



Holland America Line Offers Cruising's Most Robust Canada and New England Season from Spring Through Fall 2019

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Veendam, Zaandam and Zuiderdam to offer 34 cruises throughout the region

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 13, 2018 — Travelers looking to explore Canada and New England's charming and historic ports will have 34 Holland America Line cruises to choose from between April and October 2019. Offering more cruises in the region than any other major cruise line, Holland America Line guests can select from among nine itineraries ranging from seven to 12 days aboard *Veendam*, *Zaandam* and *Zuiderdam*.

Whether cruisers are looking to explore Maine's Acadia National Park in the breezy summer months or dream of witnessing the incredible display of jewel-toned foliage during the fall, guests will find that a Canada and New England cruise with Holland America Line is perfect in any season.

"Canada and New England used to be known as a fall cruise destination for the foliage, but has become popular in warmer weather as well given all the spectacular features the region has to offer," said Orlando Ashford, president of Holland America Line. "By providing cruises that span different seasons, our guests have the flexibility to explore Canada and New England at the time of year that allows them to check off everything they want to see and do. And it's very attractive for summer family cruising."

Beginning in April, *Zaandam*, *Zuiderdam* and *Veendam* sail a diverse collection of seven-, 10-, 11- and 12-day cruises departing from Boston, Massachusetts; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; New York City, New York; and Montréal and Québec City, Québec, in Canada. The cruises will feature calls at some of the region's most iconic destinations, including, Canada's Charlottetown, Sydney and Halifax, as well as Bar Harbor, Maine.

Zaandam Steals the Summer Show

On April 24, 2019, *Zaandam* kicks off the Canada and New England spring season with a 10-day Atlantic Coast cruise. Departing from Fort Lauderdale, the ship will call at Boston; Bar Harbor; Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; and Québec City, before concluding in Montréal.

From May through September 2019, *Zaandam* offers a series of seven-day Canada and New England Discovery cruises between Montréal and Boston, featuring calls at Boston, Bar Harbor, Halifax, Sydney, Charlottetown and Québec City, as well as cruising in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Fall Foliage Cruises Bring Region to Life with Nature's Colors

Zuiderdam launches the fall season with a 12-day Colors of Canada and New England cruise Sept. 3, 2019. Sailing from Boston to Québec City, the ship will call at the Canadian ports of Sydney; Halifax; Charlottetown; Saint John, New Brunswick; Corner Brook, Newfoundland; Baie-Comeau and Saguenay, Québec; and Portland, Maine. Guests also will enjoy cruising through the Gulf of St. Lawrence and scenic cruising in stunning Saguenay Fjord.

Two similar itineraries are available aboard *Zuiderdam* Sept. 15 and Sept. 27. Guests on the Sept. 15 voyage will enjoy an overnight at Québec City before heading to Saguenay, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Saint John, Portland, Boston and finally Newport, Rhode Island, prior to disembarking in New York City. Guests on the Sept. 27 voyage will set sail from New York City, enjoying visits to many of the same ports, as well as additions like Portland and Gloucester, Massachusetts. The cruise will conclude in Québec City where guests will enjoy an overnight stay before disembarking.

In September, guests also can choose from a series of seven-day Canada and New England Discovery cruises sailing between Montréal and Boston aboard *Veendam*. These itineraries call at Bar Harbor, Halifax, Sydney, Charlottetown, and Québec City, as well as cruising through the Gulf of St. Lawrence and scenic cruising along the Saint Lawrence River.

Throughout the month of October, *Zaandam*, *Zuiderdam* and *Veendam* will each offer one 11-day Atlantic Coast cruise. On Oct. 5, *Zaandam* departs Montréal and calls at Québec City, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Gloucester and then Port Canaveral, Florida, before concluding at Fort Lauderdale. On Oct. 9, *Zuiderdam* sails from Québec City and heads for Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Portland, Boston, Newport and New York before guests disembark in Fort Lauderdale. *Veendam* will depart Montréal Oct. 12 and sail to Québec City, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Boston and Port Canaveral, before disembarking in Fort Lauderdale.

Cruise fares for Canada and New England cruises begin at \$999. All rates are per person, double occupancy. Several dates are eligible for the Explore4 promotion: Guests booking any category stateroom will receive a Signature Beverage Package valued at \$1,200 per stateroom (based on a 12-day cruise), dinner at the Pinnacle Grill for two, free or reduced cruise fares for third and fourth guests in the same stateroom, and 50 percent reduced deposits. Guests receive all benefits when bookings are made by Nov. 19, 2018.

Explorations Central Brings Canada and New England Culture on Board

Throughout the voyages, EXC programming brings the region's local traditions, culinary tastes and cultural experiences to life on board. Through EXC Encounters, guests can participate in activities such as musical performances by local Cape Breton Celtic fiddlers and the Halifax Citadel Highlanders

Pipe Band. EXC Talks cover discussions on history, culture and attractions. The EXC Team will provide further customized guidance as well as online EXC Port Guides. For guests who enjoy exploring on their own, printed EXC Port Maps present a simple view of the best each port has to offer.

For more information about Holland America Line and the Canada and New England cruises, consult a travel advisor, call 1-877-SAIL HAL (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, Cuba cruises and exotic Australia/New Zealand and Asia voyages; four annual Grand Voyages; and popular sailings to the Caribbean, Alaska, Mexico, Canada and New England, Europe and the Panama Canal. The line welcomed *Koningsdam* in 2016 and has a second Pinnacle-class ship, *Nieuw Statendam*, to be delivered in December 2018. A third Pinnacle-class ship will be delivered in 2021.

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 presented 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, comprising world-famous chefs who design dishes exclusively for our guests.

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