



SET COURSE FOR NEW HORIZONS

 International Exchange

GULDEN LEEUW: **THE HAGUE (NL) - LONDON (GB) - AMSTERDAM (NL)**

27 JULY - 09 AUGUST 2019
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18-28 : €
795,00

Erasmus+ funded International Exchange: Looking for Sustainable Horizons. For young people aged 18-28 from: The Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium, France, UK, Germany, Italy. Get together with your fellow trainees and mentors in The Hague/Scheveningen for a special program. Once you step on board the crew will teach you everything you need to know about sailing the ship while the mentors will organise a cultural and educational program with a focus on sustainability issues such as plastic-pollution. Set sail to the UK to visit London and come back across the North Sea. Last days in Amsterdam will be spend in a hostel. We will explore Amsterdam whilst 'fishing' for plastic with Plastic Whale, visit a company with an excellent zero-waste policy and learn how to spread this mission. There will be free time to visit the city with the other trainees. Additional fees may apply due to the necessity of becoming a member of partner organisation of your country (up to EUR 30).

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Set the sails, steer the vessel, stand on lookout; prepare national dinner, play games, learn about customs of your peers; make friends from different countries and take part in an unforgettable adventure! Join an Erasmus+ International Youth Exchange. Step on board of a beautiful Tall Ship Gulden Leeuw. Sail from Netherlands to England and back, and explore the North Sea. Earn a Youth Pass - the official EU certificate of skills and competences.



LIEVEN (23) BELGIUM
"SETTING SAILS: ALWAYS FANTASTIC."





These unique sailing journeys are a perfect mix of Sail Training and cultural programs. You will sail the Ship with other participants of similar age from several different countries. While the captain and his crew will teach you how to sail a Tall Ship, the mentors will make sure that everyone feels good on board and has fun participating in various activities, which will be focused around our theme of sustainability and plastic-pollution.

The cultural and educational program has been prepared with great care by experienced people. You will join your peers in games and challenges; talk about your own country and discuss important issues. You will also discover 3 wonderful cities: The Hague, London and Amsterdam, from a completely new perspective! Here we will put our theme into action and organize a beach clean-up together with a local organization, visit a start-up with exciting ideas and fish for plastic in the beautiful canals!

The Ship doesn't stop when the night comes so you will be working day and night to reach your destination! 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. You will stand lookout, navigate, man the helm, cook and clean – and you do it all as a team. By the time you reach the destination port you will be like a family.

PORTS

The Hague is the seat of government in the Netherlands and the third-largest city of the Netherlands, after Amsterdam and Rotterdam. King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands plans to live at Huis ten Bosch and works at Noordeinde Palace in The Hague, together with Queen Máxima. Most foreign embassies in the Netherlands and 150 international organisations are located in the city. This is one of the major cities hosting the United Nations, along with New York, Geneva, Vienna and Addis Ababa.

With more bicycles than people, cycling is an integral part of Amsterdam's DNA. Hop on and see the city like the locals do! Winding waterways, idyllic bridges and historic buildings – one of the most memorable ways to truly see Amsterdam is from the canals. Amsterdam has a full cultural agenda showcasing the very best festivals, nightlife, exhibitions & events, plus there is enough practical tourist info, hotel, museum, excursion & attraction listings, you won't miss a thing!



EPP (20) ESTONIA

"THE NICEST MOMENT WAS ARRIVING TO CADIZ, WHEN WE SAT ON THE MAST WITH THE ENTIRE TEAM, WEARING OUR TEAM SHIRTS AND SINGING LOUDLY TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WE'RE COMING."

SPONSORSHIP AND COSTS

Potential reimbursement of your travel cost to- and from the ship might be possible, depending on the additional funding from Erasmus+ Program. This will be determined in January/February 2019. Maximum transfer costs will be between 180 EUR-275 EUR (depending on the country of origin and travel distance). Note: any compensation will occur after your trip and can take a substantial amount of time due to administrative processes.

Windseekers from Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Sweden need to become members of their countries' Sail Training Associations for a small fee (usually up to EUR 30).

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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 it's 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 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, 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!

KEY POINTS

- Dates: 27 July 2019 - 9 August 2019
- For Windseekers aged 18-28
- Participating countries: The Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium, France, UK, Germany and Italy.
- Windseekers joining: up to 60
- No sailing experience required!
- Official language on board: English
- 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: sleeping bags and towels
- Windseekers from the Netherlands need to become member of STAN
- French Windseekers need to become member of Les Amis des Grands Voiliers

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