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## 11 Night Azamara cruise

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## Tuesday, Jun 3, 2014: Cruise Day 1- Depart from Lisbon, Portugal

### 11 Night Western Mediterranean Cruise from Lisbon, Portugal on the Azamara Journey

Tuesday, June 3, 2014 - Saturday, June 14, 2014

#### Sailing Departing June 03, 2014 Schedule & Itinerary

| Day                          | Location/ Port of Call       |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Day 1: Tuesday, 06/03/2014   | Depart from Lisbon, Portugal |
| Day 2: Wednesday, 06/04/2014 | At Sea                       |
| Day 3: Thursday, 06/05/2014  | St. Peter Port, Channel Isl  |
| Day 4: Friday, 06/06/2014    | Cherbourg, France            |
| Day 5: Saturday, 06/07/2014  | Honfleur, France             |
| Day 6: Sunday, 06/08/2014    | Honfleur, France             |
| Day 7: Monday, 06/09/2014    | Boulogne Sur Mer, France     |
| Day 8: Tuesday, 06/10/2014   | Dover, England               |
| Day 9: Wednesday, 06/11/2014 | Amsterdam, Netherlands       |
| Day 10: Thursday, 06/12/2014 | Amsterdam, Netherlands       |
| Day 11: Friday, 06/13/2014   | Hamburg, Germany             |
| Day 12: Saturday, 06/14/2014 | Arrive at Hamburg, Germany   |

#### Azamara Club Cruises Azamara Journey Ship Details

Cruise Line: Azamara Club Cruises

Passengers: 764

Year Built: 2000

Tonnage: 30,277

Year Refurbished: 2007

Crew: 390

Decks: 8

Registry: Malta

#### STAR Review



As the first ship in Celebrity's premium, exploratory brand, which the company now calls Azamara Club Cruises, the Journey offers an old-fashioned cruise experience that values good taste over trendy gimmicks.

No rock-climbing walls or surfing simulators here. Instead, you get live jazz by the pool, butler service and low-key, offbeat activities, all aboard an intimate vessel. The powers that be at Azamara have made a concerted effort to develop a fine, upgraded and distinctive cruise experience beyond just being an alternative to the huge ships of sister company Royal Caribbean.

Weighing 30,277 tons, Azamara Journey has a typical cruising speed of 18.5 knots and can carry 694 passengers at double occupancy (764 with all berths filled). She's registered in Malta, her officers are primarily Greek, and she has a diverse crew.

The Azamara Journey received a refresh to its look and feel during a dry dock in Singapore in early 2013. Along with its sister ship, the Quest, it received new carpet, upholstery and new colors in public spaces. Renovations also included new mattresses and upgraded veranda furniture, a resurfaced pool and new sun loungers.

The casino bar was expanded and got new furniture, and the fitness center also was revamped. A new, dark-blue color on the hull is also part of the makeover .

Azamara Journey's world-ranging itineraries are generally cruised by American and international passengers, many hailing from Europe. Passengers are typically age 45 and older, though Journey's longer itineraries and generally quiet onboard ambience will probably draw cruisers at the higher end of the age range. Few families sail aboard, and there is no children's program. Smoking regulations are very stringent: Smoking is permitted in only two small areas of the nightclub and pool deck. Onboard announcements are in English.

Journey is a perfect-sized vessel for many passengers: small enough that it's never too far from one place to another, yet large enough to provide variety on long itineraries. Complimentary shuttle buses are provided for many ports, and late evening and overnight port stays are common.

On Deck 9, the pool deck offers a smallish pool and two hot tubs, plus scores of heavy wooden deck chairs (on sunny days the deck can be wall-to-wall crowded). A third hot tub is located all the way forward, on a small sundeck just outside the ship's lovely spa. A beauty salon, acupuncture clinic, a small Internet center and a small conference room are next door, along with a gym that, while not large, is adequate for the number of passengers.

One deck up, the Looking Glass is a combined observation deck, disco and events room, with floor-to-ceiling windows and an airy decor accentuated by hand-blown glass artwork. Farther back on this deck, The Drawing Room is a combination library and piano lounge, decorated like a stately gentlemen's club. An afternoon tea is served here daily.

The remaining ship's public rooms are on Deck 5. All the way forward, the cabaret is a one-deck show lounge that presents floor shows nightly, such as small-scale production shows, comedians, magicians and other acts.

