

# The Antigua



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The three-mast sailing ship *Antigua* was built in 1957 in Thorne (UK) and sailed as a fishing vessel in her early years, until she was purchased in the early 1990s by Dutch tallship enthusiasts and re-fitted thoroughly as a barkentine for passenger traffic.

Since then, the *Antigua* has got 16 twin passenger cabins, each with individual toilet and shower and a small porthole (the two front cabins have the porthole actually in the bathroom). The *Antigua* is a regular sight in Spitsbergen's fjords since 2009.

Occasionally, the crew will need your – the passengers' – help during sailing manoeuvres. Up to 32 passengers share these little duties, and as a result, you as individual will experience this as part of the adventure rather than a burden. Sailing experience is not necessary, as the crew will always

be there to supervise..

*Antigua at Moffen, at the north coast of Spitsbergen*



## Some details:

<b>Flagg</b>	Dutch
<b>Home port</b>	Franeker near Harlingen (NL)
<b>The nautical crew</b>	7 persons, mostly Dutch and Germans (Captain, navigators, deck/service crew).
<b>Expedition Leader/Guide</b>	I - Rolf Stange - will be Expedition Leader on my own departures. Additionally, there is an experienced, knowledgeable guide/lecturer.
<b>Board language</b>	The voyages organized by Rolf Stange and Geo-RG with SV Antigua are <b>German</b> speaking! All crew members speak English, most of them also Dutch and/or German.
<b>Electricity</b>	220 V with European standard plug.
<b>Length (complete)</b>	49.50 metres

<b>Width</b>	7.13 metres
<b>Draft</b>	3.10 metres
<b>Maximum sail area</b>	750 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Main engine</b>	Cummins 400 PS
<b>Speed</b>	5-7 knots, depending on currents & weather
<b>Bow thruster</b>	Yes
<b>Certificate number</b>	9336ZZ
<b>Passenger cabins</b>	16 twin cabins, each with toilet and shower. The cabins will most likely be smaller than your home 😊

## Photo gallery Antigua

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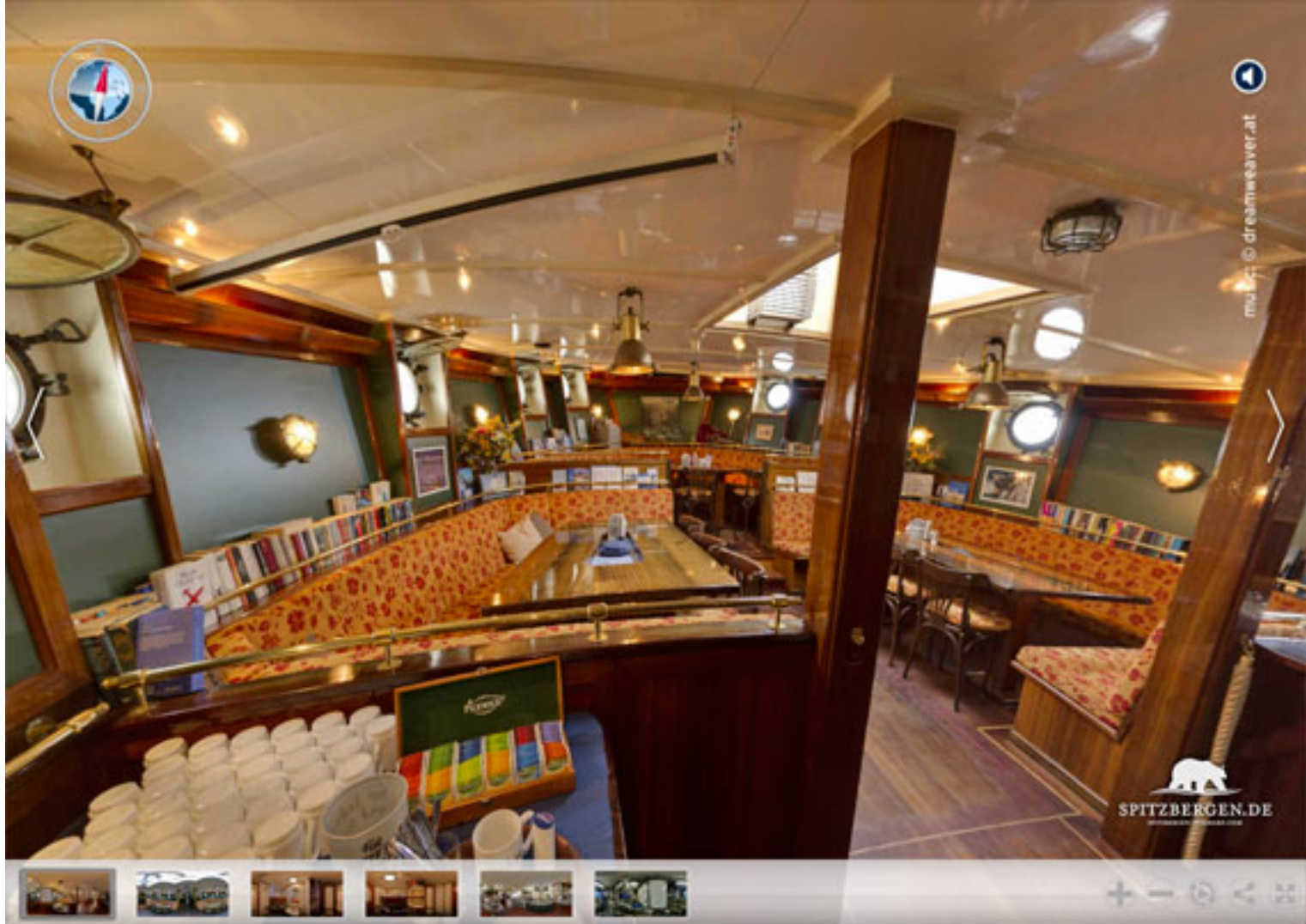
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## Stations

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5. Antigua: galley
6. Antigua: engine room

Below further information on the different stations:

### **Antigua: Salon**

The salon is the heart of the ship for the group: this is where everybody meets, here we have our meals, here we have a beer in the evening (unless it is nicer outside), this is the place for information and presentations.

### **Antigua: Salon**

The salon from a different perspective. Everybody can find a seat here at the same time.

## **Antigua: twin cabin**

One of the 16 twin cabins for guests. Every cabin has bunk beds and a little bathroom with toilet and shower. Space is limited, but enough and compared to sailing ship standards the cabins are almost spacious 😊

## **Antigua: another twin cabin**

Another twin cabin. From 2016, some of the cabins will be different: 8 out of 16 cabins will be a bit larger. They will then have two normal beds rather than bunk beds.

## **Antigua: galley**

The galley. Always amazing what they can do in there. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served as a buffet. Sometimes, there is even fresh cake in the afternoon 😊 or everything we need for packed lunch in case we venture on a longer tour.

## **Antigua: engine room**

The engine room. Even a sailing ship needs one these days. The engine can propel Antigua ahead with 7-8 knots. But sailing is obviously nicer, and sometimes even faster.

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