

## **Welcome on board!**

We are pleased to send you some information on what to expect from your voyage and how to prepare.

**Watch system** - During our voyages, when we are not in port, we will sail 24/7 and a watch system will be applicable for everyone to sail EUROPA swift and safely. You will assist in hoisting and taking away sails, steering the ship and be on lookout. No experience necessary. As we sail the full year round there may be some maintenance jobs going on. The crew is happy to explain.

**Weather** - During your voyage you may encounter various weather conditions. Some days may be warm and sunny, but other days it is the wind chill and rain you are dealing with. Staying warm, dry and comfortable will allow you to maximize the enjoyment of your experience.

**Follow the ship** – Our website [www.barkeuropa.com](http://www.barkeuropa.com) has regular updates, a logbook and a map that shows the position of Europa. Our Facebook offers the possibility to get in touch with other guests of your voyage: <https://www.facebook.com/barkeuropa/events>

**Remote area** – We would like to remind you that many of our voyages will bring us into a remote area and for your own safety you must be in good health when joining us. Please inform us about any changes in your health

## **Voyage preparation**

- When booking your **airline tickets** please allow some extra time in the unlikely event that (part of) your luggage is lost. When you travel for over eight hours we recommend that you arrive at least one day before the embarkation date of your voyage.
- It is compulsory to have a **travelinsurance** for your voyage. A **cancellation insurance** is recommended, as even small injuries could prevent you to be able to join our sailing voyage.
- Check the **validity of your passport**. Many destinations require a passport that is valid for a minimum of 6 months after your planned departure from this country
- Check if you require a **visa or vaccinations** for any of the countries you visit during your stay on board Europa. Having the right travel documents is your personal responsibility and we cannot be held responsible for any delays as a result of missing travel documents.
- When you stay for **multiple voyages** please remember to book accommodation in port in between the voyages
- Are you taking part in the **Tall Ships Races**? Make sure you arrange your hotel accommodation and flight in time. Ports will be busy with visitors from all over the world
- Most official host ports of the Tall Ships Races have a website and/or Facebook page with up to date information on the local program and how to get to the event area.

## **What to bring**

- Suitcases take up a lot of space in your cabin and cannot be stowed, so we ask you only to use sturdy but soft luggage bags.
- Enough clothes for the entire voyage. Bring clothes that are easy to wash by hand and preferable dry quickly. We have washing machines on board but they are limited in use due to our limited fresh water supply.
- Waterproof jacket and pants (waterproof, not water resistant). Staying warm and dry is the best way to stay comfortable especially during colder days and at night.
- Swimwear.
- Hiking shoes or sandals that are not slippery on a wet wooden deck
- Extra pair of prescription glasses or contact lenses.
- If you use any medication, please bring enough for the entire voyage.
- Sunglasses (uv filter) and sunscreen.

- **What not to bring**

- Your bunk has a duvet with cover, one pillow with pillowcase and a sheet, so you do not need to bring a sleeping bag
- Towels will be provided too
- We recommend that you leave your jewellery and other valuables at home