

JOIN THE FAMOUS "OCEAN WANDERER", BARK "EUROPA" TRANS ATLANTIC CHALLENGE 2009

- > 40 Trainees from several countries from all over the world
- > Sailing the Trans Atlantic Challenge 2009
- > Several Race legs from Bermuda, Charleston, Boston, Halifax and Belfast and end up in the Netherlands
- > Period between 14 June – 21 August 2009



7000 nautical miles to sheer exotic destinations, adventurous legs, amazing scenery and an impressive fleet of sailing vessels travelling from continent to continent: This is the Tall Ships' Atlantic Challenge 2009. The race is held only once every 10 years and by signing up you can count on entering a very special edition. The race starts the 30th of April in the Spanish town of Vigo and the armada will travel via the Canary Islands, Bermuda, the USA and Canada, to the finish in Belfast, Northern Ireland. At Sea organises several trips for this race and one of the ships is the bark EUROPA.

The EUROPA will join the Race fleet in Bermuda after her Southern Hemisphere trip that includes Antarctica, Cape Town, and the lonely Islands of St Helena and Ascension. But from Bermuda she will sail with her sisters to places as Charleston, Boston, Halifax and Belfast. After this race she will return for a few weeks to her home country; Holland, where she will visit the big SAIL event in Delfzijl.

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. Last summer the Europa stayed in Cape Town, after having sailed non-stop for 15 years the time had come for a big refit. And this winter she can be found in Antarctica again. In short, a true world traveller or ocean wanderer.

HISTORY

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.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

- The start of each voyage will be at 17.00 hour and the ship will leave the next morning. You will board the Bark Europa and start with getting to know each other and the Bark Europa and her crew. Beside that you will have the safety briefing. Should your travel schedule cause you to arrive before the voyage start time you are welcome to store your bags aboard the ship and return for the Captain's introduction.
- The next day: first the deck instruction and then the departure for the Parade of Sail and of course the Start of the Race! Charleston – Boston will be a not a race but a cruise in company, so sailing together with other ships and visit some beautiful harbours.
- At sea you will be divided in three watches. You all will learn to set the sails and steer the vessel, help the cook with the meals and some cleaning. You have a big chance to see dolphins around the ship or jumping under the bow!
- We hope the Bark Europa win the race and there is some time to visit another harbour. Maybe there is a nice place for anchoring close to the beach for a BBQ before you will sail into the Tall Ship harbour. Time enough to meet people of other ships in the harbour and having fun together with a culture program, sports, crew parade, prize giving and crew party.
- At the 3rd day in harbour at 09.00 hour the voyage will be ending in the morning. We hope you can look back at a lifetime-experience! For people who want to sail more legs, this is possible!

ACCOMMODATION

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.

THE CREW AND HIS SAFETY

The Bark Europa is certified by the Dutch Shipping Inspection. Annually the vessel gets a survey, from machinery hull up till her rigging. The Bark Europa complies with the latest safety regulations, complying with not only national regulations, but also EU and SOLAS regulations. The same goes for her crew, that, according to the demands of the Dutch Shipping Inspection, will have followed the necessary STCW safety trainings and/or nautical education. All three of its captains, Klaas, Rob and Eric, have sailed all around the world and are really experienced sailors. They have sailed many Tall Ships Races during their career. 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. Crew will be from all over the world, the (WORKING AND INSTRUCTION) language spoken on board will be English. A ship's-doctor is always part of the permanent crew of the EUROPA.

VOYAGES BARK EUROPA TSAC

	LEG	START	END	DAYS	PRICE 15-25 years	Price >25 years
Vy 1	Bermuda (UK)- Charleston (USA)	14-june	27-june	14	€ 1.295,00	€ 1.540,00
	Charleston (USA) – Boston (USA)	28-june	10-july	13	€ 1.195,00	€ 1.430,00
Vy 2	Boston (USA) – Halifax (USA)	12-july	18-july	7	€ 650,00	€ 780,00
Vy 3*	Halifax (USA)- Belfast (IR)	19-july	15-aug	28	€ 2.450,00	€ 2.950,00
Vy 4	Belfast (IR) - Eemshaven (NL)	15-aug	21-aug	7	€ 590,00	€ 790,00

* 50% of the trainees will be between 15-25 years

PACKLIST

For your voyage warm clothing and waterproof clothing is very important. You may get wet because of a high wave splashing over the bow, during deck washing or simply because it rains. Think of comfortable shoes with low heel and non-slippery soles, sandals, boots or waterproof shoes. Take enough clothing for all weather circumstances: warm sweaters, T-shirts etc, socks, underwear and nightwear. Also take some swimming gear, watertight jacket and pants. You need to have a valid passport or identity card, copy of insurance papers (health insurance and travel insurance).

For sleeping-items you only take your own pyjama: your bed is ready when you come on board and you will get towels as well. More ideas: photo and film equipment, sunglasses, sun lotion, personal medicines and toiletries, small backpack for in the harbour, music instruments or music.

Insurance: we expect each trainee to have their own liability insurance and medical insurance valid in your country. We also expect every trainees to have a travel insurance.

KEY POINTS

- > **Bark Europa – A class vessel, 56 meter.**
- > **Totally 48 trainees and crew.**
- > **Open for all ages older then 15 years.**
- > **No sailing experience required.**
- > **Look at the day-to-day program at the website.**
- > **Minimum age: 15 years old.**
- > **Official language aboard: English.**
- > **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.**



HOW TO JOIN?

Please sign up via www.atseasailtraining.com

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