

Let your spirit set sail



# The West Swedish Archipelago

**100 % Scandinavia: The water landscape around Marstrand**

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Experienced sailors and Scandinavia enthusiasts consider the western Swedish archipelago to be the most beautiful part of the Baltic Sea. The 'maritime adventure playground' off the coast of the Swedish provinces of Västergötland and Bohuslän has a diverse landscape, is well protected, visually unique, attractive, and at times can be fairytale-like and dreamy. Join us on an extraordinary discovery tour and travel this magnificent seascape in an unusual, yet pleasantly comfortable way: on board a traditional tall ship that is over 100 years old!

## This is where you will go on board: Gothenburg / Sweden

Our crew will welcome you on board at the port of Gothenburg. You can get there either by a daily ferry connection from Kiel/Germany or by direct flight from many international airports. 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.

The city centre of Sweden's second-largest city is easy to explore on foot. Numerous coffee houses invite you to linger and watch the bustle. For maritime enthusiasts, a visit to the four-masted barque *Viking*, built in 1906, is also worthwhile. This largest windjammer built in Scandinavia is now a museum ship in the port section of Lilla Bommen (photo right). As a side note, the hull of Eye of the Wind laid in waiting on the site of a shipyard in Gothenburg for a year in 1970. Sometime later, the work to convert it into the passenger ship in its current form began here, too, giving this tall ship its 'second life'!



## Our sailing waters: Through the Kattegat and the Skagerrak to the Marstrand area

Amidst a stream of container ships, ferries and yachts, our windjammer will move along the waterway to the Baltic Sea. Lighthouses, stone beacons and the typical brownish-red rock of the archipelago stand out in front of our ship's bow on the horizon. Various formations of granite, small islands, and rocks in the water at random intervals force the smaller motorboats around us to sail a zigzag course.

After a fresh autumn day of sailing, we'll look for a sheltered mooring spot. There are many suitable places to choose from – it is unlikely that you will find more islands and bays per square nautical mile anywhere else in the world. In the evening, it is well worthwhile setting off by dinghy for one of the smaller granite rock islands. From here, we can enjoy the tranquillity and seclusion during the late hours of daylight. The view from raised rocks over the barren landscape with scattered wooden houses in the typical colours oxblood red and yellow is simply breathtaking.



Surrounded by nature, you can let your gaze wander over the waves, islands, arches, bays, mountains and mossy stones. The landscape changes just a few nautical miles further north. Green, partly forested islands line the winding channel. The area is known for a hardly moved water surface, so that smooth sailing conditions may be expected.

The destination of this day of sailing is the port of Marstrand on the islands of Marstrandsö and Koö in Skagerrak. The Carlsten Fortress, which towers above the car-free city, can be seen from afar. The lobster fishing season is in full swing now, and the port and surrounding waters are always busy.



## A detour to Sweden's only fjord, Gullmaren

We'll sail around the islands of Tjörn and Orust in the north and enter the Gullmaren, Sweden's only fjord, at Lysekil. The Gullmarsfjorden cuts around 30 kilometres inland. Here in the heart of the Bohuslän region, we inevitably feel transferred into the world of Astrid Lindgren's stories. A lot of fresh air and the varied shore landscape make the region a popular vacation destination all year round.

We'll continue cruising through the idyllic archipelago and enjoy the wonderful autumn days at sea. Fresh sea air is known to make seafarers hungry – so you can look forward to our excellent onboard cuisine, which will surprise you every day with local specialities and varied creations from the galley cookbook. Enjoy the peace and quiet of nature or make yourself comfortable on deck with a good book from our large onboard library.

## Through the archipelago back to Gothenburg

On the way back to Gothenburg we'll make another stop in the port of Mollösund or look for an anchor bay on the south side of the island of Klaverön. From the deck – maybe with a glass of good wine – we can watch the lively activity of the arriving yachts. What more can you want from a wonderful day on vacation?

After some eventful nine days at sea, we'll reach the port of our departure. It's time to take a last look at the small scattered rock islands that almost seem to be within reach on our route. Our ship, the crew and the rural, maritime idyll of the historical province of Bohuslän is undoubtedly something special you'll never forget.



## Six good reasons to go

- Balanced ratio between sailing time at sea and shore leave
- Suitable for beginners: comfortable and safe sailing near the coast
- Attractive seaport and stopover locations: Gothenburg and the Bohuslän province
- Approaching the natural landscape of western Sweden from the water side
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer ... feel free to participate!
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- "Sail-Seal of approval": Our crew knows this area from previous trips (2018 & 2020)!



## Journey time

Monday 26 October 2020 (7 pm) ⇌ Tuesday 03 November 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)

### Gothenburg (Sweden)

Official website: ▷ [www.goteborg.com/en/](http://www.goteborg.com/en/)

Language: Swedish

Currency: Swedish Krone (Krona)

Climate: avg. air temperature 11 °C / 4 avg. daily sun hours

Traffic: right-hand driving

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