

MILEMAKER TO THE CAPE VERDE (26 nights)

Embark: Monday 18 October 10:00 hours, Rotterdam
Disembark: Saturday 13 November 14:00 hours, Santa Maria (Sal)
Price: 1650 euro (stay on board, including meals)
(Rotterdam-Vigo: 1050 euro, Vigo-Sal 1050 euro)
Transfer: By plane, approximately 350 euro, to be arranged by the guest*

Description of the voyage

We will leave an autumnal Rotterdam to head for our sunny destination: Cape Verde. We expect you on board on Monday 18 October at 10:00 hours, in the Veerhaven in Rotterdam. This long voyage offers you the opportunity to experience the true life of a sailor. You will be part of the crew and will participate in the watches. We will not make many stops, as few as possible, during this trip. Therefore, this voyage is not meant for people who wish to go sightseeing. You will be on board of a threemasted topsail schooner for three and a half weeks. A voyage of 2500 miles lies ahead. Via the North Sea we will sail in the direction of the English canal after which we will cross the Bay of Biscay. During this first part of the voyage we might encounter bad weather and it will be quite cold on the open sea. We make a stop in Vigo, on the Spanish coast just above Portugal. Here you can bring a visit to the city or enjoy an afternoon on a terrace. After this visit we will sail alongside the Portuguese coast heading south. Gradually the temperature will go up. Once we pass the South Cape of Portugal, Cabo São Vicente, we can expect good weather and favourable wind in the direction of the Canary Islands. We will make a stop here and prepare ourselves for the final part of the voyage to Cape Verde. This last part will probably be very pleasant. We will catch the northeast Trade wind and also the current will be favourable. At this moment we are so far to the south that the temperature will be very nice and we hope to cover the final 700 miles at a quick rate. It is possible that we will arrive sooner, but we hope to drop anchor in the bay of Santa Maria on 12 November at the latest. The next day it will be time to say goodbye to the ship and either fly back home or continue your stay on the Cape Verde by yourself.

It is also possible to sail along on a part of the voyage:

- *Rotterdam-Vigo*. Embark: 18 October, Rotterdam; Disembark: 31 October, Vigo (ES)
- *Vigo-Sal*. Embark: 31 October, Vigo (ES); Disembark: 13 November, Santa Maria (Sal)

General

A milemaker is a voyage that is meant to bring the ship from point A to point B as soon as possible. Depending on the weather it is possible that the duration of the milemaker is two days longer or shorter than expected. You pay a fixed price for your participation, regardless of the duration. This description is meant to give you an impression of how a voyage could look like. Depending on wind and weather conditions the travel plan could be altered, however we always try to sail as much as possible.

*** Transfer**

For this voyage you will have to arrange your own transfer. We advise you to book your flight either via TAP Airlines Portugal or via TUI (www.flytui.com or jetairfly.com) who fly on Düsseldorf or Brussels.