

# 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



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



**TØNSBERG**  
vikingfestival



# 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



# Project planners & Friends

## PLANNERS

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## FRIENDS

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UK Embassy in Oslo  
Italian Embassy in Oslo  
French Embassy in Oslo  
Norwegian Embassy in Paris  
Norwegian Embassy in Rome  
Norwegian Embassy in London  
Owatrol in Paris  
Jørn Madslien - ROOM 7540  
Even Moland  
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# SAGA FARMANN

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

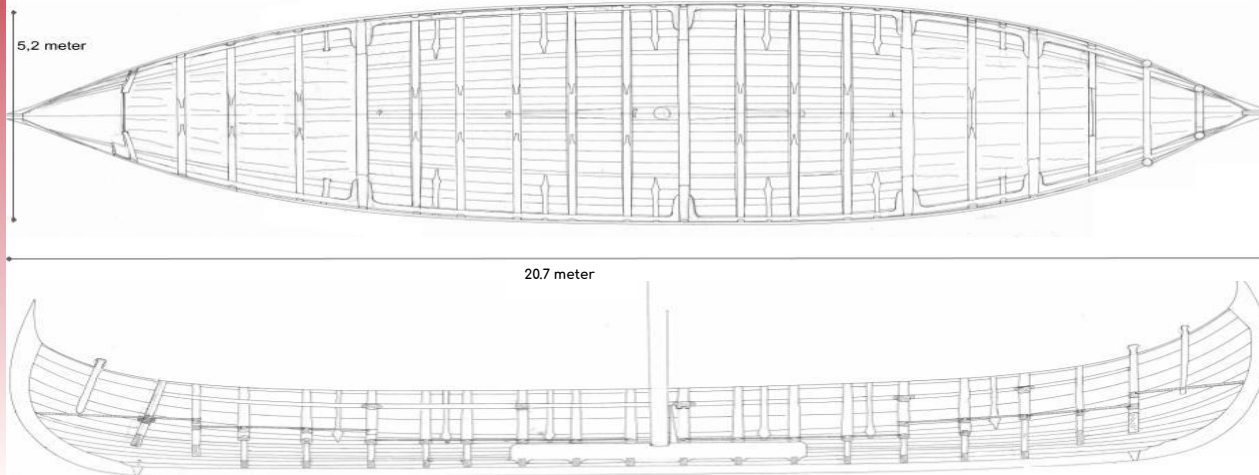
In 2024 the ship continued it's voyage from Istanbul to Rome



