



Dates 2022 The Tall Ships Races known

18 July 2019 - In 2022, city and port will once again welcome The Tall Ships Races. This was decided earlier this year by organiser Sail Training International. Now the dates are known. The cathedrals of the sea will call at Antwerp from Friday 22 to Monday 25 July 2022.

It will be the seventh time that the Tall Ships Races will call at Antwerp. After six years, in 2022 Antwerp will again welcome the world's largest and most beautiful sailing ships. Once again, The Tall Ships Races will bring hundreds of thousands of visitors from in and outside the city to the Scheldt quays to admire the ships. The previous edition in 2016 attracted more than 500,000 visitors to the city.

Besides Antwerp, the ships will also visit Esbjerg, Harlingen and Aalborg in 2022. The Tall Ships Races consist of a shorter and a longer race and a route along scenic coastlines. During the first race from Esbjerg in Denmark to Harlingen in the Netherlands, the ships will often sail in each other's field of vision. This is followed by the Cruise in Company, where the ships sail at their own pace from Harlingen to Antwerp, mooring wherever they wish along the way. The second longer race goes from Antwerp in Belgium to Aalborg in Denmark. Below is the full programme.

Mayor Bart De Wever: "The Tall Ships Races promise to be a wonderful event for hundreds of thousands of Antwerp citizens and visitors. The view from the new quays of the Scheldt will be unbelievable and will leave no one untouched."

Annick De Ridder, alderman for port: "The arrival of The Tall Ships Races illustrates the atypical link between traditional shipping and an innovative world port. Young and old will discover that it is precisely this tradition and nautical knowledge that will continue to shape the port of the future. Port of Antwerp is therefore pulling out all the stops for this world-class event."

The choice for Antwerp is determined by various factors. The successful previous editions, the many kilometres of quays, the experience of the event teams in the city and the port... have certainly played a role.

Koen Kennis, alderman for tourism: "In 2016 we waved the Tall Ships goodbye with a 'Goodbye!'. I'm sure hundreds of thousands of people are already looking forward to their return to Antwerp."

During The Tall Ships Races, 3500 trainees, aged between 15 and 25, from all over the world sail along on the various ships. Anyone can sign up. Some trainees already have sailing experience. Others have never set foot on board or have no previous connection with sailing or ships. Many new trainees remain passionate about sailing after this one-off unique experience. Besides the experiences on board, the trainees are offered an extensive and varied programme in each city where they moor. They can work as a team during sports competitions, discover the cultural hotspots of the host city, enjoy the local culture and customs or discover new things together.