

GROUP BOOKING INFO 2026 (FACT 3g)

Group Experience

Trinity, our unique floating centre is permanently moored in tidal saltmarsh on the East Coast. The rhythm of the ever changing tides influence the daily programme and changes the pace of life to create a very special experience.

It is the ideal activity venue for individuals, youth clubs, schools, churches, people with special needs and those wishing to gain RYA qualifications.

Organisation & programme design

It is essential that, prior to the visit, group leaders think seriously about their expectations and requirements for the booking and communicate them to FACT. The programme can then be tailor-made to suit your group.

We offer a wide range of activities, such as sailing, powerboating, archery, climbing, raft building, team-building exercises, wide games and other sports. One primary factor to be considered is the tide times, as these affect our water activity schedules.

Dinghy sailing usually commences in March and finishes at the end of October. All water activities are run according to the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) guidelines for teaching and safe practice. We offer the full range of dinghy and powerboat courses. Many recreational weekend groups do not follow our RYA Certificate course although basic instruction is always given.

All visitors are welcome to participate in the Christian life of the Centre. Sometimes group leaders provide the spiritual input – other times we will take the lead. Typically, we have a ‘thought for the day’ at breakfast and a service on Sundays. Please talk with us before your visit to discuss the requirements of the spiritual programme.

Each morning the FACT staff team and accompanying leaders meet together in the ‘Lookout’ to discuss the day’s programme, what you hope to achieve from the day and who will be responsible for each activity. We also share a brief ‘thought for the day’ and a few informal prayers.

Programme evaluation

We are constantly striving to improve and develop the group experience we offer. At the end of your visit, we will ask you to fill in and return to us a feedback form with any comments and suggestions for the future.

Our Residential Centre

Trinity can accommodate a total of 48 guests in 2, 4 & 5 berth cabins each with hand-basins and heating. We have modern showers and toilets onboard and the galley serves a saloon at the stern, which enjoys panoramic views of the saltmarsh and estuary. Four or five of our full-time staff are resident onboard in separate accommodation.

Trinity’s Development

A 7 year project to further develop, enlarge and improve *Trinity*, was completed between 2017-2024. The ‘Trinity3’ project was delivered over a number of phases and completed in the quieter winter periods. It’s been quite an adventure! You can see more of the journey on our website.

The project was a £2m investment in equipping the centre to better serve our guests with life changing adventures.

The project provided the following improvements:

- increased guest accommodation from 36 to 48
- six new ensuite cabins (one of which is more accessible)
- a new layout for improved access through a helical staircase under the glazed light tower
- more, and enlarged breakout and meeting rooms
- a greener centre, with improved insulation, a heat pump system and solar panels
- Improved kit storage.

This development has been funded wholly through additional fundraising, and provides the most amazing centre for our guests to enjoy.

On-board Facilities

- *Toilets & Showers.* In addition to the toilets and showers for group members, there are six ensuite cabins available for leaders and a single toilet and shower for use of visiting guests.
- *Bedding.* Foam pillows and pillow cases are provided for each individual. Available to group leaders only we have duvets; you will need to bring your own duvet covers, please let the centre know prior to arrival if accompanying staff would like a duvet and how many.
- *Tea & Coffee.* This is always available in the galley.
- *Washing machine & drying room.* Available for visitors - see a staff member for instructions.

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- **Presentations.** A multi-media audio-visual system, alongside a flip chart and whiteboard, are available for use. FACT does not supply other stationery materials.
- **WiFi.** Available throughout the ship for the use of leaders. See a FACT team member for details.

Arrival and Welcome

On arrival, we will meet you in our car park and assist you with your luggage for the five minute walk to *Trinity*; just call 01621 868113 as you arrive in the village. After settling everyone in, we will have introductions and talk through the rules of the centre and safety aspects with the group.

Meal Times

You are invited to sit, along with our staff, amongst the group at meal times. We always wait for everyone to arrive for the meal before starting: one of our staff will organise the saying of grace and introduce the serving arrangements.

After the meal, a few notices will be announced. We encourage everyone to remain at the table until this point. Please ensure any special dietary requirements are told to us before your visit.

Daily Jobs

FACT thrives on enthusiastic participation of visitors and meal times are a focus for some essential but simple tasks:

- Laying tables for the meal
- Washing-up (with a dishwasher to assist)
- Vacuum cleaning the saloon
- Removing any rubbish and bringing back a few consumables to the centre.

We will organise the rota and look for the full support of accompanying staff.

Suggested kit list

Suggested kit list is available in your pack or also available on our website at www.fact.org.uk/kitlist

Responsibility

During your visit, you will be looked after by both permanent staff and seasonal volunteers, all of whom are trained and familiar with life on board and the various specialist activities. Appropriate personal checks, which include a DBS Disclosure, are made on all new staff.

While at FACT, you are responsible for the care, safety, control and discipline of your group particularly at night. This includes administration of any medication or application of creams such as sun lotion.

Responsibility for various parts of the programme or times in the day, may be delegated to group leaders - this would be agreed by prior arrangement.

Smoking and the consumption of alcohol are not permitted on board.

Personal belongings & pocket money

We discourage the use of mobile phones, MP3 players and iPods etc on board: apart from the obvious distraction, they could get lost or broken.

We have a small souvenir shop on board, items starting from 50p. We also have *Trinity* garments: T-shirts, baseball caps and hoodies, these range from £10.00 - £38.00. Sweets and drinks can be purchased in the village.

Lost property

Please contact the FACT office within four weeks regarding lost property. After one month, any unclaimed items will be disposed of responsibly.

Bursary fund

FACT is committed to serving people whose financial means are limited. Our Bursary Fund is an easy and available way to enable such people to enjoy a residential course onboard.

Do ask the office for details, which include a simple application form.

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