



Nieuw Statendam



St. John's

QUEBEC TO BOSTON CRUISE

September 6, 2022 – 13 Days

On Holland America's Nieuw Statendam

With cruising proving to be more popular than ever, here is a wonderful 10-day cruise on Holland America's second newest ship, *Nieuw Statendam*. We start with 2 days in Québec City, strolling the cobblestone streets, exploring icons of Canadian history such as the Plains of Abraham and Place Royale, and enjoying the thrilling cablecar ride up Montmorency Falls. The *Nieuw Statendam* has a really unique itinerary during the cruise from Québec City to Boston. We stop at 2 towns on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River, Baie-Comeau and Havre-Saint-Pierre. Then we circle Newfoundland with calls at Corner Brook, St. Anthony, and St. John's. There is a day in Halifax and a visit to Bar Harbor, Maine, before disembarking in Boston. You are sure to admire the revolutionary design for *Nieuw Statendam* with light-filled spaces, fluid curves, and architectural elements inspired by music.

Activity Level: 2



31 Meals Included:

11 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 11 dinners

Fares per person double/twin:

\$5,370 Interior Stateroom category I

\$6,145 Oceanview Stateroom category C

\$6,960 Veranda Stateroom category VD

Single & triple fares and ship suites also available.

Please add 0.4% GST.

Early Bookers:

\$200 discount on first 15 seats; \$100 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 102 points on this tour.

Redeem 102 points if you book by June 2, 2022.

Departure from: Lower Mainland



Québec City

ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday, September 6

We fly from Vancouver to Québec City.

Accommodation: Hotel Pur

Day 2: Wednesday, September 7

A morning sightseeing tour of **Québec City** takes us past the Legislative Buildings, the St. Louis Gate into this walled city, the Plains of Abraham, and along quaint, narrow, cobbled streets. There is also a walking tour of **Place Royale** where some buildings date to the 17th century. Choose your own lunch from the many restaurants in Le Vieux Québec, then ride the funicular up to the Chateau Frontenac. We take a guided historical tour around this famous hotel, built in 1893. Afterwards, we drive to the cruise terminal and board the **Nieuw Statendam**. The afternoon is free time to explore all the wonderful features of this new ship. Savour a sumptuous dinner in the dining room, followed by a lively stage show in the theatre. The ship stays docked tonight in Québec.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Statendam*

Day 3: Thursday, September 8

Montmorency Falls is 83 metres high and we admire stunning views from the cable car, from the many lookout points throughout the site, or from the stairs climbing up the side of the promontory. At the top of the cliff sits Manoir Montmorency which houses restaurants, a gift shop and an interpretation centre. Next, we visit the **Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré**, a spectacular building that is one of the five national shrines in Canada. The afternoon is free time on the *Nieuw Statendam* and we cruise away from Québec at 5 pm down the **St. Lawrence River**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Statendam*

Day 4: Friday, September 9

During the night, the ship cruises on the ever-widening river as it expands into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. At dawn, we arrive at **Baie-Comeau** where the "river" is over 30 km across. Robert McCormick, the president of the Chicago Tribune, founded Baie-Comeau in 1937 when he established a pulp and paper plant to supply his newspaper. Today, Baie-Comeau is a high-tech

industrial hub for hydroelectricity and home to about 23,000 residents. Brian Mulroney, former Prime Minister, grew up here. You can book a variety of shore excursions on the ship.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Statendam*

Day 5: Saturday, September 10

Our next port is **Havre-Saint-Pierre**, Quebec, home to just 3,500 people. It was founded in 1857 by six fishing families from Iles-de-la-Madeleine. Originally known as Pointe-aux-Esquimaux (Eskimo Point), the town was renamed Havre-Saint-Pierre after the patron saint of fishermen in 1927. The local residents call themselves Cayens and are very proud of their Acadian heritage. For many years fishing, hunting, and lumber were the main industries of the village but, today, mining surpasses them all. A walking tour can be booked and a boat tour accesses the main attraction, the Mingan Archipelago National Park.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Statendam*

Day 6: Sunday, September 11

The *Nieuw Statendam* docks at 10 am in Corner Brook on the west coast of Newfoundland. Today is a private Wells Gray excursion along the **Viking Trail**, one of the most scenic highways in Eastern Canada because it is bounded by the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the west and the barren Long Range Mountains to the east. A local guide is with us to help interpret the area. **Gros Morne National Park**, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, protects a wilderness of deep fjords and coastal beaches. Our first experience is the **Bonne Bay boat tour** which provides views of the tablelands of Gros Morne. Newfoundland's traditional welcome is arranged with a **Screech-in Ceremony** (will you kiss the cod?). We return to Corner Brook in time for sailing at 5 pm.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Statendam*

Day 7: Monday, September 12

Overnight, the *Nieuw Statendam* sails north through the Strait of Belle Isle that separates Newfoundland from Labrador. Near the top of the Northern Peninsula, we anchor at **St. Anthony**

and take tenders ashore. This village of 2,400 people predates even the famed navigator Jacques Cartier. Though he gave the town its name, it was already a seasonal camp used by French and Basque fishermen when he arrived in 1534. St. Anthony's fortunes have long been tied to the sea, but now tourism has become important. The World Heritage Site of L'Anse aux Meadows was the site of a Viking settlement about 1000 years ago and the sod houses have been reconstructed. You can book this shore excursion or several other tours around St. Anthony.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Statendam*

Day 8: Tuesday, September 13

Be sure to be on deck or your balcony in late morning as we cruise through the narrows into the protected harbour of St. John's, capital of Newfoundland & Labrador. The ship is here from noon till 10 pm. A Wells Gray tour with a local guide visits St. John's highlights such as the **Cabot Tower** atop Signal Hill, Confederation Building, the colourful Jellybean Row Houses, and Quidi Vidi Battery. An exciting experience is standing at the most easterly point in North America, **Cape Spear**, and learning about the remarkable lifestyle of the lighthouse keepers.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Statendam*

