

Daily Program

DAY 3 – OSLO, NORWAY
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008

TODAY'S FORECAST
MOSTLY SUNNY 73° F/23° C

ALL ABOARD
4:30 PM

TONIGHT'S DRESS CODE
SMART CASUAL



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Welcome to Oslo, Norway

Founded in 1050 by King Harold Hardrade, Oslo is a city abounding in ancient history and present day interest, but very little of the early city remains. Duke Erik of Sweden attacked the heart of what was the ancient city, "Akershus Fortress," only 10 years after it was built in 1310. Subsequently, it was besieged by Christian II of Denmark in 1531-1532 and by the Swedes again in 1537 and 1716, when Sweden was trying to win back Norway from Danish control. Periodically plagued by fire, the old wooden city was completely destroyed by a devastating fire in 1624. All of these reasons explain why there is a scarcity of old buildings in the city today. King Christian IV (the Danish ruler of Norway) rebuilt the town about one mile west of the original site, bringing it closer to the Akershus Fortress and named it Christiania. The King decreed that all of the buildings were to be made of brick or stone and the streets to be of uniform width. For the next 200 years, the city progressed slowly with setbacks along the way. It was only in 1814 that Norway proclaimed its independence from the Danes and Oslo began to expand. Most of the principle buildings of Oslo date back to this time, as does the increase in trade that finally brought Oslo to economic prosperity and stability. The 19th century also brought about an increase in population. Oslo's population in 1855 was 40,000 and in 1900 had jumped to 150,000. In 1905, Norway achieved total independence when King Haakon VII was crowned as the first King of Norway since the Middle Ages. Oslo is a delightful mix of old European traditions and a new, younger European Union vitality.

FROM THE NAVIGATOR

At 4:00am we will embark the local pilot for Oslo. Then we will proceed 54 miles inland towards our berth in the heart of the beautiful city of Oslo. We expect to be docked by 8:00am.

PORT AGENT

European Cruise Service (Oslo)
Skur 35-2 .etg. S.Akershuskai
Oslo 0150 Norway
Telephone: 47 2242-4415

DOCK LOCATION
SØRENGKAIA

CURRENCY:
Norwegian Kroner

SHUTTLE BUS

Shuttle buses will be in operation from the pier to Oslo City Hall. Cost is \$5 USD per person one way or 25 Norwegian Kroner one way. The shuttle driver will collect your payment. The shuttle will start at 8:00am; the last shuttle is at 4:00pm.

TAX REFUND

Today there will be a local representative available for you on board for tax refund. Please bring with you your receipts as well as your VAT refund slip. You do not need to bring the merchandise. The local representative will be available from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the Atrium, 3.

ROTTERDAM SUPERSTAR SINGING COMPETITION SIGN-UPS & KARAOKE

Tonight we embark on a cruise-long talent search to discover the next Rotterdam Superstar as determined by our "celebrity" panel of judges: Come to the Crow's Nest, 9 at 11:00pm to sign up, select a song to sing or to just ask questions.



DETACH →

Today at a Glance

MORNING/AFTERNOON

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7:00 AM	☞	Morning Walk-a-Mile <i>meet in the Atrium, 3</i>
7:30 AM		Fitness Class: <i>Stretch & Relax</i> Greenhouse Spa, 8
8:00 AM		The Rotterdam is expected to dock in Oslo, Norway
9:00 AM		How About a Game of Scattegories? Exploration's Café, 5
11:00 AM	☞	Hole in Mug Golf Putting Atrium, 3
11:30 AM		Shuffleboard Anyone? Sports Deck, 9
1:00 PM	☞	Volleyball Serve Challenge Sports Deck, 9
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM		Bridge Players meet (<i>non-hosted</i>) Lido Restaurant, 8 portside aft
2:45 PM	☞	Backwards Basketball Toss Sports Deck, 9
3:15 PM – 4:00 PM		Afternoon Tea La Fontaine Dining Room, 5
3:45 PM		Afternoon Team Trivia Explorer's Lounge, 5
4:00 PM	🎯	The Art of Flower Arranging Culinary Arts Center, 4
4:00 PM		Friends of Bill W. meet King's Room, 5
4:15 PM		Snowball Jackpot Bingo <i>card sales begin 15 minutes prior</i> Queen's Lounge, 4
4:30 PM		All Aboard – The gangway is raised as the Rotterdam sails <i>shortly thereafter for Århus, Denmark</i>
4:30 PM		SCENIC CRUISING SAILAWAY with music by Nice & Easy Navigation Deck, 7 aft
5:00 PM		Catholic Holy Mass Wajang Theater, 4
5:00 PM	🎯	Single & Solos Gather Ocean Bar, 5

