



San Diego Harbor



Eurodam dining room

# SAN DIEGO TO VANCOUVER CRUISE

April 20, 2023 – 9 Days

*On Holland America's Eurodam*

With cruising proving to be more popular than ever, here is a pleasant 4-day cruise on Holland America's *Eurodam*. We start with 4 nights in San Diego staying at the Embassy Suites. There are lots of activities including a harbour cruise, a pass to your choice of 4 museums in Balboa Park, the San Diego Zoo, Maritime Museum, Birch Aquarium, Botanic Gardens, and Museum of Making Music. A locally-guided tour of San Diego highlights is also featured. Each evening at the hotel, there is a reception with wine, beer and cocktails when you can visit with other travellers. On board *Eurodam*, we take 4 days to cruise up the coast to Vancouver with an afternoon call at Victoria. Four days of San Diego highlights plus a relaxing cruise with great food and entertainment make this a wonderful spring getaway.

Activity Level: 1



17 Meals Included:

8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

Fares per person double/twin:

\$3,235 Interior Stateroom category I

\$3,325 Oceanview Stateroom category C

\$3,445 Veranda Stateroom category VD

Single & triple fares and ship suites also available.

Please add 0.2% GST.

Early Bookers:

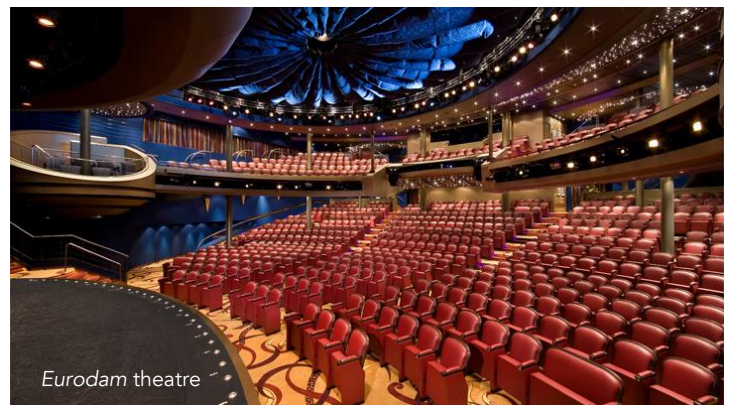
\$180 discount on first 15 seats; \$90 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 76 points on this tour.

Redeem 76 points if you book by January 12, 2023.

Departure from: Lower Mainland



Eurodam theatre

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Thursday, April 20

We fly from Vancouver to **San Diego**. Our accommodation for four nights is the Embassy Suites Hotel, located downtown on Pacific Highway, just a block from the harbour. Come and socialize with your fellow travellers at the two-hour reception with complimentary drinks and snacks.

**Accommodation:** Embassy Suites San Diego

### Day 2: Friday, April 21

Today is devoted to **Balboa Park** which is the largest urban park in the USA at 1,100 acres. Many of San Diego's most popular museums are located here. Admission is included for you to explore your choice of up to four museums such as the Reuben Fleet Science Center, Aerospace Historical Center, Museum of Man, Model Railroad Museum, Natural History Museum, Museum of Art, or Automotive Museum. Afterwards, we visit the **San Diego Zoo**, one of the largest in the world with over 4,000 animals representing 800 species. An aerial tram, shuttle trolleys, and a narrated bus tour make it easy for you to get around.

**Accommodation:** Embassy Suites San Diego

**Meals included:** Breakfast

### Day 3: Saturday, April 22

This morning, we get a different perspective on California's second largest city with a cruise around the busy harbour including lofty Coronado Bridge, the shipyards, Point Loma, and the Naval Air Station. Next is the **Maritime Museum** on the waterfront which features many nautical displays and three historic ships including the *Star of India*, the world's oldest active ship.

