

MEXICAN BAJA CRUISE

January 2027

WELLS GRAY TOURS
a world to experience



On Holland America's Zuiderdam

Trade winter's chill for sunshine and sea breezes on this relaxing seven-day cruise aboard Holland America's *Zuiderdam*. Your journey begins with a flight to San Diego, where you will enjoy time exploring the museums and gardens of beautiful Balboa Park before boarding your ship. As you sail along the stunning Baja Peninsula, each port invites you to experience a different side of coastal Mexico. In Cabo San Lucas, take in dramatic rock formations and lively waterfront views. In Pichilingue, gateway to La Paz, discover tranquil beaches and a laid-back seaside atmosphere. In Loreto, stroll charming streets steeped in history and enjoy the natural beauty of the Sea of Cortez. On board, you will savour delicious meals, take in exceptional entertainment, and unwind in comfort as the coastline drifts by. This easy, sun-filled getaway is the perfect way to recharge during the winter months.



CRUISE TOUR



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- 📍 **BC Interior:** January 21, 2027 - 10 days
- 📍 **Vancouver Island:** January 21, 2027 - 10 days
- 📍 **Lower Mainland:** January 21, 2027 - 10 days

► Fares per person

- 📍 from **\$4,515** double/twin, **\$5,875** single*
- *Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.*

► Early Booking Bonus

\$250 on first 12 seats; **\$125** on next 8.

► Earn 120 Experience Points



Providing Quality Packaged Travel Since 1972

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Your departure point will be discussed at the time of booking.

I BC Interior: We depart on Thursday, January 21 and fly from Kelowna to San Diego. We return on Saturday, January 30, flying from San Diego to Kelowna and drive home. Transportation is provided from your pickup location on the day of departure and back when we return.

V Vancouver Island: We depart on Thursday, January 21 and fly from Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox to San Diego. We return on Saturday, January 30, flying from San Diego to Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox.

Departure from Victoria: Depending on the number of people booked and coach size, home pickups may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area. The decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

Departure from Up-island: Transportation to and from Nanaimo or Comox Airport is not provided. While we always prioritize convenient connections for our clients, sometimes it is not possible given the airline schedule and availability. You will be contacted regarding your schedule after final payment. Please request departure from Nanaimo or Comox Airport at the time of booking.

L Lower Mainland: We depart on Thursday, January 21 and fly from Vancouver to San Diego. We return on Saturday, January 30, flying from San Diego to Vancouver.

Departure from Vancouver: Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.

Departure from Langley, Abbotsford, or Chilliwack: No transportation is provided to and from Vancouver Airport.

FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	Inside Stateroom Category I	Oceanview Stateroom Category C	Veranda Stateroom Category VA
I BC Interior	\$4,540 double/twin \$5,900 single	\$4,875 double/twin \$6,500 single	\$5,260 double/twin \$7,590 single
V Vancouver Island	\$4,690 double/twin \$6,050 single	\$5,025 double/twin \$6,650 single	\$5,410 double/twin \$7,740 single
L Lower Mainland	\$4,515 double/twin \$5,875 single	\$4,850 double/twin \$6,475 single	\$5,235 double/twin \$7,565 single

- Please add 1.1% GST.
- Please inquire for triple fares and other cruise categories.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- **23 total:** 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Transfers between the Kelowna, Vancouver, or Victoria Airport & the BC Interior, Greater Vancouver, or Greater Victoria Areas
- Flights to San Diego & return
- Current air taxes & fees
- 1 checked bag per person
- Transfer from San Diego Airport to hotel
- 1 day of coach transportation in San Diego
- Taxi from hotel to San Diego cruise terminal
- 7 days cruising on *Zuiderdam*
- Transfer from cruise terminal to San Diego Airport

▶ Guides, Gratuities, Fees & Taxes

- Cruise gratuities
- Gratuities for California drivers

▶ Accommodation

- 2 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- 7 days & nights on *Zuiderdam*
- Port charges & cruise taxes
- Luggage handling at hotel & ship

▶ Key Highlights

- Balboa Park pass for 4 museums
- Ports of call
 - ▶ Cabo San Lucas
 - ▶ Pichilingue (La Paz)
 - ▶ Loreto

Attractions & ports are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

Activity Level 2



Moderate Activity: As a traveller you like a variety of activities and walking up to 2 km with breaks such as a guided walking tour is very doable for you without assistance.

