

Follow the vikings

On open seas, rivers and
canals in the wake of the
Vikings



“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

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 are re-visiting 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 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 (11th year in 2025)
- 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 175+ members

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

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



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+ All crew members!

A collective of diverse competence and relevant experience



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

2025 was dedicated a voyage from Rome to London

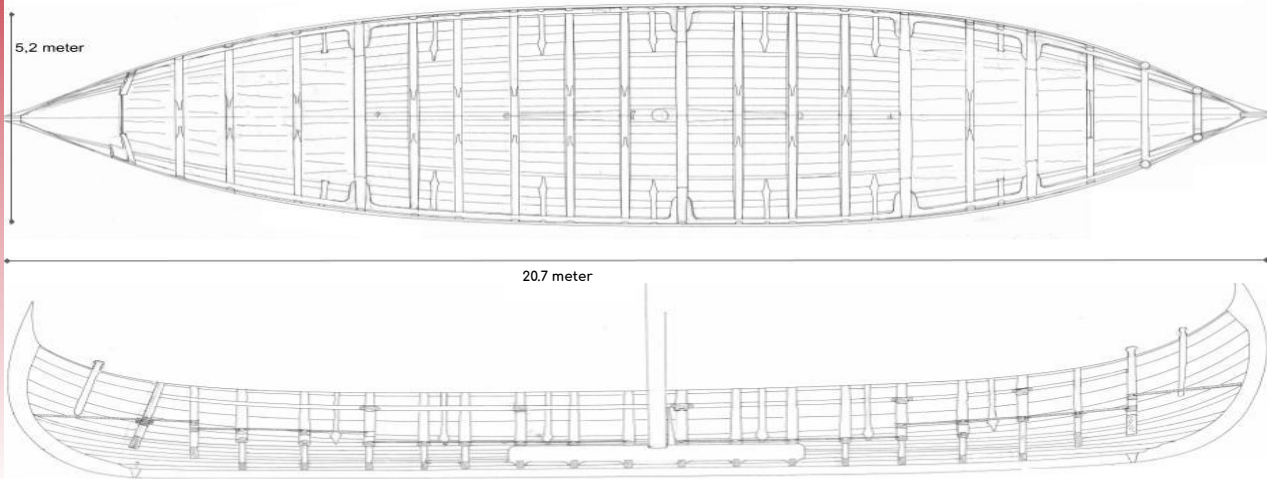


The ship - Saga Farmann



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: 5 knots

Max speed electric: 7 knots

Max distance electric: 40 nm

Max distance hybrid (12 kW): 100+ nm



So far so good...

2023 Tønsberg to Istanbul

2024 Istanbul to Rome

2025 Rome to London

2026 London to ...

2027 ...

But off for a long voyage



3 Years

46 weeks of sailing

18 countries

6 Capitals

Thousands of memorable
moments



Route plan 2026

- Gillingham - Brussels **1** 1 W May 16th - May 24th
Brussels - Amsterdam **2** 1 W May 23rd - May 31th
Amsterdam **3** 1 W May 30th - June 7th
Amsterdam - Eems **4** 2 W June 6th - June 21th
Eems - Kiel **5** 1 W June 20th - June 28th
Kiel - Aarhus **6** 2 W June 27th - July 12th
Aarhus - Roskilde **7** 1 W July 11th - July 19th
Roskilde **8** 1 W July 18th - July 26th
Roskilde - Aalborg **9** 2 W July 25th - August 2nd
Aalborg - Gothenburg **10** 1 W August 1st - August 9th
Gothenburg - Karlstad **11** 2 W August 8th - August 23rd



We have a spot for you

15 weeks of expedition from
England to central Sweden

11 different stages to
choose from

Saga Farmann would love
to have you on board!



Stage 1: Gillingham(UK) - Brussels(BE)

Managing tides and find a window to cross from UK to Netherland.

Some nice sailing days to get across and into the river.

Going up the river towards Antwerp riding the tides. After the lock in Wintam it is a smooth ride to Brussel. Seeing the city and exchange crew.

