



Five Holland America Line Ships Set to Explore Europe from Greenland to Greece in 2021

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Two Pinnacle Class ships and Zaandam's 'Voyage of the Vikings' highlight the season

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 10, 2020 — From Greenland to Greece and Iceland to Israel, five Holland America Line ships are set to explore the cultural kaleidoscope of Europe in 2021. The brand's collection of vessels crossing the pond includes *Rotterdam*, which is slated to debut at the height of the summer Europe season. Joining the fleet's new flagship will be *Nieuw Statendam*, *Westerdam* and *Zuiderdam*, putting two Pinnacle Class ships in the region. *Zaandam* heads to Europe on the popular "Voyage of the Vikings" itinerary in July.

From April through November, the five ships will offer itineraries ranging from seven to 35 days, as well as longer Collectors' Voyages up to 29 days. In addition to transatlantic crossings between Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Europe, the ships will visit the Baltic, British Isles, French and Spanish riverias, Iberian Peninsula, Mediterranean and Northern Europe including Greenland, Iceland, Norway and the North Cape.

"Our guests miss cruising as much as we do, and as we move closer to getting back to doing what we do best, we want everyone to feel confident in planning their European travel with us for next summer," said Gus Antorcha, Holland America Line's president. "At Holland America Line, we are a community of passionate globetrotters. For anyone looking to go to Europe next summer and really connect with a variety of cultures, Holland America Line has put together the most diverse collection of itineraries that embraces the entire region."

Departure options include Amsterdam, the Netherlands; Athens (Piraeus), Greece; Barcelona, Spain; and Civitavecchia (Rome) and Venice, Italy. The "Voyage of the Vikings" cruise sails roundtrip from Boston, Massachusetts, with a segment departure from Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

To give guests more in-depth experiences in some of Europe's most popular cities, select cruises feature overnight calls at Istanbul, Turkey; Reykjavik, Iceland; Piraeus (Athens) and Rhodes, Greece; Rotterdam, the Netherlands; St. Petersburg, Russia; Valletta, Malta; and Venice, Italy. Many of the cruises can be extended into Collectors' Voyages ranging from 14 to 29 days, offering the ultimate European exploration. These artfully crafted longer journeys combine nonrepeating, back-to-back itineraries, enabling guests to visit more ports and spend extra time discovering centuries of art, history and culture.

Rotterdam spends maiden season in Northern Europe

Rotterdam sails a seven-day Premiere Voyage from Venice to Rome on Aug. 1, 2021, and then moves into a season of Northern Europe cruises roundtrip from Amsterdam. Through October, the ship will offer three seven-day itineraries to Norway, one 14-day Baltic cruise and one 14-day Norway, Iceland and British Isles sojourn. A transatlantic crossing completes the ship's inaugural Europe season with a 14-day voyage from Amsterdam to Fort Lauderdale.

Nieuw Statendam cruises to Northern Europe and the Mediterranean

In addition to *Rotterdam*, *Nieuw Statendam* heads to Northern Europe in 2021. The ship will feature seven-day itineraries roundtrip from Amsterdam through August, along with a 14-day Voyage of the Midnight Sun cruise — placing two Pinnacle-Class ships in Northern Europe at the same time. In addition to Norway, *Nieuw Statendam* will sail to the Baltic and Northern Isles including Ireland, the U.K. and Iceland on 14-day itineraries.

Following its time in Northern Europe, *Nieuw Statendam* will move to the Mediterranean and cruise roundtrip from Civitavecchia (Rome) on 10-day itineraries to the western part of the region. The ship also offers singular seven-, nine- and 12-day cruises in the Med.

'Voyage of the Vikings' sets sail on Zaandam

The popular "Voyage of the Vikings" that traces the route of ancient explorers returns in 2021. The 35-day journey, departing July 17, cruises roundtrip from Boston on *Zaandam*. The epic itinerary calls at ports in the U.S., Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, the Netherlands, Northern Ireland and Ireland, making it easy to visit Europe without international air travel. Two shorter segments from Boston to Rotterdam (16 days) or from Rotterdam to Boston (19 days) are available.

Two ships offer full Mediterranean seasons in 2021

Holland America Line is placing two ships in the Mediterranean full-time for the season. The 2021 program will be anchored by *Westerdam* and *Zuiderdam* sailing a combination of longer 11- and 12-day cruises from Civitavecchia, Venice, Barcelona and Athens. The ships will visit popular ports like Istanbul; Mykonos, Greece; and Monte Carlo, Monaco; along with bucket-list jewels like Koper, Slovenia; Limassol, Cyprus; and Rijeka, Croatia.

Many of the itineraries have an overnight in Venice or Athens at the beginning or end of the cruise so guests have more time to experience all those cities have to offer.

From April through October, *Westerdam* offers an extensive season of 12-day Mediterranean cruises roundtrip from Venice or between Venice and Athens or Barcelona. Two seven-day itineraries with Saturday departures in July offer weeklong Greece and Turkey adventures, while a 12-day "Holy Land and Ancient Kingdoms" itinerary roundtrip from Venice in May charts a course for Haifa (Tel Aviv) and Ashdod (Jerusalem), Israel.

Zuiderdam's full Mediterranean season also includes cruises roundtrip from Venice or between Venice and Athens or Barcelona. The ship explores the Adriatic Sea, eastern and western Med, and Greek Isles on 12-day itineraries.

EXC programming brings European cultures on board

Throughout the voyages, EXC programming brings Europe's diverse local traditions, culinary tastes and cultural experiences to life onboard. Guests who want to learn more about the countries can attend an EXC Talk or head to a Port to Table cooking demonstration, cooking class or themed

mixology class featuring local fare. The main dining room and Lido Market will showcase the flavors of Europe with special dishes.

Save Now, Cruise Later: Have it All sale

For a limited time, guests who book 2021 Europe cruises by Sept. 30, 2020, can receive up to \$2,300 in amenities, including a free Signature Beverage Package, free gratuities, free Signature Dining Package and 50% reduced deposits, plus free WiFi for suites.

Prebook shore excursions and save 20%

Guests who make their 2021 European cruise reservations now can take advantage of 20% off on shore excursions when prebooked by Sept. 23, 2020. With hundreds of tours to choose from, guests can find the perfect way to experience a port, whether it's an exclusive evening at the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, a visit to Reykjavik's famous Blue Lagoon or witnessing the mysterious landscape of Giant's Causeway in Belfast.

For more information, contact a travel advisor, call 1-877-SAIL-HAL ([1-877-724-5425](tel:1-877-724-5425)) or visit hollandamerica.com.

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Holland America Line has been exploring the world since 1873 and was the first cruise line to offer adventures to Alaska and the Yukon more than 70 years ago. Its fleet of premium ships visits more than 470 ports in 98 countries around the world, offering an ideal mid-sized ship experience. A third Pinnacle-class ship, *Rotterdam*, is under construction and will join the fleet in July 2021.

The leader in premium cruising, Holland America Line's ships feature innovative initiatives and a diverse range of enriching experiences focused on destination exploration and personalized travel. The best live music at sea fills each evening at Music Walk, and dining venues feature exclusive selections from Holland America Line's esteemed Culinary Council, comprising world-famous chefs.

In light of COVID-19, Holland America Line is currently assessing enhanced health and safety protocols and how they may impact future cruises. Actual offerings may vary from what is displayed. Stay updated on current [Travel Advisories](#) and [Health & Safety protocols](#).