

Patricia VOYAGES

2018



A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

The **TRINITY HOUSE FLAGSHIP**

• The Trinity House flagship THV *Patricia* carries passengers as she completes her vital work around the coasts of England, Wales and the Channel Islands. This popular experience allows guests to view her statutory duties maintaining navigational buoys and lightvessels, attending and refuelling offshore lighthouses and on occasion dealing with emergencies at sea.

SERVING THE MARINER

for over 500 YEARS

Trinity House is a unique maritime organisation whose primary objective is the safety and welfare of the mariner. Trinity House has three main roles, as the General Lighthouse Authority for England, Wales, the Channel Islands and Gibraltar, providing and maintaining a wide range of aids to navigation including buoys, lighthouses, lightvessels and the Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS); it is also the UK's largest-endowed maritime charity, spending around £4m each year on its charitable activities including the safety, welfare and training of mariners and the promotion of safety at sea, as well as being a Deep Sea Pilotage Authority.

The General Lighthouse Authority operates a number of vessels to undertake its statutory duties of which THV *Patricia* is the flagship.

With just six double bedded, ensuite cabins, few guests are able to experience a voyage and this, coupled with the type of work the ship undertakes, makes a voyage aboard THV *Patricia* a truly unique experience.

“Wanted a week’s holiday with a difference; Patricia was perfect.”

Guests stay in comfortable, high quality accommodation and are looked after to an excellent standard by a dedicated Chef and Stewards. With an open bridge policy, guests enjoy the benefit of the knowledge and experience of the officers and crew; explaining the work that is being undertaken on a daily basis.

Part of the appeal of a voyage on Patricia is the adventure of a moveable itinerary. The vital nature of the work of Patricia can entail deviation from her planned itinerary to deal with an aid to navigation casualty at sea or to search for and mark a wreck. Intrepid travellers

have an idea of coastline that they may be seeing during the voyage, but unlike a cruise ship with specific destinations, Patricia’s itinerary can change at very short notice.

With this in mind the itinerary is intended for guidance only. All our guests need to be flexible in their travel arrangements and anticipate potential late notice of changes to the itinerary. For example, the itinerary may suggest that joining is in Southampton and disembarkation is on the West Coast, port to be advised. The reality may be that due to an emergency or operational change to programme, joining may be in Whitby with disembarkation in Harwich.

The Thames Estuary has some of the biggest ships that dock at UK ports, transiting the area. There is a great dependence on buoys and lightvessels to ensure safe transit.

The North Sea is an important trading area for the UK with fishing, wind farms, offshore oil and gas exploration as well as general trade.



“Crew and staff all very welcoming and friendly. It was such a privilege to be allowed up on the bridge.”

EMMA STOOR, JULY 2017



Courtesy of G Taylor

Maintaining the shipping lanes remains paramount. This means that channels have to be closely scrutinised, depths surveyed and the positions of buoys verified regularly to ensure the maximum channel width and depth. With busy ports along the South Coast and traffic passing along and crossing the busiest shipping lane in the world, the focus on safety of navigation is critical.

The West Coast offers a different perspective with dramatic cliff tops, tempestuous seas

and strong tides. Nevertheless the hazards to shipping remain the same. The deeper water around the Bristol Channel means there is a lower population of buoys and a greater dependence on lighthouses to mark dangerous off-shore rocks; Eddystone, Wolf Rock, Bishop Rock echo the sounds of the dangers that lurk beneath.

Whilst Trinity House cannot guarantee the exact nature of the work Patricia will undertake whilst onboard, it can guarantee a most fascinating, relaxing and comfortable voyage.

