



TRINITY HOUSE

THE TRINITY HOUSE FLAGSHIP

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# *Patricia* VOYAGES 2019

## A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

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), as well as being a Deep Sea Pilotage Authority; it is also the UK's largest-endowed maritime charity, spending around £6m each year on its charitable activities including the safety, welfare and training of mariners and the promotion of safety at sea.

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.

**“ A very pleasant voyage amongst like-minded, friendly fellow sailors”**

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 THV *Patricia* is the adventure of a moveable itinerary. The vital nature of the work of THV *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



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the voyage, but unlike a cruise ship with specific destinations, THV *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 the programme, joining may be in Whitby with disembarkation in Harwich.

**“ Wonderful unique experience, in the comfort of a superb cabin, and outstanding food”**

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.



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 THV *Patricia* will undertake whilst onboard, it can guarantee a most fascinating, relaxing and comfortable voyage.

## Draft itinerary 2019

\* The 2019 crew changes will take place on the following dates: 24 April, 15 May, 5 & 26 June, 17 July, 7 & 28 August, 18 September and 9 October. *Patricia* may enter a port the day before a scheduled changeover.

WEEK	DATE (2019)	WATCH	COAST
1	17 - 24 April	Starboard Watch	East Coast
2	24 April - 1 May	Port Watch	East Coast
3	1 - 8 May	Port Watch	East Coast
4	8 - 15 May	Port Watch	East Coast
5	15 - 22 May	Starboard Watch	East Coast
6	22 - 29 May	Starboard Watch	East Coast
7	29 May - 5 June	Starboard Watch	East Coast
8	5 - 12 June	Port Watch	East Coast
9	12 - 19 June	Port Watch	East Coast
10	19 - 26 June	Port Watch	East Coast
11	26 June - 3 July	Starboard Watch	East Coast
12	3 - 10 July	Starboard Watch	East Coast
13	10 - 17 July	Starboard Watch	East Coast
14	17 - 24 July	Port Watch	East Coast
15	24 - 31 July	Port Watch	East Coast
16	31 July - 7 August	Port Watch	East Coast
17	7 - 14 August*	UNAVAILABLE	UNAVAILABLE
18	14 - 21 August	Starboard Watch	South Coast
19	21 - 28 August	Starboard Watch	South Coast
20	28 August - 4 September	Port Watch	South Coast
21	4 - 11 September	Port Watch	South Coast
22	11 - 18 September	Port Watch	South Coast
23	18 - 25 September	Starboard Watch	West Coast
24	25 September - 2 October	Starboard Watch	West Coast
25	2 - 9 October	Starboard Watch	West Coast
26	9 - 16 October	Port Watch	West Coast



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## Fares

CABIN	7 NIGHTS	14 NIGHTS
<b>Single Occupancy</b>		
Stateroom	£2,400	£4,650
Luxury	£2,250	£4,350
Executive	£2,100	£4,100
<b>Double Occupancy</b>		
Stateroom	£3,700	£7,200
Luxury	£3,450	£6,750
Executive	£3,200	£6,300

## 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

“ A great experience – I was well looked after and having lived by the coast often wondered who and how buoys were maintained”

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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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. THV *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 10 days 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.

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 THV *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.



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“ A holiday with a difference – couldn't fault the way we were looked after by everyone ”

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