

Follow the vikings

On open seas, rivers and canals
from Tønsberg to Istanbul, into the
Mediterranean and back to
Scandinavia via France and England



“Jeg elsker å seile og seiler så seint
det går an, for turen tar slutt når
du kommer til land”

Odd Børretzen

“I love to sail and sail as slow as I
can ‘cause the voyage is over when
you get to land”

Odd Børretzen

Norwegian author and folksinger

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An epic voyage to share our common legacy

The vikings travelled the world and established relationships and trade routes, got inspired by foreign cultures and left us all with some interesting stories to tell.

We would like to revisit sites and cities to remind us all about these relationships that resides from centuries ago.

These are times for friendship, cross-cultural understanding and sharing of common history.

So once again we Follow the vikings...

Who we are

The Owner: The Oseberg Viking
Heritage Foundation

The Sailors: Saga Farmann Ship Guild

The Project: Project planners and friends



OSEBERG VIKING HERITAGE

from discovery to understanding



- Established in 2005
- Built 2 Viking ships, full sized, archaeological replicas
- The third ship is in its making (Gokstad)
- Currently building a viking handicraft center
- Yearly Viking festival (10 years in a row)
- Cultural exchange
- Well known competence
- 8 employees and 400+ volunteers



TØNSBERG
vikingfestival



Cultural route
of the Council of Europe
Itinéraire culturel
du Conseil de l'Europe



The Saga Farmann Ship guild

Association of volunteers

Established in 2018

Non-political, open and democratic organization with 150+ members

International focus with members from Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Island, Netherlands, France, Hungary, Ukraine, Turkey, Germany, Czech, USA, England, Australia ...

Purpose: Training crew, sailing Saga Farmann to promote our common Viking heritage



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Italian Embassy in Oslo

French Embassy in Oslo

Norwegian Embassy in Paris

Norwegian Embassy in Rome

Norwegian Embassy in London

Owatrol in Paris

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Andora municipality - Italy

SAGA FARMANN

Saga Farmann sat sail for Asia in 2023 as a fully equipped expedition Viking ship suitable for 12+ crew members

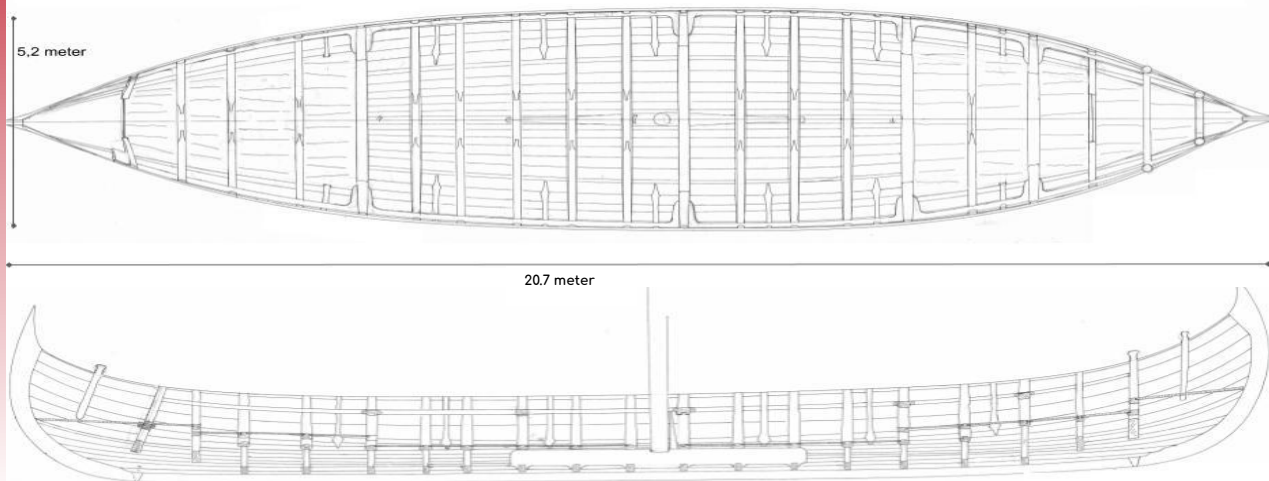
In 2024 the ship continued it's voyage from Istanbul to Rome



