

cruise log

DAY BY DAY RECORD OF YOUR CRUISE



VENTURA

FROM THE BRIDGE OF VENTURA

IN COMMAND
CAPTAIN ALISTAIR CLARK

DEPUTY CAPTAIN
Simon Davies

SAFETY OFFICER
Fergal Sargent

FIRST OFFICER
Antonio Festa

SENIOR SECOND OFFICER
Justin Horsey

SECOND OFFICER
Timothy Coutts

THIRD OFFICER
Fiona Murphy

THIRD OFFICER
Steve Hunter

FOURTH OFFICER
William Moore

CADETS
Amie Lawes
Toby Wrigglesworth
Rachel Horswell

VE011
8th May 2010 – 15th May 2010
Southampton
Bergen
Olden
Flamm
Stavanger
Southampton

Saturday 08th May Southampton

With all pre departure checks complete, clearance was granted and the Captain made his departure broadcast. Ventura let go all her lines and moved off the berth. She then proceeded down Southampton Water, slowing down at Fawley Oil terminal before making the two turns, first at Calshot Spit and the other at Brambles Bank. Once complete an easterly course was set along the Eastern Solent. Ventura disembarked her local pilot at 1902 and once clear of Nab Tower, altered to a south easterly course commencing her transit of the busy English Channel and following the Dover Strait traffic lanes into the North Sea.

Sunday 09th May At Sea

Throughout the day, Ventura followed various north easterly courses through the North Sea towards Norway. At 2230 Aberdeen was abeam to port at a range of 278 nautical miles.

Weather: Overcast with occasional drizzle
Temperature: 11°C (52°F)
Wind: Northerly Force 5

From departure Southampton until noon today, Ventura cruised a total distance of 333 nautical miles at an average speed of 20.8 knots

Monday 10th May Bergen

Through the night northerly courses were set following the Norwegian Coast. At 0638 an easterly course was steered passing to the south of Fedje Island and entering Hjeltenfjorden. With our pilot boarded at 0712 various courses were set, rounding Little Sotra Island and passing under the Brostanes Bridge at 0853. At 1007, Ventura was safely moored up and ready to disembark passengers.

Weather: Partly cloudy, occasional showers
Wind: South Westerly Force 4
Temperature: 4°C (39°F)

At 1755 Ventura let go her lines and swung bow to starboard, before proceeding away from Bergen following reciprocal courses set earlier in the morning. Ventura was clear of the fjord at 2100 and northerly courses were set to follow the coast of Norway enroute to Olden.

Tuesday 11th May Olden

During the early hours of the morning Ventura followed various northerly courses before setting due east to make her approach towards Nordfjorden. We entered the fjords at 0400 and from here on various courses were set, under the guidance of our pilot, through the fjords arriving off our berth at 0800. At 0823 with Ventura safely moored portside to and gangways rigged, the ship was ready to disembark passengers ashore.

Weather: Overcast, occasional showers
Wind: Light Airs
Temperature: 12°C (54°F)

With all passengers back onboard and departure checks completed, lines were let go and the Captain turned short round off the berth, following reciprocal courses made during the morning. At 2307, Ventura was clear of the fjords and southerly courses set towards Flamm.

Wednesday 12th May Flamm

Ventura continued southerly courses hugging the Norwegian coastline and then altered course easterly at around 2am to make the approaches to the Flamm fjords. Ventura proceeded under pilotage setting various courses to navigate the fjords. Two hours notice was given to the engine control room for 'stand by below' at 0515 and arrival checks were commenced. Lines were sent ashore at 0805 and as Ventura was being moored alongside, gangways were rigged and made ready for passengers to disembark.

Weather: Sunny with few clouds
Wind: Light Airs
Temperature: 15°C (59°F)

At 1706 Ventura let go her moorings and thrust off the dock, proceeding astern out of the harbour before swinging bow to starboard and then following reciprocal courses set in the morning.

Thursday 13th May Stavanger

Throughout the early hours, Ventura maintained her southerly course before altering to the east for the entrance to Kvitsoy fjord at 0450. Ventura then proceeded on southerly courses toward the port. A tug was made fast before the narrow entrance between the islands and once inside, her bow was swung to port and Ventura was moved astern and berthed port side to the quay.

Weather: Sunny
Wind: Light Airs
Temperature: 22°C (72°F)

At 1710 Ventura slipped her moorings and thrust off the dock before proceeding out of the harbour and back out through Kvitsoy fjord to sea. Ventura disembarked the pilot off Kvitsoy Island before setting a south westerly course across the North Sea.

Friday 14th May At Sea*

Throughout the morning, Ventura continued south west through the oil and gas fields of the North Sea. Ventura continued her transit of the North Sea, across the busy shipping lanes throughout the afternoon. At 2200 we commenced our south westerly transit of the Dover Straits, passing through the traffic separation schemes off Dover, before commencing our passage of the English Channel.

Weather: Sunny with light clouds
Wind: Southerly Force 2
Temperature: 12°C (54°F)

From departure Stavanger until noon today, Ventura steamed a total distance of 342 nautical miles at an average speed of 18 knots

Saturday 15th May Southampton*

At 0415 we boarded our pilot, once onboard he conned the ship along the eastern Solent, round the turns at Brambles and Calshot, and all the way up to the turning basin. Ventura then passed into Southampton water and at 0630 we were secured alongside our berth in Southampton.

From Stavanger to Southampton, Ventura steamed a total distance of 614 nautical miles at an average speed of 18 knots.

During cruise VE011 Ventura steamed a total distance of 1962 nautical miles on passage.

* Indicates port arrival / departure information estimated at time of going to print.
1 Nautical Mile = 1.15 Statute Miles.
Wind force refers to the Beaufort scale.