The vessel's relatively large casino has a big-screen TV in one corner for sporting events. Two small, understated shops (one stocked with everyday items and logo-wear, the other with luxe items) separate this area from the quiet Mosaic Cafe, where you can get extra-cost specialty coffee drinks and teas 18 hours a day, plus free tea sandwiches, cookies and other snacks. A harpist and a pianist perform here at different times of the day, and the ship's jazz band occasionally does an after-hours gig around the piano.

When hunger strikes, Azamara Journey offers five dining options. The main restaurant with open seating on Deck 5 has a country-club feel, with dark-wood paneling, understated upholstery and Romanesque paintings on the walls and ceiling. Five-course menus offer a sort of modern-traditional cuisine, featuring dishes such as New York strip, South African white fish with toasted quinoa, Iowa pork chops and fettuccini Alfredo. On Deck 10, two specialty restaurants sit side by side in the stern. To starboard, Prime C is a classic steak house with





hardwood floors, dark wall paneling and a choice of steaks, chops, chicken or seafood. To port, Aqualina serves a menu of Mediterranean-influenced American cuisine such as sea bass and rock lobster thermidor. House wines are included with lunch and dinner.

Suite passengers are entitled to free meals in one of the two specialty restaurants and non-suite passengers can make reservations for meals for US\$25 per person. On Deck 9, Windows Cafe is a standard buffet restaurant with a few nonstandard touches, including a fresh juice bar at breakfast, and a self-serve sushi station and waiter-served casual dining option at dinner. Out on deck, the pool grill offers the standards (burgers, hot dogs, pizza) and the not-so-standard (seafood kebabs, hot pretzels, gyros). The buffet becomes an upgraded Breeza at night. Overall, the quality of food aboard is excellent, especially in the specialty restaurants, where the level of service jumps a notch higher as well. Dress code on

Azamara is always resort casual. There are no formal nights, and a jacket for men is never required.

As aboard all the former Renaissance ships, there are few different cabin configurations to choose from. Most are standard 158- to 175-sq-ft insides, ocean-view and ocean-view balcony cabins, each with two lower beds convertible to queen size. Apartments include a sitting area with a sofa bed and small table, a flat-screen TV, a mini-fridge, writing desk and an off-white decor accented with wood tones and blue-and-gold upholstery.

Suites range from the 266-sq-ft Sky Suite to the 560-sq-ft penthouse suite, the former with a 60-sq-ft balcony, DVD and CD player, and bath with tub. Royal Suites and Penthouse Suites have separate living rooms and bedrooms, balconies that measure 105 and 233 sq ft, master baths with whirlpool tub and shower, and a guest bath. Views from 18 cabins on Deck 6 are obstructed by lifeboats.

Overall, Azamara Journey is a near-ideal ship for her type of longer, semi-exploratory itineraries, and close to the similar ships of Oceania and Princess and on par with Holland America. While the ships are similar, the food aboard Journey would be rated higher than Princess and more similar to Oceania.

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## Profile

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**Cruise Line:** Azamara Club Cruises  
**Ship Type:** Cruise Ship  
**Line Class:** Premium  
**Former Name:** Celebrity Journey, Blue Dream,  
**Registration:** Malta  
**Year Built:** 2000  
**Year Refurbished:** 2007  
**Deck Quantity:** 8  
**Passenger Capacity:** 764

## Statistics

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**Gross Tonnage:** 30,277  
**Length:** 593 ft  
**Beam:** 95 ft  
**Speed:** 18 knots  
**Inside Cabins:** 23  
**Outside Cabins:** 326  
**Nationality of Officers:** Greek  
**Nationality of Crew:** International  
**Number of Crew:** 390

## Recreation

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**Indoor Pools:** No  
**Outdoor Pools:** Yes  
**Is there a Spa?** Yes  
**Is there a Casino?** Yes

## Dining

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**Aqualina**  
Cuisine: Mediterranean  
**Prime C**  
**Discoveries**  
Cuisine: Classic