# 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 ...

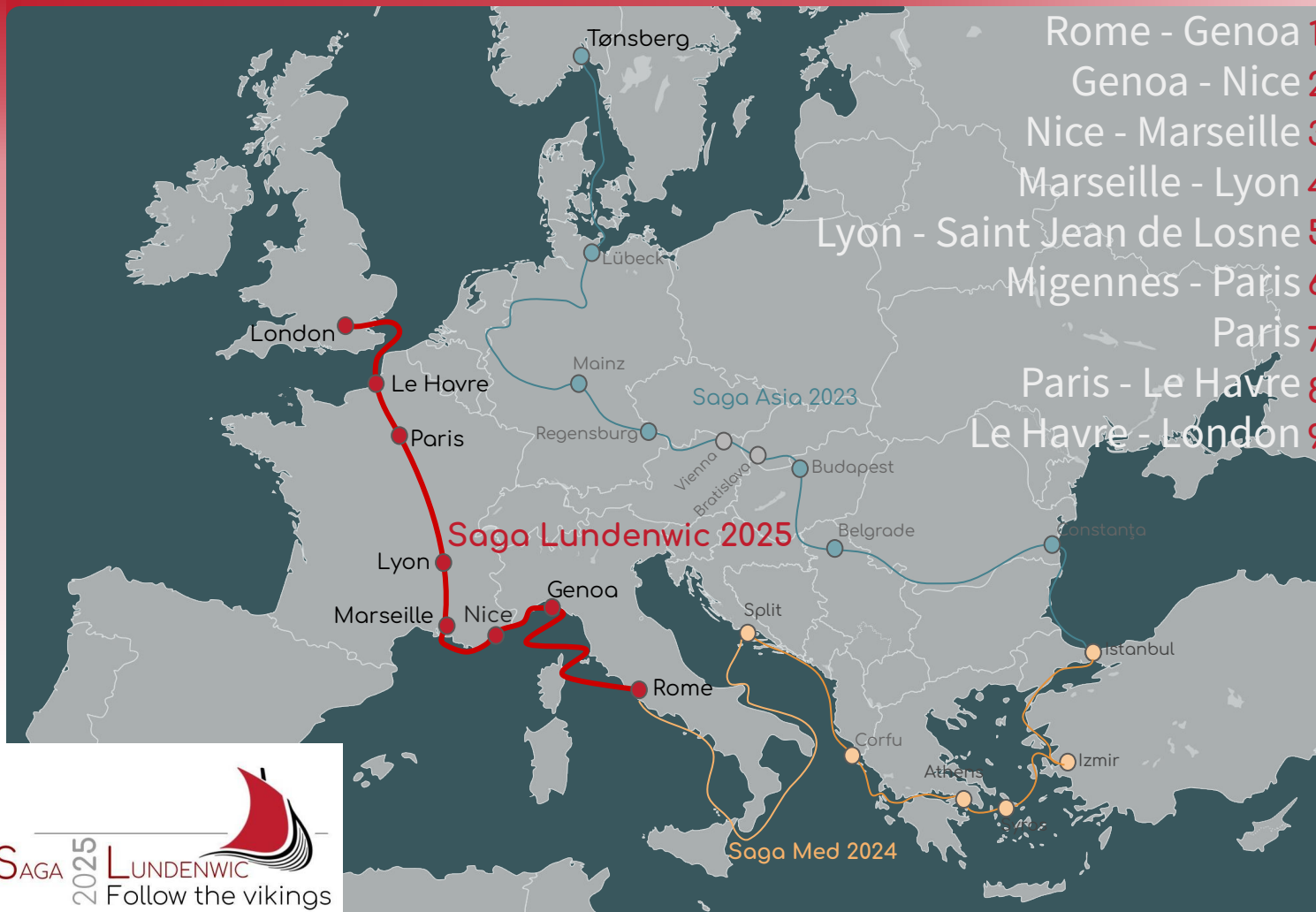
2027 ...



# The 2025 route

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





Rome - Genoa	1	May 15th - May 31st
Genoa - Nice	2	May 31st - June 15th
Nice - Marseille	3	June 14th - June 22nd
Marseille - Lyon	4	June 21st - July 6th
Lyon - Saint Jean de Losne	5	July 5th - July 15th
Migennes - Paris	6	July 17th - July 27th
Paris	7	July 26th - August 3rd
Paris - Le Havre	8	August 2nd - August 17th
Le Havre - London	9	August 16th - August 31st

# Sailing plan for 2025 - Overview

1 Civitavecchia - Genoa	May 15th - May 31st	2.5 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 Land Transport	July 5th - July 15th July 15th - July 17th	1.5 weeks. Up Stream by engine, Transport on land, downstream to Paris, event in Paris
6 Migennes -Paris	July 17th - July 27th	1.5 weeks. Downstream to Paris, event in Paris
7 Paris	July 26th - August 3rd	1 week. Events and promotion in Paris
8 Paris - Le Havre	August 2nd - August 17th	2 weeks. Downstream by engine
9 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 15th - May 31st

3 days in Civitavecchia preparations, reception

1.5 weeks of sailing up the coast

2 days in Genoa for seminar, events...

250 nm in total

Estimated 10 days of sailing

Room for delays, waiting for weather...