DRAFT ITINERARY 2018

DATE	WATCH	COAST	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
18 - 25 April	Port Watch	North East Coast	
25 April - 2 May	Port Watch	North East Coast	
2 - 6 May 4 night voyage	Starboard Watch	East Coast	Crew Change 2 May
9 - 16 May	Starboard Watch	Unavailable	
16 - 23 May	Starboard Watch	South Coast	
23 - 30 May	Port Watch	West Coast	Crew Change 23 May
30 May - 6 June	Port Watch	North West Coast	
6 - 13 June	Port Watch	North West Coast	
13 - 20 June	Starboard Watch	West Coast	Crew Change 13 June
20 - 27 June	Starboard Watch	South Coast	
27 June - 4 July	Starboard Watch	East Coast	
4 - 11 July	Port Watch	East Coast	Crew Change 4 July
11 - 18 July	Port Watch	East Coast	
18 - 25 July	Port Watch	East Coast	
25 July - 1 August	Starboard Watch	East Coast	Crew Change 25 July
1 - 8 August	Starboard Watch	East Coast	
8 - 15 August	Starboard Watch	East Coast	
15 - 22 August	Port Watch	South Coast	Crew Change 15 August
22 - 29 August	Port Watch	South Coast	
29 August - 5 September	Port Watch	South Coast	
5 - 12 September	Starboard Watch	West Coast	Crew Change 5 September
12 - 19 September	Starboard Watch	West Coast	
19 - 26 September	Starboard Watch	North West Coast	
26 September - 3 October	Port Watch	West Coast	Crew Change 26 September
3 - 10 October	Port Watch	West Coast	
10 - 17 October	Port Watch	South West Coast	



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FARES

CABIN	7 NIGHTS	14 NIGHTS
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Single Occupancy

Stateroom	£2,400	£4,650
Luxury	£2,250	£4,350
Executive	£2,100	£4,100

Double Occupancy

Stateroom	£3,700	£7,200
Luxury	£3,450	£6,750
Executive	£3,200	£6,300

2 - 6 MAY	4 NIGHTS
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Single Occupancy

Stateroom	£1,350
Luxury	£1,300
Executive	£1,200

Double Occupancy

Stateroom	£2,100
Luxury	£2,000
Executive	£1,850

1. The draft itinerary is published for general guidance only; the itinerary can be subject to alteration at short notice due to operational reasons. Changes may include a change of coastline, for example, from the West Coast to the East Coast;
2. Patricia may enter a port on the day prior to a crew changeover day;
3. Joining or departure may be made by workboat;
4. It is likely that joining and departure will be at different ports;
5. Joining Instructions will be sent out approximately two weeks prior to commencement of the voyage;
6. As part of our Ship Security Policy, all guests must carry valid photographic identification e.g. current photo driving licence or passport;
7. Trinity House does not have an upper age restriction. You should however be capable of ascending and descending potentially steep and slippery steps unaided into a workboat;
8. Terms and Conditions apply and are available on request.

NOTES

- All prices are inclusive of full board but exclude alcoholic beverages and travel to / from the vessel
- Passengers are required to carry their own insurance
- Prices are per cabin
- Dietary requirements can be catered for as long as notified at time of booking

“Please thank the captain and crew for their kindness and good humour. Already planning for next year.”

JENNIFER MARTIN, JULY 2017

“All things on board magically attractive and comfortable and of an appealing high standard of luxury.”

MR GRAHAM BECK, AUGUST 2017

A voyage aboard THV *Patricia* is a holiday experience unlike any other and many of our guests return year on year. Trinity House values its loyal passengers and rewards them with exclusive privileges and benefits.



PATRICIA VOYAGES

It can be said that the only similarity between THV *Patricia* and a cruise ship is that they both float. The difference in experience is immense, that's why we call a holiday on THV *Patricia* a voyage and not a cruise.

vote for a voyage OR *choose a cruise*

If you're self-reliant, are happy to watch the crew as they carry out their work or enjoy the benefits of relaxing and unwinding in your own space and time.

If you want to be entertained during all your waking hours.

If you are prepared to accept a set menu at designated times with delicious and beautifully presented meals especially created by our dedicated passenger chef.

If you like a choice of menu or relish the thought of meals, buffets and snacks being available 24 hours a day.

If you consider uncertainty to be part of the adventure. Due to the nature of Patricia's work, embarkation / disembarkation can change at short notice even after you have been notified of where to join.

If you want to know exactly where you will embark / disembark.

If you are happy that the majority of your time will be spent at sea witnessing the work firsthand carried out by Trinity House, from lifting and cleaning buoys to the re-fuelling of lighthouses.

If the most essential aspect of your sea holiday is having the maximum number of ports of call that can be packed into the itinerary.

"The standard on board has never been better of both food and service!"

JULIA CREEKE, JULY 2017