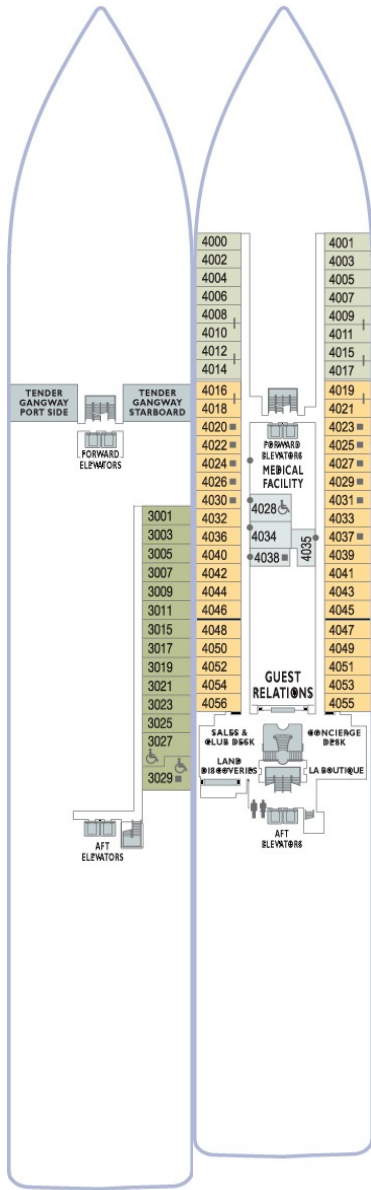
## Entertainment

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**Celebrity Cabaret**  
Capacity: 358  
**Casino Luxe**  
Description: Gaming  
Capacity: 107  
**Martini Bar**  
Description: 20 variations of martinis  
Capacity: 72  
**Looking Glass**  
Description: Observation, disco, events room  
**The Drawing Room**  
Description: Piano bar, library  
**Mosaic Cafe**  
Description: Specialty coffee and teas

## Azamara Journey Deck Plans

### Deck Three      Deck Four



## Azamara Journey Cabin and Stateroom Photo Gallery



### Azamara Journey Club Oceanview Stateroom

Features two lower beds convertible to queen size Flat-screen television Some with sofa bed Refrigerator with mini-bar Thermostat-controlled air conditioning Direct-dial telephone and voicemail Desk In-room safe Hand-held hairdryer

Category: **04** **05** **06**



### Azamara Journey Club Oceanview Stateroom (Obstructed View)

Obstructed View Features two lower beds convertible to queen size Flat-screen television Some with sofa bed Refrigerator with mini-bar Thermostat-controlled air conditioning Direct-dial telephone and voicemail Desk In-room safe Hand-held hairdryer

Category: **08**



### Azamara Journey Club Interior Stateroom

Features two lower beds convertible to queen size Flat-screen television Refrigerator with mini-bar Thermostat-controlled air conditioning Direct-dial telephone and voicemail Desk In-room safe Hand-held hairdryer

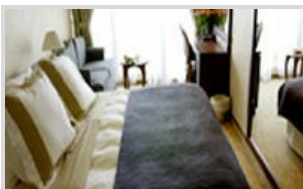
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### Azamara Journey Deluxe Ocean View W/ Veranda

Features: Two lower beds convertible to queen size; floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors; sitting area with sofa bed; flat-screen television; refrigerator with mini-bar; thermostat-controlled air conditioning; direct-dial telephone and voicemail; desk; in-room safe; hand-held hairdryer.

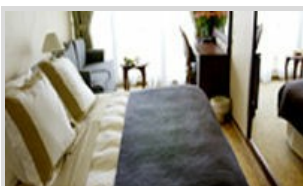
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### Azamara Journey Deluxe Ocean View W/ Veranda

Our Deluxe Ocean View features two lower beds convertible to queen size; floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors; sitting area with sofa bed; private veranda; flat-screen television; refrigerator with mini-bar; thermostat-controlled air conditioning; direct-dial telephone and voicemail; desk; in-room safe; hand-held hairdryer.

Category: **1C**



### Azamara Journey Deluxe Ocean View W/ Veranda

Stateroom Area: 215 sq. ft. Features: Veranda, TV, queen size bed, safe and hairdryer.

Category: **2A**

## ★ STAR Cruise Line Overview

Azamara Club Cruises began as a separate Royal Caribbean Cruise Line brand in 2007 to operate two former midsize Renaissance ships that had been positioned with Pullmantur Cruises, RRCL's Spanish subsidiary. This pair offers a vastly different experience from the huge RCCL ships with all their bells and whistles and from the classy modern Celebrity ships.

### Fleet

Two ships, Azamara Journey and Azamara Quest, both built in France in 2000, can each accommodate 694 passengers.

