

Sail Voyage Information

Taking climate action under sail



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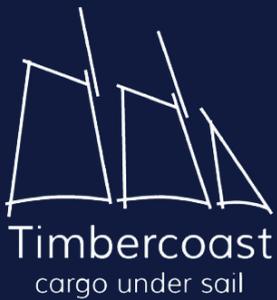
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Thank you for your interest in sailing with our AVONTUUR. We understand that the world has a range of exhilarating expeditions to choose from, whether it's climbing the earth's great peaks or experiencing the richness in an African wildlife safari. We appreciate your desire to not only learn more about exploring the vastness of our planet's precious oceans but actively sailing to preserve them.

In this Sail Voyage Information package, you will find information regarding the AVONTUUR, life onboard, the watch system, packing lists, meals and more.

In November 2014, the Timbercoast initiative began as a grass roots community project to refit our 1920's schooner the AVONTUUR. After an 18 months refit, that saw craftsmen from around the world volunteer their time, we completed our build and began sailing cargo nearly emission free.

Our mission is to create a sustainable shipping trade, linking ethical producers with conscientious consumers while fostering a culture of merchant seafaring. Furthermore, we want to preserve and transfer the know how of traditional merchant seamanship and general cargo handling. As a member of the AVONTUUR, you will be challenged by varying weather patterns and bonded by the camaraderie of your shipmates working together to take direct action on global warming.

We believe that with your support we can model a new path forward, inspiring a common vision of possible futures, challenging current harmful practices and forging a new standard in sustainable development not to mention having the adventure of a lifetime in the process.

We look forward to getting to know you better.

Sincerely,

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THE AVONTUUR

The AVONTUUR is a two masted gaff rigged schooner which was built in 1920 by Otto Smit in Stadskanaal, Netherlands. Until 2005 she was used as a sailing cargo vessel most recently by the storied Dutch Captain Paul Wahlen. He sailed cargo between the North Sea, Baltic, North Atlantic and across to Caribbean ports where she was widely regarded as one of the last true cargo sailing ships of the twentieth century.

After years serving as a day passenger ship along the Dutch coast and West Friesian islands the AVONTUUR became the foundation of the Timbercoast community in autumn 2014.

We believe that those who come after us deserve the same resources we currently enjoy. As such our mandate is to solely be propelled by the wind and limit our engine use.

Furthermore, we have 20 solar panels and 2 wind generators that provide us with the power we need for onboard use.

Specifications

Vessel Type	Schooner
Owner	Avontuur Shipping Company
Flag	Seychelles
Homeport	Victoria
IMO#	5336600
Licensed Crew	6
Shipmates	10
Overall Length	44m
Cargo Capacity	114 dwt
Volume	135 m ³
max Draught	2.50 m
Number of sails	8
Sail Area	612 m ²
Licensed Crew	Captain Chief Mate 2nd Mate / Motor Man Bosun 2 x Deck Ratings



LIFE ON BOARD

Overview

The physical and mental challenges rooted in life at sea coupled with the exhilaration of working towards a common goal will undoubtedly amount to an unforgettable voyage. You will become a part of the crew on a merchant sail cargo vessel working to merge the relationship between trade and environmental preservation. This isn't a holiday cruise and you won't be sipping umbrella drinks but rather working as a member of the AVONTUUR sailing on a mission to preserve the oceans.

Depending on your length of stay, you will learn:

- ⚙ Basic safety and maintenance
- ⚙ Navigation
- ⚙ Sail handling
- ⚙ Steering
- ⚙ Knots and splices
- ⚙ Rigging
- ⚙ General cargo handling
- ⚙ Watchkeeping

The AVONTUUR never sleeps, she sails 24 hours a day. At sea, the sailor life is ruled by the "Watch." Except for the

Bosun, everyone will be assigned to one of the three watches. The watch is supervised by an experienced ship's officer and is responsible for the safe operation of the ship.

Watches

The watches are divided as follows:

0 - 4 watch

On duty 00:00 – 04:00 & 12:00 – 16:00

4 - 8 watch

On duty 04:00 – 08:00 & 16:00 – 20:00

8 - 12 watch

On duty 08:00 – 12:00 & 20:00 – 24:00

Each watch is on duty for 4 hours followed by 8 hours off duty. We ask everyone to please be considerate of others who may be sleeping and resting in lead up to their watch. Off duty hours can spent playing cards, playing music on deck, reading, writing, telling jokes or staring into the horizons.

