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WINDJAMMER SAILING: WHY YOU NEED TO SAIL DIFFERENT

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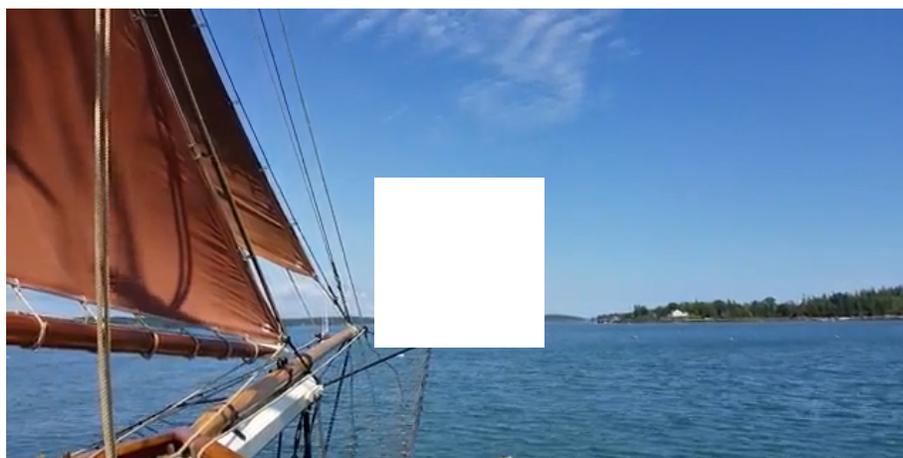


Locals know best! Cathy &



If I told you we went on a cruise, chances are you immediately had images of those large floating “city-like” ships. The cruise I’m talking about is much different. You see our cruise took place in Maine, USA. Among the many things Maine is known for like being a scenic vacation destination, Maine is known for its sailing. Aboard the windjammer Angelique, Captain Dennis and his crew will change your whole perspective of a cruise, and show you why you need to sail different.

FIRST ABOUT THE ANGELIQUE



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Built in 1980, this majestic windjammer is a 95 foot, Cruise Ketch type ship resembling an English fishing trawler from the late 1800s. The Angelique can accommodate 29 passengers in comfort and provides every modern convenience like hot showers

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and USB ports to charge your phone. With her distinctive red sails, the Angelique casts a striking and unique vision on the sea.

ALL ABOARD

Stepping aboard the Angelique for the first time is almost like traveling back in time. The friendly and helpful crew immediately will help get you situated and comfortable. Captain Dennis provides a very entertaining combination of sailing knowledge and humor. Always approachable and willing to share his knowledge, Captain Dennis is definitely part of what makes sailing a windjammer cruise such a unique experience.

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As you set sail from the port at Camden, Maine, all eyes from the surrounding boats and on-lookers are on the Angelique. Ask Captain Dennis where you are heading first and he will always give the same answer, "I don't know". Sailing the Angelique is an eco-friendly experience relying on wind power as much as possible. Sometimes the winds favor different destinations, so Captain Dennis will adjust to ensure that you get the best experience at the best destinations possible.

Tips for the Cruise

- Bring sunscreen and bug spray. The sun on the ocean is a lot stronger than you think. Bugs can be a problem on some of the islands
- If you are a big person like me (6'5") you might find the cabins or bunks small. Book a cabin with a double bed.

- External battery to recharge phones is really helpful and keeps you from having to go back to your cabin to recharge
- Lending a Hand

LENDING A HAND

TOURING MAINE'S COAST

Following the idea of an eco-friendly experience, preparation to sail is not done by machine. Crew and passengers alike pull ropes and adjust lines to get ready to sail. Although it is never required, it is encouraged to lend a hand, and actually part of the fun.

The crew, like their captain, will instruct you on what

to do and entertain you while doing it. By the end of the trip, everyone had lent a hand in some respect.

The cruise centers between Boothbay Harbor to Bar Harbor area and takes you through stunning coast line. With literally thousands of islands and calm water bays between, there is always something interesting to see without rough open seas. The tranquil waters and abundant sea life also attracts porpoise and seals, which make for a wonderful surprise.

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FOOD, FOOD, FOOD

The food aboard the Angelique is fantastic. The chef is excellent and really knew how to combine all local seasonal ingredients into meals that are mouth watering. Any special dietary needs or restrictions can be accommodated while on board too. There was always enough to eat and a variety that was always creative.

ULTIMATE LOBSTER BAKE

One of the highlights for our cruise was the all you can eat lobster bake. Yes you heard right...all you can eat. The feast begins by anchoring off of Captain Dennis' prime beach spot on a picturesque island.

The crew and passengers take row boats to the shore (again this is eco-friendly so no motors) and the feast begins. While being served wine and cheese, the chef and crew prepares the lobster and delicious sides. Honestly every meal as delicious and perfect, but the lobster was something special.

The most surprising moment of that feast was Cathy's ability to eat lobster. Whether it was hearing that a record 9 and a half lobsters were eaten by a single person (and Cathy is VERY competitive) or maybe that the lobster bake was just that good, Cathy preceded to challenge that record. I have never known Cathy to eat that much, but she amazed me and everyone by eating 6! She could have eaten more, but she was saving room for dessert. I have no idea where she put it. The feast was amazing and definitely a highlight of the trip.

FUN ON BOARD

Sailing on the Angelique is all about relaxation and fun. I have never been on a cruise where the passengers were allowed and encouraged to jump overboard! Every morning while anchored in a cove or off an island, passengers got the opportunity to go for a swim. Just jump right into the ocean and swim. It was so much fun and a fantastic way to start the day. We also got the chance to explore islands while anchored which allowed us to get some good exercise and take some photos of the area.

While on board passengers got the chance to learn anything they wanted to know about sailing, and much more. Passengers were always encouraged to interact with the crew. Whether that meant discussing recipes with the cook or even asking the captain for a chance to steer the ship, it was all welcomed and fun.

SPECIALTY CRUISES

Speaking about fun on board, the Angelique offers a whole host of specialty cruises that cater to a variety of interests. Take for example the Wine & Foliage cruise which sounds amazing. The fall foliage in New England is the best. How better to enjoy the beautiful scenery than while enjoying wine offered by wine expert and having it paired with the chef's cuisine? There is also a Photography & Nature cruise led by a pro-photographer with an optional workshop, a Lighthouses Cruise, Swan's Island Music Festival

cruise, and many more!

WRAPPING UP YOUR JOURNEY

Windjammer Cruises and the Angelique offer something so rare to find today. Living history. Where ships like this are usually docked and used as museums, Camden, Maine is the place to journey to experience a sailing instead of just hearing about it. The Angelique and its crew are some of the best at preserving the best of Maine's maritime traditions. If you have thought that going on a cruise was not for you, give them a chance to sail different.

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