### Itineraries

Cruises of from 7 to 14 nights operate in the Caribbean, through the Panama Canal, South America, in Europe and especially the Mediterranean (where smaller less-visited ports are included), the Black Sea and in Asia. Port-intensive itineraries now offer more time in port including more overnights. Shorter cruises may be strung together to create longer voyages. Trans-Atlantic positioning voyages link the European and Caribbean seasons. Even more extended cruises between Asia and the Mediterranean sail via the Indian Ocean and the Suez Canal. Both these latter voyages offer many more sea days than the more normal port-intensive itineraries. Free shuttles, when available, now link the ship and city center.

### Dining and Decor

This pair has Edwardian decor setting them apart from the other RCCL brands. The style is faux English hotel and very comfy. Dining takes place in the main restaurant at one open sitting and in two specialty restaurants that feature an Italian or steak-house menu. Suite passengers get one free meal in each, but there is a charge for others. An indoor-outdoor buffet restaurant is open for all meals. Wine and beer are complimentary at lunch and dinner. Dress is always casual and smart casual in the evening.

### Programs

Itineraries with a cultural emphasis, such as in the Mediterranean and Asia, feature an onboard destination expert to prepare passengers for the shore excursions. Hotel and land extensions (and golf packages) can be added to most cruises.

### Onboard Experience

The ships have nightly live entertainment, wireless Internet access (a fee) in all public areas, shopping, a casino, and a variety of social and fitness activities. Passengers are mostly Americans, with Europeans coming aboard in the Mediterranean and South Americans in the Caribbean.

### Competitors

Princess Cruises operates similar ships, but Azamara's standards are more akin to Oceania Cruises, a premium company that operates three similar ships, all ex-Renaissance vessels.

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## Lisbon, Portugal

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Tuesday, June 3, 2014: Cruise Day 1- Depart from Lisbon, Portugal

## Overview

### Introduction



The hodgepodge of historical periods and cultures represented in Lisbon, Portugal, is a major source of its charm and travel appeal. A sprawling city on the banks of the Tagus River, Lisbon constantly reminds travelers that Portugal has been conquered several times, that it developed (and lost) its own illustrious empire and that, for much of the 20th century, it isolated itself from the rest of the world.

But when Portugal joined the European Union in 1986, it experienced a major economic boost. A completely new quarter sprang up on the banks of the Tagus. Lisbon is modernizing fast as a European travel destination.

As visitors to Portugal walk Lisbon's hills—or, better, take one of Lisbon's vintage trams—they'll find restored medieval facades, wonderful art-nouveau buildings, black-and-white mosaic sidewalks (known as *calcada*), fine museums and plenty of modern shops.

Lisbon's citizens seem to have absorbed their city's many-sided character. Visitors can witness the popularity of fado, the melancholy music that developed in Lisbon in the early-19th century. Though the performers sing about tragedy and distant glory, the audience is very much a part of modern Lisbon—a flourishing, fashionable business and leisure center.



*Old part of downtown at sunset*

## Highlights

**Sights**—Torre de Belem; Mosteiro dos Jeronimos; Se Cathedral; Elevador de Santa Justa; the view from Castelo de Sao Jorge.

**Museums**—Centro de Arte Moderna Jose de Azeredo Perdigao; Museu Nacional de Arte Antiga; Museu Calouste Gulbenkian; Museu Nacional dos Coches; Museu Nacional do Azulejo; Museu Berardo.

**Memorable Meals**—Seafood platter and steak sandwich at Sea Me; *acorda de marisco* (a seafood and bread dish) at Restaurante Pap'Acorda; meat dishes and Belgian beer at A Travessa; *pastel de belem* (custard tart) at Confeitaria de Belem.

**Late Night**—Barhopping in Bairro Alto or Cais do Sodre; dancing the night away in one of the clubs in converted warehouses on Avenida 24 de Julho.

**Walks**—A stroll through Alfama or Bairro Alto; window shopping in Chiado; a walk by the river in Parque das Nacoes or through one of the many parks and gardens.

**Especially for Kids**—Jardim Zoologico de Lisboa (the zoo); Oceanario de Lisboa; Museu da Marioneta; the playgrounds at Jardim da Estrela park.

## Port Information

### Location

Cruise ships dock at one of four Port of Lisbon cruise ship terminals: Alcantara, Rocha Conde de Obidos, Jardim do Tabaco or Santa Apolonia. All terminals are located near Lisbon's cultural center. Alcantara and Santa Apolonia terminals also feature gift shops, cafes and public telephones but there are no such facilities at Jardim do Tabaco or Rocha Conde de Obidos.

