

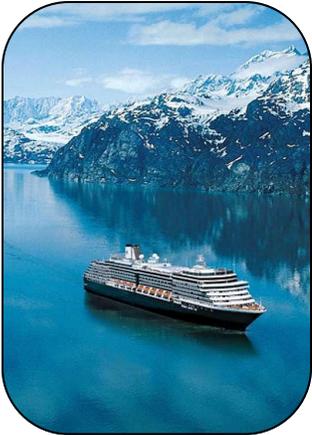
WHITEHORSE & GLACIER BAY CRUISE

With White Pass Railway, Skagway and Ketchikan

August 8, 2020 - 8 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person: based on double/twin

\$2355 Interior Stateroom J

\$2730 Oceanview Stateroom C

\$2985 Verandah Stateroom VA

> Please add 1.7% GST. Single & triple fares and suites also available.

> **Early Bookers:** \$100 discount on first 15 seats; \$50 on next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 50 points from this tour.

Redeem **50 points** if you book by **May 1**.



Includes

- Air North flight from Vancouver to Whitehorse
- 3 nights of hotel accommodation and taxes
- 3 days of coach transportation in Yukon
- Yukon Museum of Transportation
- Beringia Centre
- Takhini Hot Springs swim
- MacBride Museum
- SS Klondike National Historic Site
- White Pass Railway from Carcross to Skagway
- White Pass Museum at Bennett
- 2 transfers in Skagway
- Stateroom for 4 nights on board *Koningsdam*
- Cruise gratuities
- Port charges & cruise taxes
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels, airline & ship
- **15 meals:** 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

A one-way Alaska Cruise

This is a very unique cruise because it is not offered in Holland America's catalogue. Most Alaska cruises are round trip from Vancouver or Seattle. You may have ridden the White Pass Railway as far as the summit, but this tour boards the train at Carcross which is 2 hours further north, and you experience the one-way trip through the mountains and down the thrilling grade to Skagway. Whitehorse is too far inland to be accessible as a one-day shore excursion from the ship, but there are enough attractions in the Yukon's capital to fill at least 1½ days.

On this tour, you fly to Whitehorse and stay two nights at the Gold Rush Inn with attractions such as the Beringia Centre, Takhini Hot Springs, and the SS *Klondike*. After the awesome train ride to the coast, board the *Koningsdam*, one of Holland America's newest ships, and cruise one-way to Vancouver with a day spent in the incredible scenery of Glacier Bay.

Come and enjoy this unique cruise and tour. Holland America does not make it available every year.

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Cruise & Tour Notes

Staterooms: When you book this tour, your stateroom on the *Koningsdam* is guaranteed in the category you selected and the stateroom number is usually confirmed a few weeks before sailing. Fares are quoted for categories Interior J, Oceanview C, and Verandah VA, but other categories are also available.

Dinner reservations: You can go to the dining room when you are ready with your friends or make a reservation in advance. The four specialty restaurants can also be reserved for an additional charge.

Importance of early booking: Holland America Line has confirmed a block of staterooms for this tour and they are normally held until 90 days before sailing. However, any unsold staterooms can be taken away from us at any time if the ship or even a category fills. This has occurred several times recently and we had to turn away disappointed customers, even though we had seats available on the connecting motor-coach. Therefore, please don't delay booking this tour.

 **Tour activity level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs. There are steps on and off the train. There can be longer walks in Vancouver and Whitehorse airports; request a cart or wheelchair in advance or at check-in if this could be an issue for you. The coaches and train cannot carry a scooter. If you think you may have difficulty participating in Activity Level 1, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not able to keep up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.

MS *Koningsdam*

Holland America Line's second newest ship, *MS Koningsdam*, made her grand entrance into the cruising world in 2016. To bring this new ship to life and give form and function to its brand, Holland America commissioned two legendary partners, Adam Tihany, regarded as one of the world's pre-eminent hospitality designers, and architect Bjørn Storbraaten. Their revolutionary designs for the *Koningsdam* featured light-filled spaces, fluid curves, a sophisticated interplay of high technology and elegance, and beautiful architectural elements inspired by music. All were woven together to create an interior that blends a fresh, contemporary styling in perfect harmony with Holland America's renowned classic elegance. The *Koningsdam* carries 2,650 passengers, the largest ever built by the company. Her 12 decks feature four performance venues including the 1000-seat live entertainment theatre, five lounges, casino, shopping arcade, movie theatre, beauty shop, library, games room, 12 elevators, internet centre, spa and fitness centre, and two swimming pools (one with sliding dome cover).