AFTERNOON/ EVENING

5:00 PM		Fitness Class: <i>Total Body Conditioning</i> Greenhouse Spa, 8
5:00 PM		Topaz Unveiling Signature Shops, 5
5:15 PM – 6:00 PM APPROX.		Scenic Cruising & Commentary: <i>on the outside decks, Crow's Nest, 9 and channel 44 of your stateroom TV and channel 5 of your radio.</i>
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM		Wine Sampling: <i>Wines of Chile</i> \$9.95 Wine Cellar, 4
6:00 PM		50% Off 14K Gold Collection Show Signature Shops, 5
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM		Complementary Fine Jewelry Cleaning with One of a kind Tanzanite display Merabella Deluxe Boutique, 5
7:00 PM		Designer Watches Collection Show Signature Shops, 5
7:30 PM		Face Up Blackjack Table Open Casino, 5
8:00 PM		SHOWTIME: COUNT DIMAS Queen's Lounge, 4 & 5
9:00 PM – 12:00 MN		Cigars, Cognacs, & Single Malt Whiskeys Under the Stars <i>featuring Macanudo Regular \$9.00</i> Navigation Deck, 7 aft
9:15 PM		Perfectly Frank with piano man Lonny Ambassador Lounge, 5
10:00 PM		SHOWTIME: COUNT DIMAS Queen's Lounge, 4 & 5
10:00 PM	🎯	ROTTERDAM PUB CRAWL \$20.00 <i>meet at the Seaview Bar</i> Navigation Deck, 7 aft
10:00 PM		Complimentary Raffle Draw: Topaz Pendant Signature Shops, 5
11:00 PM		Karaoke & Sign up for the Rotterdam Superstar Singing <i>Competition</i> with DJ Matt Crow's Nest, 9
12:00 MN		DJ Matt Takes Your Request Crow's Nest, 9

☞ - SPORTS OF CALL

🎯 - PARTY PLANNER EVENT



Showtime

QUEEN'S LOUNGE DECKS 4 & 5
START TIME: 8:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Count Dimas

From the Mountains of Transylvania

Count Dimas' refreshing originality and skillful use of music and comedy will make you enjoy every moment of the show. This truly virtuosic pianist plays several instruments, including his hilarious "Draculaphone". You don't know what a "Draculaphone" is? It is hard to explain, but is so much fun to watch. Do not miss this unique experience!

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TODAY'S EVENT

THE ART OF FLOWER ARRANGING

Join our "petal officer" and our Party Planner today in the Culinary Arts Center located in Wajang Theater, 4 at 4:00 pm as they show you how to make some of the incredible arrangements adorning the ms Rotterdam.

TODAY'S MOVIE

Vantage Point

Rated PG-13 ♦ 1 hour 30 minutes ♦

Drama

Showing: 6:00pm, 8:00pm & 10:00pm

President Ashton is at a landmark summit on the global war on terror when he is shot. Amidst the chaos are different perspectives in the crowd. As we follow each person's perspective of the event, the terrifying truth behind the assassination attempt is revealed.

Starring: Dennis Quaid, Matthew Fox.

Music & Dancing

CROW'S NEST DECK 9

Nice & Easy
7:00pm – 11:00pm

DJ Matt Keeps You Moving
12:00am – close

OCEAN BAR DECK 5

Easy Listening Piano
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm

Dance to the Music
of Top Society
6:15pm – 11:30pm

AMBASSADOR LOUNGE DECK 5

Our Piano Man Lonny
8:00pm – close

EXPLORER'S LOUNGE DECK 5

Coffees, Cognacs and Classics
with the Venus Strings
7:00pm – 11:00pm

GOING ASHORE

When going ashore please have your guest identification card (room key) ready to scan into the security system when leaving and re-boarding the vessel. You will also need to carry with you a form of government issued photo ID to show to our security personnel upon your return to the vessel.

