



2014 GRAND
WORLD VOYAGE
MS AMSTERDAM

NOTICE - Itinerary Revision

At Sea, April 5, 2014

Dear Guest,

As you are aware, my responsibilities and commitments to you are ones of Safety and Comfort; I consider that your well-being is therefore my remit too.

The recent outbreak of the Ebola viral disease in West Africa has been a concern of mine for some time; the subject was also raised at Stein Kruse's Q&A. It was apparent from my many recent chats with guests around the ship, that you also had concerns.

As a consequence of the above, I have, for the past 3 days, been exploring the possibility of a change of itinerary, avoiding West Africa completely and yet finding alternatives which would suit you, our discerning guests. This has presented challenges at such short notice; however I believe that we have found a suitable change which will allay your concerns about the West Africa calls.

We will, after calling at St. Helena, now miss Ascension Island, Gambia and Senegal and instead make 2 different calls, an additional one in the Cape Verde Islands; the port of Praia on Santiago Island on the 14th and thence to Mindelo, on the island of Sao Vicente for the 15th; here we will stay overnight and leave on the afternoon of the 16th.

Our next ports are the same as our previous itinerary; except we have added St. Lucia to the itinerary and as a consequence some of the dates are changed. Barbados will be on the 22nd; St Lucia on the 23rd; Dominica on the 24th; St. Maarten on the 25th and, as scheduled Fort Lauderdale on the 28th.

For those guests who had booked Holland America Line shore excursions for any of the bypassed calls, the charges of these will automatically be refunded to your on-board account. Our shore excursion department will provide an update of the newly available tour options for the added calls via separate communication as soon as this becomes available.

This is a Grand World Voyage after all, changes in itinerary are rare, however occasionally one has to adapt for circumstances beyond our control and I believe this is one of them. My decision to change was made with the principal intention of alleviating any anxiety you may have and also taking into account the same for my crew, on whose behalf I act.

Thank you for your understanding, respectfully,

Captain Jonathan Mercer
Master, ms Amsterdam