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 Tall Ships Races

ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT II: FREDRIKSTAD (NO) - BERGEN (NO)

13 JULY - 23 JULY 2019
FREDRIKSTAD (NO) - BERGEN (NO)

15-25: € 950,00

25+ : € 1.490,00

* Places at request * Tall Ships Races: Cruise in Company. Explore the famous Norwegian coast and take part in spectacular harbour events! Join Alexander von Humboldt II in Fredrikstad and leave the port in a Parade of Sail. Then spend your days learning to sail a large Tall Ship and discovering beautiful Norway. Reach Bergen to join a festival, have fun with your crew mates and meet international sailors from the other Tall Ships. Languages on board are mainly German and English. In addition extra, per person € 50, – for harbor fees, pilotage, etc. Surcharge for 2-bed cabin 25% p.p. For all Windseekers, minimum age 15 years.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Once again in 2019 the Tall Ships from all over the world will come together to compete in the 63rd annual Tall Ships Races. The Cruise in Company is a more laid-back leg of the event, where speed doesn't matter so much and you will have the time to enjoy the leisurely sailing. This year you will explore the stunning Norwegian coast on the way from Fredrikstad to Bergen. Take in the surroundings and enjoy sailing with your fellow trainees before joining the port events.



STEPHANIE (42) FRANCE

"I LEARNED THAT IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO FIND A NEW PASSION IN LIFE."





As a Windseeker you will be a trainee on board of Alexander von Humboldt II. Under the watchful eye of professional crew members you will be responsible for sailing the Ship from setting and trimming the sails, through looking out for other vessels, to navigating and steering. You will have day and night watches, and also some time to relax and enjoy the journey!

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 Ship 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 its essence. Wood, steel, lines, wind, waves... 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 bow 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, maneuvering 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 girls who said they couldn't cook. It tastes great.

Playing cards come out. Impressions are shared. The guys 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 a unique sailing adventure!

PORTS

100 km south of Oslo, Fredrikstad is a coastal town, on the East side of the Oslofjord. Fredrikstad has a mix of old and new – The ‘Gamlebyen’ Old Town is a well-preserved star fort, across the water from the modern waterfront. Visitors can also visit the 16th-century Kongsten fort, or Scandinavia’s largest model railway. Fredrikstad will be a host port for the Tall Ship Races 2019.



Bergen is the gateway to the Fjords of Norway and a well-established cruise port. It’s an international city packed with history and tradition, a big city with small-town charm and atmosphere. Stroll around old streets and alleyways, and mingle with the crowds at the Fish Market. Saunter along the listed wooden buildings at Bryggen to the old fortress at Bergenhus, or call in at one of Bergen’s museums and galleries. The panoramic views of the city, the fjord and the ocean are breathtaking.



KEY POINTS

- Dates: 13 July 2019 - 23 July 2019
- Embarkation: 16:00 / Disembarkation: 10:00
- For Windseekers of all ages, minimum age 15 years
- Windseekers joining: maximum 54
- No sailing experience required!
- Official language on board: English and German
- 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
- Windseekers need to have a health insurance and a travel insurance
- Need to take with you on board: towels

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