



HMS Group - June 8, 2011

MS Volendam refitting - drydock

General characteristics:

Class and type: R class

Build: 1999

GTR: 60,890t

Length: 237,7m

Beam: 32,2m

Decks: 10

Capacity: 1,432 pax

Crew: 647



Overview

The theme aboard the Volendam is flowers and fresh displays. It has plenty of places on deck for solitude, and inside an extensive library, and impressive three-deck atrium with an elegant sculpture by Luciano Vistosi, inspired by the myriad of moods and colours of a kaleidoscope. Enrichment and entertainment by day include its demo kitchen and wine tasting, and a favourite focal point is the Explorations Café. The Microsoft Digital workshops that will teach you to make a DVD of your trip or create your own web page or blog. Evening entertainment includes eight bars, a disco, and the two nightly Broadway-style productions in the Show Lounge. A wide variety of shore excursions can be booked for reasonable costs (but book early). Fitness activities include two pools, two hot tubs, courts, jogging course, and of course Spa

and Salon treatments. Club HAL caters for 3 to 12 year olds, and The Loft and The Oasis for teens. Expect a mix of seniors, older couples and multi-generational families, and come dress-prepared for formal nights' dining and dancing.

In service since 1999 and refurbished in 2006, ms Volendam went into drydock from March 31 to April 14, 2011. HMS was involved in the refitting activities that took place in the Main Lounge, supplying and installing various equipment for the Audio, Lighting and Rigging Systems. Two (2) TASCAM X-48 multitrack recorders, one (1) Patchbay for the TASCAM X-48 and one (1) Glyph GT103-03 Hard Drive Expansion Bay were installed for the Audio System.

For the Lighting System, HMS supplied and installed eleven (11) new ETC Source Four Par Lights, and cleaned and reinstalled all of the old lighting fixtures. To enhance the stage lighting performance, HMS integrated eighty-three (83) new Wybron ForeRunner S4 Color Changers, which have a 16-color capacity and DMX compatibility that affords the designer economy and versatility. The Lighting Control System now boasts a GrandMA2 Ultra-Lite console. Flanked by ETC Paradigm Architectural Lighting Control System with two keypads, it is a perfect tool to control many kinds of lighting connected fixtures and channels.

For the Rigging System, HMS supplied and installed the Main Curtain, Cyclorama Curtain, Fiber Optic curtains, and the DA-LITE Motorized Projection Screen. The installation included tracks, pulls, pulleys and other additional gear.

Hereafter some trips offered by the ms Volendam after its drydock period:

In early May 2011 Volendam crossed the Pacific from Kobe via Alaska to Vancouver. From there she offered 7-night cruises out of Vancouver to the Alaskan fjord coastline. In September 2011 she returns to the South Pacific, cruising out of Sydney to New Zealand and the Pacific islands of New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Fiji. In April 2012 Volendam returns to Vancouver.



Sail aboard the ms Volendam in 2011-2012 and explore Asia or Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.



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