During sail manoeuvres that require "All Hands on deck" everyone will participate, no matter if you're on watch or not.

Backschaft

During each watch, particularly in preparation for and during meal times there will be a person from the current watch on duty assigned to assisting meal preparation, brew coffee and clear up after meals. This person is called the Backschafter. Backshaft duty generally rotates between all hands on board.

Basic Safety Procedures and Vessel Orientation

At the start of your voyage the Captain and his/her qualified and professional crew will brief you on basic safety instructions and familiarize you with the AVONTUUR. Mandatory safety training comprising of fire fighting, person over board and general safety drills will be held prior to setting sail.

Meals

Community cooking, the traditional way! The preparation of meals will rotate through all on board or between those that enjoy cooking. There will be 3 meals a day. In line with our endeavours to reduce our environmental impact vegan and vegetarian meals are possible,

please let us know what your dietary requirements are ahead of time and we will accommodate in our provisioning.

At sea

07:30-08:30 Breakfast

11:30-12:30 Lunch

18:00-19:00 Dinner

In port and shore leave

As we are a working cargo ship the plan is to arrive in port to load/unload cargo. You will participate in the traditional loading, unloading, and securing of cargo where needed. The working hours are generally between 8:00 to 17:00 with coffee breaks at 10:00 and 15:00. Of course, there will be time to visit the sights and hear the exotic sounds of the destination to which you have just arrived.

Coffee and tea is always available. Furthermore, we strongly suggest bringing your own favourite snacks for between meals as mealtimes is the only time food will be available from the galley.



PACKING LIST

A locker, bunk bed and adjoining storage compartments will be made available to you but please be aware that space is at a premium.

We recommend that you pack your stuff in a soft bag that can be easily stored once you have unpacked everything. Do not bring a hardcover suitcase as there will not be space for it.

Clothing

- ✿ Plenty of underwear
- ✿ Thermal underwear
- ✿ Lots of socks
- ✿ Beanie/toque/warm hat
- ✿ Reliable waterproof gear – pants and a jacket with a hood
- ✿ Reliable waterproof boots with a good anti-slip sole
- ✿ Warm clothing – we suggest: 3 sweaters, 3 pairs of pants, 4 T-Shirts, 2 long sleeved T-Shirts, Work clothes (old pants, sweater and T-shirt or overalls)
- ✿ Swimmers

Paperwork

- ✿ Passport
- ✿ Travel insurance documents
- ✿ Trainee contract (you may need this to enter the port)
- ✿ Proper visa documents (if required)
- ✿ AVONTUUR contract (you may need this to enter the port)

Other

- ✿ Toiletries – Normal soap doesn't form lather in seawater.
- ✿ Towel
- ✿ Sun protection – Sunglasses, a hat, Sunscreen etc.
- ✿ Sailors knife or similar
- ✿ Camera
- ✿ Snacks

FACILITIES ABOARD

Foreship Quarters

Our 10 person foreship quarters is equipped with one personal locker per person, a toilet and a refreshing cold water shower. Buckets are freely available for those wanting to drench themselves in some energizing Ocean water.

Hygiene

As you will be living in close quarters, personal hygiene is paramount so please maintain a sociable level of cleanliness.

Laundry

While sailing, buckets and laundry detergent will be made available to all.

Bedding

A clean pillow, duvet and a full set of linens will be awaiting your arrival onboard. Nevertheless, you may want to bring your own sleeping bag.

Power for charging

The Avontuur is equipped with 5V USB charging ports that can be used to charge any electronic devices you bring onboard.



TRACKING THE SHIP

Social Media

Our office team provides regular updates on the progress of the ship on our website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. These posts are a great way for your family and friends to keep updated on all the news.

Feel free to tag your photos using our hashtags #cargoundersail and #rethinkshipping to join the online community of people sailing cargo.

Our media details are:

www.timbercoast.com
www.facebook.com/timbercoast
www.instagram.com/timbercoast
www.twitter.com/timbercoastcrew

AIS tracking

The exact position of the AVONTUUR can be viewed on various AIS websites, www.vesselfinder.com and www.marine-traffic.com are two good ones. Type our IMO number 5336600 into the search bar and you will find our latest position there.

Should you have any more questions feel free to contact our office (contact details are listed below).



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