

TALL SHIP
SAILING
ABOARD THE
SØREN LARSEN



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was one of the last cargo carrying ships constructed entirely of oak by the shipbuilding family of Soren Larsen and Sons in northern Denmark. She traded under sail carrying cargo as late as the 1960's. Found in a derelict state in 1978 by her previous owners Captain Tony Davies and his wife Fleur, who lovingly restored and re-rigged her to the graceful 19th century brigantine she is today. Since being in the Davies family the Soren Larsen has become a film star in numerous productions including the BBC's "Onedin Line" TV Series. Under Captain Tony's watchful eye she has sailed over 160,000 nautical miles, rounded Cape Horn, circumnavigated the world and has now chosen Auckland, New Zealand as her home.

SPECIFICATIONS

Rig	19th Century Brigantine
Length	145 feet sparred
Beam	25 ft 6 in
Draft	11 ft 3 in
Mast Height	98 ft
Sail Area	6750 sq ft
Displacement	300 tons
Crew	12
Guest Crew	22, in 2 or 4 berth cabins

The Soren Larsen also provides full snorkelling equipment, windsurfer, inflatable boats, fishing tackle, wet weather gear and all bedding.



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A Tallship must be the most graceful and romantic form of travel ever created. In a fresh breeze sails billow and strain against masts and rigging. Ropes and spars gently creak and sunlight sparkles on the sea.

The chance to experience seaborne travel from a bygone age is extremely rare. Soren Larsen gives people of all ages the opportunity to sail to some of the most beautiful tropical islands in the world aboard this magnificent square rigger.

The South Pacific

The South Seas with its enchanting islands, colourful history, rich and ancient custom and warm hospitable people, stirs the mind and excites the imagination. From May to November each year Soren Larsen explores this untouched paradise with voyages through Polynesia and Melanesia.



Escape with us for a voyage of discovery to places most people only ever dream about...

To explore remote, unspoilt atolls accessible only by sea is stuff of escapists' dreams. We sail in the wake of Cook and Bougainville, harnessing the tradewinds to transit the oceans, ensuring the best weather the whole year round.

"Land Ho!" calls out the lookout as we near our destination. As the ship lays at anchor in the clear turquoise waters of a coral lagoon beneath the cooling tradewinds, the ship's boat takes us ashore to explore untouched beaches lined by whispering palms and lush rainforest.

You can choose the thrill and challenge of a deep ocean passage, with the excitement of bluewater sailing and moonlit passage. With total involvement in the ship there's time to master the rig, become confident aloft or learn something of ocean navigation.



Or you can take a more leisurely island voyage, day sailing through an idyllic cruising paradise, still participating but at whatever level you enjoy.



New Zealand

Auckland, City of Sails and Home of the America's Cup is the ship's permanent base. From December to April each year she sails the spectacular cruising grounds and stunningly beautiful islands of the nearby Hauraki Gulf and Bay of Islands. Nowhere else combines such overwhelming beauty with such ideal sailing conditions and climate.

This unique region is an essential part of a visit to New Zealand. The coastline and islands that astounded Captain James Cook when he first charted them 233 years ago can be explored today aboard this magnificently restored square rigger.

No previous experience is necessary to become part of the ship's crew for a voyage of a few days, weeks or even months. You will have the opportunity to participate in sailing this authentic 'Cape Horner'. Alongside the professional crew you may stand watches, take the helm, handle lines, raise sail and let the routines of a sailing ship take you back to a slower and more relaxed era.



The massive oak beams of her hull and the walnut and brass of the elegant spacious saloon hark back to a bygone time - yet Soren Larsen is fully equipped with all modern safety and navigational aids and is fully surveyed for world-wide voyaging. Sail with The Soren Larsen on fabulous Auckland Harbour - ask for details about our

- Public Day Sails
- Private Charters
- Management Development Days

Comfortable two or four berth cabins accommodate up to 22 guests, the cook provides three excellent meals a day and the crew will help you enjoy and participate in the relaxed family atmosphere aboard.