Additional public transport and taxis are readily available from the cruise terminals, especially Santa Apolonia, which is a transport hub. There is a tourist information office at Santa Apolonia train station—just follow the signs from the cruise terminal.  
<http://www.portodelisboa.com>.

### Shore Excursions

Shore excursions—and their prices—vary from cruise line to cruise line. Some may include lunch and drinks, and the number of stops may vary.

Half-day excursions usually consist of bus tours to the major city sites including stops at the tree-lined Avenida da Liberdade, Praca do Comercio, the Mosteiro dos Jeronimos and the Museu Nacional dos Coches. Other tours visit the chic and scenic Estoril coast and the resort of Sintra. Day trips to Obidos, Fatima and Batalha, known as the "Lourdes of Portugal," are other popular options.

**Wednesday, Jun 4, 2014: Cruise Day 2- At Sea**

**Thursday, Jun 5, 2014: Cruise Day 3- St. Peter Port, Channel Isl**

**Friday, Jun 6, 2014: Cruise Day 4- Cherbourg, France**

## **Cherbourg, France**

**Friday, June 6, 2014: Cruise Day 4- Cherbourg, France**

### **Overview**

#### **Introduction**

The port city of Cherbourg, France, lies on the coast of Normandy. You can spend the day exploring the city with its variety of churches, museums and shops, or choose to make the trip to famous Norman sites in the surrounding area.

Three UNESCO World Heritage sites are within a short train ride from Cherbourg: the Mont-Saint Michel, Bayeux Tapestry and Vauban Tower at Saint-Vaast La Hougue.

#### **Port Information**

##### **Location**

Cherbourg's port is located on the Quai de Normandie and is one of the best connected ferry ports in France. The town's cruise terminal greets passengers with an enthusiastic welcome and a complimentary sampling of regional food and beverages. The terminal contains a tourist information center, a souvenir and paper shop, a bar and showers, as well as car rental companies, a post office and currency exchange.

Regular ferries and a high-speed ferry service sail to and from Poole and Portsmouth in England.

A shuttle is provided from the terminal to the downtown area of Cherbourg and the train station. On special occasions, horse-drawn carriages are also available.

**Saturday, Jun 7, 2014: Cruise Day 5- Honfleur, France**

**Sunday, Jun 8, 2014: Cruise Day 6- Honfleur, France**

**Monday, Jun 9, 2014: Cruise Day 7- Boulogne Sur Mer, France**

## Tuesday, Jun 10, 2014: Cruise Day 8- Dover, England

### Dover, England

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#### Overview

#### Introduction

A busy seaport, Dover, England, is best known for its chalky white cliffs. The town itself is rather drab, but a steep climb takes you to its 900-year-old Norman castle, which overlooks the English Channel. The castle has double walls and underground tunnels (a nerve center for many World War II operations) to explore. The city's museum is worth a visit as well.

If you're in good shape, you may want to take in the views from the trails of the Western Heights.

Located 65 mi/108 km southeast of London, Dover is where you catch the ferry for the 90-minute trip to France.



*Harbor with white cliffs and Dover Castle in background*

#### Port Information

##### Location

Dover is a major European port, and the U.K.'s second largest cruise terminal, as well as being its busiest ferry port. Dover's two cruise terminals lie west of the town, while the cross-Channel ferry traffic is based in the east. The cruise terminals are jointly known as Dover Cruise Port or Dover Western Docks.

The terminals have good, modern facilities, porters to assist with luggage, bureaus de change, restaurants and cafes. Terminal 1 occupies the former Marine Railway Station and retains many charming Victorian features. Terminal 2 is a modern, purpose-built structure. The town center is about 1.2 mi/2 km from the cruise port. Taxis, which wait to meet all ship arrivals, are readily available at the terminals. There is also a shuttle bus into town.

##### Shore Excursions

Dover shore excursions are mainly to London. Sometimes local excursions are offered as well—the area around Dover, in the county of Kent, is one of the most interesting in England and is full of history and attractions.

## Wednesday, Jun 11, 2014: Cruise Day 9- Amsterdam, Netherlands

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## Overview

### Introduction

Tell anyone you're going to Amsterdam and there's a fair chance they'll either sigh with envy or give you a sly nod. Amsterdam's reputation for tolerance laced with sin precedes it, but equally renowned are its scenic and cultural attractions.