The ship - Saga Farmann

The world's most modern Viking ship

- Saga Farmann is built for long voyages in Europe
- Archeological reconstruction of “Klåstadskipet” from year 998
- Set up for expedition
- High tech electric propulsion



20.6 m long, and 5.2 m wide
Height (no mast) 4.05 m and with mast appx. 12 m

Max crew of 18 members

Minimum crew of 4 - 8 skilled members

Max speed sailing: 10-12 knots

Cruise speed electric: 4 knots

Max speed electric: 7 knots

Max distance electric: 40 nm

Max distance hybrid (12 kW): 100+ nm

So far so good...
But off for a long voyage

2023 Tønsberg to Istanbul

2024 Istanbul to Rome

2025 Rome to London

2026 London to ...

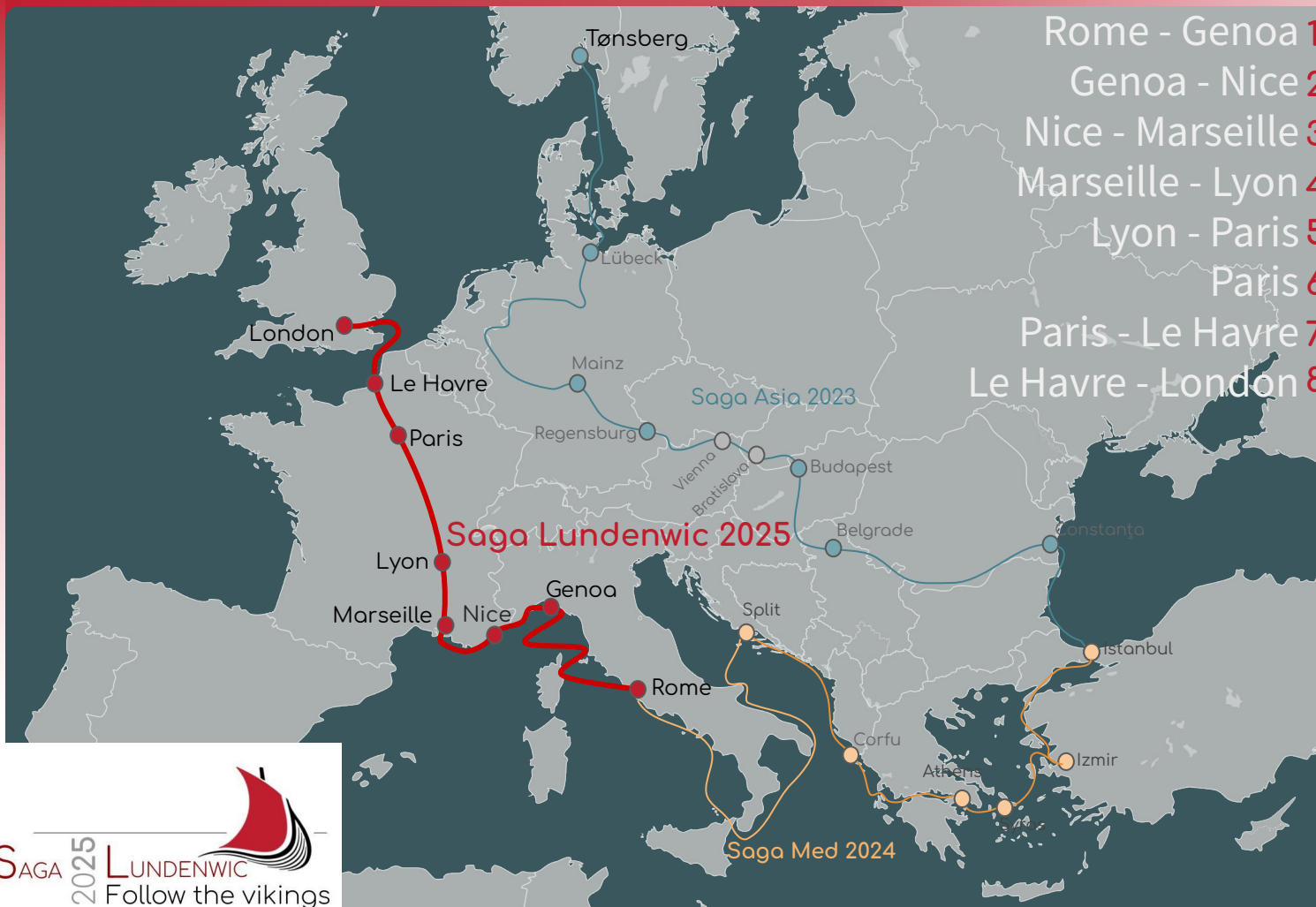
2027 ...