Day 9: Wednesday, September 14

This is a day at sea while we cross the Cabot Strait to Nova Scotia. There are many activities and entertainment choices on board.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Statendam*

Day 10: Thursday, September 15

The ship is docked in **Halifax** from 7 am to 4 pm. A variety of shore excursions can be purchased on the ship or on the dock. Many attractions are within walking distance of the harbour or reached by a short taxi ride – Maritime Museum of the Atlantic with an exhibit about Halifax's connection to the *Titanic*; Alexander Keith's Brewery to learn

about Nova Scotia's long brewing tradition; the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site, a fortress perched on the hill overlooking the city; or the lovely Public Gardens.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Statendam*

Day 11: Friday, September 16

Our first USA port of call is Bar Harbor in Maine, where we anchor from 8 am to 5 pm. Book a lobster fishing cruise or a tour of Acadia National Park, or simply wander the quaint lovely seaside town.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Statendam*

Day 12: Saturday, September 17

We dock in **Boston** and bid farewell to the *Nieuw Statendam*. A full-day tour with a local guide is included. One of the oldest cities in the USA, Boston was founded in 1630 by Puritan colonists from England. It was the scene of several key events of the American Revolution, such as the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party, the Battle of Bunker Hill, and the Siege of Boston. First, there is a driving tour including Beacon Hill, Paul Revere House, Old North Church, Boston Common, and Massachusetts State House. We also visit Cambridge with Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Lunch is on your own in the bustling Quincy Market area. Afterwards, there is a leisurely walking tour along a one kilometre section of **Boston's Freedom Trail** to see Old Granary Burying Ground, Old South Meeting House, King's Chapel, and Old State House. The walk ends at Faneuil Hall with some free time for exploring on your own. A farewell dinner is planned.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Doubletree Hotel Downtown

Day 13: Sunday, September 18

We fly from Boston's Logan Airport to Vancouver.

Meals included: Breakfast

MS NIEUW STATENDAM

Holland America Line's second newest ship, MS *Nieuw Statendam*, made her grand entrance into the cruising world in 2019. She is a sister ship to the *Koningsdam* and the recently-launched *Rotterdam*. To bring this new ship design to life, 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 *Koningsdam* in 2016 featured light-filled spaces, fluid curves, 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 classic elegance.

Nieuw Statendam dining room



The *Nieuw Statendam* carries 2,650 passengers, the largest ever built by the company. Her 12 decks feature four performance venues including the 1,000-seat live entertainment theatre, five lounges, casino, shopping arcade, movie theatre, beauty shop, library, games room, 12 elevators, internet centre, spa, fitness centre, and two swimming pools (one with sliding dome cover). The *Nieuw Statendam* 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, Canaletto Restaurant with Italian cuisine, 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.

CRUISE NOTES

Please book early: Holland America has confirmed a block of staterooms for this tour and they are normally held until three months before sailing (early June 2022). However, any unsold staterooms can be taken away from us at any time when the ship fills. This is a unique cruise itinerary, so it could sell out early and result in our block being reduced. When this has happened before, we had to waitlist disappointed customers, even though we still had seats available on the coaches and plane.

Dinner reservations: The *Nieuw Statendam* offers both open dining and fixed dining. Open dining is standard, so you can go to a restaurant when you are ready with your friends or make a reservation earlier in the day. If you prefer to dine at the same time with the same people each day, we can request this. The four specialty restaurants take reservations on board and you should do this early in the voyage.



Activity Level 2: Although cruising is normally Activity Level 1, the tours in Québec City, Gros Morne, St. John's, and Boston have more activity which could include walks of up to 1 km, walking on cobblestone streets, and stairs. Choose shore excursions at the cruise ports based on your abilities. There can be longer walks in the airports, so please request a cart or wheelchair in advance or at check-in if this could be an issue for you. The coaches cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. If Activity Level 2 could be challenging, you are urged to bring a companion to assist you. The tour director, drivers and local guides have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping 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.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Flight from Vancouver to Québec City
- Current air transportation taxes and fees
- Airline luggage fee for 1 suitcase per person
- Transfer from airport to Québec hotel
- 2 days of coach transportation in Québec City
- 2 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- Locally-guided tour of Québec City
- Historical tour of Chateau Frontenac
- Montmorency Falls with cablecar ride
- Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré
- Stateroom for 10 nights on *Nieuw Statendam*
- Cruise gratuities
- Port charges & cruise taxes
- Locally-guided coach tour of Gros Morne Park
- Gros Morne National Park fee
- Bonne Bay boat tour with Screech-In ceremony
- Locally-guided coach tour of St. John's
- Signal Hill National Historic Site
- Cape Spear National Historic Site
- Locally-guided coach tour of Boston
- Guided walking tour of Boston's Freedom Trail
- Old North Church
- Transfer from Boston hotel to airport
- Flight from Boston to Vancouver
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels and ship
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers & boat crew
- **31 meals:** 11 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 11 dinners

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$800 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due June 2, 2022. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$200 discount on first 15 seats and \$100 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after June 2, 2022.

Cancellation Policy: Up to May 2, 2022, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From May 3 to June 2, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From June 3 to June 30, the cancellation charge is 50% of tour fare. From July 1 to August 2, the cancellation charge is 80% of tour fare. After August 2, there is no refund.

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

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy.

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, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

Home pickups are available within Greater Vancouver for an additional charge of \$50 per person round trip. Transfer is to and from YVR. Please request no later than at final payment.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 102 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until June 2, 2022.

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