



#### Bill and Rory

**Tallinn, Estonia, June 12, 2001**

Bill: Oh no, don't tell me Nini is escorting another tour! There goes another group of lost tourists. Bahala na. On our way downhill, some guys in black leather jackets were crowding me in the alley and I almost got pick pocketed. I told the thieves *asawa ko Pinay* (My wife is Pinay—a Filipina) and they ran away.



#### Bob and Lily

**Dutch Dinner aboard the ms Noordam, June 16, 2001**

Lily: I look like a Dutch woman (*Amis*) or a French maid, but never mind, it's fun! We've gone dancing every night and the Piet Hein lounge has become our favorite hang-out. This is my first cruise (though not Bob's) and I'm really enjoying it! Among the places we've seen, Finland is my favorite. I hope I look skinny in this picture even after all the fabulous dinners.



#### Nini

**St. Petersburg, Russia, June 13, 2001**

Nini: The museum curator took us around for a personal tour and was very happy with my one dollar tip. Just before we went aboard, there was a Navy band playing and a group of about 100 young cadet sailors, in their uniforms, and mostly about 15 years old, were leaving. This is a Russian Naval flag which is still being used. We're not supposed to be wandering around St. Petersburg on our own without a visa, but we just took a taxi and the taxi driver is our guide.

## Till the Ends of the Earth



#### Group in bus

**On the bus to Berlin, Germany, June 18, 2001**

Nonon: I'm glad I sat here. I'm sure to be in the picture.  
 Malu: This is awesome! We dock in Warnemunde, Germany and a private tourist bus is waiting for us Laico cruisers to take us around Berlin. This is the Laico style!  
 Rory: Boy am I glad I'm now sitting here with my sisters while that lady we picked up to join our private tour of Berlin, is in the front of the bus. She talked my ear off for 2 hours, while I enviously watched everyone else sleep. Poor Edwin got an earful too. Wonder if it was worth the discount we got cuz she joined us.  
 Paolo: Major hang-over. I feel sick.



#### Jun and Nonon

**Visby, Sweden, June 17, 2001**

Nonon: I'm glad Jun and I decided to just enjoy the day on board and hang around by the deck. We were getting quite exhausted and felt we needed a break from all the sightseeing. Today, we were able to catch up with our sleep and we savored the different activities on board. I feel fresh and relaxed!!



#### Irma

**On the bus to Berlin, Germany, June 18, 2001**

Irma: What a life!! *Kain, pasyal, exercise ng kaunti, tulog—bakasyon grande talaga.* (Eat, sightsee, exercise a little, sleep—a real grand vacation) It's really nice to go on vacation with the Laicos. They know how to travel first class. Private bus, our own tour guide, no rushing, and the price is unbeatable! *Magaling magtawad si Tita Rory, bilib na ako.* (Rory drives a hard bargain.) *Sayang* (Too bad), I wish my throat felt better so I could join them *sa daldalan* (gossiping) up front. Anyway, I might as well sleep since I have this whole row to myself. Zzzzzzzzzzzzz!!!