

Tall Ships Races 2012 on board Bark Europa

RACE 1 OF THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2012
A EUROPEAN UNION INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Between FRANCE and PORTUGAL

7th of July - 21st of July 2012

Have you ever dreamed of sailing on a Tall Ship?
At Sea Sail Training gives you a taste of life on board a Tall Ship. No experience needed! Together with your teammates from all over Europe, you will be introduced to all aspects of ocean-sailing. A professional crew will teach you about navigation, sailing rules and manoeuvring. Enjoy teamwork whilst learning to depend on yourself, make new friends and party together at the famous Tall Ship festivals. A once in a lifetime experience!

- > A Special European Union Exchange
- > Take part in the famous Tall Ships Races
- > Sail the beautiful Bark Europa
- > Make friends for life
- > Open to trainees of 15 - 25 years
- > Learn about yourself and other trainees
- > 8 Participating countries: Portugal, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, Norway and Belgium
- > No experience needed
- > Saint Malo (FR) - Lisbon (PT), race 1
- > 7 July – 21 July 2012: 15 days
- > How to join? Please sign up via www.atseasailtraining.com



THE TALL SHIP RACES

The Tall Ships Races are held every year in European Waters. The intent of the race is making new friends from all over the world and learn how to sail. The race consist of three races over several hundred miles and a Cruise in company between the legs. At least one half of the crew of each ship has to consist of young people.

The Tall Ships Races 2012 will start off in Saint Malo, France. The city said to be full of poetry and romance. Here the Tall Ships will meet up and get ready for the first race, setting sail to Lisbon. This trip is an amazing sail training experience as the whole trip will take 15 days. Together with international trainees from 8 European countries (Portugal, Netherlands, UK, Norway, Belgium, Italy, France and Sweden), it will be an exciting adventure.

THE BARK EUROPA

The bark Europa has sailed nearly every ocean. This three-master is equipped with a total of 30 sails and has participated in many Tall Ship Races since 1994. With great success: In 2000 she became first in one of the legs and second in the overall Transatlantic match series.

In 2010 the Europa joined the Tall Ships Races at the Great Lakes. In 2011 she joined the Tall Ships Races in Europa. In winter time she can be found on Antarctica. In short, a true world traveller or ocean wanderer!



The Europa was built in 1911 in Hamburg and first named 'Senator Brockes'. For years it served as a lightship on the Elbe. Harry Smidt bought the ship in 1986 and moved it to Holland to have it rebuilt into a bark (a square - rigged three-mast); the Europa. Since 1994 the completely renovated Europa sails the oceans as trainee ship.

THE CREW

All three of the Bark Europa's captains, Klaas and Eric, have sailed all around the world and are really experienced sailors. They have sailed many Tall Ships Races during their career. The permanent crew of the Bark Europa consists of 14 professional sailors and 48 trainees.

Before departure you will have three instructions, life on board, safety and deck, all explaining you how you can safely work and live on board.

The crew will be from all over the world, the working and instruction language spoken on board will be English. A ships doctor is always part of the permanent crew of the Bark Europa.

THE ACCOMODATION

The classical mahogany deckhouse, teak deck and floors and the authentic details take you back to the 20th century. The comfortable cabins, eleven in total, are well equipped with a private lavatory and shower.

The berths are divided into two two-person cabins, five four-person cabins and four six-person cabins. Furthermore you will find a sick-bay, a deck lounge with bar, a dining saloon and a relaxing reading corner. Board this ship and experience the adventurous nautical atmosphere.



ADVENTURE for
EVERYBODY



KITLIST

> *Papers and insurance:* You need to have a valid passport or identity card, copy of insurance papers (health insurance and travel insurance).

> *Insurance:* we expect each participant to have his or her own liability insurance and medical insurance valid in your country. We also expect every trainee to have travel insurance.

> *Clothing:* For your voyage it is important to bring warm and waterproof clothing. Although it is summer, it can be cold at night. For a full list of what to bring aboard, please check the separate packing List.

> *More ideas:* photography and film equipment, sunglasses, hat to cover your head in the sun, personal medicines, toiletries, small backpack for port visits, musical instruments and song books. Please remember there is limited storage on the ship.

