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SPICE ISLANDS

SINGAPORE ROUNDTRIP

HOLLAND AMERICA LINE • MS NOORDAM
JAN 2 - FEB 4, 2025 | 34 DAYS | MOST MEALS
JOURNEY LEADERS: NICK & PAM CANNON

View from the top of Kelor Island, Indonesia

In 2025, Holland America Line celebrates an impressive 150-year legacy of pioneering voyages, solidifying its position as a world-leading cruise line. To commemorate this milestone, they have crafted "Legendary Voyages" for cruisers seeking in-depth exploration, all within the comfort of a cruise ship.

Embark on an exceptional Spice Islands voyage, departing from the vibrant city of Singapore. This voyage will take us through the renowned "Coral Triangle," the epicenter of global marine diversity, and introduces us to the diverse cultural heritage of coastal communities in the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, and Australia. Along the way, we will sail past active volcanoes and into the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef.

Developed in collaboration with a marine biologist, this innovative itinerary transcends conventional notions of exploration. It provides ample opportunities for in-depth immersion into each destination's essence. From iconic themed soirées to culturally inspired gastronomy, we shall engage with these locales at a profound level. Additionally, local experts and specialists will impart their extensive knowledge during newly created lectures. Join us as we delve into the rich history and culture of destinations that truly lie beyond the well-trodden path.



Features and Highlights

- 28-night cruise on the ms Noordam, based on sharing a twin bedded stateroom in the category selected
- 3-night post-cruise stay in Singapore, including breakfasts, a Gardens by the Bay tour, and transfers
- All meals and entertainment while on board
- Services of our journey leaders, guides and cruise director
- All gratuities for included services
- Baggage handling shipside
- All cruise line taxes and fees

Air - inclusive rates also include:

- Estimated return economy airfare from cities listed
- Transfers between airports, hotels and the ship
- All current air taxes, fuel surcharges and fees
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value

Journey Leaders

Pam and Nick Cannon are seasoned travellers with a profound passion for exploration and have explored the United Kingdom, Africa, the Caribbean, and the Mediterranean. As two of our most popular leaders, they have led cruise and tour groups to various destinations, such as Panama, Alaska, South Africa, Europe, and South America, in the past few years. With their warm and caring personalities, as well for their passion for travel, they are sure to enhance your travel experience. They cannot wait to join you on this incredible adventure.



Our Cruise Ship • ms Noordam

The ms Noordam is breathtaking in every detail. It offers a world of spacious staterooms, elegant public rooms, expansive teak decks, and priceless museum-quality art from 19th-century oils to contemporary photographs. At 82,000 tons she carries just over 1,924 passengers in comfort.

The ship provides unforgettable entertainment experiences with lounges and restaurants to enjoy during leisurely days at sea. The spacious three level World Stage theatre for colourful stage shows, the Lincoln Center Stage showcasing outstanding musicians performing multiple programs of chamber music, as well as afternoon recitals, and the B.B. King's Blues Club that brings the best of Memphis music to the sea. The list goes on with the spacious Lido for casual breakfasts, lunches and dinners, the Pinnacle Grill and Canaletto for elegant alternative dining, regional cooking demonstrations with food and wine tastings, a complete casino, library, card room, and numerous intimate lounges for a quiet conversation or a pre-dinner dance. Ample deck area, a complete teak Promenade deck, three pools, a sports deck and a superb fitness centre with spa and beauty parlour are all ours to enjoy.

All staterooms feature two lower beds (which can convert to a queen) including Signature Mariner's Dream™ bed with plush Euro-Top mattresses, a private bathroom with premium massage shower heads, a flat-screen TV with interactive menu of programming including; on-demand movies, music stations, as well as both live and pre-recorded television.



Cruise Itinerary

- Jan 2, Thu** **Depart Canada**
- Jan 4, Sat** **Arrive Singapore / Embarkation**
Visit the Singapore Botanic Gardens
Embarkation / Sail 4:00pm
- Jan 7, Tue** **Puerto Princesa, Philippines**
Arrive 8:00 am / Sail 5:00pm
- Jan 9, Thu** **Bitung, Sulawesi, Indonesia***
Arrive 8:00 am / Sail 5:00pm
- Jan 12, Sun** **Jayapura, Papua Indonesia, Indonesia***
Arrive 7:00 am / Sail 3:00pm
- Jan 14, Tue** **Rabaul, Papua New Guinea**
Arrive 8:00am / Sail 3:00pm
- Jan 15, Wed** **Kiriwina Island, Papua New Guinea***
Arrive 9:00am / Sail 6:00pm
- Jan 16, Thu** **Conflict Islands, Papua New Guinea***
Arrive 8:00am / Sail 5:00pm
- Jan 18, Sat** **Cairns, Australia**
Arrive 8:00am / Sail 6:00pm
- Jan 19, Sun** **Ribbon Reef Region (Great Barrier Reef)**
Scenic Cruising
- Jan 20, Mon** **Torres Strait (Great Barrier Reef)**
Scenic Cruising
- Jan 22, Wed** **Darwin, Australia**
Arrive 8:00am / Sail 5:00pm
- Jan 24, Fri** **Dili, East Timor ***
Arrive 8:00am / Sail 5:00pm
- Jan 25, Sat** **Batu Tara Volcano**
Scenic Cruising
- Jan 26, Sun** **Komodo Island, Indonesia***
Arrive 7:00am / Sail 3:00pm
- Jan 27, Mon** **Benoa (Denpasar), Bali, Indonesia**
Arrive 8:00am / Sail 6:00pm
- Jan 29, Wed** **Tanjung Priok, Jakarta, Indonesia**
Arrive 9:00am / Sail 6:00pm
- Jan 30, Thu** **Krakatau Volcano**
Scenic Cruising
- Feb 1, Sat** **Singapore / Disembarkation**
Singapore River Bumboat Cruise
Transfer to **Carlton Hotel**
or similar (3 nights) **B**
- Feb 2, Sun** **Singapore**
Gardens by the Bay
and Skyview Observation Deck **B**
- Feb 3, Mon** **Singapore**
Full day at leisure **B**
- Feb 4, Tues** **Singapore / Return to Canada**

* Tenders to shore. Days not listed are at sea.



