DAILY PROGRAM
SATURDAY, 31.12.2016 – PORT LOCKROY

OVERVIEW OF RESTAURANT TIMINGS

**EARLY BIRD SELF SERVICE**
06:00 - 07:30

**BREAKFAST BUFFET**
07:00 - 09:30

**LUNCH BUFFET**
12:00 - 14:30

**TEA TIME**
15:30 - 17:00

**DINNER BUFFET**
18:00 - 21:00

**BISTRO, DECK 4**

**RESTAURANT, DECK 4**

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**PANORAMA LOUNGE, DECK 7**

**RESTAURANT, DECK 4**

On the last day of 2016 our plan is to land in Port Lockroy and to attempt to ship cruise through the scenic Lemaire Channel. We offer one more kayaking and PolarCirkelboat cruise.

**08:30 Framheim Information meeting PolarCirkelboat Cruise.** Please check the list on deck 4. You will go cruising directly after the meeting.

**Approx. 08:45 Kayakers** Please listen to the announce-ments for you to be called. We will meet at the reception.

**Approx. 08:45 We welcome one of the team from Port Lockroy to the Panorama Lounge to tell us a little about the base and museum, and we encourage everyone to attend this informative briefing.**

After the briefing we will begin our landing by calling boat group 6. Space on the island and inside the base is limited, so we will operate a one in one out system.

Listen carefully for the announcements for your group to be called. Please do not approach deck 2 until your group is called.

**Afternoon: After leaving Port Lockroy it will take just over an hour to get to the entrance of the scenic Lemaire Channel.** Our recommendation is to stay on the outer decks when we sail through this scenic channel. The channel has been blocked with ice for much of the season and the ice situation will dictate our activities this afternoon.

**Stand by for announcements!**

**New Year’s Eve Celebration**

22:00 We invite you to our no-to-missed Crewshow, in the Panorama Lounge on Deck 7.

23:30 Welcome the new year together with our Captain and the crew, Panorama Lounge, deck 7.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017!**

The region we will sail in today was extensively explored by the Frenchman Jean-Baptiste Etienne Auguste Charcot in 1908-1910. He explored more than 1990 km (1240 miles) of previously unknown coastline. During his first expedition aboard the vessel Français in 1903-1905 he discovered Port Lockroy and Booth Island.

**Port Lockroy:** during Operation Tabarin in 1944, the British set up two bases in the Peninsula area to establish a permanent presence in the Antarctic. They set up Base ‘A’ at Port Lockroy, a known safe anchorage. Base ‘B’, was
established at Whalers Bay, Deception Island. The base at Port Lockroy was operational until 1962 and then fell into disrepair. Since its restoration in 1996 by the Antarctic Heritage Trust (AHT), Base ‘A’ on Goudier Island at Port Lockroy has become one of the most visited sites in Antarctica. It now operates as a museum, kept as it was in the 1950s, as well as a post office and souvenir shop with all proceeds going to the AHT, a non-profit organization dedicated to conserving this and other historical huts in Antarctica.

The Lemaire Channel was first sighted by Eduard Dallman in 1873 and then charted and traversed by Adrien de Gerlache in 1898. He named it for Charles Lemaire, a fellow Belgian who explored the Congo for King Leopold III. Given the right weather, this eleven kilometre-long (seven mile) and 1.6 kilometre-wide channel can be strikingly beautiful. The steep cliffs and glaciers of Booth Island to one side mirror the opposite shores of the Antarctic Peninsula. When protected from the wind, the clear waters offer an extraordinary reflection of the mountains in the water; there can appear to be four different sets nudging each other. So many camera clicks can be heard during a traverse of the Lemaire Channel that it is known by expedition staff as the “Kodak Crack”. Navigation of the channel is dependent upon ice conditions but one doesn’t need to travel all the way down to experience its beauty.

We would like to inform you that all stated times and activities are changeable due to weather conditions, or other circum-stances out of our control. We kindly remind you to take care walking around on the ship while at sea. Especially venturing out on deck, mind the signs for warning of wet and slippery. Be aware the doors toward the outer decks on 4, 5, 7 and 8 can be potentially dangerous in windy conditions. While walking inside, hold on to railings but not in door frames.