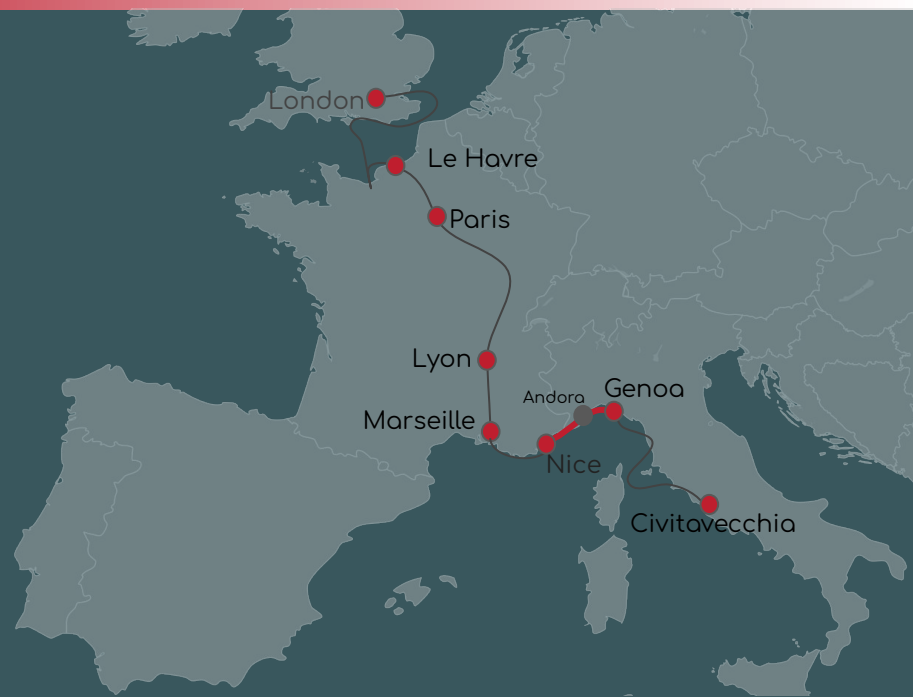
# STAGE 2: Genoa to Nice

## Major tasks

- Official visit to Andorra (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

- Be in Andorra on the first day of the stage (10h voyage from Genoa)
- Get accepted attendance to UN Ocean Conference



