

El Galeon Extends Stay Due to Weather, Ship Offers 30 Day Adventure for Trainees

Ocean City, Maryland – (August 25, 2017): The Spanish ship, the El Galeon, has extended their stay in Ocean City! The ship, which was scheduled to depart on Monday, August 28, will stay in the Isle of Wight Bay until Wednesday, August 30, due to expected tidal conditions. The 170-foot, 495-ton wooden replica will be on display for patrons today, Friday, August 25 until Tuesday, August 29, with a pending departure at approximately 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 30 (*weather depending*). For more information & admission visit: <https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/special-events/el-galeon-tall-ship/>

In addition, the crew is offering a once in a lifetime adventure for voyagers who want more than just a tour of the vessel. Those who have the *need* and *time* to do more than visit the vessel at port can become a “trainee” and experience the 16th century vessel as it sets sail. The Nao Victoria Foundation has designed a Trainee Program that allows participants to become part of the crew for the final leg of the vessel’s journey from Ocean City to Spain. This opportunity allows trainees to share the responsibilities of the watch with your mates and learn from professional sailors about capturing the trade winds aboard El Galeon.

Trainees learn a variety of sailing techniques, including participating on the watches from the bridge, sails maneuvers, woodwork, docking and more. Sailing experience is not a requirement for the program, as participants will learn all that is needed through sailing workshops onboard! Positions are limited and a cost is associated with the program. Don’t miss this once in a lifetime opportunity! **The journey takes approximately 30 days.**

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