The *Koningsdam* offers 12 restaurants or cafés. The elegant two-deck Dining Room serves breakfast, lunch and dinner with full choice of menu. The Lido Market offers buffet-style serving stations for breakfast, lunch, dinner and the 11 pm snack. The Pinnacle Grill, the Canaletto Restaurant with Italian cuisine, the Tamarind Restaurant with Asian cuisine, and Sel de Mer with a seafood menu all offer extraordinary service, reserved seating, and gourmet menus for an extra charge. You can also dine in the privacy of your stateroom by ordering from the complimentary room service menu. All meals are culinary delights!

Staterooms have twin lower beds (some convert to queen-size double), television, music, telephone, and bathroom with toilet, sink and shower or bathtub. A crew of over 1,000 ensures top-quality service and entertainment. Every day has a full schedule of optional activities: dance class, bridge, bingo, shuffleboard, table-tennis, karaoke, board games, and fitness activities. Every evening, there is live stage entertainment in the World Stage Theatre, and several other venues each offer a performance schedule.

Itinerary

Saturday, August 8:

Meet the other members of the tour at Vancouver airport this morning. It is a 2½-hour flight on Air North from Vancouver to **Whitehorse**, arriving at 1:30 pm. Our coach meets us at the airport. First we go to the Yukon Museum of Transportation which brings to life tales of bush pilots, Chilkoot

Trail travellers, Klondike stampeders, and Alaska Highway builders. Next is the wonderful **Beringia Centre** which tells the story of native people and animals that lived in a prehistoric land between Alaska and Siberia known as the Bering Land Bridge. We stay two nights in downtown Whitehorse at the Gold Rush Inn.

Sunday, August 9:*Meals: B*

First, we relax in the soothing waters of **Takhini Hot Springs** with temperatures of up to 42° C., then we explore the MacBride Museum which documents the Yukon's human history. This afternoon, we visit the restored sternwheeler **SS Klondike** which plied the Yukon River to Dawson City from 1937 to 1955, and is now a National Historic Site.

Monday, August 10:*Meals: B,L*

We drive to Carcross and board the **White Pass & Yukon Railway** for a thrilling five-hour journey through the rugged St. Elias Mountains. This narrow gauge railway was built in 1898 to serve stampeders to the Klondike Gold Rush. Today it ranks among the world's most scenic rail journeys and has been designated an International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. A stop is made at Bennett to visit the White Pass Museum, then the train descends 850 metres through tunnels and across high trestles on a cliff-hanging route to reach the ocean at **Skagway**. We stay overnight at the Westmark Inn.

Note: The train departs Carcross at 2 pm (1 pm Alaska time) and that is when the included box lunch is provided. If this is too late for you, there is free time in Carcross to buy a lunch or snack.

Tuesday, August 11:*Meals: L,D*

We board the **Koningsdam** and an embarkation lunch is served. The Klondike Gold Rush was in full swing 120 years ago and Skagway was the major gateway to the Yukon. Today, that heritage is kept alive with old boardwalks, quaint false-fronted buildings, and interesting architecture. You may

want to get off the ship this afternoon to explore more of Skagway. After dinner, there is a lively stage show and the ship sails at 8 pm.

Wednesday, August 12:*Meals: B,L,D*

Nothing quite prepares you for waking up this morning amidst the grandeur of **Glacier Bay**. The *Koningsdam* sails close to the Margerie Glacier and the Grand Pacific Glacier where chunks of ice periodically break away and crash into the sea. A National Park Ranger on board explains the natural phenomenon in detail. We spend most of today exploring an unforgettable world of floating ice castles and tidewater glaciers.

Thursday, August 13:*Meals: B,L,D*

We dock in **Ketchikan** from 11 am to 7 pm. This picturesque town has waterfront buildings on stilts, weathered stairways clinging to steep hillsides, and the famous Creek Street boardwalk.

Friday, August 14:*Meals: B,L,D*

Today, we admire the magnificent scenery of B.C.'s famed **Inside Passage**. We pass hundreds of islands and waterfalls, and probably see wildlife such as bald eagles, porpoises or killer whales. We sail through the narrow sheltered waterways of Princess Royal Channel and Seymour Narrows where Ripple Rock used to menace ships.

Saturday, August 15:*Meals: B*

We dock at Canada Place in **Vancouver** this morning and disembark the *Koningsdam*.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$600 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due May 1, 2020. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$100 discount on first 15 seats and \$50 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after May 1.

Cancellation Policy: Up to April 1, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From April 2 to May 1, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From May 2 to June 1, the cancellation charge is 50% of tour fare. From June 2 to June 30, the cancellation charge is 80% of tour fare. After June 30, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and surcharges from airline, cruise ship and other tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes until departure.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

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Home pickups are available within Greater Vancouver for an additional charge of \$40 per person round trip. Please request no later than at final payment.

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