Ostende (Belgium):** The coastal town in West Flanders is considered to be the 'Queen of seaside resorts', whose appearance is dominated by the sea dyke with its long beach promenade. Popular points of interest are the piers near the beach, the neo-Gothic church of Saint Peter and Paul in the centre, the marinas and fishing harbours, as well as the town centre with its picturesque spots and an inviting amusement area.

▷ **Portsmouth (England):** With HMS Victory (the former flagship of Admiral Nelson), the battleship HMS Warrior of the Royal Navy from 1860, and the preserved wreck of the Mary Rose built more than 500 years ago in Portsmouth, the maritime heritage of the port city is everywhere. The maritime museums, the exhibition on the history of submarines, and the birthplace of the writer Charles Dickens are all well worth visiting.

Crossing prime meridian

Around one day before we reach the destination of our journey, we cross the prime meridian, the invisible line between the eastern and western hemispheres. Unlike in the notorious 'equatorial baptism', Neptune – the god of the sea – won't appear on board personally, but every sailor can be proud of a successful 'prime meridian baptism'!



This is where you will disembark: Plymouth/England

Britain's 'Ocean City' offers an abundance of nature, history and culture: Beautiful beaches and romantic hidden coves can be found along the coastline on either side of Plymouth en route to Devon and Cornwall. Attractions in Plymouth include the waterfront promenade with its famous Mayflower steps (pictured right), from where the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for the 'new world' exactly 400 years ago. This influential journey is a central theme in 2020: Plymouth offers its visitors a rich cultural programme set around this historic event, and shortly before our arrival, the 'Mayflower Week' will be taking place there.



You can also take a ferry or water taxi to Sutton Harbour or Royal William Yard to discover the city's maritime heritage. Our tip: As it's located between the sea and the moor, Plymouth is the ideal starting point for an exploration of the area around the 'English Riviera'.

You can take the Cremyll ferry from Stonehouse to explore the beautiful Mount Edgcumbe House and Gardens, or head inland to marvel at the jagged expanse of Dartmoor, one of Britain's most beautiful and largest national parks.



Seven good reasons to go

- A varied sailing experience in the busy sea area of the English Channel
- 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 on-board life, guided by our friendly regular crew
- Optional stopovers with shore leave in ports along the shores of the Channel
- Crossing the prime meridian under sail



Journey time

Saturday 26 September 2020 (7 pm) ⇌ Sunday 04 October 2020 (10 am)

Services included

- 8 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)

Wilhelmshaven/Germany

Official website: ▷ www.en.wilhelmshaven-touristik.de/

Language: German

Currency: Euro

Climate: avg. air temp. 11-18 °C / 5 avg. daily sun hrs.

Traffic: right-hand driving

Plymouth/England

Official website ▷ www.visitplymouth.co.uk

Language: English

Currency: British Pound

Climate: avg. air temp. 9-15 °C / 5 avg. daily sun hrs.

Traffic: left-hand driving

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