Dates: May 16th - may 24th

Total distance: 210-230 nm

Start location: Gillingham Marina (UK)

End location: Brussels Royal Yacht Club (BE)

Crew setup: Core crew of skilled sailors (6-8), Less skilled / Rookies (4-6)

Major obstacle: Crossing the canal, Tide of +/- 4-6 meter every 6 hours

Major objective: Bring Saga Farmann to mainland Europe. Two more countries and a capital visited.

Stage 2: Brussels (BE) - Amsterdam (NL)

A stage with tide, locks, and night convoy, getting to know Nederland from the inside.

Parts of the voyage can be sailed other parts require motoring.

Tidal planning, manoeuvring skills and good navigation is essential.

Dates: May 23rd - May 31st

Total distance: 180 nm

Start location: Brussels Royal Yacht Club (BE)

End location: Amsterdam (NL)

Crew setup: Core crew of skilled sailors (6-8), Less skilled / Rookies (4-6)

Major obstacle: Tide of +/- 4-6 meter every 6 hours for parts of the voyage

Major objective: Bring Saga Farmann to Amsterdam - a new capital visited

Stage 3: Amsterdam (NL)

Saga Farmann will be moored in Amsterdam. The crew can use the ship as base for city exploration and to welcome guests on board.

We might offer commercial round trips (motoring) for guests/passengers if possible.

Join this stage to get a unique stay in Amsterdam

Dates: May 30th - June 7th

Total distance: 0 nm

Start location: Amsterdam (NL)

End location: Amsterdam (NL)

Crew setup: 1 Captain and minimum 3-4 Crew

Major obstacle: None

Major objective: Show Saga Farmann to the audience - and enjoy the city

Stage 4: Amsterdam (NL) - Eems (NL)

The ultimate stage to get the proper feeling of explore new land as a Viking.

2 weeks and just 150 nm gives the crew plenty of time to stop over, explore destinations and get to know the locals.

There will be sailing in unique maritime areas inside the Frisian islands.

A “most do” experience in NL

Dates: June 6th - June 21st

Total distance: 150 nm

Start location: Amsterdam (NL)

End location: Eems (NL)

Crew setup: Core crew of skilled sailors (6-8), Less skilled / Rookies (4-6)

Major obstacle: Tide of +/- 2-4 meter every 6 hours for parts of the voyage

Major objective: Sail the shallow waters of NL and get the Viking explore feeling

Stage 5: Eems (NL) - Kiel (D)

A nice mix of sailing in protected waters, the open sea and a 100 km long canal voyage.

One week where all days are different.

Bringing Saga Farmann from the North sea to the more friendly waters south of Denmark and the Viking homeland; Midgard

Dates: June 20th - June 28th

Total distance: 160-200 nm + 100 km in canal

Start location: Eems (NL)

End location: Kiel (D)

Crew setup: Core crew of skilled sailors (6-8), Less skilled / Rookies (4-6)

Major obstacle: Tide of +/- 2-4 meter every 6 hours for the sailing part. The weather in the North Sea

Major objective: Open sea sailing

Stage 6: Kiel (D) - Aarhus (DK)

Midgard - the home of human, according to the mythology. This two week stage bring Saga Farman up the coast of Jutland in nice sailing waters. Islands, Straits and plenty of locations to visit.

This is a stage to really get into the vibe of Viking voyage, exploring new land and cultures.

Dates: June 27th - July 12th

Total distance: 150 nm

Start location: Kiel (D)

End location: Aarhus (DK)

Crew setup: Core crew of skilled sailors (6-8), Less skilled / Rookies (4-6)

Major obstacle: None

Major objective: Open sea sailing. Visit nice locations small and big

Stage 7: Aarhus (DK) - Roskilde (DK)

Roskilde, a significant Viking location but also the home of our friends at the Viking ship museum.

This stage will bring Saga Farmann across Kattegat from Jutland to Sealand and down the fjord to Roskilde.

A visit in Frederikssund and the outdoor Viking theatre would be a nice bonus.

