

What to Expect on an *Endeavour* Voyage

When you join the HMB *Endeavour* replica for a voyage, you choose to join as a member of the voyage crew or as a supernumerary. If you join as a member of the voyage crew, you are not joining as a passenger, but rather as an active and important member of the crew that is required to sail the ship, in all conditions, for 24 hours of every day the ship is at sea.

Life at sea is completely different to life ashore and it does take time to adjust. As a consequence, many find that the first few days on board are very challenging.

Firstly, there is a large amount of new information to be absorbed regarding the ship, its arrangement and fit out, and how it is sailed. There are also new skills to be learned, and more importantly you need to learn how to apply this new information and skills to ensure your own safety, the safety of other crew members, and the safety of the ship. No matter what the length the voyage is, you will be learning something new on every day and on every watch.

Unfortunately, there may be times where you will be given an abrupt order by your watch leader, or by another member of the professional crew, which will require you to act promptly and in accordance with the order given. It will not be given to offend, or to belittle, but rather to ensure that the associated manoeuvre, e.g., wearing the ship, is undertaken efficiently and effectively, in a manner that will ensure the safety of the ship and all on-board. You are required to obey to the best of your ability.

Secondly, expect disrupted sleep, consequent on working a rotating watch system, with the hours of work, i.e., when you are on deck, on watch, and available to sail the ship, moving forward by two hours every day. Also, your sleep is likely to be disrupted as a consequence of the 18th century sleeping arrangements on-board, i.e., you will be sleeping in a hammock, (probably for the first time), in very close company with your fellow crew members, in ship that is continuously moving in different and unexpected ways.

You may suffer varying levels of fatigue, (both physical and mental), as you adjust to the disruption to your regular sleeping patterns, and a ship that is constantly on the move.

Thirdly, there is a high likelihood that you will suffer from **seasickness** at some time during the voyage, with the first few days of the voyage being the usual time when new crew members are most likely to experience it. Unfortunately, there is no easy cure if you are prone to suffer from seasickness, and the symptoms, including vomiting, that can make for a most unpleasant time for you while they persist. Whilst seasickness medications are highly recommended, there is no guarantee that they will be effective.

To help you adjust, and overcome a lack of knowledge, fatigue and/or seasickness you will be assigned to watch, and a leader.

The above is provided to ensure that you understand, without doubt, that you are not embarking, (as a passenger), on a pleasure cruise when you join the HMB *Endeavour* replica. You will be a member of the crew and be expected to work the ship as a member of the watch that you are assigned to.

Please note: You are not required to perform any duty, or task, while on board for which, due to your lack of knowledge, physical fitness, state of fatigue or seasickness, you feel that you may be putting your own health and safety at risk.

However, once you have adjusted to the ship's routine and found your sea legs, you will find the voyage will become everything that you expect, remembering that the more that you immerse yourself into the ship and its routines, and interact with the crew, the more rewarding your experience will become.

If you have not yet been on board the HMB *Endeavour* replica, and you are able, you are encouraged to visit the ship when it is berthed at the Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney, or other port, to familiarise yourself with the ship. If you are unable to visit the vessel, it is recommended you visit the self-guided virtual tour on <https://www.sea.museum/sailendeavour>.

If you have any questions relating to the above information, please ensure you contact the Endeavour Voyaging Team at your earliest convenience.