The 2025 route

3 major countries in 16 weeks
from the Mediterranean to
the North Sea





Rome - Genoa	1	May 10th - June 1st
Genoa - Nice	2	May 31st - June 15th
Nice - Marseille	3	June 14th - June 22nd
Marseille - Lyon	4	June 21th - July 6th
Lyon - Paris	5	July 5th - July 27th
Paris	6	July 26th - August 3rd
Paris - Le Havre	7	August 2nd - August 17th
Le Havre - London	8	August 16th - August 31st



Sailing plan for 2025 - Overview

1 Civitavecchia - Genoa	May 10th - June 1th	3 weeks. Sailing stage, events in Civitavecchia and Genoa
2 Genoa - Andora - Monaco - Nice	May 31st - June 15th	2 weeks. Sailing stage, events in Andora, Monaco and Nice
3 Nice - Marseille	June 14th - June 22nd	1 weeks. Sailing stage
4 Marseille - Lyon	June 21th - July 6th	2 weeks. Up stream by engine
5 Lyon - Saint-Jean-de-Losnes - Migennes - Paris	July 5th - July 27th	3 weeks. Up Stream by engine, Transport on land, downstream to Paris, event in Paris
6 Paris	July 26th - August 3rd	1 week. Events and promotion in Paris
7 Paris - Le Havre	August 2nd - August 17th	2 weeks. Downstream by engine
8 Le Havre - London (Lundenwic)	August 16th - August 31st	2 weeks. Sailing stage

STAGE 1: Civitavecchia to Genoa

Major tasks

- Get the ship ready for the voyage
- Farewell reception in Civitavecchia
- Events in Genoa in collaboration with the Norwegian Embassy and large norwegian companies
- Seminar / event with Genoa University
- Training to build open sea sailing competence

Major obstacles

- Prevailing northerly winds, requires some skilled crew to tack up the coast



May 10th - June 1th

3 days in Civitavecchia preparations, reception

2+ weeks of sailing up the coast

3 days in Genoa for seminar, events...

220 nm in total

Estimated 10 days of sailing

Room for delays, waiting for weather...

STAGE 2: Genoa to Nice

Major tasks

- Official visit to Andora (3 days) with Thor Heyerdahl regatta, seminar, sightseeing etc.
- Events in Monaco (2 days)
- Participate in the UN Ocean Conference in Nice (3 days)

Major obstacles

- Get accepted attendance to UN Ocean Conference



May 31st - June 15th

2 weeks sailing and event stage

110 nm

Estimated 5 days of sailing

STAGE 3: Nice to Marseille

Major tasks

- Dedicated sailing stage
- Training to build open sea sailing competence

Major obstacles

- Get acceptance to enter the inland waterways of France



June 14th - June 22nd

1 weeks sailing stage

83 nm

Estimated 3 days of sailing

STAGE 4: Marseille to Lyon

Major tasks

- Prepare the ship for inland travelling
- Comply with all rules, regulations and expected behavior in the river and locks of the Rhône River

Major obstacles

- Get acceptance to enter the inland waterways of France



June 21th - July 6th

2 weeks up stream by engines

175 nm

Estimated 6 days of motoring

STAGE 5: Lyon to Saint-Jean-de-Losnes, Migennes and Paris

Major tasks

- Bringing Saga Farmann 200 km over land
- Arrival to Paris, with reception and press coverage
- Prepare the ship for events, visits etc.