YOU CAN HELP US PROTECT

THE ENVIRONMENT

Holland America Line takes many steps to reduce the use of fossil fuels. Since the ship must burn fuel to create both power and water, you can help by:

- Keeping your balcony doors closed at all times.
- Turning off the lights when leaving your stateroom.
- Leaving the air conditioning at the middle setting when leaving your stateroom.
- Using your towels for two days rather than one.

Thank you for doing your part to protect our planet.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

If you enjoy board or card games, or if you'd like to meet fellow guests with similar interests, simply sign your name, interest and stateroom number and look for fellow guests on the list with similar interests. It's a great way to have fun and make new friends.



Food

BREAKFAST

continental buffet breakfast
full buffet
table service

TIME

6:00 AM – 11:00 AM
7:00 AM – 10:30 AM
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

LOCATION

lido restaurant, 8
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la fontaine dining room, 5

LUNCH

full buffet
deli & salad bar
taco bar
burgers & hotdogs
table service

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM
11:30 AM – 5:00 PM
11:30 AM – 6:00 PM
11:30 AM – 6:00 PM
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

lido restaurant, 8
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terrace grill, 8 mid-ship
terrace grill, 8 mid-ship
la fontaine dining room, 5

DINNER

casual alternative
fixed early seating

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
5:45 PM
doors close at 6pm
8:00 PM
doors close at 8:15pm
5:15 PM – 9:00 PM

lido restaurant, 8
la fontaine dining room, 5

fixed main seating

la fontaine dining room, 5

open seating

for reservations dial 88
7:00am – 4:00pm

la fontaine dining room, 4

PINNACLE GRILL

lunch \$10
dinner \$20
for reservations dial 98

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM
5:30 PM – 9:30 PM

pinnacle grill, 4
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CARIBBEAN LATE NIGHT

11:00 PM – 12:00 MN

lido restaurant, 8

SNACK

Drink

DRINK OF THE DAY: SPICED DIAQUIRIS ♦ \$5.25

seaview bar weather permitting

9:00AM – 12:00 MN

deck 7

lido bar

9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

deck 8

ocean bar

10:00 AM – 12:30 AM

deck 5

crow's nest

3:00 PM – CLOSE

deck 9

explorer's lounge

5:00 PM – 11:30 PM

deck 5

ambassador lounge

7:00 PM – CLOSE

deck 5

casino sports bar

5:00 PM – CLOSE

deck 5

wine cellar

5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

deck 4

COFFEE

explorations café

7:00 AM – 10:30 PM

deck 5

Places

ART GALLERY DECK 4

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

CASINO DECK 5

SLOTS 6:00 – CLOSE

TABLES 6:00 PM – CLOSE

FUTURE CRUISE CONSULTANT

DECK 5 AFT

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

EXPLORATIONS CAFÉ DECK 5

8:00 AM – 10:30 PM

GREENHOUSE SPA & SALON DECK 8

GYM 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM

SPA 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM

MEDICAL CENTER DECK 1

call 911 for emergency

8:00 AM – 12:00 NN

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

doctor available

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

MERABELLA DELUXE BOUTIQUE

DECK 5

5:00 PM – 11:30 PM

PHOTO GALLERY DECK 4

5:30 PM – 10:30 PM

POOLS DECKS 7 & 8

7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

aft pool for adults only

HOT TUBS DECK 8

8:00 AM – 10:00 PM

PORT LECTURER DECK 5 AFT

GANGWAY 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

DESK 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

SIGNATURE SHOPS DECK 5

5:00 PM – 11:30 PM

SHORE EXCURSIONS DECK 4

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

cancellation deadline for

Warnemünde is at 6:00pm

Available 24/7

ART GALLERY, 4

FRONT OFFICE, 4

INTERNET ACCESS, 5

IN ROOM DINING