Full information, voyage details and bookings call 1800 331 582



TALLSHIP SAILING IN THE PACIFIC

2011

SOUTH PACIFIC & TRANS-TASMAN SAILING VOYAGES 2011

Auckland - Tonga - Fiji – Torres Islands – Vanuatu

New Caledonia to Sydney via Lord Howe Island & Sydney to the Bay of Islands & to Auckland



Voyage	Destinations	Nights	Voyage Type	Dates	Cost AU\$
V332	NZ to the Cook Islands	31*	Ocean & island	02 May to 02 Jun	\$5295
V333	Cook Islands to Samoa	17	Island cruising	06 Jun to 23 Jun	\$4825
V334	Samoa to Tonga	16*	Island cruising	27 Jun to 14 Jul	\$4545
V335	Tonga to Fiji	17	Island & ocean	18 Jul to 04 Aug	\$4825
V336	Fiji to Vanuatu	17	Island cruising	08 Aug to 25 Aug	\$4825
V337	Vanuatu Banks & Torres Islands	10	Island cruising	29 Aug to 08 Sep	\$2965
V338	Vanuatu Discovery	10	Island cruising	12 Sep to 22 Sep	\$2965
V339	Vanuatu to New Caledonia	10	Island cruising	26 Sep to 06 Oct	\$2965
V340	New Caledonia to Sydney	18	Ocean sailing	10 Oct to 28 Oct	\$4825
V341	Sydney to Auckland, NZ	15	Ocean sailing	07 Nov to 22 Nov	\$4025

* these voyages cross the international dateline

Join **Søren Larsen** star of the BBC TV series ‘the Onedin Line’ and movies including ‘French Lieutenant’s Woman’, ‘the Count of Monte Cristo’ and ‘Shackleton’. Be part of the ship’s 22-person Voyage Crew and sail this authentic square-rigged sailing ship with all the romance and splendour of traditional sailing in some of the world’s most beautiful islands and oceans. Discover for yourselves the magic and the challenges faced by the great Pacific explorers like Captain James Cook, Wallis and Bougainville or the many sailors, whalers and mariners as they sailed the waters between Sydney, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

These voyages are available to **all ages** and **no previous experience** is required.

From May 2011 the tallship **Søren Larsen** will undertake a series of voyages to discover and explore the very best of the tropical South Seas. A true ocean passage takes us from Auckland to the Kingdom of Tonga via the volcanic Kermadec islands. In the islands of Haapa’i and the whale breeding grounds of Vava’u we find South Pacific tropical cruising at its most idyllic.

The voyage heads westwards following the trade winds on a series of voyages across the best of Polynesia and Melanesia, from Tonga to the outer islands of Fiji. We explore the wild untouched beauty and undisturbed culture of the islands of Vanuatu, sailing as far north as the rarely visited islands of the Banks and Torres group. We see the classical South Sea beauty of New Caledonia before heading westwards to Australia.

An authentic square rig passage to Sydney Harbour or a trans Tasman voyage home to New Zealand is a blue water sailing adventure at its best.

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Søren Larsen & Sons at Nykobing Mors built the Tall Ship Søren Larsen in Denmark and it is constructed entirely of oak she was massively built with oak outer planking on double oak frames with an inner hull planking of oak. Fully restored and meticulously maintained, on-board facilities include 2 or 4-berth cabins, a well-equipped saloon and galley, shower / bathrooms, inflatable boats, fishing tackle, windsurfer and snorkelling gear. Berth price includes all meals onboard, all excursions and activities, use of ship's wet-weather gear, inflatable boats and all safety equipment

To see **Søren Larsen** lying at anchor in a remote and deserted bay recreates a scene straight out of an 18th century engraving of the early European voyages of exploration. The thrill and challenge of blue water ocean sailing provides total involvement in the ship, with time to master the rig, become confident aloft or learn something of ocean navigation. Or you can take a more leisurely island cruise navigating between tropical anchorages and exploring an island paradise ashore untouched by modern tourism.



Your Role as Voyage Crew - This is an adventure holiday where the emphasis is placed on your enjoyment. Participation is part of that adventure and you will be taken on as a Voyage Crew, learning 'hands on' from the professional crew about shipboard life. Allowance is made for age and abilities and as part of the ship's watch system you can handle sail, take the helm, join-in and have fun.

