



Today

SAGA
RUBY

Tuesday 20th March 2012

Dress Code: CASUAL
Sunrise: 5.53am
Sunset: 5.56pm
GMT: +9

Weather Forecast:
Winds: SE'ly.
Force: 2/3
Sky: Cloudy with a chance of showers
Temp: 22°C

CRUISE ITINERARY:

- Sydney, Australia**
Saturday 25th February
- Cairns, Australia**
Wednesday 29th February
- Bitung, Indonesia**
Monday 5th March
- Manila, Philippines**
Thursday 8th March
- Nagasaki, Japan**
Monday 12th March
- Jeju Island, South Korea**
Tuesday 13th March
- Tianjin Xingang (for Beijing), China**
Thursday 15th and Friday 16th March
- Shanghai, China**
Sunday 18th March
- Hirara, Miyako Island, Japan**
Tuesday 20th March
- Keelung (for Taipei), Taiwan**
Wednesday 21st March
- Hong Kong**
Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th March
- Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**
Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March

RECEPTION DESK
 Upper Deck, Mid-ships
 Open 24 hours Dial: 500
MEDICAL CENTRE
 B Deck Open:
 8.30am - 11.00am
 5.00pm - 6.00pm
 Tel: 393 (during clinic hours)
 Out of hours or in the event of an emergency dial 500.

IMPORTANT CLOCK CHANGE

Please remember to turn your clocks and watches **BACK** by **one hour** upon retiring this evening, Tuesday 20th March.

Hirara, Japan

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*7.00am MV Saga Ruby is scheduled to dock at Shimosaki Wharf, Hirara, Japan
 2.30pm All Aboard! Shortly afterwards MV Saga Ruby sails for Keelung, Taiwan*

Should you become lost please have this programme with you and make use of the following information. Please note that you will need your Boarding Swipe Card in order to proceed ashore.

Ship's Telephone Number: 00 44 1303 774969

Port Agent: Wilhelmsen Ships Service (Japan) PTE Ltd.
Tel: +81 35217 0171 Mob: +81 801148 8753 Fax: +81 35217 0173

Face to Face Inspection

Upon our arrival in Hirara, a Face to Face inspection is required by the Immigration Officials for all passengers going ashore. This will take place in the Britannia Lounge; entry will be via the Library and exit via the South Cape Bar. You will be required to carry a TLP (Temporary Landing Permit) when you go ashore, and this will be issued to you at the entrance of the Britannia Lounge before the inspection. Please listen out for announcements via the public address system inviting you to the inspection. Upon your final return to the ship before sailing, please place the TLP in the box provided by the gangway or return it to Reception. If you are remaining on board you will not be required to attend the Inspection.

Shuttle Bus Service

There will be a complimentary shuttle bus service between the ship and the local market area. The first shuttle bus will leave the ship at 9.00am and will run at approximately 15 minute intervals each way throughout our stay. The last shuttle bus will leave the market area at 2.00pm. Within walking distance from the shuttle drop off point is Nishizato Street where you will find the shopping area.

Please note, it is strictly prohibited to take any food ashore in Hirara

The unit of currency used in Hirara is the Japanese Yen. The approximate rate of exchange is: **UK £1.00 = 129 JPY / USD \$1.00 = 82 JPY / €1.00 = 108 JPY / AU \$1.00 = 87 JPY / NZ \$1.00 = 67 JPY / PHP 1 = 1.94 JPY**

Hirara in a nutshell

Hirara is situated on Miyako Island which is known for having some of Japan's best beaches and is a great destination for snorkelling and diving in the coral reefs. The sub tropical climate provides mild weather all year round. It is the fourth largest island in the Okinawa Prefecture. The island is mostly covered by sugar cane fields with a few towns, among which Hirara is the largest with a moderate range of restaurants and bars. The islands making up the Okinawa Prefecture, are also known as the Ryukyu Islands, named after the native culture, which is distinctly different from that of the rest of Japan in terms of language, cuisine and the arts. An independent kingdom and tributary state to China for several centuries, the Ryukyu Islands came under control of the Satsuma feudal system in the 17th century, and were made a Japanese prefecture in 1879.



