

DAILY PROGRAM



HURTIGRUTEN
MS FRAM

THURSDAY, 29.12.2016 HALF MOON ISLAND & WHALERS BAY



OVERVIEW OF RESTAURANT TIMINGS

EARLY BIRD SELF SERVICE
BREAKFAST BUFFET
LUNCH BUFFET
TEA TIME
BUFFET

06:00 - 07:30
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

Today we plan to have two short landings, on [Half Moon Island](#) and [Deception Island](#). We will also have a kayak group and the Geology Cruise with PolarCircleboats. Please check the lists on deck 4.

Important for both landings:

Rubber boots are mandatory footwear. Return time to the ship will be given ashore.

07:45 Kayakers, please meet at the reception ready to go.

08:00: We hope to do a landing at Half Moon Island, home to



chinstrap penguins.

We begin our landing by calling **boat group 2** etc. Please listen

carefully to the announcements for the break time and for your group to be called.

During the early afternoon we will hold the lottery for camping, time will be announced.

14:00 Polhøgda Camping briefing (weather permitting camping will take place on the night of 30th December).

14:45 Polhøgda Information meeting PolarCirkelboat Geology Cruise (**Group A.B**)

15:00 Framheim/English Atle will tell us some tales of his Kayaking Adventures.

Approx. 16:30 We hope to do a landing at Whalers Bay on Deception Island.

We begin our landing by calling **PolarCirkelboat** cruisers group B, then **boat group 3** and so on. Please listen carefully to the announcements for the break time

and for your group to be called. **PolarCircleboat Cruise group A** will be called after the last boat group to go ashore.

Approx. 16:45 PolarCircleboat Cruise group A. Please meet on deck 2 to dress in the regatta suits. Please listen to the announcements for exact timings.

Approx. 18:45 PolarCircleboat Cruise group B. Please meet on deck 2 to dress in the regatta suits. Please listen to the announcements for exact timings. Please eat dinner before the tour.

21:00 Panorama Lounge: Information about the plans for tomorrow.

22:00 Framheim/English Film: Dinner for one, 15 min

22:00 Polhøgda/English with Norwegian subtitles Film: Grevinnen og Hovmesteren, 15 min

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It is a Norwegian tradition to watch this film at Christmas, and so we will on Fram!

Half Moon Island is a two-kilometre long (1.2 mile), crescent-shaped island in the shadow of the picturesque mountains and glaciers of nearby Livingston Island. It is a favoured expedition stop for its large chinstrap penguin rookery. Other than a short hill, walking is generally easy. The serrated and crevassed cliffs are also home to Antarctic terns, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, and Wilson's storm petrels. Landings are usually made on an easily accessible, wide beach where an abandoned dory lies decaying.

Once up the hill, there are magnificent views of Livingston Island and humpback whales have been spotted breaching in the water between the two islands. Down towards the western end of the beach is Teniente Camara station with its huge Argentine flags emblazoned on the orange buildings. The station has been sporadically staffed in recent years due to the Argentine economy. This will be our only opportunity to see chinstrap penguins in significant numbers.



A portion of the wall of the volcanic caldera of **Deception Island** has collapsed, flooding the interior and creating an amazing natural harbour known as Port Foster. Access to the interior is through the 200 metre-wide (660 feet) entrance known as

Neptune's Bellows. There is a rock in the middle just under the water and the area to one side is foul. Therefore the ship will have merely 100 metres (330 feet) with which to navigate.

Once safely through the Bellows, Whalers Bay will begin to appear off the starboard side of the ship.



Whalers Bay was home to factory whaling ships as early as 1905 and a shore station named Hektor from 1912-1931 as well as British Base B built in 1941. Both the base and station were finally destroyed by a mudslide during the 1967-69 eruption along with a Chilean base farther down Port Foster in Pendulum Cove. Today there are two stations in operation, Spain's Gabriel de Castilla and Argentina's Decepción.

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.

We would like to inform you that all stated times and activities are changeable due to weather conditions, or other circumstances 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

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