You can stand for prolonged periods and can climb two flights of stairs without assistance. Choose shore excursions at the cruise ports based on your abilities. Please be aware that on tours with flights and cruises you must handle your own luggage and walk longer distances in airports and cruise terminals. You may need to handle your own luggage at the hotel if luggage service is not available.

You may bring a walker, cane, or walking poles if needed. The coaches cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. The tour director and drivers 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. 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.



Tour Size 40

This tour can accommodate 40 participants.



ITINERARY

Thursday, January 21

We fly to **San Diego**. Our accommodation for two nights is the Embassy Suites Hotel, located downtown, just a block from the harbour.

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Bay-Downtown

Friday, January 22

Balboa Park 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. At 5 pm, enjoy a social get-together with complimentary beverages at the Embassy Suites.

Option: If you prefer to enjoy a free day with no admission to the Balboa Park museums, you can deduct \$85 per person from your tour fare. Please decide no later than final payment.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Bay-Downtown

Saturday, January 23

Taxis are arranged to the nearby cruise ship terminal and we board the **Zuiderdam** about noon. An embarkation lunch is served at the Lido Market. The afternoon is free time to explore the ship and settle into your stateroom. Enjoy a festive "Farewell to San Diego" deck party as we cast off at 5 pm and cruise through the harbour. Savour a sumptuous dinner in the dining room, followed by a lively stage show in the theatre.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Zuiderdam*

Sunday, January 24

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea while we cruise south off the Baja Peninsula. How do you want to spend your day? The ship's daily newsletter keeps you informed about scheduled activities like stage shows, movies, bingo games, group fitness, and game times in lounges. Schedule a treatment at the spa, get some advice on a workout plan at the fitness centre, or sidle up to the wine tasting

bar to sample wines from around the world. The choices are many.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Zuiderdam*

Monday, January 25

Our first port is **Cabo San Lucas**, situated at the southern tip of the 1,300-km long Baja Peninsula. The ship arrives at noon and departs at 6 pm. We anchor in the harbour and take a short tender ride ashore. Sightseeing tours can be purchased on the ship, on [the website](#) in advance, or on the dock with independent operators. Many people want a closer view of Los Arcos, the spectacular sea arch in the cliffs near the harbour.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Zuiderdam*

Tuesday, January 26

Overnight, the ship heads into the **Sea of Cortez** which separates the Baja Peninsula from the Mexican mainland. Its incredible depth of over 3,000 metres is due to complex geology, linked to plate tectonics. Some areas are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We dock at 8 am at Pichilingue, located 18 km from **La Paz**, the largest city on the Baja and capital of the Mexican state of Baja California Sur. Some of its highlights are a beautiful waterfront boardwalk with unique sculptures that symbolize the history and cultural treasures of the region, the Museum of Anthropology & History, and the Cathedral Nuestra Señora de La Paz with its splendid stained-glass windows. Several La Paz tours can be purchased. The ship sails at 5 pm.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Zuiderdam*

Wednesday, January 27

We sail further up the east coast of the Baja and arrive at **Loreto** at 8 am. This is another tender port. Loreto was settled in 1697 when Juan María de Salvatierra founded Misión de Nuestra Señora de Loreto Conchó. It ranks as one of Mexico's oldest cities and Main Street was the first paved road in the Californias. Places to visit include the

Mission and the museum. Tours outside Loreto can also be purchased.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Zuiderdam*

Thursday, January 28 & Friday, January 29

These are two leisurely days at sea while the *Zuiderdam* retraces her route along the Baja coast. Try one of the specialty restaurants for dinner and enjoy a terrific menu with attentive service.

Meals included (each day): Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Zuiderdam*

Saturday, January 30

The *Zuiderdam* arrives back in San Diego and we disembark about 9 am. Our coach is waiting for the short drive to the airport. We fly home.

