

BARK EUROPA – CHECKLIST OCEAN VOYAGES 2016

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 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> A great website with weather predictions is www.windyty.com.

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.
- For flights to and from Ascension Island please have a look at www.ascension-flights.com. They can also give you information on how to apply for your visa.
- When you stay for **multiple voyages** please remember that in port in between the voyages crew will be busy with stores, maintenance and a full clean of the ship. Please note that you are required to book accommodation for Brest, Tenerife and Montevideo and cannot stay on board. In Ascension Island, Horta, Porto and Cabo Verde you can choose to explore the location from an accommodation booked on shore or stay for bed & breakfast on board. No lunch or dinner on board though and to ensure a good cleaning of the cabins we kindly ask you to pack your bags and empty all drawers and cabinets.

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