Today's Highlight

6.00pm

~ *An Invitation* ~

Britannia Lounge

Vicky, Margaret & Mary

The Divertimento Piano Trio present

'Music for a Spring Evening'

JOHN'S GIGGLE: - At a suspicious car insurance claim tribunal, the claimant was asked - *"What gear were you in when the accident happened?"* The claimant responded *"Reebok trainers, Wrangler jeans and my new Nike t-shirt"*

SHORE EXCURSION DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Passengers participating in our Shore Excursions are advised that all tours will depart from the Ballroom. Please proceed to the Ballroom to collect your numbered disembarkation card at the following times:

K1376	Glass Bottom Boat Tour	9.00am
K1378	Miyako Scenic Drive	9.15am

For your comfort and safety, disembarkation will be by GROUP NUMBER. Please remember to have your Shore Excursion Ticket and Boarding Swipe/KeyCard with you when going ashore. The announcement will be made from the Ballroom that you may proceed ashore. Please do not congregate on the gangway.

Health Notice

May we remind all passengers to make use of the sanitising gel and hand wipes provided around the vessel and in particular before meals and when returning to the ship. Also, please use the utensils provided at buffets. We remind all passengers that when sneezing to please sneeze into a tissue which should then be discarded. Please also wash your hands afterwards. Thank you for your co-operation.

Your Duty Cruise Host & Hostess today are **Fernando** and **Helen**

MORNING

6.00am	MV SAGA RUBY is scheduled to dock at Shimosaki Wharf, Hirara, Japan	
8.00am	CROSSWORDS and sudoku puzzles are supplied for your enjoyment.	South Cape Bar
9.00am	ARE YOU AN INDEPENDENT TRAVELLER? If you would like to meet like-minded passengers (whether you are looking for someone to share a taxi or be a bit more adventurous ashore with) join Fernando who will introduce you to each other before you depart.	Reception
9.30am	CARPET BOWLS Join Fernando and fellow passengers to aim for the jack.	Britannia Foyer
10.30am	DARTS Meet Fernando at the oche for a game of Killer Darts.	Lido Deck
11.00am	LIBRARY Helen will be in attendance until 12noon should you require any assistance.	Library
11.30am	LUNCHTIME TRIVIA Join Fernando for a fun pre-luncheon quiz.	Britannia Lounge

AFTERNOON

1.45pm	ARE YOU AN INDEPENDENT TRAVELLER? If you would like to meet like-minded passengers (whether you are looking for someone to share a taxi or be a bit more adventurous ashore with) join Fernando who will introduce you to each other before you depart.	Reception
2.30pm	TARGET GOLF Join Fernando and Liliana for this challenging golfing game.	Bridge Deck Aft
2.30pm	ALL ABOARD! MV Saga Ruby prepares to set sail for Keelung, Taiwan, an approximate distance of 195 nautical miles.	
2.45pm	SAILAWAY Join the Bar Staff and Cruise Staff on deck and enjoy a glass of "Lumumba" for the special price of £2.00 as we leave Hirara , with musical accompaniment from The Tritones Trio .	Lido Deck
3.00pm	LIBRARY Helen will be available to assist you with any queries you may have in connection with the Library or for the loan of DVDs until 4.00pm.	Library
3.30pm	SHUFFLEBOARD Meet James and Fernando and take in the view as you play this nautical game.	Lido Deck
3.30pm	LEGS, BUMS & TUMS Join Kayleigh to target those problem areas with short repetitive exercises. (Please wear appropriate footwear).	Cloud 9 Gym
4.15pm	AFTERNOON TEA Enjoy the company of the duty Cruise Team over a cup or two of tea with William at the piano.	Ballroom
4.30pm	PILATES Join Kayleigh for this holistic approach to exercise. (Please wear appropriate footwear).	Cloud 9 Gym
4.30pm	EMAIL ASSISTANCE Join Alan for any help you may require in sending and receiving emails until 5.15pm.	Computer Centre

EVENING

Please note, the Card Room will be closed from 5.30pm - 8.00pm for a private function. Thank you.

