

# DAILY PROGRAM



THURSDAY, 22.12.2016 – FORTUNA BAY & STRØMNESS



EARLY BIRD SELF SERVICE  
BREAKFAST BUFFET  
LUNCH BUFFET  
TEA TIME  
DINNERBUFFET

## RESTAURANT TIMINGS

06:00 - 07:00  
07:00 - 09:30  
12:00 - 14:30  
15:30 - 17:00  
18:00 - 21:00

BISTRO, DECK 4  
RESTAURANT, DECK 4  
RESTAURANT, DECK 4  
PANORAMA LOUNGE, DECK 7  
RESTAURANT, DECK 4

### Ca.08:00 We hope to do a landing in Fortuna Bay.

Wind and swell conditions permitting, we will start by landing the participants of the **Shackleton Hike** (list on deck 4) and **boat groups 3, 4 and 5**. (Hikers: after your colony visit, you will return to the ship to prepare for your hiking adventure, please read the addition hiking information which will be delivered to your cabins.) As these are ca.100 passengers, we are going to have a short break - of ca. 45 minutes. The break will be announced over the PA system. **After the break, we call for groups 6, 7, 8, 1, 2.** **Rubber boots are mandatory.**

Please do not approach deck 2 until your group is called.

Timings for return to the ship will be given ashore!

After the landing: Check your clothing and back packs: Vacuum if necessary.

You are able to use the vacuum system on deck 3 and 5.

### Afternoon: We hope to do a landing at Strømness.

We will begin our landing by calling **boat group 4, 5, 6 and 7**. Then we are going to have a break before the other groups are called. The break will be announced over the PA system. **After the break we continue with boat group 8, 1, 2, 3.** Listen carefully for the announcements for your group to be called. **Rubber boots are mandatory.**

At Strømness, please remember to stay outside the white posts which mark the 200 meters exclusion zone around the whaling station!

14:00 Information meeting in Framheim for those of you on the History Cruise. Please check the list on deck 4. **You will go cruising directly after the meeting**, so please take everything with you. You will wear the rubber boots and Regatta suits. Underneath we recommend wearing long woollen underwear. Don't forget gloves, hat, sun-glasses and dry bags for your camera.

South Georgia Landings:  
**Be ready for changeable weather.**

Remember to return to the landing site immediately if the ship's horn sounds.

Expect to get splashed.

Do not carry items in your hands when embarking and disembarking from the boats.

Enjoy!



Evening: Michael is playing piano and guitar for you in the Panorama Lounge on deck 7.

**Please remember to cover your windows from light for the sake of the birds.**

Fortuna Bay was not named after the Roman Goddess of luck, but for one of the first whaling ships in the area.

Please turn the page.

The inaptly named Fortuna ran aground at Hope Point in 1916 as her helmsman was reading a letter from home. Shackleton and his stalwart companions also came through here in 1916 in their slog from one side of South Georgia to the other. The bay is home to king penguins, gentoo penguins, fur seals, elephant seals and many flighted birds including albatross and southern giant petrels. King penguins prefer to nest at long, open beaches with large swell. The king penguin colony at Whistle Cove in Fortuna Bay is the most accessible on South Georgia.



[Strømness Bay](#) is home to the three deserted whaling stations; Strømness, Leith Harbour, and Husvik. Unfortunately, the station buildings cannot be entered for safety reasons but one can usually get close enough to acquire a sense of what they must have been like during their heyday. (We get a closer look at Grytviken). Elephant seals and fur seals are found along the beach. There is a small gentoo population as well as occasional king penguins. It was from the nearby station of Husvik that the entire staff volunteered to rescue Shackleton's 22 men stranded on Elephant Island. Setting out in Southern Sky the men of Husvik were not able to get through the sea ice surrounding Elephant Island. It would take Shackleton four attempts over four months to reach his men.