Programme outline

> Your Tall Ships Adventure starts Saturday the 7th of July at 17.00 hours on board the Bark Europa in the harbour of St Malo. When you arrive you will get to know the ship, mentors, crew and the other trainees. After a warm welcome, the Captain's introduction and safety briefing, you will have time to spend a pleasant evening on board or in port. Should your travel schedule cause you to arrive before 17.00 hours, you are welcome to store your bags aboard and have a look around the town.

> The next morning the ship will leave the harbour and start race 1. After breakfast, you will be introduced to how everything works on the deck of the ship. Together with the crew, you will get the ship ready to leave the harbour and start race 1 of the Tall Ships Race 2012.

> On board you will be divided into three watches. This means that you will also be on watch during the night. You will learn to set the sails, to steer the vessel, you will help the cook preparing the meals and clean the ship inside and out. You do this during your watch, but also if necessary outside of you're on watch.

On board you have to work together and take care of the ship. It is a challenge to set a good racing time, there will be a good mood on board and you will become part of the crew like a real trainee. When on watch there will be professional crew to help and guide you and a watch officer to take care of the navigation while you manage the sails.

> Life at sea can be hectic at times when the wind gets stronger or calms down, but there is always plenty of time to relax and read a book or sing together while the sun is setting. Life on a Tall Ship is great! Our goal is to organize group activities at least once a day – varying from playing games to singing – so everybody gets to know each other really well and feels part of one big team. There is nothing too crazy for us; you are welcome to share your ideas!

> In the harbour there will be lots of activities organised by the host port especially for the visiting young trainees. Open-air free concerts, city tours and parties will all be there for you! Of course you must challenge the trainees from other ships during sports competitions, and you must walk with the Crew Parade through the whole city where thousands of spectators will cheer you, because you are from a ship!

Your ship could receive an award during the prize-giving ceremony and last but not least you can join the crazy crew party for everybody who took part in the race of The Tall Ships Races 2012.

The port of Lisbon is looking forward to receiving the Tall Ships and will make sure that you have a great time during your stay!

> Your voyage will end on Saturday 21st of July at 10.00 in the morning You will look back at a life changing-experience!



What is so SPECIAL about an International Exchange?!

This is a special programme, organised in collaboration with the European organisation 'Youth in Action'. As well as sailing the vessel, you will decide for yourselves which extra activities you would like organised on board and in the ports. Prior to the race, all the participants in each country will meet in May to prepare the day to day programme and you can start getting to know each other.

On board you will organize special games and evenings where you will be able to share national foods, talk about national traditions and learn about other cultures. There will be mentors on board to help with ideas.



COST AND VOYAGE

This year the voyage will start in Saint Malo (FR), and will finish in Lisbon (PT). The trip takes 15 days and starts on the 7th of July and will end at the 21st of July 2012.

The normal price for this voyage is €1725- but for people in the age between 15-25 years there is a special price of €1225,-. All prices include accommodation and all meals on board. Excluding transfers. 70% of the transfer costs will be sponsored. This means your costs of getting from home to the ship in Saint Malo and from Lisbon back home. This can be train, plane, bus etc.

STRUCTURE COST AND SPONSORSHIP

This special project coordinated by At Sea Sail Training is funded by the EU programme Youth in Action. This programme promotes cultural exchanges between young European people. They do so by covering a daily fee and 70% of the travelling costs.

Together with money from other funds we are able to offer you this programme at a reduced price. The price includes food and accommodation on the ship but excludes drinks at the bar and transportation to and from the ports. Transfers are available by way of discount airlines.



KEY POINTS

- > Bark Europa; A class vessel, 56 meter.
- > 14 crew and 48 trainees
- > Open for all trainees between 15 - 25 years old
- > 8 Participating countries: Portugal, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, Norway and Belgium
- > No sailing experience required
- > Official language aboard: English
- > One-off registration costs of €25
- > All prices include accommodation, all meals and drinks on board, excluding drinks at the bar
- > All prices are excluding transportation to and from the ports
- > Transfers need to be booked independently by participants
- > You can contact other participants using Facebook

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