6.00pm	COCKTAIL HOUR Enjoy a selection of music and requests with William until 7.00pm.	South Cape Bar
6.00pm	CLASSICAL RECITAL Vicky, Margaret & Mary, The Divertimento Piano Trio present 'Music for a Spring Evening'. (Please take your seats and order drinks prior to the commencement of the concert).	Britannia Lounge
6.30pm	EARLY EVENING DANCING with The Tritones Trio and Gentlemen Hosts until 7.15pm.	Ballroom
8.30pm	EASY LISTENING Join Cocktail Pianist William for a superb selection of musical melodies.	South Cape Bar
8.45pm	TEAM TRIVIA Join Mark for tonight's fun general knowledge quiz.	Britannia Lounge
8.45pm	MUSIC FOR DANCING with The Tritones Trio and our Gentlemen Hosts until 9.20pm.	Ballroom
9.30pm	CABARET SHOWTIME proudly presents Virtuoso of Variety Davie Howes . Later, music for dancing from The Saga Ruby Orchestra with our Gentlemen Hosts .	Ballroom
10.30pm	EASY LISTENING Join Cocktail Pianist William for more marvellous musical melodies until late.	South Cape Bar
10.30pm	GOURMET BITES Enjoy this late night snack until 11.15pm.	Lido Café
10.30pm	CABARET & COCKTAILS A terrific selection of music to dance to with our very own Tritones Trio .	Preview

Virtuoso of Variety, Davie Howes



Davie Howes has been performing in major UK venues for the past 25 years. In 1999 he began working for the cruise industry, and quickly became one of the most sought after headline acts on the high seas.

His high energy musical variety show has been used to launch most of the major new super liners over the past few years. Davie prides himself on the originality of his musical arrangements (all written by himself) as he divides his career between cruising and writing music for TV and films at home with his family in England.

The headline show features his unique piano style, comprising a mixture of classical, jazz, Latin and also rock; "trumpet" styling of the music of Harry James, Louis Armstrong, to modern contemporary. His light hearted approach to making original music live on stage also involves creating instruments from the ships interior and exterior. Add to this Davie's vocal styling, humour and amazing drum and percussion; this show has been refined for all ages, and nationalities and provides the "wow" factor time and time again.

2.00pm, 4.00pm & 9.15pm Cinema Theatre

"Battle: LA"

What were once just UFO sightings will become a terrifying reality when Earth is attacked by unknown forces. As people everywhere watch the World's great cities fall, Los Angeles becomes the last stand for mankind

Duration: 116 minutes Rated PG-13

2.45pm Lido Deck

Scenic Sailaway

Join the **Bar Staff** and **Cruise Staff** on deck and enjoy a glass of "Lamumba" for the special price of £2.00 as we leave **Hirara**, with musical accompaniment from **The Tritones Trio**.

6.00pm Britannia Lounge

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The Divertimento Piano Trio

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'Music for a Spring Evening'

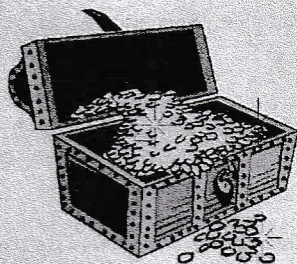
including works by Haydn, Schubert
Faure & Piazzolla

9.30pm

Ballroom

Cabaret Showtime

A very Special Group Appearance will open the show followed by The Treasure Chest & we warmly welcome to the Saga Ruby for his debut performance



the Music & Mayhem of the Virtuoso of Variety
Davie Howes



Later, music for dancing from The Saga Ruby Orchestra with our Gentlemen Hosts

10.30pm



Cabaret & Cocktails

Enjoy a terrific selection of music to dance to with our very own **Tritones Trio**