Meals included: Breakfast



MS ZUIDERDAM

Holland America's MS Zuiderdam (pronounced Zy-der-dam) made her inaugural cruise in 2002. She was the first of four Vista-class ships launched, followed by Oosterdam in 2002, Westerdam in 2004 and Noordam in 2006. Carrying 1,848 passengers, these ships are Holland America's third largest design, but they still have an intimate feel to them. Zuiderdam's gross tonnage is 82,000 and she is 300 metres long. Her 11 decks feature a 900-seat live entertainment theatre, seven lounges, casino, shopping arcade, movie lounge, beauty shop, library, games room, Internet centre, spa, gymnasium, and two swimming pools (one with sliding dome cover). Zuiderdam has 14 elevators and four of them are glass with panoramic views.

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 six buffet-style serving stations for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and the 11 pm buffet. The Pinnacle Grill, Canaletto, and Morimoto by Sea restaurants 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 24 hours a day.

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 800 ensures top-quality service and entertainment. Every day has a full schedule of optional activities: dance class, bridge, bingo, shuffleboard, table-tennis, karaoke, and board games. The movie theatre presents recent films frequently, there is an entertaining live stage show every evening, and musicians are playing in most lounges.

TOUR & CRUISE NOTES

Please book early: Cruises are incredibly popular nowadays. Ships are filling up faster and earlier than they once did, so waiting too long to book usually means “Sorry, wait till next year.” Holland America has confirmed a block of staterooms for this cruise and they are normally held until 90 days before sailing (mid-October 2026). However, any unsold staterooms can be taken away from us at any time if the ship or even a category fills. This occurs on most of our group cruises, then we must turn away disappointed customers, even though seats are available on the connecting motorcoach. Therefore, please don't delay booking this tour.

Dinner reservations: The *Zuiderdam* 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 specialty restaurants take reservations on board and you should do this early in the voyage, or you can book online up to 3 months before sailing.

Shore excursions: All your shore excursions should be booked when they become available on [Holland America's website](#), usually 3 months prior to the cruise. The popular shore excursions fill up early (such as those mentioned in the itinerary), so booking on board may be too late.

Included lunches: The above itinerary shows an included lunch on every cruise day. These lunches are on the ship, so if you book a shore excursion, you may miss an included lunch if you are not back on board at lunchtime. There is no compensation for missed lunches.

Flight seating: We are unable to take requests for window or aisle seating on the planes, no matter what class you are booked in. 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 \$850 and book your own flight which allows seat selection. Please refer to our [Terms & Conditions](#) for more information about taking the “No Flight” option.

Flight upgrades: Please enquire about current prices for upgrades on the flights to and from San Diego. Business class or premium economy may be available.

Flight delays or cancellations: In the event flights are delayed or cancelled by airlines due to weather or other reasons, there may be additional costs to you. Wells Gray Tours will not pay for hotel rooms and meals during the delay. Most travel insurance policies cover expenses incurred for flight delays.

Food Allergies on cruises: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. Most food allergies can be handled at meals on the ship, but you may have to order 24 hours in advance. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$500 per person is requested at time of booking and balance is due October 15, 2026. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#), Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (3% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

Early Booking Bonus: Receive a \$250 discount on the first 12 seats and \$125 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after October 15, 2026.

Cancellation Policy: Up to September 15, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From September 16 to October 15, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From October 16 to November 13, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From November 14 to December 15, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After December 15, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Our many suppliers may notify us about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a tour component due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes, currency exchange rates, or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to 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. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage. Please do not travel to the USA without medical insurance as a minimum.

Photo Credits: Holland America Line (Cabo San Lucas, La Paz, *Zuiderdam*) and Wikimedia (Mission de Loreto).

Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 120 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until October 15, 2026.

Consumer Protection BC Licences: Kamloops 178, Vernon 655, Kelowna 588, Penticton 924, Victoria 65842

KAMLOOPS (Head Office) 250 Lansdowne St. Kamloops, BC V2C 1X7 250-374-0831	KELOWNA 2575 Richter St. Kelowna, BC V1Y 2R1 250-762-3435	VERNON 3206 35th St. Vernon, BC V1T 6B7 250-545-9197	PENTICTON 159 Wade Ave E Penticton, BC V2A 8B6 250-493-1255	VICTORIA 102-736 Broughton St. Victoria, BC V8W 1E1 250-590-7889
--	--	---	--	---

WE PLAN. YOU PACK. NO WORRIES!

www.wellsgraytours.com

1-800-667-9552