

# CABIN CHARTER UNDER THE MIDNIGHT SUN



Price / person  
**650eur**  
(berth in cabin)

## *Stockholm archipelago – the Åland Islands*

25.6 – 2.7.2011

This one week sailing trip takes you through the Stockholm archipelago to the Åland Islands during the lightest time of the year. Enjoy a sailing trip among thousands of islands, with cosy and idyllic villages, beautiful and peaceful nature, unique and sheltered natural harbours, well equipped and lively guestharbours and the culture and every day life of the people living in the archipelago.

Book a berth or a cabin onboard the yacht. Our experienced skipper is in charge of the boat and takes care of the sailing but you can of course participate as much as you want. Participation in the trip does not require any previous sailing experience and it gives you a great opportunity to learn the basics of sailing.



MIDNIGHT SUN SAILING

## DAY 1

Start from the Midnight Sun Sailing base in Saltsjö-Duvnäs in the afternoon. We plan to celebrate Midsummer Day in a natural harbour only a few miles away, enjoying a traditional summer meal of herring and potatoes.

## DAY 2 and 3

Sailing in the Stockholm archipelago heading north. The first stop will be at Nämndö where we stop for provisioning. The Stockholm archipelago consists of 24 000 islands, islets and skerries. You will find small communities and idyllic villages as well as peaceful natural harbours, calm bays and beautiful landscapes. Several islands in this area belong to a nature reserve aiming to protect the nature and preserving the architecture and atmosphere.

The route passes wellknown places such as Sandhamn, Möja, Finnhamn and Grinda.

## DAY 4

Crossing the Åland Sea, arriving at Rödhamn after sailing 37 nm.

Rödhamn offers seafarers a sheltered dock for the night, facing the northern Baltic Sea. During centuries, Rödhamn was one of the most important anchorages on the fairway between Finland and Sweden. The islands have hosted both a lighthouse and a pilotstation, and the atmosphere from passed days is present still today.

Rödhamn is situated 10 nm from Mariehamn, Åland's only town. Åland has 27 500 inhabitants and is an autonomous and monolingual Swedish part of Finland and member of the EU. The unspoiled archipelago consists of more than 6500 islands of which only 65 are inhabited. There are good ferry connections between Åland and Turku, Helsinki and Stockholm and you can also travel here by plane.

## DAY 5

Sailing in the Åland archipelago, stopping for provisioning in Degerby. The route continues to Seglinge, a cosy island with 40 inhabitants in the eastern part of the Åland archipelago.

A nature path starts nearby the guestharbour and it is also possible to explore the island by bike, which you can borrow in the harbour.

Seglinge welcomes you with a friendly and familiar atmosphere and in the evening it is possible to buy local products in the harbour, for example smoked fish.

## DAY 6

The sailing day ends at either Bomarsund or Kastelholm.

The fortress of Bomarsund was built when Åland was Russian, during the years 1832-1854. The fortress was ruined in 1854 in the attack of the English-Frenchmen. The ruins of the fortress is one of the most remarkable historical moments in Åland today and the view from the ruins is impressive.

Kastelholm castle is one of Ålands landmarks. This medieval castle has been resided by royal stateholders and bailiffs who ruled the castle and the province of Åland. Large parts of the castle were destroyed in a fire 1754. Nearby the castle lies today Jan Karlsgården, a typical Åland farm from in the mid 19th century, built up by about twenty buildings moved here from all around Åland.

## DAY 7

The final day of sailing will end Mariehamn. Mariehamn is the capital of the Åland Islands, a summer city with 11 000 inhabitants.

Placed near the fairway between Stockholm (Sweden) and Turku (Finland), Mariehamn has a long maritime history. Shipping has been the most important business during centuries and still today. Take a stroll in the city among old captain villas, restaurants and shops. Take the opportunity to visit the four masted steel bark Pommern built in 1903 and the Sea Quarter.

## DAY 8

Return to Stockholm or Kapellskär with ferry in the morning from Mariehamn. You can also continue your holiday in Åland and book a summerhouse or stay at a hotel in Mariehamn.

For more information please visit <http://www.visitaland.com/en>

## PRICE: 650 eur / person (berth in cabin)

The price includes the one week sailing trip with skipper, endcleaning, bedlinen and towels, harbour fees and ferry from Mariehamn to Stockholm or Kapellskär (2.7.2011).

The route may be adjusted according to the weather conditions. The sailing trip requires a minimum of 6 participants in order to be carried out.



**YOUR AGENT:** \_\_\_\_\_