



Advice on using a Gift Voucher for a Sailing Holiday

We hope you are thrilled to have received a Classic Sailing Gift Voucher.

Using your Voucher

Use your voucher like cash. You can use part of it, or top it up with an additional payment for a sailing holiday that has really taken your fancy.

The Gift Voucher can be used on any voyage, day sail or RYA course promoted by Classic Sailing -subject to availability. There is a two year time limit on the use of the voucher.

We produce our sailing schedules for the next season around September / October every year. Winter Tall Ship programmes come out approx mid summer each year.

Welcome to Classic Sailing

Classic Sailing was set up in 1997 by Adam and Debbie Purser with the help of many family and friends. We wanted to offer sailing holidays that would not just appeal to those who were already hooked on sailing, but introduce the thrills of sailing traditional boats and tall ships – and the satisfaction of exploring under sail- to a whole new audience.

We Need Details from You

If you have been bought this gift voucher as a surprise, it may have been sent to another address; please do ring us with your contact details.

To help you get the best value from your gift voucher we also have many special offers throughout the year. If you supply us with your **e mail address** we can keep you regularly informed about vessels, special events, and special offers. Alternatively you can keep an eye on our website www.classic-sailing.com which has a special offers page which is updated frequently.

Fitness for a Voyage

A few days at sea for most, leaves people feeling rejuvenated, healthy and free from the stresses of the world ashore. However, sailing traditional sailing boats is quite physical and the sea is potentially a dangerous environment. Here is the nitty gritty without the sales pitch. You will be expected to take part in steering the ship, hoisting sails using blocks and tackles (no winches on board) on longer trips being on watch for at least 3-4 hours outside in the elements and often helping keep the ship clean or helping with washing up. Sleeping is not as peaceful as at home as you are could be in a communal area with bunks with between 5 and 15 other voyage crew – depending on the vessel (some people love the rocking of the ship and sleep better aboard than at home!). On the larger tall ships engine noise may be a low but a constant noise when below decks.

The following medical conditions could restrict them from sailing: diabetes, asthma, recent heart surgery or problems; Epilepsy, Aids or Communicable diseases, pregnancy, dementia or mental illness, blindness, vertigo or balance problems, susceptibility to illness due to recent operation. Hearing or sight problems.

We will need to know if you are on any medication in case anything happens to them whilst at sea. Also if you have a condition which requires regular medication, or have to keep up blood sugar levels, or anything which might be adversely affected if you become cold, seasick or de-hydrated.

Age: Some tall ship voyages have age restrictions. Voyagers over 69 and under 76 may be charged double premiums on their travel insurance.

Agility: A good guide is – do you have any problem climbing up a short vertical ladder, getting over stiles on a countryside walk and can you imagine yourself pulling on ropes or getting from a moving dinghy up a ladder onto a yacht or small ship.

What you need to know (Gift Voucher Terms and Conditions)

1. Classic Sailing Vouchers are valid for two years.
2. Classic Sailing Gift vouchers are transferable for a £20 fee.
3. No need to select a particular voyage on purchase of the Gift Voucher.
4. The person you are buying for needs to be in normal health, if in doubt please give us a ring on 01326 53 1234.
5. Minimum age is 18 for gift vouchers.
6. Maximum age depends on fitness and type of voyage, for over 65's please give us a ring on 01326 53 1234.
7. Additional payments can be made to meet exact voyage prices.
8. The value of any gift voucher can be used towards any voyage on any vessel promoted by Classic Sailing.
9. All voyages include all food and accommodation..
10. All voyages are subject to availability.

If in doubt talk to the Skippers – 01326 53 1234

If this is a new experience for you and you have never sailed before we strongly recommend you choose a weekend or short 3 day voyage, or a beginners RYA course like Start Yachting or Competent Crew.

Booking Form Conditions

Your booking form will be checked by the vessel operator before the voyage can be confirmed.