Major obstacles

- Logistics and safety lifting Saga Farmann and transporting her over land



July 5th - July 27th

3 weeks up stream, over land and down stream

81 nm up stream (3 days)

200 km on land (6 days)

135 nm down stream (5 days)

STAGE 6: Paris

Major tasks

- Sponsor events
- International launch of “the Viking Route”
- Explore Paris

Major obstacles

- Get approval to moor at POI in Paris



July 26th - August 3rd
1 week moored in Paris

STAGE 7: Paris to Le Havre

Major tasks

- "Go with the flow"
- Comply with all rules, regulations and expected behavior in the river and locks of the Seine river

Major obstacles

- ...



August 2nd - August 17th

2 weeks down stream by engines

183 nm

Estimated 6 days of motoring

STAGE 8: Le Havre to London

Major tasks

- Visit Ornavik Vikings in Caen, Normandie
- Arrival to Lundenwic, reception and events
- Prepare the ship for the stay in London

Major obstacles

- Get to enter UK with Saga Farmann, due to Brexit
- Find proper mooring locations
- Find a location for the winter with the needed facilities



August 16th - August 31st

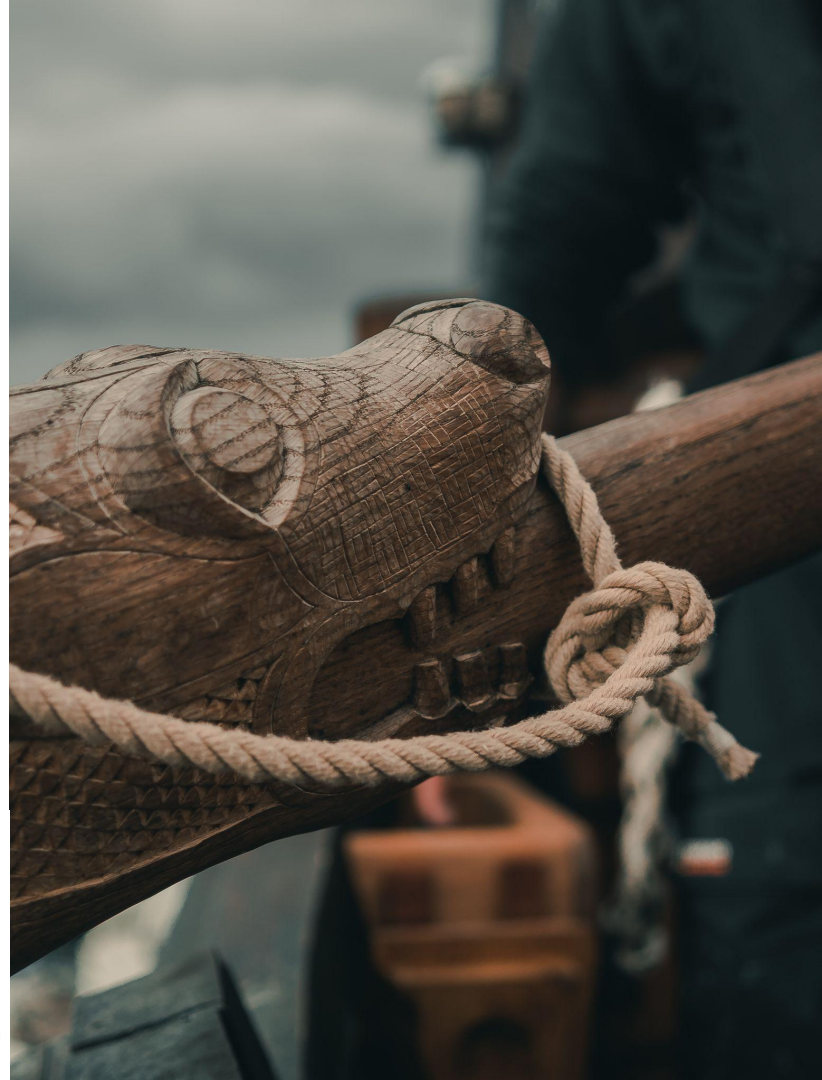
2 weeks sailing stage

242 nm

Estimated 8 days of sailing

What to expect

The life on board Saga
Farmann



The crew

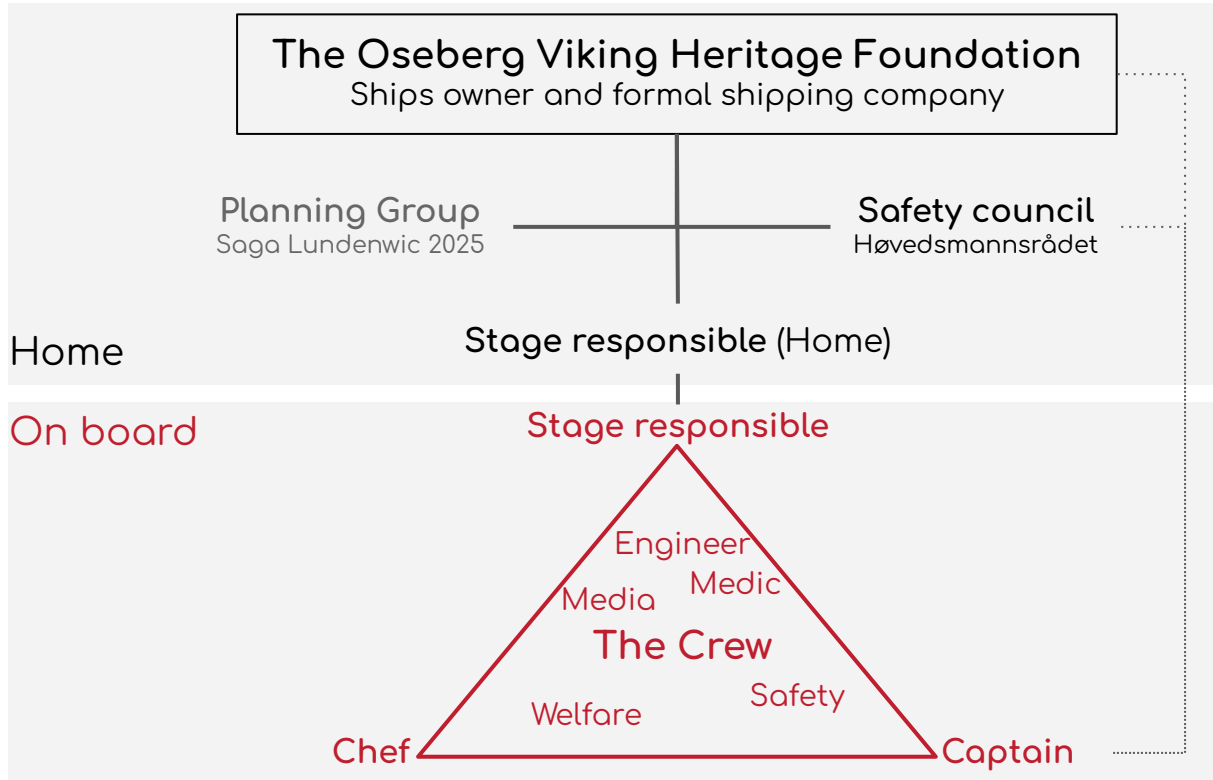
On each stage a crew of 10-16 people will be approved to participate. The crew is picked among the applicants for the specific stage, but with the aim to fulfill the requirement of a safe and well functioning crew. The requirements are among others:

- Competence to operate the ship (Captain, Chief engineer, Deckhand/Sailors)
- Competence to manage the voyage (Stage manager, Chef, Media responsible)
- Newbies, with potential to learn and to take on responsibilities

We aim to set up a balanced crew with variations in nationalities, gender, skills and background.

