

Useful information before departure – Transatlantic voyages 2017/18

In this newsletter you will get further information about the winter-voyages. We hope this answers your questions about sailing with Christian Radich on the winter-voyages. Do you have any other questions, please contact us.

The hurricane Irma has as we know, done major damage in the Caribbean, but we expect the St. Martin airport restored before we get there. The schedule will go according to our plan.

You will find information about how to travel to and from ports in the article «Useful information» on the first page of our web site, www.radich.no/eng. Any travel requirements or specific information related to your passport and the country you are traveling from, are we not able to provide and have to be checked and organized by you. There are different visa and vaccination rules from different countries, and therefore you must check the requirements regarding travelling from your country to The Caribbean Islands, Cape Verde and to Europe (Spain, Portugal and The Netherlands).

Have you booked more than one voyage?

Our online-system can't deal with more than one voyage at the time, so if you want to book more than one leg, please send us an e-mail including the registration form (can be downloaded from www.radich.no). We will do the booking and make sure you receive 10% discount. (We will not charge the usual booking fee).

Vaccine:

Please check the requirements recommended by your country to the chosen destinations. Las Palmas and La Coruña: Spain, St. Martin: Netherlands, Grenada, Cartagena: Colombia, Havana: Cuba, Azores and Portugal. The Norwegian Health Department advice to take vaccines before travelling to Cape Verde and the Caribbean Islands. What kind of vaccines depends on how long you will stay in the country.

If you are sailing with us to or from Cartagena, Columbia, it's important that you have a vaccine against Yellow fever. It's also recommended that you are vaccinated against tetanus, hepatitis A and B, cholera and typhoid fever.

If you have been in a country affected by ebola the past six months, you are not allowed to visit Cape Verde or Cuba.

Please send a copy of your vaccine-card before departure, to: postmasteradich.no. This will probably make registration at the immigration office for the different countries easier.

Passport and visa requirements:

The different countries require different information to be registered before you are allowed to enter. Please submit by email the information listed below as soon as possible and at the latest a week before you travel, to: postmaster@radich.no. Don't forget your name and booking number.

- **Passport, date of issue**
- **Passport, date of expire**

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- **Where your passport is issued**
- If you find it easier, you might send us a copy of your passport.
- **A copy of your vaccine card**

Please check the requirements and the validity of the passport from your country to the country you are travelling to and from. These rules may change and in Norway we find the updated information on the web site to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

There are special requirements for travelling to Cuba from the USA. If you are travelling in transit through USA, you will have to apply for an authorization.

Currency in the different countries:

In most of the areas we visit are the most common credit cards (VISA and Mastercard) accepted.

Cape Verde:

Currency: Cape Verdean escudo (CVE). Euro is accepted in most places. Banks in the larger cities and in some smaller as well, have ATMs and credit cards are accepted.

St. Martin:

The currency is Euro and USD. Most hotels, restaurants and shops accept Mastercard, Amex and Diners.

Grenada:

The Currency is East Caribbean dollar (XCD). Most hotels, restaurants and shops accept Visa, Mastercard, Amex and Diners.

Cartagena:

ATM's are available. Most international credit cards are accepted.

Cuba:

Cuba has two different currencies, convertible peso (CUC) and peso («moneda nacional»/MN) 1 CUC = ca. 24 pesos. As visitor, you will use CUC. The exchange rate for CUC is almost the same as USD.

The exchange rate for USD is higher than other currencies, like euros. Visa is the only card that works in ATMs.

Bermuda is British and the Azores is Portuguese.

The mobile network works quite well in the countries we will visit, but ask your supplier for costs. Phone to and from Cuba is expensive and if you have to use your mobile phone in Cuba, check with your supplier if it's possible. Access to wifi is also difficult on Cuba.

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Food and drinks:

Be careful with food and water ashore. Water from bottles should be safe. For more information, please see relevant traveling sites for your country's recommendations.

On board:

Read the provided packing list carefully. The shop on board will sell cigarettes and some snuff. It's allowed to smoke outside, but remember to pay attention to the other trainees. It will be possible to wash clothes on the longer voyages. However, it is wise to bring enough clean underwear for a week's use.

In order for us to make the right precautions, please remember to inform us about any allergies in advance.

Contact with next of kin:

The mobile phones will not work while the ship is at sea. In case of emergency and your next of kin need to get in touch with you while you are on board, can the office be contacted Monday - Friday between 0800 and 1600. By phone: +47 22 47 82 70/
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