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Sailing Tectona provides residential adventure sailing voyages for young people, aged 8 - 25, on board our traditional boats—Tectona and Olga.

Over six days, ten young people become fully involved in all aspects of the voyage - from hoisting sails, navigating and steering, to cooking and cleaning. Through setting and achieving personal goals the young people grow in confidence and resilience. Whilst overcoming challenges, the young people develop key skills in teamwork and communication.

There is time to have fun and socialise, with everyone eating together in the evening before playing games. There is also time each day to reflect and discuss how everyone is feeling and the emotions involved with each person's journey.



"I can only thank the crew for providing my class with this opportunity to grow as individuals and as a group, it has changed their lives and provided memories that they, and I shall cherish forever."

- Group Leader

What to Expect.

Typically, the group of young people arrive and join the boat on Sunday at a time that suits them best. On joining the boat, there are inductions and health and safety briefings to be completed before we set sail.

Where we go on a voyage is entirely dependant on the weather and the attitude of the group. Once everyone is on board, we will look at the forecast, have a chat about how everyone is feeling and decide on a rough plan for the week. We normally sail along the Devon and Cornwall coastline, exploring secluded beaches, winding rivers or stunning bays.

Then we set sail! We will leave our mooring, hoist the sails and head to sea. There will be plenty to do - navigating, dolphin and whale spotting, sailing manoeuvres, sitting in the net at the front of the boat and steering to name but a few! There will also be plenty of time to chat and build relationships with all the other crew members on board. We may decide to stop in a new bay or at a new beach each evening or we may decide to sail through the night. We will eat our evening meal together and have time to chat and play games as a group.

By the end of the week, the young people will be more familiar with the boat and more confident in themselves. This often leads to the group taking more responsibility and leading activities such as hoisting sails. After a final group reflection and discussion, the voyage comes to an end, typically on a Friday at a time that suits the group.



Outcomes.

Those who take part in a youth voyage can expect a week full of challenges and accomplishments. Each voyage is different and tailored to the group's needs meaning that everyone gets the most out of the week.

By being in a new environment, and out of their comfort zone, the young people have to adapt and learn new lessons and skills. It gives them the chance to build resilience, overcome and achieve challenges and develop in themselves. The young people often leave Tectona feeling more confident, more empowered and probably very tired!

Testimonials.

"It was an experience that the pupils will never forget, with a long list of firsts for many. Most of all, the first time many had been able to learn their personal limits and grow in confidence. So much so that one pupil spoke in their real voice for the first time, and has been able to continue to do so since returning to school." - Zen, Group Leader

"It has challenged me to be more brave." - Jasmine, aged 9

"The whole experience has been challenging, moving and amazing." - Shaun, Group Leader

"The best bit was sailing fast without an engine." - Ewan, aged 14



Cost.

The full cost of a week's voyage on Tectona is around £5,000 for 10 young people. Groups are encouraged to fundraise for their voyage and help with this can be provided. Sailing Tectona also has some funding available to support certain groups. If you require assistance with funding, please contact us to discuss.

The following is included in the cost of the voyage:

- Three fully qualified sea staff
- Accommodation for the week
- All food and drink throughout
- All safety equipment including lifejackets and lifelines
- Wet weather gear - oilskin trousers and oilskin jacket

Travel to and from Tectona at the start and end of the voyage is not included.

Availability.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us. We work with our groups to provide the most suitable voyage for the young people and are flexible in adapting to meet your needs. It might be that a longer voyage, a shorter voyage or even day sails would be most appropriate. We look forward to creating your adventure together!

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