Crew language is English

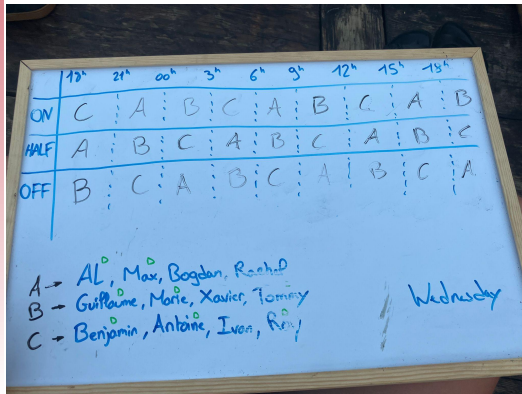
Organization when on the voyage



Daily routines

Every day has a basic routine that involves all crew. The crew will be divided into 3 teams and a time schedule will define what team does what at any time, like: operating the ship, preparing meals, washing up, shopping for grocery/fuel, free time, etc...

When at sea for long distance sailing legs similar system is used but with focus on operating the ship.



	15'	20'	00'	30'	60'	90'	120'	150'	180'
ON	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B
HALF	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
OFF	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A

A → AL, Max, Bogdan, Rachel
B → Guillaume, Marie, Xavier, Tommy
C → Benjamin, Antoinette, Ivo, Roy

Wednesday

Due to the need of crew at all times when sailing you must expect to get only 2-3 hours of sleep every 6-7 hours of being on watch. But when in harbour for overnight stay you can catch up on the needed resting time

Social skills needed

As the crew consists of a variety of nationalities, cultures, experiences, preferences etc. it is important that each and every crew member hold a well developed social skill set, being open, curious, friendly and engaging.

Expect to meet what you think is somehow strange people. But also be prepared that the same people will turn into being your friends during your voyage with Saga Farmann.

Many friendships has arised from this epic voyage - and many more are to come.

A stage - and handover the ship

A stage is defined as a number of weeks where the same crew man the ship. A stage starts on a saturday and ends on a sunday with one to 3 weeks in between.

This means that you arrive at the ships location on the saturday starting your stage, spending 16-24 hours with the previous crew before your crew continue the voyage. This overlap of crew is intentional so that a proper handover can be done during saturday afternoon/evening and sunday morning. Sharing experiences, handing over from one crew to the next is a safety measure and at the same time secures that the new crew gets a smooth start to their stage.

Do not plan to arrive later than saturday afternoon and do not plan to leave before sunday morning.

Preparing your voyage

Saga Farmann's voyage is depending on that all participants engage also in the detailed planning of each stage.

It is expected that the crew meet online a few times 2-5 month before the actual voyage, to get to know each other, prepare the stage, agree on places to visit during the voyage, food allergies, roles on board, events planned etc.

It is the Stage manager and Captain for the stage who initiate these meetings. A representative from the Planning group will join the first meeting to fill in the crew with the latest info available.

The crew management is obligated to fill in a Stage Plan template to be revised by the Planning group in due time before departure.

Pick a role

There are several roles to be covered on each stage. These are the management on board:

- Captain, Stage manager and Chef

In addition these roles has specific responsibilities:

- Chief Engineer, Medic, Safety manager

Except for the management, everybody is deckhand/crew with various level of experience.

All roles must be covered, so please get acquainted with the roles and see if you can cover one. Roles descriptions are available.

What's next

- Apply to participate
- Support our dream
- Look forward for more adventures

Apply Now



Follow the ship





Thank you

And join us for:

