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## **Ship can't miss this port of call**

ADELAIDE'S attractions are so highly regarded that a cruise ship has had its schedule changed to allow its passengers to have shore excursions.

The luxurious Amsterdam berthed at Outer Harbour late yesterday afternoon and - in a very rare occurrence for Adelaide - stayed overnight.

The 61,000-tonne ship was scheduled to berth at 7am yesterday and depart for Fremantle, WA, at 6pm yesterday.

However, the ship was delayed by very rough weather out of Melbourne overnight on Wednesday and on Thursday morning.

After its rescheduled Adelaide visit, it is now expected to depart at 5pm today, allowing passengers who had booked shore excursions for yesterday to take them today instead.

"SA has so much to offer," the chief executive of Flinders Ports, Vincent Tremaine, said yesterday. "It is unusual for a cruise ship to be in overnight.

"One of our pilots can't recall it happening in the past 25 years." The Amsterdam is run by Holland American Line-Westours. It can carry 1380 passengers and 647 crew.

It is the third large cruise ship to visit Adelaide this week - the QE2 and the largest cruise ship to visit Australia, the Aurora, were both in on Monday.

The fifth and final cruise ship visit of this summer season will be the Delphin, carrying 500 passengers and 200 crew, when it drops anchor off Kangaroo Island on Tuesday.