May 31st - June 15th

2 weeks sailing and event stage

110 nm

Estimated 5 days of sailing

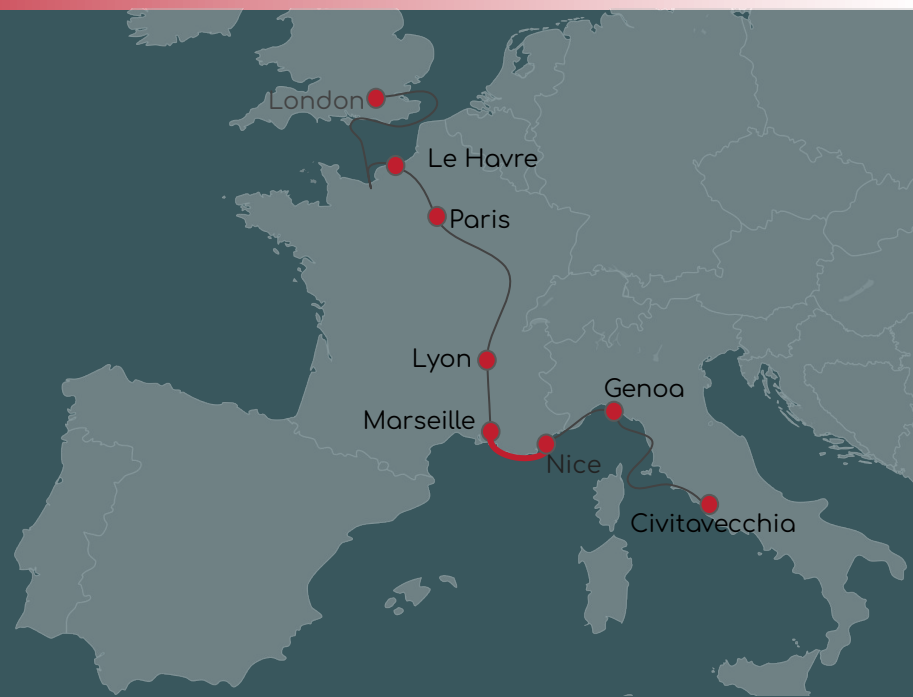
# STAGE 3: Nice to Marseille

## 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

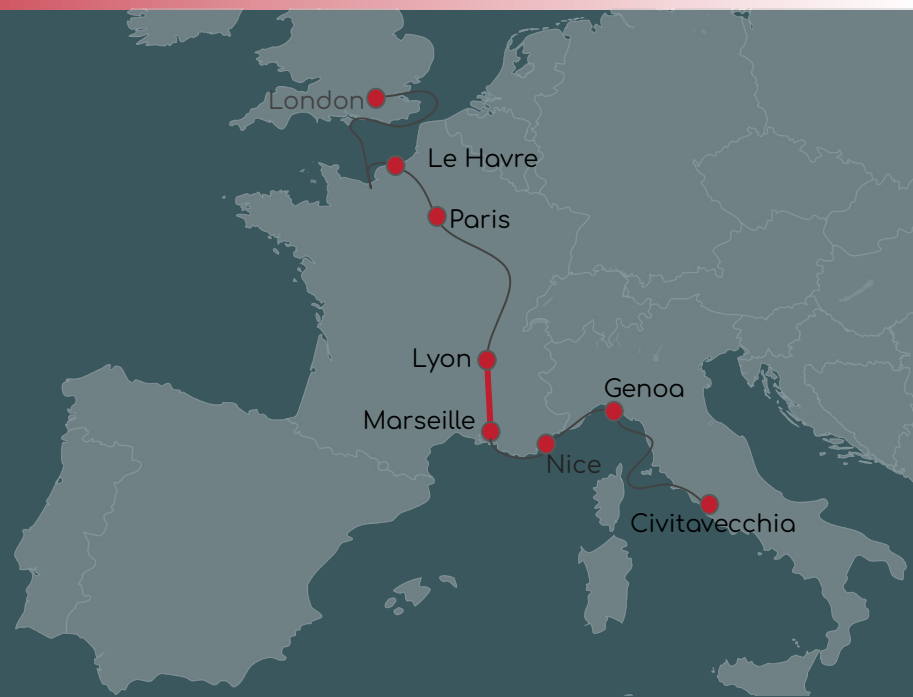
# STAGE 4: Marseille to Lyon

## 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

## Major tasks

- Prepare Saga Farmann for lift to shore and 200 km over land
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## Major obstacles

- Logistics and safety lifting Saga Farmann and prep her for transport over land



July 5th - July 15th

1.5 week up stream and logistic tasks

81 nm up stream (3-5 days)

Preparing for on shore transport (3 days)

Spare time for adventures along the route

# STAGE 6: Migennes to 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 17th - July 27th

1.5 week Logistics tasks and down stream  
Prepare after land transport (3 days)

135 nm down stream (5-7 days)

Welcome to Paris

# STAGE 7: 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 8: 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

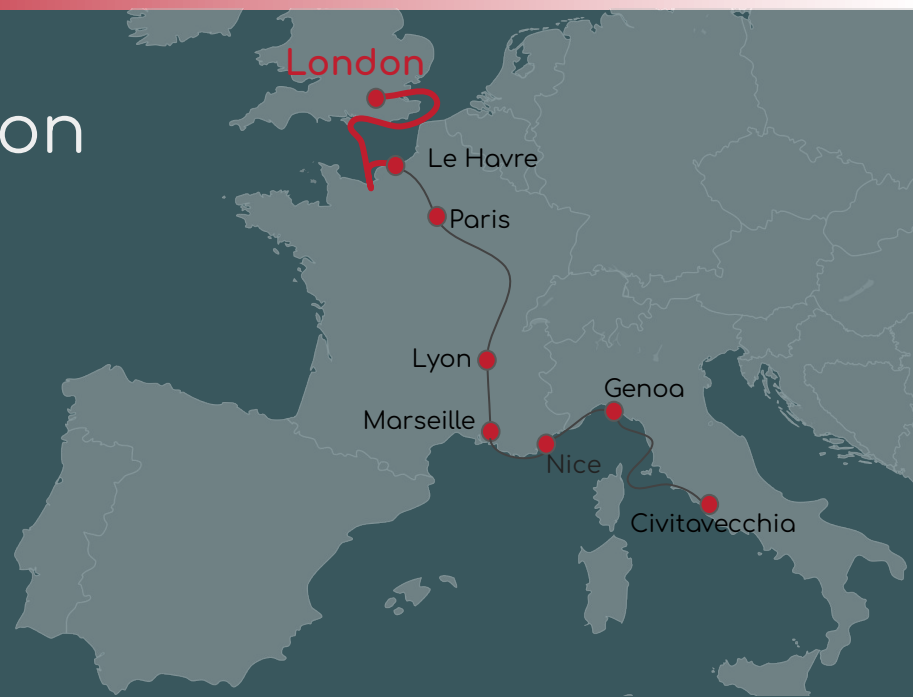
# STAGE 9: Le Havre to London

## 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 Farman, due to Brexit
- Find proper mooring locations
- Find a location for the winter with the needed facilities



