

CHRISTIAN RADICH – INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE – 2009; SAIL A LEGEND!

- > 80 Trainees from several European countries
- > Sailing from Turku (Finland) to Klaipeda (Lithuania)
- > Tall Ships Race 2
- > 25 July - 2 August 2009 (9 days)

The Christian Radich never goes unnoticed. It is a legendary ship, which made appearances in several movies and won many races and regatta's worldwide. In The Tall Ships' Races 2009 Race 2, the square-rigged ship will be one of the favourites once again.

CHRISTIAN RADICH & CREW

Only 75 years old, this super tuned Tall Ship is the youngest of all Nordic Tall Ships, but not lacking in speed. This sturdy & fast windjammer has won several races, is three times winner at the Tall Ships' Races 2005 and became first in 2006 during the legendary 50th Anniversary Tall Ships' Race from Torbay to Lisbon and won also two races in 2008!. There is a comfortable lower deck, divided into two rooms, which can hold up to 80 people. This is where you sleep, eat, relax and follow theory classes on skills such as making knots. You can choose for 'fitted' bunks against the wall or for super relaxing hammocks to experience the ultimate nautical feeling. The passionate 25-man international crew is highly skilled and will train you so you can make an all-out effort to claim gold during the Tall Ships' Races 2009 with this heroic ship.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Your trip starts on Saturday the 25th of July in the port of the Finish Turku, where all the ships participating in The Tall Ships' Races 2009, will be berthed alongside. Turku is Finland's largest cultural city and it is making big investments to become the European Capital of Culture in 2011. There are hundreds of projects, ranging from music to arts and cultural heritage that will be initiated and subsidized.

Upon your arrival you will be introduced to the mentors, crew and other participants. After this introduction you will receive the safety instructions and the bunks will be assigned. Be sure not to miss the fire works! The port has been planning to prepare the city for the event for years, so don't be surprised; all efforts have been made to create a great spectacle! It's not out of the ordinary when you watch the fireworks explode above the water surface together with half a million



other people. The next morning is the kick-off of the second race with the 'Parade of Sail', an incredibly impressive entry of the complete fleet of Tall Ships, Small Ships and Yachts. All around, you will see masts & sails and you are part of this all. Besides the fleet there are hundreds of thousands of spectators on shore or in the countless smaller barges.

Along with the crew and the other trainees, you have to work together closely on board to achieve the best results. During your watch things can get quite hectic. In

case of a storm the standing sails needs to be taken away and when the storm dies down again, the sails have to be set again. when the wind or the ship changes directions, the yards needs to be braced (turned) and many lines has to be either slacked or pulled. It's a lot of hard work, but it's fun work too. It is also possible that there is hardly anything to do and then there is plenty of time to relax, and you can, for example, enjoy yourself on the quarter-deck with a guitar singing until sunset. Isn't life great? In between the watch keeping there is also enough time to read, get to know each other or simply enjoy the great view and with a bit of luck you will see dolphins jumping alongside of the bow! We're striving for more than 13 different European nationalities aboard and our goal is to organise group activities at least once a day to get to know each other and each other's cultures. This varies from cooking national food to singing; there is nothing too crazy for us.

On the 31st of July the ship will anchor in Klaipeda and will stay there together with the complete fleet, where you will have two days of sports, culture, ceremonies and parties. Klaipeda is Lithuania's only seaport and is an absolutely beautiful historical town with a picturesque feeling to it. Once ashore there is plenty to see and you can check out the various music stands, stages and food corners. Sail Training International organises all kinds of activities in collaboration with the port, starting early in the morning until late in the afternoon: from sightseeing to rowing races between the teams of the different ships. And of course your will participate in the Crew Parade when all the crews will present themselves to the city. It is an exuberant party, especially when the crews of the Mexican Cuauhtémoc and the Indonesian ships make their introduction; with their energetic music bands they know how to create a great party vibe! The Parade moves onto the big stage where awards will be presented in the presence of a dignitary, like a mayor, a prime minister or even a king! The number of awards is gigantic; there are not only trophies for the fastest ships, but also for the most entertaining team.

As the crowning sensation, all participants of the Tall Ships' Race celebrate the race ending together in style with a wild Crew Party, which comes to life with big bands, DJ's and great food. Your trip



comes to an end the next day, but no worries; The Tall Ship' Races will take place again next year, and you can be part of it!

STRUCTURE COST AND SPONSORSHIP

This special project organised by At Sea Sail Training is supported by the European organisation Tall Ships' Youth Trust. Partner organisations in several countries in Europe are involved in the project and subsidize the voyage. Therefore we can offer you this programme at a reduced price. Your stay on board the ship is based on full board and excludes drinks at the bar and transportation to and from the ports. Transfers are available by way of discount airlines and At Sea Sail Training is more than willing to provide you with the best advice.

KEY POINTS

- > **Christian Radich; Windjammer – 73 meters.**
- > **25 July – 2 August 2009 (9 days).**
- > **80 trainees between the ages of 15 - 25 years.**
- > **Different European nationalities.**
- > **Sailing from Turku to Klaipeda.**
- > **Official language aboard: English.**
- > **Sponsored price: €585 instead of €880.**
- > **One-off registration costs of €25.**
- > **All prices are excluding transportation from and to the ports.**
- > **Transfers need to be booked separately by participants.**
- > **You can contact other participants using Facebook.**
- > **No experience needed!**

HOW TO JOIN?

Please sign up via www.atseasailtraining.com

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