On arriving onboard you will be shown your berths, introduced to the crew, and signed on Ship's Articles as Voyage Crew. Much of the first morning will be spent introducing you to the ship and explaining the various routines, safety procedures and equipment and how the watch system works. For those who wish we try to give you a chance to be shown how to haul and rig the sails and climb the masts.

There are up to 13-permanent or trainee crew who maintain and sail the ship that are there to assist and help you enjoy your time aboard. Once we drop anchor the deck watch is undertaken by the permanent crew and you the Voyage Crew are free to explore ashore. While on watch the voyage crew are under the care and instruction of the watch officer and two other permanent crew; everyone stands a turn on the helm, takes lookout on bow watch, helps fill in the ship's deck log and help handle the sails as required. The watches on deck will have to work the brigantine rig to best advantage to make the most of the changeable weather. On the longer sea passage there's time for talks about basic navigation, seamanship theory, rope work, history and development of square rigged ships. The timeless routines of the sea and unique beauty and grandeur of

the ocean can only really be appreciated by those who have undertaken a blue water passage several days out from land.

On open-ocean sailing or 'bluewater' voyages you can be expected to stand watch and participate in all the activities of sailing the ship. The objective is to undertake an authentic blue water passage under square rig. You will be introduced to the traditions of tall ship sailing, working as part of a skilled crew within the watch system

SOUTH PACIFIC & TRANS-TASMAN SAILING VOYAGES 2011



Sydney to Auckland – a Bluewater Voyage

Sailing through Sydney Harbour, one of the world's great harbours, is a thrilling occasion. It was here that **Søren Larsen** as Flagship of the First Fleet Re-enactment Voyage sailed in with the fleet of Tall ships for Australia's 200th birthday in 1988.

The trip across the Tasman will be an exciting and challenging sail for the first time novice and the experienced sailor. This voyage gives time for a good sailing passage of 1000 miles to the northern tip of New Zealand in the prevailing westerlies. This should take us about a week in reasonable conditions and during the sea passage from Australia the ship is sailing 24 hours a day and as voyage crew you will stand deck watches and work within a normal 4 hours on / 8 hours off watch system. This rotates during the course of the voyage to allow everyone to be on deck during different parts of the day.

Sighting Cape Reinga at the northern tip of North Island will be our first glimpse of New Zealand and soon we shall enter the beautiful Bay of Islands to clear NZ Customs at the tiny fishing village of Opua. A good ocean passage will allow us time to enjoy 'the Bay' including the historic town of Russell and the picturesque Roberton Island. Dolphins usually delight in escorting us to Cape Brett and the Hole in the Rock archway. Once we drop anchor at the Bay of Islands the deck watch is taken by the permanent crew and the Voyage Crew are free to explore ashore. With 4 or 5 nights in hand we make our way south through the Hauraki Gulf, visiting the marine reserve and the Poor Knights islands and perhaps Kawau or Tiri Tiri island before we arrive at our final destination, Auckland and home-port.

The following tall ship sailing voyages from May to November 2011 are now open for bookings – spaces are limited so early booking recommended:

V332 New Zealand to the Cook Islands (Ocean and island sailing) - 31 nights

Mon 02 May to Thu 02 Jun 2011 AU\$5295

An authentic ocean sailing experience, a classic blue water passage. Join the crew of this magnificent square-rigger and raise sail, take the helm and discover the timeless romance of tallship voyaging. Learning the southern constellations, understanding traditional navigation, or escaping the hurried rush of modern life - the grandeur of the ocean and beauty of the skies leave a profound impression on those who experience it. Depending on the ocean passage we will spend 5-7 days cruising the southern Cook Islands

V333 Cook Islands to Samoa - 17 nights

Mon 06 Jun to Thu 23 Jun 2011 AU\$4825

Combining ocean trade wind sailing and island cruising between two of the most idyllic Polynesian island groups. Sailing north from Raro, visiting remote Palmerston, Aitutaki, Suvarrow atolls then a downwind ocean passage to the Samoan coast and Apia, home and final resting place of Robert Louis Stevenson.

