

Patricia VOYAGES

2016



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.



“My experience on THV Patricia so far exceeds everything I’ve previously experienced and that I can only say I was amazed.”

JJ GOODWIN 2015



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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 2016

DATE	WATCH	COAST	CREW CHANGEOVER
13 Apr - 20 Apr	Starboard	East Coast	
20 Apr - 27 Apr	Starboard	East Coast	
27 Apr - 04 May	Port	East Coast	27 April
04 May - 11 May	Port	East / West Coast	
11 May - 18 May	Port	West Coast	
18 May - 25 May	Starboard	West Coast	18 May
25 May - 01 Jun	Starboard	West / South Coast	
01 Jun - 08 Jun	Starboard	South Coast	
08 Jun - 15 Jun	Port	West Coast	08 Jun
15 Jun - 22 Jun	Port	West Coast	
22 Jun - 29 Jun	Port	West Coast	
29 Jun - 06 Jul	Starboard	West Coast	29 June
06 Jul - 13 Jul	Starboard	West Coast	
13 Jul - 20 Jul	Starboard	West Coast	
20 Jul - 27 Jul	Port	West Coast	20 July
27 Jul - 03 Aug	Port	West Coast	
03 Aug - 10 Aug	Port	West Coast	
10 Aug - 17 Aug	Starboard	West Coast	10 August
17 Aug - 24 Aug	Starboard	West Coast	
24 Aug - 31 Aug	Starboard	South Coast	
31 Aug - 07 Sep	Port	West Coast	31 August
07 Sep - 14 Sep	Port	West Coast	
14 Sep - 21 Sep	Port	West Coast	
21 Sep - 28 Sep	Starboard	West Coast	21 September
28 Sep - 05 Oct	Starboard	South West Coast	
05 Oct - 12 Oct	Starboard	South West Coast	



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.

"Unlimited access to the bridge is much appreciated, captain and crew were helpful and friendly answering the questions fired at them." MR & MRS STREATFIELD 2015

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FARES

Trinity House is pleased to be able to hold prices from the 2015 season.

CABIN	7 NIGHTS	14 NIGHTS
Single Occupancy		
Stateroom	£2,280	£4,450
Luxury	£2,150	£4,195
Executive	£1,990	£3,880
Double Occupancy		
Stateroom	£3,510	£6,845
Luxury	£3,295	£6,425
Executive	£3,080	£6,005

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

“Yet again a wonderful trip on Patricia, which all the passengers enjoyed. I have nothing but praise for the way we were looked after by the passenger services manager and stewards. The Captain and his crew made us feel welcome at all times. Thanks again to everybody on board.”

MR DAVID REVIS 2015

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

“The standard of cuisine was better than any expectations, and so was the service. A week of delight for us both, which we will remember for the rest of our lives.”

SIMON AND JULIA WOLLEN 2015

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.