

At Sea – Day 51 Nov. 17:

Daybreak came early, about 5:30am with a calm sea and cool temperatures. The Amsterdam was on a northeasterly course headed for Iles des Pins in the French protectorate island chain of New Caledonia.

Barbara got her act together and went to the Good Morning Amsterdam TV show at 9am.

Today's guests were from the Amsterdam photography team and they are shown in the photograph on the right.

These folks greet us at the bottom of the gangway at each port and ask if we want a souvenir photo for that port with some sign or iconic scene in the background.



They also take photos in the

dining room and set up photography stations around the ship on formal nights where they take professional quality photos of folks in their finery as a memento of the evening.

Lisa, sitting second from the left in the front row, is the manager of the photography team and she has been on two of the Holland America cruises with us. Cruise Director, Gene Young and Hostess, Adele, interviewed each of the guests with questions about their careers and how they came to be working on the Amsterdam.

About noon time we checked on the location of the Amsterdam as we passed the TV

screen near the Ocean

Bar on Deck 5. The

position of the ship on the course between Sydney and Ile des Pins in New Caledonia is shown in the picture on the right. We

were approaching the half way point on the approximately 1250 mile distance between Sydney and New Caledonia.



We went to the 11am meeting of the Cruise Specialists “Chat Time” where people shared their experiences while in Sydney.

The rest of the day was spent just kicking back and resting up from our two day visit in Sydney. The sea was calm and weather pleasant as we made our way to our next port of call in Ile des Pins, New Caledonia. We expect to arrive the day after tomorrow.