Dates: July 11th - July 19th

Total distance: 100+ nm

Start location: Aarhus (DK)

End location: Roskilde (DK)

Crew setup: Core crew of skilled sailors (6-8), Less skilled / Rookies (4-6)

Major obstacle: None

Major objective: Open sea sailing. Bring Saga Farmann to our friends in Roskilde

Stage 8: Roskilde (DK)

Saga Farmann will be moored in Roskilde. The crew can use the ship as base for city exploration and to welcome guests on board.

We might offer commercial round trips (motoring) for guests/passengers if possible.

Who know, maybe some sailing with our friends there.

Join this stage to get a unique stay in Roskilde

Dates: July 18th - July 26th

Total distance: 0 nm

Start location: Roskilde (DK)

End location: Roskilde (DK)

Crew setup: 1 Captain and minimum 3-4 Crew

Major obstacle: Get a nice weather window for the Kattegat crossing

Major objective: Show Saga Farmann to the audience/our friends - and enjoy the city

Stage 9: Roskilde (DK) - Aalborg (DK)

Heading north enjoying more open sea sailing. There are several options to get from Roskilde to Aalborg depending on the weather. With the prevailing weather pattern for end july bringing southwesterly winds this stage has potential to be awesome. The stage ends up on the finishline of the Tall Ships Race 2026 expecting a large number of spectators in the area and some big old ships to visit.

Dates: July 25th - August 2nd

Total distance: 150-200+ nm

Start location: Roskilde (DK)

End location: Aalborg (DK)

Crew setup: Core crew of skilled sailors (6-8), Less skilled / Rookies (4-6)

Major obstacle: Weather window to cross over from Sealand to Jutland

Major objective: Open sea sailing. Bring Saga Farmann to Tall Ships race finish location in Aalborg to feel the vibe

Stage 10: Aalborg (DK) - Gothenburg (SE)

Crossing Kattegat to enter Sweden. Most likely the voyage will stop by the Isle of Hlér during the crossing. Depending on the weather, time can be spend enjoying the coastal islands/archipelago of Sweden.

Dates: August 1st - August 9th

Total distance: 130+ nm

Start location: Aalborg (DK)

End location: Gothenburg (SE)

Crew setup: Core crew of skilled sailors (6-8), Less skilled / Rookies (4-6)

Major obstacle: Weather window to cross over from Jutland to Sweden

Major objective: Open sea sailing.

Stage 11: Gothenburg (SE) - Karlstad (SE)

The final stage for Saga Midgard 2026 with some nice sweetwater sailing and visit to viking locations in Vänern. First part is motoring up the Trollhätte Canal to enter the large lake of Vänern. Plenty of time on this stage to explore cities and locations on the route. Finally ending the 2026 voyage in Karlstad, where Saga Farmann will stay for the winter.

Dates: August 8th - August 23rd

Total distance: 160-200 nm

Start location: Gothenburg (SE)

End location: Karlstad (SE)

Crew setup: Core crew of skilled sailors (6-8), Less skilled / Rookies (4-6)

Major obstacle: None

Major objective: Open inland sea sailing and visit to viking locations.

How to get a spot on board ?

- Enter application form on Google (Link)
- Apply for one or more stages suitable for you
- Specify what roles you can hold
- Wait your confirmation to join the voyage
- Pay required fee
- Buy necessary tickets to/from the ship
- Bring good spirit and enjoy !



Roles to be covered on each stage

Captain

Stage Responsible

Chef

Chief Engineer

Medic

Media responsible

Welfare officer

Safety officer

Crew

All crew members will hold one or more roles.

In order for the voyage to work out, all roles need to be covered.

Read about the roles here:

<https://sagafarmann.com/crew>

When to buy travel tickets?

We recommend holding off on buying tickets until you have a confirmation for a spot on one or more stages



How to prepare for the voyage?

When the crew for a stage is set, a meeting will be called to coordinate the detailed planning work.

All crew members are expected to participate in the preparation of the stage.



Welcome on board