

BRIEFING FOR CRUISING GUESTS

The fact that ASLAUG is a ship and not a house on solid ground makes a number of measures necessary as regards water, electricity, sewage, security etc. We have therefore made a list of “House Rules” in order to make sure that everything works smoothly for everyone on board.

Safety on the deck :

The deck may be slippery, especially in the early morning or by rainy weather, although it is treated with an anti-slip product. Therefore, please do not wear shoes with smooth leather soles or run barefoot, put on shoes with rubber soles.

NEVER stand up when we are passing under low bridges !

Safety in locks :

Please stay either on one of the outdoor terraces or inside the wheelhouse and let the crew do the handling of ropes etc. unless you are specifically asked to assist.

NEVER try to fend off the boat from lock walls (or mooring walls or other ships) with your hands or feet or a boat hook ! – The boat is made of solid steel and supports a scratch, your body can come to serious harm if you try to put it between a concrete wall and 90 T of moving steel.

Toilets :

Please do not put anything into the toilets that has not been eaten beforehand ! (i.e. no sanitary towels, tampons, plastic, hair, dental floss, chemicals etc.). Toilet paper is of course accepted, however in reasonable quantities only. Use the bins supplied, if any doubt.

Water supply :

We have a large water tank (6,500 L), but nonetheless you should avoid using too much water : don't let the water run while you brush your teeth, soap in or wash your hair. Let it pause and then run it again when you need to rinse.

Electricity :

Please turn off the lights when you leave your cabin and your bathroom. Preferably load your camera, your mobile phone, your tablet etc. when we are underway and the engine is running or when we are connected to shore-power. When in doubt ask the captain.

Waste :

Please use the bin in your bathroom, alternatively the wastepaper basket in the wheelhouse or the garbage bin in the kitchen. NEVER throw anything over board. We collect glass, PET and carton for the separator bins in the local “déchetteries” on shore.

Ventilation :

Please keep all port holes closed when we are underway (some locks leak water horizontally from the lock walls). The ventilation hatches in the cabins can stay open except in case of thunderstorms.

The bathrooms are ventilated, but please open a porthole for a short time after a shower.

The portholes all have mosquito net installed.

Lost items :

Things that fall over board are generally lost, unless they can float. Therefore take good care of your camera, mobile phone, binoculars, iPod, sunglasses etc. Do not leave clothes or towels outside, a sudden gust of wind may send them over board and they rapidly sink.

Tradition :

It is tradition on barges that you do not wear your street shoes “in house”.

Please take them off when you go downstairs from the wheelhouse. You are welcome to bring slippers.

Smoking :

For the safety and well-being of everybody, smoking is not allowed on board.

Conflict Management : The Captain’s decision is final !

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q.: Can I bring my US or UK appliances ?

A.: We have 230V European Schuko power outlets all over the ship, so you will need adaptors. There is a European hairdryer in each bathroom.

Q.: Will I have to bring formal clothes ?

A.: Only if you like to dine in high-end restaurants on shore. Otherwise, casual clothes are fine. Do, however, pack reasonable shoes with rubber soles. High-heels are not allowed on board, but you can of course change once off the ship.

Q.: Will there be any noise on board ?

A.: Not much, and you will quickly get used to it. During the day, bow and stern thrusters may give a wail before entering a lock, and the generator may be running for a couple of hours if we moor without shore-power.

In the night you may hear pumps working and in the morning the boiler will start to prepare hot water for showers.

In the early morning coots or ducks will make themselves heard and if a wind blows up, wavelets may beat gently and the fenders may bump against the hull.

The steel hull reacts to heavy sun and may give some “bonk sounds” as the steel expands or retracts, - do not bother, it is normal.

Otherwise you will be treated to a silent, peaceful trip, both during the day and during the night (unless we moor in the middle of a large town/city, of course, where traffic noise is common).