Conflict Islands, Papua New Guinea



Great Barrier Reef, Courtesy of Holland America Line



Puerto Princesa, Courtesy of Holland America Line

Ports of Call

SINGAPORE: Located at the cross roads of Asia, this city-state is a magical blend of cultures, colonial heritage, natural wonders and towering skyscrapers. For centuries, traders from across the globe have used this huge safe port and today we find one of the most beautiful and modern cities in the world. The food scene runs the gamut from hawkers to Michelin stars, and merits a trip alone. Despite rapid development, nearly half the island is developed, leaving room for parks and open spaces such as the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, where an old-growth forest still thrives.

PUERTO PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES: Established as a Spanish town in 1872, it became a crucial port during the era of Spanish colonization. Today, it is a renowned tourist destination due to its natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. Top attractions include the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Palawan Heritage Center, and Palawan Butterfly Ecological Garden. However, its biggest draws are boat trips through the caves of the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park and the beaches and islands scattered around scenic Honda Bay, making it perfect for snorkelling, sunbathing, and picnics.

JAYAPURA, PAPUA, INDONESIA: An out-of-the-way gem, Jayapura offers picturesque white-sand beaches, roadside stands where you can dine on coconuts and fresh, grilled fish, and fascinating World War II history to explore.

RBAUL, PAPUA NEW GUINEA: The East New Britain province of Papua New Guinea is lush and tropical. Mountain peaks and active volcanoes surround the town of Rabaul and Simpson Harbour. Built on an ancient volcanic crater, the harbour is one of the deepest in the region. For the same reason, some of the most spectacular diving and snorkelling in the world can be found here. At Sub-Base, a shallow reef extends dramatically out from shore before dropping off into a crevasse rich with fish and other marine life.

KIRIWINA ISLAND, PAPUA NEW GUINEA: The largest of the Trobriand Islands, it is home to a 12,000-strong indigenous population and is steeped in history, known for its WWII occupation. Various relics of the war, including the remains of an American plane, can still be seen on the island. Here, you will find an idyllic traditional lifestyle, incredibly friendly locals, and a fascinating social structure based on matrilineal clans. Many aspects of life revolve around the cultivation and exchange of yams. There is also mesmerizing scenery, from crystal-clear waters to jungle-covered cliffs. Hike to the burial caves, peruse exquisite carvings, and explore the coral-filled offshore islands. Be sure to stop and watch a game of Trobriand cricket, an innovative spin on the game.

CONFLICT ISLANDS, PANAWAL GROUP, PAPUA NEW GUINEA: This idyllic archipelago of 21 coral atolls off the coast of New Guinea is privately owned by a passionate conservationist. Activities are designed for the enjoyment of its beautiful beaches, coral reefs, and its clear, warm waters. Try kayaking, snorkelling or paddle-boarding, or simply relax on the shaded fringes of the lagoon. The area is likely to be a UNESCO World Heritage Site soon.

CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA: A gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and the tropical north of the country, Cairns is a laid-back city on the east coast of the Cape York Peninsula in northern Queensland. It's a popular launching pad for exploring the reef, the Daintree Rain Forest, and other attractions in the area. With friendly residents, fantastic beach life, and consistently sunny, warm weather, it's the perfect adventure starting point. To the east is the Great Barrier Reef, the world's longest coral reef, famously visible from space. The Kuranda Scenic Railway passes through UNESCO-listed rainforests to Kuranda village. An hour north, Port Douglas is known for its top-notch restaurants, art galleries, and boutiques.

Shore Excursions are not included in your cruise cost, allowing you to decide how you will use your time ashore.

CT Rating 1 - Leisurely: This cruise is suitable for all passengers who meet our basic criteria for group travel. Optional excursions are not covered by this rating and may involve considerable walking, sometimes over rough surfaces. Some ports of call require tenders to reach shore.

Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

CATEGORY/DESCRIPTION/DECK	PER PERSON
K Inside Twin (Various)	\$7,655
E Outside Twin (Main)	\$9,595
C Outside Twin (Main)	\$9,795
VD Veranda (Upper Verandah, Rotterdam)	\$11,845
VC Veranda (Various)	\$11,915
VB Veranda (Various)	\$11,985
VA Veranda (Various)	\$12,045
SS Signature (Upper Verandah)	\$14,975
SB Neptune (Various)	\$19,285

The rates listed are per person based on sharing a twin-bedded cabin, and include all of the applicable inclusive features and land arrangements. See deck plan for full category details. Stateroom categories are subject to availability at the time of booking - book early for the best choice. Please inquire about single rates, or visit our website.

Estimated Air Add-Ons From Cities Across Canada

Toronto / Montreal	\$2,595
Ottawa	\$2,695
Halifax	\$2,935
Winnipeg	\$2,435
Saskatoon / Regina	\$2,535
Calgary	\$2,195
Edmonton	\$2,485
Vancouver	\$2,045
Victoria	\$2,095

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are estimated, subject to change, and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Should you have specific flight preferences or wish to upgrade, please advise us at time of booking. Refer to inclusive features for details. Prices are based on rates, taxes, and fees effective March 2024 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment is due August 29, 2024

Deposit is \$2,500 per person

To reserve your spot on this tour, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:



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