

Adventure Sailing Explained

These sailing cruises around the British Isles and northwest Europe combine the excitement of a sailing holiday with the delights of travel in a formula that is unsurpassed for quality and value.

As an individual, couple or group you can join a crew of 8 and be sure of a great time in good company and with an experienced professional skipper who will make sure everything goes well.

All our cruises are suitable for novices or “old salts” alike. Of course, we can’t guarantee the weather and it’s important to remember that these are adventurous sailing trips which could involve some discomfort if the sea is rough. But there is great satisfaction in meeting these challenges and our skippers make sure that safety is our top priority. We provide RYA instruction so beginners can get to competent crew standard (and get the certificate) if they want while more experienced sailors can add quality mileage and sail in new waters. Of course you might prefer to relax and watch the world go by. You decide.

Every region has its own special character and beauty and each cruise has been designed to provide plenty of fun and interest. Each trip involves between 150 and 400 miles of sailing with visits to a variety of different ports and anchorages, chosen for their beauty, cultural or entertainment interest.

Most nights are spent in harbour with civilised meals aboard and opportunities to spend time ashore. But of course wind and tide are the masters, so you are likely to experience the magic of sailing at night, steering on a star as the boat heels to the wind and streams a glittering phosphorescent wake. Office hours are a distant memory as you watch dawn at sea or sunset in a remote anchorage

Our sailing holidays bring you close to nature, and wildlife. Every year crews see whales and basking sharks, and experience the thrill of sailing amidst dolphins as they race the yacht. Seals often share our anchorages. Sea birds are a constant feature and depending on the area you will see gannets, terns, puffins, guillemots, razorbills, cormorants, shags, kittiwakes and skuas.

Unlike many sailing companies, we believe you can live comfortably aboard a yacht and eat good food. At the start of each cruise we re-provision with lots of good quality fresh food. Crews participate in cooking really good meals from basic ingredients. We always have some people aboard who enjoy cooking, while others may be content to assist. Meals in harbour are an occasion and if you like wine or beer you can bring your own or contribute to a ‘kitty’.

Start and finish points have been chosen for easy access to transport links – including cheap flights. Brief travel notes included. More details available on request.

Read on further for detailed descriptions of each and every trip including travel advice. Check the website for availability information or just call or email the office.

More questions?

Call or email us and we'll help answer your questions or make a provisional booking.