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 International Exchange

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

03 July - 17 July 2021

Stockholm (SE) - Gothenburg (SE) - Malmo (SE)

NORMAL PRICE : € 995,00

Baltic Resarch, Round2. Erasmus+ Youth Exchange for young people aged 15-25 years from: Denmark, Netherlands, Ireland and Sweden (26-28 at request). Join a cultural exchange on board a vegetarian tall ship Vega Gamleby in Sweden. Make new, international friends and discover your similarities and differences. Learn to sail a traditional vessel, fish for, and analyse, microplastic in the sea and discover the beautiful coast of Sweden. Challenge yourself and learn how to steer, trim the sails and navigate using sea charts. Join the games set up by your mentors, and most of all: enjoy the trip! Participate in Dinghy to raise money for your journey and learn new things about yourself. 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.



BOUKJE (15) NETHERLANDS

"I FELT LIKE A FREE HUMAN. EVERYTHING I DID FELT SO GOOD."





ABOUT THE JOURNEY

Are you looking for something special this summer? Do you want to do something fun yet meaningful? Join a youth exchange on a Tall Ship and explore the coast of Sweden while studying sustainability. Spend your time living, sailing and learning about people of different backgrounds, ethnicities, religions. Explore the similarities and celebrate the differences between you. Try the best foods from other countries and learn by experience that even differences can work in your favor.

Of course Sail Training will be a big part of your adventure, as it is a great learning tool. Together with the other participants you will receive more responsibilities each day, practicing teamwork and leadership, until you are able to do most tasks on board by yourselves. Setting sails? Steering? Navigating? You won't even notice when you've taken over the ship. You will remember the sense of satisfaction for many years and your self-confidence will soar as high as the masts of the Vega!

Sailing is by its nature a sustainable activity. For example, we have to mind the limited fresh water supplies on board. In accordance with the theme this journey will take place on a vegetarian ship and we will plan the route so as to avoid using the engine as much as possible. You will actively join in monitoring the plastic levels in the sea with a biologist from By the Ocean we Unite. You will also organise local actions such as cleanups and awareness campaigns.

No budget? No worries! The Windseeker Dinghy will help you get on board. The program, much more than just a fundraising training, is part of your preparation and included in the Exchanges. Raise money for your journey, supported by an experienced coach. Learn new things about yourself and gain life skills. It is also a great way to connect with other trainees. Let us know at booking if you'd like to take part. It's a good idea, really. Regardless of financial reasons. Join Dinghy and get going!

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.

Malmo is a Swedish city dating back to the Middle Ages when it was an important Hanseatic trading port. It is famously connected to Copenhagen with an 8 kilometer bridge. The long history makes Malmo a nice city for a stroll. Visit the Malmo Castle, have a snack in the Lilla Torg square, relax in one of several parks and admire the gothic Sankt Petri Church.



SPONSORSHIP AND COSTS

Participants of this journey are enrolled into the Windseeker Dinghy Program for free in order to raise money for their own journey.

The subsidized price for this journey is EUR 995,- per trainee, instead of the regular price of EUR 1,780.

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

Possible reimbursement of your travel costs to- and from the ports, pending a financial support from the Erasmus+ Program of the European Union. Reimbursement up to a certain amount (according to the rules of the Erasmus+ Program). Maximum possible reimbursement: the Netherlands 275; Denmark: 275; Ireland 275; Sweden 20.

The reimbursement will take place several months after the journey and is conditional on Erasmus+ grant (to be confirmed).



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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: 3 July 2021 - 17 July 2021
- For Windseekers 15-25 years, age 26-28 at request
- Participating countries: Denmark, Netherlands, Ireland, Sweden
- 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 ports. Our travel counsellor can advise you and book your transfers. Windseeker can help to arrange traveling together with other trainees from your country
- Windseekers need to have a health insurance and a travel insurance
- Need to take with you on board: pillowcase, bedsheets and towels
- Windseekers from the Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden need to become members of their countries' Sail Training Associations

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