



Two Holland America Line Ships Capture Hawaii's Spirit of Aloha on Nine Extended Cruises in 2018-19

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Eurodam and Amsterdam to offer 16- to 20-day cruises that include four Hawaiian ports

Seattle, Wash., June 12, 2018 — From fall 2018 through spring 2019, two Holland America Line ships will say "Aloha" to the stunning, sun-drenched islands of Hawaii. Guests interested in exploring the famed island chain can choose from nine cruises with itineraries ranging from 16 to 20 days aboard *Eurodam* and *Amsterdam*. Hawaii sailings depart from Seattle, Washington; Vancouver, British Columbia; and San Diego and Los Angeles, California.

Most itineraries feature an overnight call in Honolulu, where guests have extra time to visit Pearl Harbor, relax on Waikiki Beach, take in the breathtaking views from Diamond Head State Monument or spend the evening enjoying traditional Hawaiian food and entertainment at an authentic luau. The cruises also call at Hilo, Nawiliwili and Lahaina, with most adding a call at Kona.

"Hawaii is synonymous with paradise — from the stunning scenery to the laid-back, friendly culture — and these islands beckon cruisers to come explore, relax and become enchanted with their idyllic ambiance," said Orlando Ashford, president of Holland America Line. "We are committed to providing guests with an immersive and memorable vacation, so our Hawaii itineraries are further enriched with unique onboard offerings that bring Hawaiian cultural activities and cuisine on board throughout the voyage."

To kick off the season, *Eurodam* departs Seattle Sept. 29, 2018, for an 18-day Circle Hawaii cruise that calls at Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia, before heading to the Hawaiian ports of Nawiliwili, Honolulu, Lahaina and Hilo. Guests also can choose to embark two days later, Oct. 1, and sail roundtrip from Vancouver on a 16-day sailing.

A second 18-day voyage is available aboard *Eurodam* Nov. 11, 2018, conveniently sailing roundtrip from San Diego. Guests will visit the same Hawaiian ports, as well as calls at Kona, Hawaii, and Ensenada, Mexico. Those planning for a holiday getaway can enjoy a comparable itinerary on *Amsterdam's* 17-day Hawaii Holiday cruise, sailing roundtrip from Los Angeles Dec. 21, 2018.

In 2019, three similar itineraries are available aboard *Eurodam*, including two 17-day sailings departing Feb. 3 and Feb. 20, as well as a 16-day sailing, embarking April 13. Cruisers interested in extending their vacation can lengthen the April 13 cruise and disembark in Vancouver after visiting Victoria for a 20-day voyage.

Guests who wish to dive deeper into the South Pacific can select *Eurodam's* 28-day Hawaii, Tahiti and Marquesas voyage March 9, 2019. Sailing roundtrip from San Diego, cruisers will enjoy visits to six ports in French Polynesia — including overnights in both Bora Bora and Papeete — as well as two ports in Hawaii and a call at Fanning Island. Cruisers can further their exploration of the region on the *Amsterdam's* 51-day Tales of the South Pacific voyage Oct. 28, 2019. Sailing roundtrip San Diego, the ship will visit Hawaii, Tahiti, as well as calls in American Samoa, the Cook Islands, Fiji, Vanuatu and Tonga.

Cruise fares for the 16-, 17- and 18-day Hawaii cruises begin at \$1,999; fares for the 20-day Hawaii cruise begin at \$2,399; and fares for the 28-day Hawaii, Tahiti and Marquesas Voyage begin at \$5,179. Cruise fare for the 51-day Tales of the South Pacific voyage begin at \$6,899. All rates are per person, double occupancy.

Explorations Central Brings Hawaiian Culture on board

Throughout the voyages, Explorations Central programming brings Hawaii's local traditions, culinary tastes and cultural experiences to life onboard. Guided by locals, guests can immerse in Polynesian culture through lei making, ukulele lessons, hula dancing classes and Hawaiian language classes. EXC Talks, led by resident EXC Guides provide new perspectives on the region's stories, while those with an adventurous palate can head to America's Test Kitchen for a cooking demonstration, cooking class or themed mixology class featuring local fare. The Dining Room and Lido Market will showcase the flavors of Hawaii, while a poolside Hawaiian Luau and Hawaiian beer tastings add to guests' experience of regional fare.

When journeying ashore, the EXC Team's insider knowledge of each port helps guests to tailor their experiences, whether exploring independently or on an EXC Tour. Printed EXC Port Maps present a simple view of the best each port has to offer, while EXC Port Guides, featuring tips and information from AFAR Media, allow for a deeper examination of each destination. The in-stateroom EXC Channel features a selection of curated films, documentaries and TV shows that explores the destinations on the ship's itinerary.

For more information, contact a Travel Professional, 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's fleet of 14 ships offers more than 500 cruises to more than 400 ports in 98 countries, territories or dependencies around the world. From shorter getaways to 113-day itineraries, the company's cruises visit all seven continents with highlights including Antarctica explorations, South America circumnavigations and exotic Australia/New Zealand and Asia voyages; four annual Grand Voyages; and popular sailings to the Caribbean, Alaska, Mexico, Canada/New England, Bermuda, Europe and the Panama Canal. The line welcomed *Koningsdam* in 2016 and has a second Pinnacle Class ship, *Nieuw Statendam*, to be delivered in November 2018. A third Pinnacle Class ship, due for delivery in 2021, recently was announced.

The company is undergoing \$300 million in brand enhancements to secure its position as the leader in premium cruising. Fleetwide, the ships feature innovative initiatives and a diverse range of enriching experiences focused on destination immersion and personalized travel. Guests can expand their knowledge through an exclusive partnership with O, The Oprah Magazine; during an America's Test Kitchen show; at Explorations Café, powered by The New York Times; and by taking a Digital Workshop powered by Windows. Outstanding entertainment fills each evening at venues including Lincoln Center Stage, Billboard Onboard and B.B. King's Blues Club. The dining experience can be savored at a variety of restaurants with menus that feature selections from Holland America Line's esteemed Culinary Council that comprises world-famous chefs who design dishes exclusively for our guests.

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