V334 Samoa to Tonga - 16 nights

Mon 27 Jun to Thu 14 Jul 2011 AU\$4545

From Robert Louis Stevenson's Samoa we combine tropical cruising in the islands of northern Tonga. Sailing the breeding waters of humpback whales in Vava'u, snorkelling coral gardens and caves, enjoying traditional village feasts and hospitality – this will be an authentic Pacific adventure. Join the crew of this magnificent square-rigger and raise sail, take the helm and discover the timeless romance of Tallship voyaging.

V335 Tonga to Fiji (Island - ocean voyage) - 17 nights

Mon 18 Jul to Thu 04 Aug 2011 AU\$4825

Combine tropical cruising in the islands of northern Tonga and southern Fiji with a 4 night blue water ocean passage between them. Sailing the Tongan breeding waters of humpback whales in Vava'u, with snorkelling coral gardens and caves. Arrival via Overlau, Fiji's old eastern capital then sail via southern islands Mbegga, Kandavu. Finishes west Fiji.

V336 Fiji to Vanuatu - 17 nights

Mon 08 Aug to Thu 25 Aug 2011 AU\$4825

Experience the colourful hospitality of the Yassawa isles of western Fiji and magic of the remote islands of central Vanuatu. Two contrasting island groups linked by the excitement of a 4 day passage before the SE trade winds make this an authentic and fascinating insight to life in this part of the Pacific. Join the crew of this magnificent square-rigger and raise sail, take the helm and discover the timeless romance of Tallship voyaging

V337 Vanuatu Discovery Banks Islands (Island cruising) - 10 nights from Santo

Mon 29 Aug to Thu 08 Sep 2011 AU\$2965

Our most remote cruising to these rarely visited northern Vanuatu islands. Sailing as far north as the breached volcano of Ureparapara. Ritual and custom, local cults, dancing and drumming and colourful ceremony are part of everyday village life here. Islands untouched by time - dense rainforest, welcoming villages, custom dancing, jungle treks, volcanic peaks and spectacular waterfalls make this Banks Island cruise an intensely vivid experience.

V338 Vanuatu Discovery (Island cruising) 10 nights from Santo to Port Vila

Mon 12 Sep to Thu 22 Sep 2011 AU\$2965

Vanuatu is one of the most remote and culturally diverse groups in the South Pacific. Ritual and custom, local cults, dancing and drumming and colourful ceremony are part of everyday village life here. Islands untouched by time - dense rainforest, welcoming villages, custom dancing, jungle treks, volcanic peaks and spectacular waterfalls make this island cruise an intensely vivid experience. This voyage takes in the central isles of what Cook named the New Hebrides.

V339 Vanuatu to New Caledonia (Island cruising) - 10 nights from Port Vila to Noumea

Mon 26 Sep to Thu 06 Oct 2011 AU\$2965

See the contrasting cultures of two tropical island nations. Sailing from Vila to Erromango in southern Vanuatu to the culturally fascinating Tanna island (home of Brit TV's Meet the Natives series) and its awesome active volcano of Yasur will be dramatic start to this Pacific adventure. A short trade wind passage SW gives a taste of ocean life. French chic and South Sea beauty combine at New Caledonia's capital and outer lagoon.

V340 New Caledonia, Lord Howe, Sydney (Ocean sailing) - 18 nights

Mon 10 Oct to Fri 28 Oct AU\$4825

A memorable blue water ocean voyage from tropical Noumea to the east coast of Australia. At the midpoint of our passage south we call at Lord Howe Island and anchor for a night or two before sailing on past spectacular

Balls Pyramid. Arriving into Sydney Harbour is always a thrilling occasion but to sail into one the world's great harbours by tallship is unforgettable. Join the crew of this magnificent square-rigger and raise sail, take the helm and discover the timeless romance of Tallship voyaging.

V341 Sydney to New Zealand (Ocean sailing - trans Tasman blue water passage) - 15 nights
Mon 07 Nov to Tue 22 Nov 2011 AU\$4025

The trip across the Tasman will be an exciting and challenging sail for either the first time novice or the experienced sailor. This voyage gives time for a good sailing passage of 1000 nautical miles to the northern tip of New Zealand in the prevailing westerlies. From the Bay of Islands we should have 4-5 nights sail down the spectacular NZ coast to Auckland.



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