



Holland America Line's New Rotterdam Successfully Sails Through Sea Trials in Italy

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Seattle, Wash., May 7, 2021 — It was smooth seas and fair winds for Holland America Line's newest ship, *Rotterdam*, which returned in the evening of May 6 to Fincantieri's Marghera (Venice) shipyard in Italy, after successfully completing two sets of sea trials off the country's Adriatic coast.

Rotterdam left Marghera April 25 and performed the preliminary sea trials over two days before going into dry dock at Fincantieri's Trieste shipyard where standard pre-delivery hull maintenance and painting were performed. The ship started its official sea trials on May 3, returning to Marghera May 6, where the final steps in the construction process will be completed. *Rotterdam* is scheduled for delivery July 30.

"The successful completion of sea trials gives us great confidence as we head into the final weeks of outfitting for Rotterdam and prepare for delivery of this historic ship," said Gus Antorcha, president of Holland America Line. "Construction of Rotterdam has continued through the global challenges of the past year with Fincantieri maintaining the highest level of dedication to staying on schedule. Congratulations to everyone involved for completing this significant milestone."

During sea trials, *Rotterdam* underwent a series of rigorous performance tests on the ship's systems, machinery and engines. Captain Werner Timmers, Staff Captain Kevin Beirnaert, acting Chief Engineer Stefan Dullaert and other members of *Rotterdam's* designated senior bridge and engineering teams participated in testing the ship's maneuvering characteristics and safety systems in collaboration with the shipyard's team of naval architects, engineers and builders.

About Rotterdam

The third vessel in the Pinnacle Class series, *Rotterdam* will carry 2,668 guests and feature highly successful amenities and innovations introduced with her sister ships, including the 270-degree surround-screen World Stage, Rudi's Sel de Mer restaurant and the popular Grand Dutch Café. Delivering the best entertainment at sea, *Rotterdam* celebrates live music with an exclusive collection of world-class performances each night.

Throughout the ship, *Rotterdam* will showcase Holland America Line hallmarks that drive one of the highest guest repeat rates in the industry: exquisite cuisine guided by eight of the world's leading chefs; gracious, award-winning service; and superbly appointed staterooms and suites, including family and single accommodations.

Rotterdam is the seventh ship to bear the name for Holland America Line and the 17th ship constructed for the brand by Italian shipyard Fincantieri.

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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 nearly 400 ports in 114 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 of world-famous chefs.

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