



PRINCE RUPERT & KETCHIKAN CRUISE

April 30, 2023 – 7 Days

On board Holland America's Koningsdam

This short cruise is a unique getaway because the itinerary is seldom offered by Holland America. Prince Rupert is a rare port of call by cruise ships, since the Alaska ports to the north are more in demand, so the *Koningsdam* is likely to be the only ship there. Busy Ketchikan in Alaska is the other port, a picturesque town with waterfront buildings on stilts and the much photographed Creek Street boardwalk. In addition to these two interesting ports, you can savour fabulous meals on the ship, 2 days cruising the scenic Inside Passage, and 5 nights of great entertainment. The *Koningsdam* is one of Holland America's newest ships and you are sure to admire the beautiful architectural elements inspired by music.

Activity Level: 1



15 Meals Included:

5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners

Fares per person double/twin:

\$1,760 Interior Stateroom category I

\$1,925 Oceanview Stateroom category C

\$1,995 Veranda Stateroom category VD

Single & triple fares and ship suites also available.

Please add 2% GST.

Early Bookers:

\$80 discount on first 15 seats; \$40 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 33 points on this tour.

Redeem 33 points if you book by January 25, 2023.

Departure from: Victoria



ITINERARY

Day 1: Sunday, April 30

A transfer is provided to Vancouver. We stay overnight at the Blue Horizon Hotel which has an excellent location on Robson Street with lots of shopping and restaurants nearby.

Note: While it may seem unnecessary to travel to Vancouver the day before your cruise, ferries can have long closures which could cause a missed cruise.

Accommodation: Blue Horizon Hotel

Day 2: Monday, May 1

The morning is leisure time and you may want to take a stroll along Robson Street or shop at the nearby Pacific Centre Mall. At noon, we drive to Canada Place cruise ship terminal and board **Holland America's Koningsdam**. An embarkation lunch is served in the Lido Market. Explore the ship this afternoon and familiarize yourself with her many facilities. Be sure to be on deck or your balcony at 3 pm as we sail away under the Lions Gate Bridge. Later, savour your first superb dinner, then enjoy the stage show in the theatre. This evening, we pass through Seymour Narrows where Ripple Rock used to menace ships.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Koningsdam*

Day 3: Tuesday, May 2

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 Orca whales. During much of today, we sail through sheltered waterways such as Princess Royal Channel and Grenville Channel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Koningsdam*

Day 4: Wednesday, May 3

We dock in **Ketchikan** from 8 am to 5 pm. This picturesque town has waterfront buildings on stilts, weathered stairways clinging to steep hillsides, and the famous Creek Street boardwalk. Various shore excursions can be purchased on the ship or the dock and a popular one goes to the Saxman Native Village with a dance performance.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Koningsdam*

Day 5: Thursday, May 4

The ship arrives in **Prince Rupert** at 8 am and departs at 5 pm. Take a walk to the wonderful Museum of Northern British Columbia which has a large collection of Tsimshian art and artifacts. You may want to buy a shore excursion on the ship or the dock and a good one goes to the restored North Pacific Cannery National Historic Site on the Skeena River which was built in 1889.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Koningsdam*

Day 6: Friday, May 5

A day at sea, sailing through the Inside Passage or Hecate Strait. If you haven't dined in all the specialty restaurants, we suggest you reserve the Pinnacle Grill, Rudi's Sel de Mer, Canaletto, or Tamarind for a superb dinner (extra cost).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Koningsdam*

Day 7: Saturday, May 6

We dock at Canada Place in **Vancouver** this morning and disembark the *Koningsdam*. A transfer is provided to your Victoria pickup point.

Meals included: Breakfast

MS KONINGS DAM

One of Holland America Line's newest ships, *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 *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 classic elegance.



The *Koningsdam* 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 *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 Rudi's 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

Staterooms: When you book this tour, your selected stateroom category on the *Koningsdam* is guaranteed and the stateroom number is usually confirmed a few weeks before sailing. Fares are quoted for categories Interior I, Oceanview C, Verandah VA and VD, and suites SA and A. Other categories may be 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 starting 3 months before sailing and these have 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 3 months 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 motorcoach. Therefore, please don't delay booking this tour.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transportation to/from Vancouver
- 1 night of hotel accommodation and taxes
- Transfer from hotel to cruise terminal
- 5-day Holland America cruise from Vancouver on board *Koningsdam*
- Cruise gratuities
- Port charges & cruise taxes
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel and ship
- **15 meals:** 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners



Activity Level 1: Light activity including short distances to walk. Choose shore excursions in Ketchikan and Prince Rupert based on your mobility. The coaches cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. If Activity Level 1 could be challenging, you must bring a companion who is able 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.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due January 25, 2023. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking, cheque, Visa or Mastercard.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$80 discount on first 15 seats and \$40 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after January 25, 2023.

Cancellation Policy: Up to January 25, 2023, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From January 26 to February 24, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From February 25 to March 24, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After March 24, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and surcharges from 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 may be offered in Greater Victoria, depending on the number of people booked and coach size. Decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 33 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 25, 2023.

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