

General Terms of Sailing/Day Trips

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1. Tall ship tours/day trips

We would like to remind you that sometimes the trip has to be completed by engine power due to delays or unfavorable wind conditions. Sails will be set as soon as conditions permit. The setting of sails is left to the sole discretion of the captain. The decision depends on the observation of safety regulations as well as wind and weather conditions.

The ships will be powered by sail whenever possible, although not all the sails will be set at all times. Regardless of that, you're booking a sailing trip, i.e., it is your goal to experience the ship under sails, be it as an active participant or passively. There will be limitations through possible conflicts between course, coastlines, shoals, boundaries, density of traffic, and scheduled time of arrival in relation to current and forecast conditions of weather, current and swell. To accommodate these contradictory influences is the responsibility of the captain. Most of the time this will work, but sometimes it will not. Even the best of navigators and meteorologists will have their difficulties with making precise forecasts. Dear fellow sailors, you may safely assume that your ship's management and has the goal to use as little engine power as possible because this will save great amounts of fuel. On the other hand, setting too many sails in harsh weather conditions can be dangerous and may entail unforeseen costs. If the ship is bearing a certain sail area and has reached its hull speed under the given wind conditions, setting more sails will backslash by the tearing of sails or, in the worst case, by the breaking of shrouds and stays. Vast resources would be needed to repair the damage and lives may be put at risk. On hot days, a tarpaulin will be pitched to protect the passengers. This will further limit the options to set sails.

2. What to expect on a sailing ship

You have booked a day trip on a sailing vessel. We would like to remind you that active sailing is not possible on day trips. If you would like to sail actively, please ask your captain. We would also like to point out that a sailing vessel is not a cruise ship. That means that there will only be limited seating capacity on board. Especially for trips on large sailing vessels, like SEDOV, KRUZENSTERN, MIR, DAR MŁODZIEŻY it is advised to bring a foldable stool or to make do with sitting on the floor. Furthermore, please keep in mind that not all traditional ships provide an organized greeting or briefing, as there may be no tour guide on board.

3. Rules

Starting with embarkation, generally accepted rules of seamanship, specific national and international regulations and the provisions of marine law as well as other applicable rules and laws will have to be adhered to. Furthermore, you are placing yourself under the authority of command of the respective ship's management, thereby submitting to the discipline on board. You must observe and follow directions from the ship's management and from all persons that have been appointed by the ship's management to maintain order on board. (Officers, trainers, boatswain, Sgt.) Infringements, offensive behavior, especially under the influence of alcohol, can lead to

immediate exclusion from the trip. All costs have to be paid for by the offender.

Payments already made will not be reimbursed. Please keep clear of areas of intense work like navigational bridge and engine. If you would like to see these, please ask for permission before you enter. As on any seagoing vessel in the world, you need to keep the mooring line areas on the foredeck and the aft deck clear, as breaking lines cause imminent danger to your life. With fire or "man over board" maneuvers, the crew will have to act without your assistance, because lack of routine of the trainees and language difficulties would strongly impair the security measures. As a passenger/trainee, you will have to keep a low profile according to instructions.

All passengers must be at least 18 years of age. Exceptions are permissible, if the tour operator expressly agrees. Minors need written parental consent. Minors under the age of 16 can only travel when accompanied by a parent or guardian. Some ships allow minors under the age of 10 on board.

To make your trip an enjoyable one, please observe the following safety advice: Please do not sit on the railing, the belaying pin rails or any rigging and ropes. Do not hold onto any ropes. Please mind the door thresholds in the ship. Do not climb into the rig. Please do not leave your children unattended.

Smoking on board:

Smoking is not permitted in the aisles and lounges. Designated smoking areas will be posted or pointed out to you during the briefing.

Animals such as dogs are not allowed on board (may be possible upon consultation)

4. Travel to and from the ship

Travel to and from the ship is your own responsibility and not included in the price unless stated otherwise in the booking confirmation. Please turn to your local travel agency for the booking of flights, railway tickets, ferry passages etc. You need to reach your ship in time for embarkation, so please plan accordingly. For embarkation times, please refer to the booking confirmation.

5. Embarkation (Start of trip):

Embarkation times can be found in the booking confirmation or your boarding pass. (Conditionally) the embarkation time stated in the boarding pass cannot always be kept. We kindly ask you for some patience. All registered passengers will be able to embark. We may also ask you not to push others while coming on board. Embarkation and disembarkation cannot always be punctual, please allow for 30 to 60 minutes delay. All ships try to cast off punctually at all times, but this is not always possible either.

Particularly with large sailing events like Hanse Sail, dense traffic on the waterways has to be reckoned with. We do not have any influence on the office that controls traffic and assigns slots.

6. Disembarkation

The disembarkation time for the ships cannot always be foreseen. Please allow for enough time for your trip back. You have to disembark by the time stated on your boarding pass or booking confirmation. When embarking, please consider that the crew and the trainees have to adapt to different trainees/passengers with the beginning of each new trip in addition to their regular

workload and their training duties.

We would like to emphasize the following points:

Sometimes the ship has to be stocked with supplies, needs maintenance or cleaning. Relatives and friends are coming to see the sailors, many tasks have to be done and service may be a bit limited. When you come on board, you will not always be greeted by trained service personnel as you would on a cruise or passenger ship. More often than not, the officers in charge or the boatswain will not be on board while the crew and the trainees may be attending a regatta or any other sports event. Please be patient, do not take this for unfriendliness but ask the right questions instead. So far, all passengers have found their place on board and finally got to know the friendliness of the crew and management of their ship. Once on board our communication officers will help you to get to know your way around.

The times needed for landing and departure of our sailing ships vary widely depending on weather and swell conditions. In commercial ports and at times of harbour festivals these times will be assigned by the cities and their port authorities.

There can be no guarantee that times and schedules will be adhered to. Details of the schedule cannot be seen as a service offered, provided and performed by the ship, ship owner or tour operator.

7. How do I find my ship in the port?

Along with the boarding pass you will receive details of berth and location of your ship. In most harbors, berths are fixed and will not change. There will be instances, however, where we learn about the assigned berth of the ship only hours prior to arrival. If these details should be missing in your documents, please check with your tour operator shortly before departure. You may also inquire at the harbor master's office.

8. Adequate clothing/What do I need?

Space on board is limited, so please do not bring any unnecessary items. You will need sportswear or comfortable, loose-fitting clothing, rugged, weatherproof garments, no rubber boots (a wet deck can become extremely slippery), instead, wear sturdy shoes with profiled soles. Nailed shoes and high heels are prohibited. You may want to consider bringing a photo camera, a strap for your glasses and medication against travel sickness.

9. Safety and communication on board

Undesirable and/or prohibited items: Weapons of all kinds, Walkman, radio receivers and walkie-talkies which might interfere with onboard communications. The same applies to drugs and medication that has not been prescribed by a physician. Anyone having to take medication (e.g., people with diabetes), please advise the booking office and the person in charge on board.

10. Hanse Sail Rostock

Please pay attention to your berth details. Berth numbers are not identical with bollard numbers. Information, maps and programs can be obtained at www.hansesail.com.

11. Hamburg port anniversary

Day trips are possible on the river Elbe only. Unfortunately, sails cannot be set.