

## At Sea – Day 21 Oct. 18:

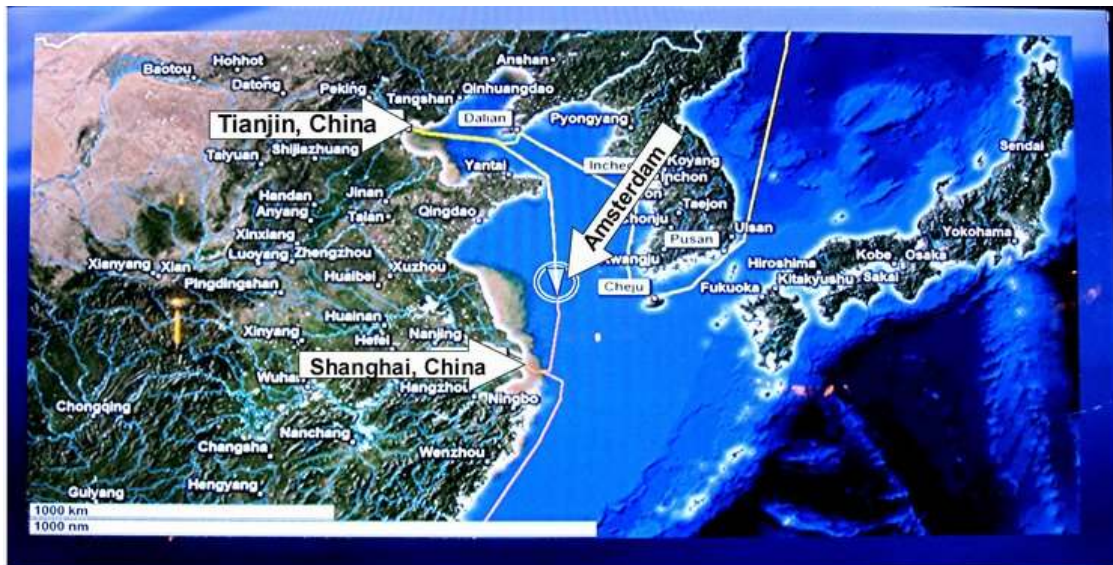
This was our second day at sea after leaving Beijing and the Tianjin port area.

Barbara went to several culinary demonstrations to hone her cooking skills which have been suffering from lack of practice lately. The show was hosted by Adele while guest chef, Ray Bear, gave a demonstration of how to make butter poached lobster tails and create a tasty rack of lamb.



We attended the Cruise Specialists “Chat Time” in the Explorers Lounge. There was a lively exchange of stories about bargaining for wrist watches in Beijing and in other ports people have visited. These are always fun time get togethers.

In the afternoon we got a fix on the location of the Amsterdam on the route to Shanghai, as shown below. We were making good progress and should arrive at the dock in Shanghai about 8am tomorrow morning.



The Amsterdam is in a busy shipping lane off the coast of China. We see lots of other ships in the ocean around us. At one time today we could see 12 other ships going our direction.

We took a walk around deck about sunset and caught a wonderful sight of the sun shining through the clouds, as shown below.



We feel well recovered now from the series of ports we visited between October 11 and October 16 and are ready for Shanghai tomorrow.