

 International Exchange

VEGA GAMLEBY: STOCKHOLM (SE) - GOTHENBURG (SE) - KARLSHAMN (SE)

15 July - 04 August 2019

Stockholm (SE) - Gothenburg (SE) - Karlshamn (SE)

15-25: € 975,00

26-28 : € 2.100,00

Erasmus+ International Exchange. Theme: Plastic – an Issue Without Borders. Only for young people aged 15-25 years from: The Netherlands, Denmark, France, UK and Sweden. (26-28 at request via info@windseeker.org). Meet with your fellow trainees and mentors in Stockholm, board Vega Gamleby and sail towards Karlshamn, visiting Gothenburg and the island of Oland along the way, get to know your peers from other countries, learn about plastic-pollution from a marine-biologist and contribute to scientific research and cleaner seas. Additional fees may apply due to the necessity of becoming a member of a partner organisation of your country (up to EUR 25-30). **IMPORTANT:** Vega Gamleby is a vegetarian ship and all meals on board will be vegetarian.



AXEL (23), FRANCE

*"IT IS AN ADVENTURE YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!
BEING A SAILOR ONLY TAKES PASSION AND
MOTIVATION."*





PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Set the sails, steer the vessel; prepare national dinner, make friends from different countries and contribute to making the Earth a healthier place! Join an Erasmus+ International Youth Exchange. Step on board to sail around Sweden, explore its coastal towns and clean its beautiful beaches. This project is set in cooperation with By the Ocean we Unite who will send along a marine biologist who will teach us all there is to know about plastic pollution.

We will be doing scientific research and beach cleanups, making a difference whilst exploring new places! Earn a Youth Pass - the official EU certificate of skills and competences. The International Exchanges are a mix of Sail Training journeys and cultural programs. 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.

Lastly, the marine biologist will make sure the data gathered during this voyage can be used for scientific studies: BTOWU will share the results of our water-samples (to be taken by you with a special net) with 5Gyres, an international organization concerned with this matter. You will join your peers in games and challenges; talk about your own country and learn about theirs; share your national food; and brainstorm about how to tackle sustainability issues like plastic pollution.

Besides being a great adventure, will this project also provide you with the knowledge and inspiration to start making a change yourself and contribute to making the world a healthier place. The Ship doesn't stop when the night comes, that means that you will be working day and night to reach your destination! 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

Swim, paddle and shop in this city rich with culture and history. Stockholm is located on Sweden's south-central east coast, where the freshwater Lake Mälaren, Sweden's third largest lake, flows into the Baltic Sea. Over 30% of the city area is made up of waterways. Another 30% is made up of parks and green spaces. Stockholm has become a modern, technologically advanced, and ethnically diverse city. Have fun while exploring this 'Venice of the North', on the water and the shores.

Situated by the Kattegat Gothenburg is the second-largest city in Sweden. With the largest port in the Nordic countries. Due to its two universities, there are many students. Have a walk over the boulevard Kungsporsavenyn (known as Avenyn, "The Avenue"). Visit a museum or Liseberg, the largest amusement park in Scandinavia. Go to Haga district for its picturesque wooden houses and its well-known Haga bulle (cinnamon roll). Go to one of the parks or the famous Southern Gothenburg Archipelago.

Karlshamn is small city in the southern Sweden, on the Baltic Sea coast. Visit the Karlshamns Museum to learn more about the history of the area and its history of producing tobacco and alcoholic punch. Take a trip to the Kreativum Science Center. Admire the Utvandrarmonumentet monument for all the Swedes who emigrate to America and explore the Skottsbergiska Garden museum.



SPONSORSHIP AND COSTS

The youngster price (age 15-25) will be 15-25 is EUR 975,- per trainee, instead of the normal price of EUR 2,100.

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

Join the Dinghy Programme to get help with the funding: windseeker.org/dinghy

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.



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LIFE ON BOARD

Wake up and smell the coffee. Step out on deck and breathe in the chilly morning breeze. Look out over the horizon, can you see the land yet? Or maybe a pod of dolphins have decided to pay a visit?

No day, no hour on board is the same. You relax, talk, joke and sing shanties one minute, only to be climbing the masts and pulling the lines in the next one.

Then everything calms down again. You go down to the galley to help with lunch. The Ship's heeling turns carrying a pot of soup into a true adventure. You all laugh while navigating this obstacle course.

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. The sails are perfect now and the Ship takes up some speed. What an exhilarating feeling!

Time for a hot shower and a well-deserved nap. You fall asleep lulled by the sound of waves hitting the hull. Your next watch starts at midnight. You can't wait to watch the starry sky with a cup of hot tea in your hands.

And 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: 15 July 2019 - 4 August 2019
- Embarkation: 16:00 / Disembarkation: 12:00
- For Windseekers 15-25 years, age 26-28 at request
- Participating countries: The Netherlands, Denmark, France, UK and Sweden
- Windseekers joining: maximum 36
- 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 bag, pillowcase, sheets 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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