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The
Tall Ships
Races
Stavanger
2026

STAVANGER IS A PROUD HOST PORT

Stavanger has a long and proud maritime tradition. Having hosted The Tall Ships Races in 1997, 2004, 2011, 2018 and now again in 2026, the city is one of the most experienced host ports in the event's history.

In July 2026, we are proud to welcome tall ships, crews and visitors from around the world back to Stavanger for the fifth time. Our ambition is to be a welcoming and inclusive host port, creating memorable experiences both on the water and ashore.

The Tall Ships Races celebrate youth, international friendship, cultural exchange and hospitality—values that are deeply rooted in Stavanger.

THE WHOLE CITY IS INVOLVED

The Tall Ships Races is a shared effort across the entire region. Stavanger Municipality, Stavanger Region Port, local businesses, cultural organisations, volunteers and public partners are joining forces to deliver Europe's largest free family event and Rogaland's biggest public celebration in 2026. Together, we are creating an open and welcoming harbour, a vibrant festival programme and memorable experiences for residents and visitors alike.

Volunteers are at the heart of the event. Around 300 volunteers from across the region will support everything from hosting ships and assisting the Crew Friends programme to welcoming visitors and providing practical event services. They are often the first people our guests meet, helping to ensure that everyone receives a warm welcome.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY FIRST

Young people are at the heart of The Tall Ships Races. Through the Youth Sailing Programme, around 250 young people from Rogaland, aged 15–25, will have the opportunity to join the crews aboard the historic sailing ships. They will develop teamwork, responsibility and confidence while making friends from around the world. No previous sailing experience is required—just the motivation to take part.

The Tall Ships Races is a festival for everyone. Volunteers, organisations and the local community help create an inclusive meeting place where people from different backgrounds come together through culture, music and maritime experiences.

FOUR DAYS OF EXPERIENCES FOR EVERYONE

When more than 40 magnificent tall ships fill Stavanger Harbour, the city will be transformed into a vibrant waterfront festival. Visitors will be able to experience the ships up close, step aboard many of them, meet international crews and enjoy a varied programme of concerts, cultural events, food and activities for the whole family.

Under the banner Open Port Stavanger, we are opening both our harbour and our city. The event is also an opportunity to showcase Stavanger and the surrounding region as an open, welcoming and internationally minded host city, inspiring new generations to discover the sea, the ships and the unique international community they bring together.


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- Stavangerregionen Havn

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- Sparebanken Norge

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