Amsterdam hotels are known for their cleanliness and hospitality, its restaurants offer world cuisine, and along the city streets is a shopper's paradise. Most visitors fall in love with the city and return again and again.

Amsterdam is nourished by a wealth of museums, concert halls, and avant-garde theater and dance venues. Its relaxed and tolerant attitudes draw those looking for a creative, anything-goes atmosphere.

Large numbers of beautiful tree-lined canals are bordered by streets with rows of narrow, gabled houses and 17th-century warehouses, making Amsterdam an architectural treasure trove. Amsterdam is much smaller in population (but no less interesting) than many European capitals. As a result, much of the city center can be comfortably explored on foot—or, if you want to look like a true local, by bicycle.



*Amsterdam at Dusk*

### Highlights

**Sights**—The Westerkerk (West Church) on the Prinsengracht and the spectacular view from its tower; centuries-old houses along the canals; the Anne Frank Huis; the Red Light District.

**Museums**—Rembrandts at the Rijksmuseum; the Van Gogh Museum; the Stedelijk Museum.

**Memorable Meals**—Smoked eel at Haesje Claes; french fries with mayonnaise or peanut-butter sauce from the rear end of the Albert Cuyp Markt; rijsttafel at Tempo Doeloe; salted or pickled herring from one of the fish stands along the canals.

**Late Night**—Jazz at Bimhuis; drinks and dancing at club Panama in the Eastern Docklands; events at the Nachttheater Sugar Factory, ranging from poetry readings in English to DJ nights.

**Walks**—A stroll that takes in all the sights of Dam Square and the adjacent Red Light District; a walking tour of the old Jordaan section; a walk in Vondelpark; a guided walking tour from Gilde Amsterdam of the city's hidden courtyards.

**Especially for Kids**—The aquarium, planetarium and petting zoo at the Artis Royal Zoo; the goat farm at the Amsterdamse Bos; hands-on exhibits at NEMO Science Center; the children's section (Kindermuseum TM Junior) of the KIT Tropenmuseum (tropical museum).

### Port Information

#### Location

Amsterdam's port consists of the Passenger Terminal Amsterdam and the Felison Terminal.

The Passenger Terminal Amsterdam is located at Piet Heinkade 27, which is close to downtown Amsterdam and to the central railway station. Felison Terminal is located at Sluisplein 55, directly at the port of IJmuiden. Both terminals host cruise ships.

Additionally, ferries dock at Felison Terminal, and berths are present at the Passenger Terminal Amsterdam for Rhine River cruise ships. Car parking; access to buses, trams and taxis; shops; Internet and pay phone access; and food and beverage facilities are available at the Passenger Terminal Amsterdam. A passenger cruise lounge and access to bus services are available from Felison Terminal. Phone 702-6081. <http://www.amsterdamcruise.com>.

## Shore Excursions

Since the major sights of Amsterdam are only a 20-minute stroll from the passenger terminal, many visitors don't bother with organized shore excursions. Typical excursions offer a canal cruise, visits to major museums, the Anne Frank House, the Royal Palace and the Bloemenmarkt. Half-day excursions include visits to Volendam, Marken and the windmill village of Zaanse Schans; the cheese city of Edam; or to Keukenhof to see the blooming tulips (spring only). Full-day-excursions include Aalsmeer, Delft, Rotterdam, the seaside resort of Scheveningen and the miniature town of Madurodam.

## Thursday, Jun 12, 2014: Cruise Day 10- Amsterdam, Netherlands

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## Friday, Jun 13, 2014: Cruise Day 11- Hamburg, Germany

### Hamburg, Germany

Friday, June 13, 2014: Cruise Day 11- Hamburg, Germany

## Overview

### Introduction

With more than 32 mi/53 km of canals and more than 2,300 bridges, the port city of Hamburg, Germany, has an independent, entrepreneurial spirit.

The city has established itself as a media and advertising center, but shipping is still a major industry, as it has been for more than 800 years.



*City Hall*

## Port Information

### Location

Hamburg continues to emerge as a strong competitor among ports catering to cruise ships in northern Europe. It was long a major container port, and the presence of cruise vessels increases each year. Eager to attract more cruise visitors, the city opened the Hamburg Cruise Center Altona after a three-year construction phase.

Hamburg's new terminal is close to the Hanseatic City's major sites: about 15 minutes by bus, taxi or harbor ferry.

## Saturday, Jun 14, 2014: Cruise Day 12- Arrive at Hamburg, Germany

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