August 16th - August 31st

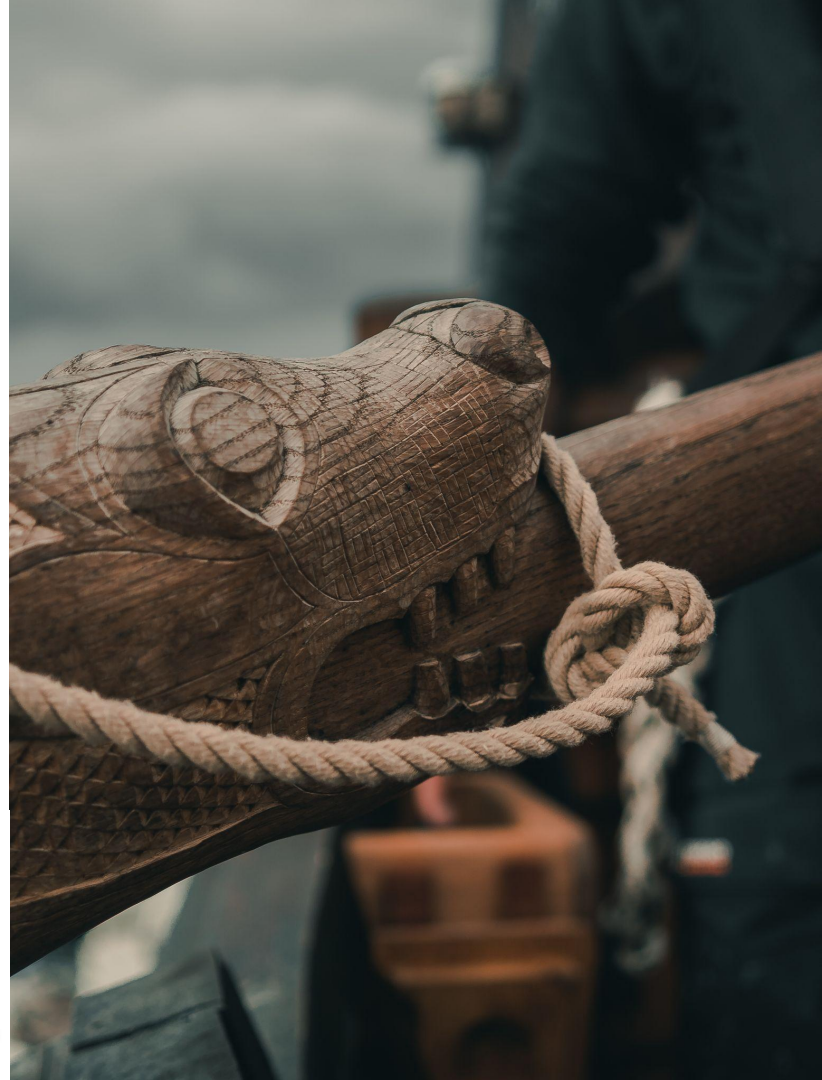
2 weeks sailing stage

242 nm

Estimated 8 days of sailing

# What to expect

The life on board Saga  
Farmann



# The crew

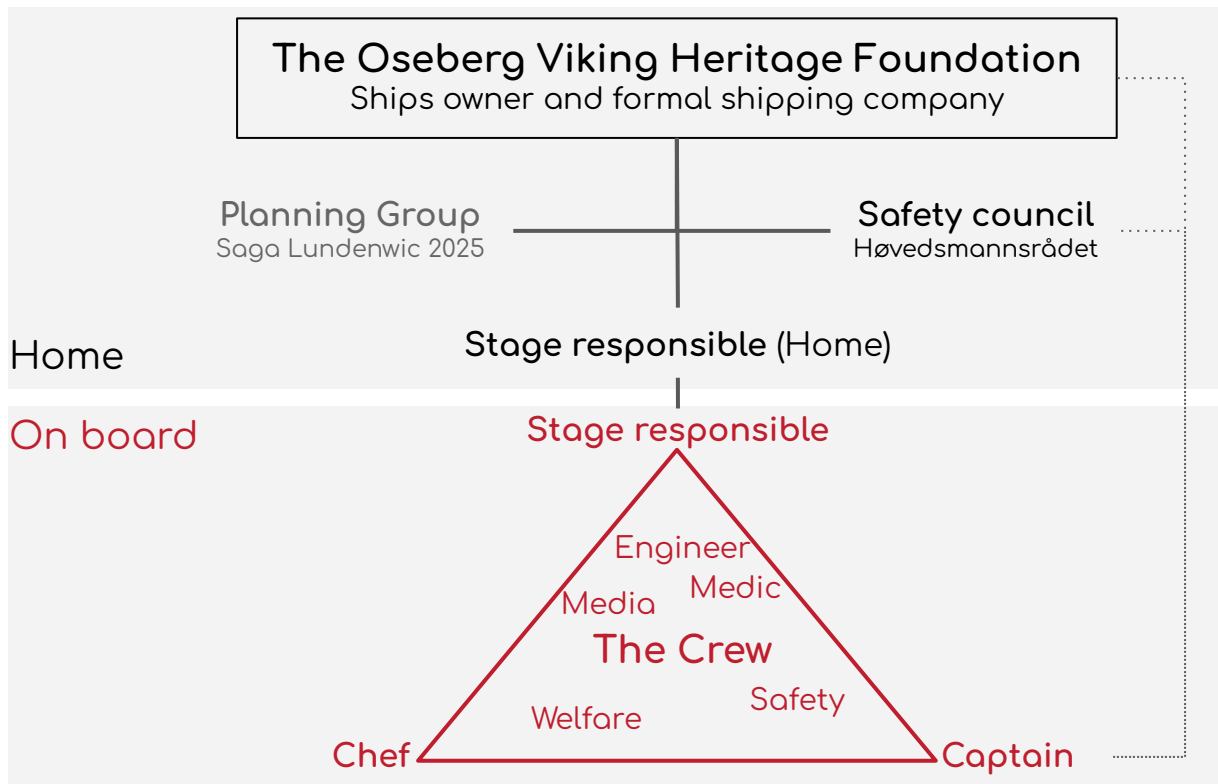
On each stage a crew of 10-16 people will be approved to participate. The crew is picked among the applicants for the specific stage, but with the aim to fulfill the requirement of a safe and well functioning crew. The requirements are among others:

- Competence to operate the ship (Captain, Chief engineer, Deckhand/Sailors)
- Competence to manage the voyage (Stage manager, Chef, Media responsible)
- Newbees, 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

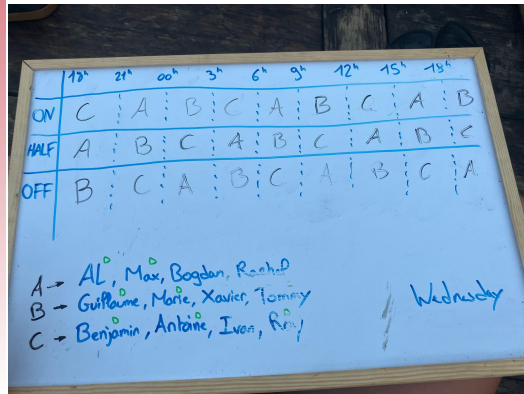
# Organization when on the voyage



# 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.



A handwritten watch schedule on a piece of paper. The schedule is organized into three rows: ON, HALF, and OFF, and seven columns representing time intervals: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th. The letters A, B, and C are used to denote different teams. A legend at the bottom left identifies the team members for each letter. The word 'Wednesday' is written in the bottom right corner of the paper.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
ON	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
HALF	A	B	C	A	B	C	A
OFF	B	C	A	B	C	A	B

A → AL, Max, Bogdan, Rachid  
B → Guillaume, Marie, Xavier, Tommy  
C → Benjamin, Antoinette, Ivan, Remy

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 late to the start of your stage and do not plan to leave until the handover has been done.**

# 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**





Thank you

And join us for:

