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 Tall Ships Races

MORGENSTER: TURKU (FI) - KLAIPEDA (LT)

22 JULY - 31 JULY 2017
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15-25 : € 595,00

25+: € 770,00

International exchange during Tall Ships Race 2 – Youthvoyage age 15-25 years! The second race will lead us from Finland, across the Baltic Sea to the city port of Klaipeda, Lithuania. Besides sail training, you also will join an intercultural program with games and each day another national dinner. Make new international friends, learn how to handle the ship, and stand watch together with your fellow trainees and the crew. The city of Klaipeda welcomes the participants of the race and general public to experience various recreational activities and diverse cultural program during their stay here. You will join the crewparade and crewparty with the crew of all the ships which will participate. It promises to be an exhilarating journey! Open for Windseekers from all around the world age 15-25 years. Contact Windseeker how you can apply for extra funding if you have not joined the Tall Ships Races before: info@windseeker.org

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The Tall Ships Races is the biggest annual sailing race of the year – and it's been happening for over 6 decades now! The 2017 edition will be the 61st event and is scheduled to take place on the Baltic Sea, in 5 ports in 4 different countries. Join Race 2 from Finland to Lithuania for some amazing views and exciting sailing race. Ships from different countries are scheduled to take part, making it a truly multicultural event and a great place to make sailor friends from all over the world!



SAMANTHA (18) AUSTRALIA

"I HAVE LEARNED THAT DESPITE MY SMALL SIZE, I CAN DO ANYTHING IF I PUT MY MIND TO IT."





As a Windseeker Trainee on board the Morgenster you will be a part of the crew, meaning you will have the chance to join many on-board activities. You will join your peers on watches day and night, and take active part in the life on the ship. You'll be hoisting sails, steering the ship, practicing seamanship skills and learning the art of navigation, guided by the professional crew. And you will sail to win the race!

The International Exchange is a very special type of journey where connecting to people from other cultures is as important as sailing. Aside from doing everything to sail the Ship to the destination port, you will enjoy additional cultural activities such as national dinners, debates and games. While the professional Crew will ensure your journey will be safe, during International Exchanges there are also mentors on board who will organize your activities and help you adjust to life on board.

The Ship sails day and night and that means you will have to be there to navigate it! You will be divided into watches and work in shifts of 4 hours on, 8 hours off. That means two watches per day: one in daytime and one in the night. Don't worry, your sleep pattern will soon adjust. The language on board will be English – simple English. Most of your activities will be carried out as a team. By the time you reach the destination port you will be like a family.

LIFE ON BOARD

Life on Board of Tall Ships is really nothing comparable to your daily routine.

Wake up, and smell the coffee! A day in the life of a Windseeker starts with a hearty breakfast. With the tall ships as your home, you'll need those calories!

No day will be the same. From lazy sunny afternoons with Bob Marley swaying on deck, to wind filled rainy nights with one eye on the ship's radar and the other checking the jib.

This is life to the max. Life brought down to it's essence. Wood, steel, lines, wind, waves, yes, no. One watch checks the oil in the engine room, the other takes a well deserved hot shower after that chilly morning sunrise at sea.

There's laughter in the galley. Someone cracked a dirty joke. Serene silence on the aft deck. A group of young Windseekers soaking up the moments.

Wind seems to be shifting. Time to trim the sails. Together, as a team. Apple in mouth, zipping up your jacket you move forward. Pull the sheet just a bit tighter, or keep it loose for a while longer and see what she does? Only six miles to port. What do you think?

Then, everything moves. The deck is buzzing. Lines lying around, sails flapping as your fellow Windseekers turn the bough into the wind. It'll be easier for you and your team to take them down this way. Fenders out!

The engine roars. Forward, back, forward, manouvring alongside the quay. The lights of the harbor inn glisten invitingly over the water. A line is thrown to the old fisherman standing ashore. And another. Until a clenched fist is raised to the wheelhouse and the roaring stops. Fast!

Time to get the tall ship organized again, before a well deserved meal together. A meal prepared by those guys who said they couldn't cook. It tastes great.

Playing cards come out. Impressions are shared. The girls from the other cabin do a quick batch of laundry. Someone yawns, more follow. It's the cue to hit the bunk for a good night's sleep.

Because tomorrow will be a completely new day. A new day, with new horizons. Jump on one of our Tall Ships for an unique sailing adventure!



PORTS

Turku is a Finnish city dating back to the XIII century. Join in the ships' spectacular route through the Turku Archipelago before being brought right into the middle of the city on the banks of the Aura River. Walk the cobblestone streets, visit the medieval castle, Forum Marinum maritime centre, or one of many art museums. Take a stroll down the river bank to find your favourite little restaurant or cafe.



Klaipėda is a city in Lithuania on the Baltic Sea coast. The city has many maritime traditions – it even hosts its own Sea Festival in July! – and its architecture bears influences from several different cultures (French, German, Swedish). Take a walk down the Friedricho pasažas, visit the reconstructed Meridianas ship, find the quirky Golden Mouse sculpture and visit the Clock Museum.



KEY POINTS

- Dates: 22 July 2017 - 31 July 2017
- Embarkation: 17:00 / Disembarkation: 10:00
- For Windseekers of all ages, minimum age 15 years
- Participating countries: open for all nationalities all around the world
- Windseekers joining: maximum of 35
- No sailing experience required!
- Official language on board: English and Dutch
- Price includes: accommodation and meals, excludes drinks at the bar
- Price excludes transportation costs to-and from the ports. Our travel counsellor can advise you and book your transfers
- One-off registration fee €25
- Windseekers need to have a health insurance and a travel insurance
- Need to take with you on board: sleeping bags and towels
- French Windseekers need to become member of Les Amis des Grands Voiliers
- Contact your fellow-Windseekers via Windseeker facebook

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