Preview

SAGA RUBY TV

Please note that ship's announcements can be heard on all of the below channels

Channel 2	View from the Bridge	Channel 3	Ship's Position
Channel 4	'Bloopers & Bongs' by Sam Hall	Channel 5	Photographers Video of the Cruise - Part 3
Channel 6	'Hong Kong' by Dr. Peter Crimes	Channel 7	Movie Channel
Channel 8	Music Channel	Channel 9-15	Satellite Permitting

Channel 7 - Movie Channel: An American in Paris; Duration 113 minutes.
Showings at Midnight, 7.00am, 10.00am, 2.00pm, 5.00pm and 9.00pm

GIFT SHOP & PORT SHOP

Veranda Deck (Port side)

Port Shop Open: 8.00am - 10.00am

Both Shops Open: 3.00pm - 10.00pm

By Popular Request

Last Chance Opals & Pearls

Due to many requests, Kate has delayed packing until this evening to give you one last opportunity to buy from her special collection.

If you have been admiring any of the pieces in the main display cabinet, make the most of a massive 50% off for today only.

TOURS OFFICE

Open today: 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Jacquie and Julie will be pleased to answer any queries regarding your Shore Excursions during their opening hours. Please note, tour bookings and cancellations for the port of Hong Kong will close today at 6.00pm.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Reception Desk

Open today: 8.00am - 10.00pm.

US Dollars and Euros are available for exchange. We accept cash, cheques and travellers' cheques.

Please note that it is not possible to use your boarding Swipe/Key card for foreign exchange.

PHOTO GALLERY

Veranda Deck (Starboard side)

Open: 8.30pm - 9.30pm.

We are offering you a chance to win a £25.00 voucher which can be used to purchase any photographs or the cruise DVD. How? Just make a purchase in the Photo Gallery worth £9.99 or more and receive a free raffle ticket which will be entered into our grand draw. For every further £10.00 spent, you will receive another ticket! The winner will be announced on the evening of Thursday 22nd March in the Ballroom before the show. Best of luck!

THE VIEW

If you would like to reserve a table, please visit Maitre d'View Bernardo, who will be in attendance between 10.00am - 11.00am and 5.45pm - 6.15pm to take your bookings for any day of the cruise.

CRUISE SALES DESK

Open today: 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Those passengers that have an advance registration for an Ocean Cruise in 2013, should now have received copies of the itineraries to their cabin. Sara will be available today to answer any queries you may have regarding these itineraries and to amend your advance registration to your preferred itinerary and cabin number.

Food & Beverage

DINING ROOM & BAR OPENING HOURS

LIDO CAFE

Breakfast	6.30am - 9.30am
Lunch	12.30pm - 2.00pm
Alternative Dinner	7.00pm - 9.00pm
Gourmet Bites	10.30pm - 11.15pm

BALLROOM

Afternoon Tea	4.15pm - 5.00pm
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THE VIEW

	7.00pm - 9.00pm
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DINING ROOM

Breakfast	7.00am - 9.00am
Lunch	12.30pm - 2.00pm
Dinner	6.45pm - 9.00pm

BARS

Lido Bar (weather permitting)	10.00am - 7.30pm
South Cape Bar	10.00am - 1.00am
Preview	5.30pm - Late
Ballroom	8.30pm - Midnight

SPECIAL DRINKS OF THE DAY

WHISKEY SOUR (Alcoholic) £2.00
(Bourbon Whiskey with Sweet & Sour Mix).

HAWAII (Non-Alcoholic) £1.50
(Orange Juice, Grapefruit Juice, Sweet & Sour Mix and Angustora Bitters).

CAFE L'ORANGE (Hot Drink) £1.75
(Grand Marnier, Simple Syrup, Coffee and Cream).

Decleor Hair & Beauty Salon

THE SPA	Ext: 398	8.00am - 12noon 2.00pm - 7.00pm
C-DECK SPA POOL	Ext: 398	7.00am - 7.00pm
CLOUD 9 GYM	Ext: 754	7.00am - 7.00pm

Please note that even when the Spa is open, there is no lifeguard on duty. This applies to both pools on board.

NEW LOOK YOU

If it's a new look you are after but don't quite know where to start, why not visit your onboard stylists for a consultation to create the best look for you?