

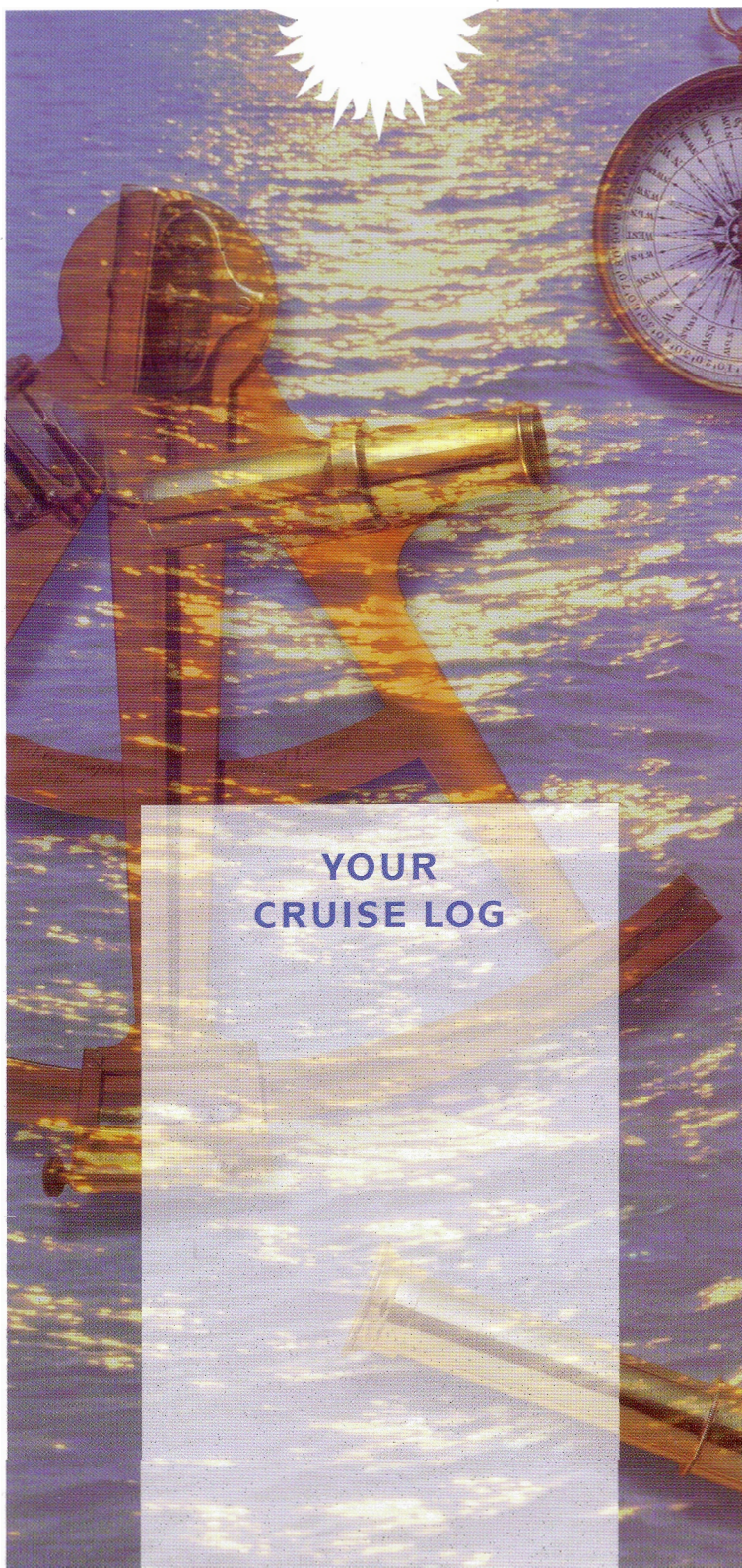
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CANBERRA

Farewell Cruise

10th - 30th September 1997



**YOUR
CRUISE LOG**

THE FAREWELL CRUISE

From the Bridge of Canberra

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Cruise 5713
Wednesday, 10th September to
Tuesday, 30th September 1997

Southampton
Gibraltar
Haifa
Istanbul
Piraeus
Naples
Santa Margherita
Cannes
Palma
Southampton

Total Mileage

The total distance steamed by Canberra since her Maiden Voyage on 2nd June 1961 until our arrival in Southampton on Tuesday, 30th September 1997 was 4,926,560.5 nautical miles.

WEDNESDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER

1840 The final gangway was landed and, with all pre-departure checks completed, Canberra prepared to sail.
1845 Canberra let go her lines for her final cruise from Southampton. She moved gracefully from the Mayflower Terminal. Whilst parallel to the dock fire works were released, ships whistles sounded, flag signals hoisted, and 8,000 balloons were released in a spectacular fanfare of noise and colour.
1853 Canberra paraded past thousands of shoreside onlookers on her transit of Southampton water.
2105 Once the pilot disembarked a series of south-westerly courses were set as we transited the English Channel.

THURSDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER

0749 Canberra altered course off the French island of Ushant, situated near the Brest peninsular. At this point we commenced our transit of the Bay of Biscay, heading towards Cape Finisterre.
Noon position: 47°26.5'N 6°35.3'W.
Canberra steamed a distance of 302.7 nautical miles at an average speed of 20.59 knots since departing from Southampton.
Noon weather: Mainly overcast with some brighter patches.
Air temperature: 17.5°C 63.5°F.
Wind: SW'ly, Force 4.
Barometric pressure: 1011.0mBs.

FRIDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER

0140 Canberra completed her transit of the Bay of Biscay and set a southerly course to parallel the Iberian peninsular.
1417 Two of P&O's classic ships, Canberra and Victoria, passed each other and exchanged salutes.
Noon position: 39°54.1'N 09°55.6'W.
Canberra steamed a distance of 491.8 nautical miles at an average speed of 21.38 knots since noon yesterday.
Noon weather: Mainly overcast with slight showers, sunny spells.
Air temperature: 19.5°C 67°F.
Wind: N'ly, Force 3.
Barometric pressure: 1015.7mBs.

SATURDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER

0400 Alter onto easterly course as we approach the Straits of Gibraltar.
0634 We embarked our pilot and by 0747 we were all fast alongside our berth.
Canberra steamed a distance of 1,176.8 nautical miles at an average speed of 21.2 knots between Southampton and Gibraltar.
Noon weather: Fine and clear.
Air temperature: 25°C 77°F.

Wind: Light Airs.

Barometric pressure: 1018.4mBs.
1243 Canberra let go her moorings and departed from Gibraltar, the several warships in harbour sounding their sirens in salute to the veteran of the Falklands.

1310 Pilot disembarked and we set a series of easterly courses across the Mediterranean Sea.

SUNDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER

Noon position: 37°13.4'N 5°02.9'E.
Canberra steamed a distance of 510 nautical miles at an average speed of 22.5 knots since departing from Gibraltar.
Noon weather: Cloudy but fine.
Air temperature: 23°C 73°F.
Wind: Light Airs.
Barometric pressure: 1020.1mBs.

MONDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER

Noon position: 36°13.2'N 15°52'E.
Canberra steamed a distance of 532 nautical miles at an average speed of 22.2 knots since noon yesterday.
Noon weather: Cloudy but fine.
Air temperature: 26°C 79°F.
Wind: WNW'ly, Force 2.
Barometric pressure: 1017.7mBs.

TUESDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER

Noon position: 34°10.6'N 26°34.3'E.
Canberra steamed a distance of 540 nautical miles at an average speed of 22.5 knots since noon yesterday.
Noon weather: Fine and clear.
Air temperature: 27°C 81°F.
Wind: NW'ly, Force 3.
Barometric pressure: 1016.0mBs.

WEDNESDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER

0750 Embarked local pilot for our approach to Haifa.
0830 All fast alongside Haifa, gangways rigged and ready for passenger disembarkations.
Canberra steamed a distance of 2,012.8 nautical miles at an average speed of 22.3 knots between Gibraltar and Haifa.
Noon weather: Fine and clear.
Air temperature: 28°C 82°F.
Wind: W'ly, Force 4.
Barometric pressure: 1015.2mBs.
1920 After letting go our tugs and disembarking the pilot we set a series of NW'ly courses for Istanbul.

THURSDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER

Noon position: 35°17.1'N 28°56.0'E.
Canberra steamed a distance of 338.7 nautical miles at an average speed of 22.0 knots since departing from Haifa.
Noon weather: Fine and clear.
Air temperature: 22.5°C 72.5°F.
Wind: WNW'ly, Force 5.
Barometric pressure: 1012.3mBs.

FRIDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER

0513 Embarked our local pilot for the transit of the Dardanelles.

0545 Entering the Dardanelles Narrows with the Galipoli War Memorial to port.

0748 Completed our transit of the Straights and set NE'ly courses to Istanbul.

Canberra steamed a distance of 696.7 nautical miles at an average speed of 21.8 knots between Haifa and Istanbul.

Noon weather: Fine and clear.

Air temperature: 19.5°C 67°F.

Wind: NE'ly, Force 3.

Barometric pressure: 1017.0mBs.

1440 Vessel safely at anchor Istanbul passengers proceeding ashore using shoreside tenders.

SATURDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER

1340 After a morning in Istanbul the starboard anchor was brought home and Canberra set sail for Piraeus.

Noon weather: Overcast and dry.

Air temperature: 21.4°C 70°F.

Wind: E'ly, Force 3.

Barometric pressure: 1015.7mBs.

1925 Embarked our local pilot for the SW'ly transit of the Dardanelles Straits.

2124 Canberra clear of the Dardanelles and set a SSE'ly course for Piraeus.

SUNDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER

0734 Canberra brought up to her port anchor outside the port of Piraeus.

0755 First passenger tender ashore.

Canberra steamed a distance of 210 nautical miles at an average speed of 21.9 knots between Istanbul and Piraeus.

