

Sail on board the world's largest ocean-going wooden sailing ship

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Gothenburg, 24 February 2023 – The ship Götheborg of Sweden, the world's largest ocean-going wooden sailing ship, today released the two final port stops of the European Tour 2023; Rotterdam and Hamburg. This means that all six sailing legs and port stops for 2023 are now announced. The ship, currently moored in Barcelona, will sail to Sète, Gibraltar, Jersey, Rotterdam and Hamburg before arriving at its home port Gothenburg, Sweden. In Gothenburg, the ship will take part in the city of Gothenburg's 400-year jubilee.

Götheborg of Sweden is a unique replica of an 18th century Swedish East India Company merchant ship that sank outside of Gothenburg in 1745. The replica took ten years to build and was launched 20 years ago, in 2003. In 2023, the ship is sailing in Europe and invites people to sail along as deckhands on board or visit the ship while in port.

To sail the ship, a crew of 70 people is needed. About 20 persons are professional crew. The other 50 are deckhands, who are members of the public that sail along for the adventure, experience, and opportunity to learn how to sail an 18th century ship.

The first three sailing legs for 2023 are already fully booked, and today another three sailing legs were released; Jersey – Rotterdam, Rotterdam – Hamburg, and Hamburg – Gothenburg. This means that all sailing legs and port stops for 2023 are now announced.

“The interest in sailing with us this year has been overwhelming. We had nearly four hundred applicants for the first sailing leg that we released, and are of course hoping for a similar interest in the sailing legs opened up today. The ship created great attention when sailing in Europe last year, resulting in a large number of applicants from all across Europe this year”, said Kristoffer Bennis, Expedition Director at Götheborg of Sweden.

All five ports stops that the ship will make on its way to Gothenburg, are in ports that the Götheborg will visit for the very first time. Departure from Barcelona will be 20 March 2023, and arrival in Gothenburg is 2 June 2023.

In November 2022 the decision was made that the Götheborg would sail in Europe in 2023, and in January 2023 it was announced that the ship would have a central role in the city of Gothenburg's 400-year jubilee at the beginning of June. The ship will stay open to visitors in Gothenburg during summer 2023.

Sailing Schedule European Tour 2023

Leg 1: Barcelona – Sète, France:	17 March – 26 March
Leg 2: Sète – Gibraltar:	26 March – 9 April
Leg 3: Gibraltar – Jersey, British Isles:	9 April – 1 May
Leg 4: Jersey – Rotterdam, Netherlands:	1 May – 13 May
Leg 5: Rotterdam – Hamburg, Germany:	13 May – 22 May
Leg 6: Hamburg – Gothenburg, Sweden:	22 May – 4 June

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Port stops European Tour 2023

Sète, France:	23 March –27 March
Gibraltar:	6 April –10 April
Jersey, British Isles:	27 April – 2 May
Rotterdam, Netherlands:	11 May –14 May
Hamburg, Germany:	19 May –23 May
Gothenburg, Sweden:	2 June – End of August

European Tour 2023

Götheborg will depart from Barcelona 20 March 2023, and head for its home port Gothenburg in Sweden where it will play a central part in the city's 400-year jubilee at the beginning of June. The ship will make six stopovers during the 2023 expedition, and will invite visitors on board in ports, as well as offer the opportunity for people to sail along and experience sailing an 18th century ship.

Short facts: The ship Götheborg – history

Götheborg is a full-sized replica of an 18th century ship, that was owned by the Swedish East India Company, and that ran aground and sank outside of Gothenburg in 1745. In 1984 marine excavation of the original ship Götheborg was initiated and in 1995 the building of a new Götheborg was started. Eight years later, in 2003, the ship was launched, and between 2005-2007 the ship sailed the historical route to Asia and back. After that several expeditions around Europe were carried out, the latest one in 2015. In 2021 the ship sailed from Gothenburg to Stockholm and back, and in 2022 the ship sailed in Europe.

Greencarrier

In 2019 the Swedish logistics company Greencarrier acquired Rederi Götheborg AB (at that time called SOIC Ship Management), that operates the ship Götheborg. In spring 2020 Greencarrier also acquired the ship Götheborg of Sweden. Behind the decision lies a long-term interest in and commitment to the ship Götheborg.

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