



Atlantic Crossing information MAD MAX 2018

ARC – ATLANTIC RALLY FOR CRUISERS

"The ARC is a 'must do' for many sailors, and attracts over 200 boats and 1200 people every year to sail 2700 NM across the Atlantic from Gran Canaria to Saint Lucia. The ARC is for everyone; families with children, tough racers, cruising couples, big boats and modest boats. Crossing the Atlantic together, but having their own adventures. More than just a boat race, the ARC is about friendships made ashore in the two weeks of pre-departure activities continued over the radio net at sea. It's about arriving in Saint Lucia to be met on the dock with a rum punch and a chilled beer, knowing you have achieved something fantastic - crossing an ocean on a sailboat."

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JOIN US ON THIS ULTIMATE ADVENTURE ON OUR COMET50CL 'MAD MAX', STABLE, SPACIOUS, COMFORTABLE AND FAST CRUISER WITH 2 PRO SKIPPERS!

What do we offer to you in our special "**All inclusive**" option:

In addition to using the boat for about a month, there will be **2 professional skippers on board**, who will also cook and provide **all the meals** for everybody, included are all drinks, Diesel, port taxes and marina fees, use of the safety equipment – there are **no other hidden expenses for you**. We want you to have the most **comfortable and worry-free passage**.

One week prior our departure you have the possibility to attend various **events, parties and courses** organised by the World Cruising Club, to which you have exclusive right as a crew member.

Having an "**All inclusive**" option will give you an opportunity to fully embrace this **once-in-a-lifetime experience**, without having to think about the galley.

All for **€ 4,090 per person** (Booking deposit of 50% required)

Contact us so we can help you with planning and preparation, we are looking forward to welcome you on board of MAD MAX for this unforgettable adventure!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What should we expect from a crossing of the Atlantic?

Crossing the Atlantic ocean is a very special journey that does not involve super-human efforts or particular sailing skills, you certainly don't need to be afraid of it! It requires only the will to have fun and to be in the middle of the ocean for some time. Don't forget we are backed up with the organisation of ARC, whose requirements for safety standards are very high!

How does it work? What will be your responsibility?

First of all, we will split into 3 watches (groups) of 2 people. During the day you will be free to rest, to steer, to read, listen to your music, chat and fish, etc. At night we will use the watch system, which will leave plenty of time for rest and a few hours to enjoy the night's sailing. The groups will always be trained to provide maximum security for everyone. There will certainly be plenty of time to enjoy this beautiful ocean and learn how to sail a boat in various conditions.

Your ideal previous experience would be to have participated in sailing holidays and perhaps participated in night sailing before, but honestly this is not strictly necessary, although it would be useful.

What to pack?

The list is short – a good sunscreen (minimum 30 sunfilter), non marking shoes to be used only on the boat, a waterproof jacket, trousers and boots, a hat, sunglasses and personal clothing. There is no need to have a lot of clothing in these latitudes. Everything will have to be carried on board in one soft bag, neither trolleys nor any suitcases will be accepted.

Personal medicine.

On board we have a well stocked offshore First Aid box and basic medicines. However, if you need to take medicine(s) regularly, please inform the skipper, with the method of treatment and dosage of your regular medicine. Diabetic Insulin can be stored in the yacht's fridge if required. It is emphasised and imperative that you bring on board the necessary quantity of medicine to cover at least a 2 months time period. If you think that during the first few days you may suffer a little seasickness, please remember to bring your own tablets, as a preventative measure.

What about the weather?

The weather is normally very predictable at the end of the year for the Atlantic crossing, essentially the wind should be behind us, so we would be sailing 'downwind'. With temperatures ranging from 16 - 23°C the first 2/3 days on leaving the Canaries, rising to temperatures of 32°C during the day and 25°C at night during the final 7/10 days prior to arriving in Martinique. You will not be cold for sure, this navigation is famous also for its perfect climate.

Let's sail!

Going downwind, our strategy will be to jibe many times, that will take us to the West – South – West off our course . We will use the Spinnaker with light winds and the Genoa when the winds are stronger. To get an idea, the trade winds blow normally between 10 and 25 knots, with stronger gusts only during the rare rainstorms. So a sail without particular worries, indeed, so much fun for all the crew and the helmsmen!

That said, we expect to cross our 3.000 Nm of big emotions in 17 - 21 days, of course the time frame is all wind dependent. However, we also have the possibility to motor for about 50 hours in the event of a total absence of wind (less than 6 knots wind speed).

Mad Max is an excellent longhaul boat. Robust, fast and comfortable. In terms of security, we have all the necessary safety equipment required for the crossing according to ARC rules. New safety raft for 8 people, EPIRB in case of abandonment of the boat, new self-inflating life jackets, MOB bracelets (Man OverBoard), Satellite phone for emergencies and to download the weather and call home occasionally. Obviously VHF / DSC radio and UHF receiver for weather reports.

During the passage we will provide you with auto-inflating life jackets with safety line, which will be mandatory at night and with more than 20 knots of wind during the day, plus sailing gloves and a head light for the night use.

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