



On board *Amsterdam*
Monday, February 12, 2018

NOTICE
Itinerary Revision

Dear Guest,

Thank you for sailing with us aboard *Amsterdam* on the Grand World Voyage.

We have a change in the weather coming our way; an intense low-pressure system is barreling its way towards Tasmania from the west and will be off the west coast of Tasmania by Wednesday. The winds are forecast to increase, as is the swell, so much so that I have changed our departure time from Hobart; all on board will be 8 p.m. (excepting 1 tour, which should be back at 9 p.m.), we will sail as soon as that late tour returns to the ship. This to try and avoid the high winds forecast for Hobart, early on Wednesday.

Weather conditions on Wednesday at Port Arthur are not going to be at all suitable to tender you ashore; winds of 40 mph/60 kph and a swell of 6 feet/2 meters. I have consequently cancelled the call.

Our route to Kangaroo Island (or Penneshaw), would have normally taken us south of Tasmania and then north-west directly to Kangaroo Island. Should we take this route, we would have encountered very strong winds and a swell of up to 24 feet/7 meters. I have no intention of taking you through that, so our route from Hobart will take us north, in the relative shelter of Tasmania and then round the north coast of Tasmania, through the Bank and Bass Straits and nearer the Australian coast, thereby avoiding the worst of the weather. It is still going to be rough though, however this won't be until Thursday if this plan comes to fruition and will be less than us taking the most direct route. I, obviously, will keep you apprised of the weather as we progress.

As a result of this change, any Shore Excursions you booked through Holland America Line for Port Arthur will automatically be cancelled and refunded to your onboard account, as will any port taxes when applicable. However, we will be serving complimentary sparkling wine or soft drinks at dessert on Wednesday evening to celebrate your safety and well-being on board *Amsterdam*.

On behalf of the Officers, Staff, and Crew on board *Amsterdam*, thank you again for sailing with us. We are delighted to share this journey with you.

Thank you,

Captain Jonathan Mercer
Master, *Amsterdam*