



Ipswich Maritime Trust Barge Trip COVID-19 Secure Guidelines

Introduction

Ipswich Maritime Trust has 6 Barge Trips booked/chartered with the Sailing Barge Victor this summer. These trips have been modified to handle the risk of COVID-19 and to be made Covid safe. The following guidelines follow the latest government advice and last-minute changes may be made if necessary.

Safety and Social Distancing Measures that will apply onboard and during the trip

PRIOR TO TRIP

- Social Distancing of 2 metres to be observed at all times, as well as when embarking and disembarking the Sailing Barge Victor.
- Everyone onboard is required to carry their own personal supply of hand sanitizer.
- There will be 1 Skipper and 1 Mate on board based aft of the vessel and 3 Ipswich Maritime Trust volunteers to be based forward. Staff and Volunteers are to walk between the bow and stern of the vessel on the centre line of the hold cover to allow social distancing.
- There will be a maximum of 12 guests allowed on board in 6 couples. With 3 couples spaced on each side of the hatch when on deck, and 3 couple on each side of the hold when below.
- Guests are required to bring a mug, glass, hand sanitizer, disposable gloves and a mask or face covering. Plastic glasses will be provided if necessary.
- The risk of infection is greater inside a confined space and higher risk for older people. Good weather will allow us to be outside on deck. If the weather is wet, the hold will be well ventilated though we encourage you to wear a mask or face covering if you wish when in the hold.

ON THE DAY

- Guests will be welcomed on the quayside next to the Sailing Barge Victor where they will be briefed on the trip and the guidelines as set out in this document. Guests will be checked for any symptoms of Covid-19 and may be asked to take a forehead temperature check if needed.
- Guests will be then allocated either a starboard, port, fore, mid or aft seat.
- Food and Drink will be provided on the quay prior to boarding in labelled bags and is to be taken on board by each guest. This includes a packed lunch together with a bottle of wine or other drinks.
- Snacks, Cakes, Teas and Coffees will be available during the voyage within the limits of social distancing.

DURING THE TRIP

- When moving from deck to the hold, this will require others to keep clear of the companionway to allow for social distancing. Ipswich Maritime Trust Volunteers will conduct touch point cleaning of the handrail after each use.



- Ipswich Maritime Trust Volunteers to be notified when guests require use of the toilet onboard, we would recommend wearing a mask when in the hold and using the toilet. When finished please wash your hands and notify an Ipswich Maritime Trust Volunteer who will use appropriate PPE (including rubber gloves and a mask) to conduct touch point cleaning of the toilet, wiping down door handles, latches, taps and toilet seat after each use.
- A sink is available in the bar area for hand washing.

Extra Information for Barge Trips to Harwich

- When disembarking at Harwich, guests will be met by members of the Harwich Society and provided with a list of sights to see and their history. Guests are encouraged to split up as some sights are unable to be visited at the same time. Lunch can be had on deck.

Ipswich Maritime Trust contact details

Further information is available from Ipswich Maritime Trust event organisers, John Warren and Bob Pawsey, who can be contacted via phone on 01473 252893 or bookings@ipswichmaritimetrust.org.uk