Noon weather: Fine with light cloud.

Air temperature: 24°C 75°F.

Wind: NE'ly, Force 4.

Barometric pressure: 1021.7mBs.

1918 Port anchor aweigh and we made our way to the Elafanisos Channel, between the southern tip of the Peloponnese Peninsular and the island of Cythera.

MONDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER

Noon position: 37°11.8'N 18°38.3'E.
Canberra steamed a distance of 326.5 nautical miles at an average speed of 20.15 knots since departing from Piraeus.

Noon weather: Overcast and fine.

Air temperature: 23.8°C 75°F.

Wind: SSE'ly, Force 4.

Barometric pressure: 1020.7mBs.

2034 Embarked our local pilot for the Messina Straits which is the very busy passage of water between mainland Italy and Sicily.

2056 Completed our transit of the Straits.

2345 Canberra passed within a mile of the still active volcano Stromboli, whilst passing two lava eruptions were clearly visible against the night sky.

TUESDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER

0712 Our local pilot boarded and tugs were made fast for our entry into Naples harbour.

Once through the breakwater we swung around to starboard and proceeded stern first onto our berth.

0812 All fast starboard side alongside our berth in Naples.

Canberra steamed a distance of 674.2 nautical miles at an average speed of 18.83 knots between Piraeus and Naples.

Noon weather: Overcast with rain.

Air temperature: 20.1°C 68°F.

Wind: NE'ly, Force 3.

Barometric pressure: 1015.7mBs.

1905 After a slight delay due to a tour returning late Canberra let go her moorings and made her way through the breakwaters.

1920 Pilot disembarked and Canberra set a series of NW'ly courses towards Santa Margherita.

WEDNESDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER

1200 Canberra brought up to her port anchor and we commenced a tender service using the ship's tenders to the beautiful port of Santa Margherita.

Canberra steamed a distance of 323.8 nautical miles at an average speed of 21.03 knots between Naples and Santa Margherita.

Noon weather: Fine and clear.

Air temperature: 27°C.

Wind: Light Airs.

Barometric pressure: 1017.8mBs.

2005 All ships boats secured for sea and port anchor home. Canberra set a series of westerly courses for Cannes.

THURSDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER

0720 Vessel brought up to port anchor and tender service started.

Canberra steamed a distance of 132.2 nautical miles at an average speed of 12.96 knots between Santa Margherita and Cannes.

Noon weather: Fine and clear.

Air temperature: 23.5°C.

Wind: Light Airs.

Barometric pressure: 1021.9mBs.

1705 A launch from the Oriana and the Canberra met amid a cacophony of sound and colour to exchange the famous P&O cockerel which the Canberra has held for many years as the fastest ship in the fleet.

FRIDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER

1302 Vessel all fast alongside Palma.

Canberra steamed a distance of 342.5 nautical miles at an average speed of 21.14 knots between Cannes and Palma.

Noon weather: Fine and clear.

Air temperature: 25°C.

Wind: Light Airs.

Barometric pressure: 1020.2mBs.

Canberra departed her berth just before midnight to the sounds of a local folk group and a splendid display of fireworks set off from the end of the breakwater.

SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER

Noon position: 37°05.4'N 00°57.3'W.

Canberra steamed a distance of 2,297 nautical miles at an average speed of 20.69 knots since departing from Palma.

Noon weather: Fine and clear.

Air temperature: 25.5°C.

Wind: E'ly, Force 4.

Barometric pressure: 1013.6mBs.

SUNDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER

0200 Canberra completed her transit of the Straits of Gibraltar and entered the Atlantic Ocean.

Noon position: 37°50.1'N 009°25.7'W.

Canberra steamed a distance of 495.9 nautical miles at an average speed of 21.1 knots since noon yesterday.

Noon weather: Fine and clear.

Air temperature: 19°C.

Wind: Light Airs.

Barometric pressure: 1012.1mBs.

MONDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER

Noon position: 45°58.5'N 8°02.0'W.

Canberra steamed a distance of 509.3 nautical miles at an average speed of 21.22 knots since noon yesterday.

Noon weather: Fine and clear.

Air temperature: 19°C.

Wind: NE'ly, Force 3.

Barometric pressure: 1020.4mBs.

TUESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER

*0800 Canberra was 7' off Nab Tower in preparation for her final spectacular arrival in her home port of Southampton. A separate fully detailed itinerary has been printed for this special occasion.

Canberra steamed a distance of 1,635 nautical miles at an average speed of 20.5 knots between Palma and Southampton.

The total distance from Southampton to Southampton steamed by Canberra was 7,204.5 nautical miles.

*Estimated at the time of going to press.

1 nautical mile = 1.15 statute mile

1.15 statute mile = 1.86 kilometres.

1 cable = 0.1 nautical mile.

1 shackle = 27.5 metres

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