**Accommodation:** Embassy Suites San Diego

**Meals included:** Breakfast

### Day 4: Sunday, April 23

The **Birch Aquarium** in La Jolla contains over 30 tanks teeming with life typical of the waters from the west coast to the tropical seas. Next we stroll through the **San Diego Botanic Gardens**. Once a private estate, the gardens now include over 5,000 varieties of plants from all over the world including tropical, subtropical, and California native plants. There is even a rare bamboo grove

said to be the largest bamboo collection in the USA. This afternoon, we visit the **Museum of Making Music** in Carlsbad which celebrates the music products industry with hundreds of vintage instruments on display. Each gallery features the historic milestones, popular music and instruments of those eras.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Embassy Suites San Diego

### Day 5: Monday, April 24

A local guide boards our coach and conducts a tour around San Diego with lots of interesting commentary about history and landmarks. The trip concludes at the cruise ship terminal and we board the **Eurodam** about noon. An embarkation lunch is served on the Lido Deck. The afternoon is free time to explore all the wonderful features of the ship. Enjoy a festive "Farewell to San Diego" deck party as we cast off at 4 pm. Savour a sumptuous dinner in the dining room, followed by a lively stage show in the theatre.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** *Eurodam*

### Day 6: Tuesday, April 25

### Day 7: Wednesday, April 26

During these two days, the *Eurodam* cruises north along the California, Oregon and Washington coasts. Enjoy all the facilities, fine entertainment, and wonderful food on board.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** *Eurodam*

### Day 8: Thursday, April 27

In the morning, the *Eurodam* rounds Cape Flattery at the northwest tip of the Olympic Peninsula and sails east into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. We dock in **Victoria** from noon to 11 pm. You may wish to stroll the Inner Harbour, browse the shops of Government Street, or visit local friends.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** *Eurodam*

### Day 9: Friday, April 28

We dock at Canada Place in Vancouver and bid farewell to the *Eurodam*.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

## MS EURODAM

The *Eurodam* made her inaugural cruise in 2008 after being christened by Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands. She is Holland America's second largest design with a capacity of 2,100 passengers. *Eurodam's* gross tonnage is 86,000 and she is 285 metres long. Her 11 decks feature a 1,000-seat live entertainment theatre, nine lounges, casino, shopping arcade, movie theatre, beauty shop, library, games room, Internet centre, spa, gymnasium, and two swimming pools (one with sliding dome cover). *Eurodam* has 14 elevators and four of them are glass with panoramic views. An exquisite \$2 million collection of art and artifacts is showcased throughout the ship with a theme of "The Dutch Golden Age".

Dining is one of the highlights of a cruise. The elegant two-floor 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 intimate Pinnacle Grill, the Canaletto Restaurant, and the Tamarind Restaurant 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 and you will not go hungry on board!

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 nearly 900 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. The movie theatre presents films several times daily and, every evening, there is live entertainment in the Mainstage Theatre plus musicians playing in most lounges.



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## TOUR & 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 (mid January 2023). However, any unsold staterooms can be taken away from us at any time when the ship fills. Coastal cruises are very popular, so this can 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 *Eurodam* 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 three specialty restaurants take reservations on board and you should do this early in the voyage.



**Activity Level 1:** The cruise days are Activity Level 1 and other days can have more activity. There is some walking prior to the cruise such as between the museums in Balboa Park, around San Diego Zoo (a shuttle is also available), and the Botanic Gardens. 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 1 could be challenging, you are urged to 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 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 San Diego
- Current air transportation taxes and fees
- 2 days of San Diego coach transportation
- 4 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- Balboa Park pass with 4 museums
- San Diego Zoo
- San Diego harbour cruise
- Maritime Museum
- Birch Aquarium
- San Diego Botanic Gardens
- Museum of Making Music
- Locally-guided tour of San Diego
- Stateroom for 4 nights on board *Eurodam*
- Cruise gratuities
- Port charges & cruise taxes
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel and ship
- Gratuities for California guides and drivers
- **17 meals:** 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

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## TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$500 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due January 12, 2023. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$180 discount on first 15 seats and \$90 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after January 12, 2023.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to December 12, 2022, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From December 13, 2022 to January 12, 2023, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From January 13 to February 10, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From February 11 to March 10, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After March 10, there is no refund.

**Itinerary & 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 our control, therefore we reserve the right to increase fares due to such changes until departure. Sometimes we are notified about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a component of an extensive tour due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour.

**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.

**Flight seating:** We are unable to take requests for window or aisle seating on the planes. The airline will not accept them, as group seating is assigned as a block. If this is important to you, we suggest you take the "No Flight" option with a fare reduction of \$355 and book your own flight which allows seat selection.

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

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**Experience Points:** This tour earns 76 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 January 12, 2023.

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