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At Sea

After leaving the city of Cairns MSC Magnifica headed towards Darwin with a north north-western course. The distance separating Cairns and Darwin is 178 nautical miles and our cruising speed was about 15.4 knots. At approximately 09:30 MSC Magnifica entered the Great Barrier Reef, where the Australian Pilot assisted the Master and Bridge Officers throughout the passage. While navigating between the Barrier Reef, various islands were visible on both sides of the ship. We also set our clocks back 30 minutes.

The Great Barrier Reef is a site of remarkable variety and beauty on the north-east coast of Australia. It contains the world's largest collection of coral reef, with 400 types of coral, 1,500 pieces of fish and 4,000 types of mollusc. It also holds great scientific interest as the habitat of species such as the dugong ( sea cow ) and the large green turtle, which are threatened with extinction.

The GBR includes extensive cross-shelf diversity, stretching from the low water mark along the mainland coast up to 250 kilometers offshore. This wide depth range includes vast shallow inshore areas, mid-shelf and outer reefs, and beyond the continental shelf to oceanic waters over 2,000 meters deep. Within the GBR there are some 2,500 individual reefs of varying sizes and shapes, and over 900 island, ranging from small sandy cays and larger vegetated cays, to large rugged continental islands rising, in one instance over 1,100 meters above sea level. Collectively these landscapes and seascapes provide some of the most spectacular maritime scenery in the world.

Tonights Theatre Show/  
Concert:  
Thomas Armstrong-Robley:  
Live at Frankie's With his  
ability to deliver the cool  
crooning and quick wit of  
Frank Sinatra and the soaring  
falsetto and light tenor of  
Frankie Valli. Thomas  
Armstrong-Robley presented  
a celebration of iconic hits.

