

GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST CRUISE

May 2027

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Ketchikan

On Holland America's *Nieuw Amsterdam*

Enjoy a unique coastal getaway on a Holland America cruise that includes a stop in Ketchikan, Alaska, a picturesque town with waterfront buildings on stilts and the much-photographed Creek Street boardwalk. Continue to Prince Rupert, a rare port of call for cruise ships, where you may be one of the few ships visiting this charming northern community. Your journey also includes a stop in Victoria. Between ports, savour fabulous meals aboard the *Nieuw Amsterdam*, enjoy two days cruising the scenic Inside Passage, and experience six nights of great entertainment. With interesting ports, beautiful coastal scenery, delicious dining, and plenty of time to unwind, this short cruise offers a wonderful opportunity to explore the Pacific Northwest coast in comfort and style.



CRUISE TOUR

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ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

❶ **BC Interior:** May 1, 2027 - 8 days

❷ **Vancouver Island:** May 2, 2027 - 7 days

► Fares per person

❷ from **\$2,585** double/twin, **\$3,650** single*

*Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

► Early Booking Bonus

\$120 on first 12 seats; **\$60** on next 8.

► Earn 56 Experience Points



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WHAT'S INCLUDED

► Meals

- ❶ **21 total:** 7 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 6 dinners
- ❷ **18 total:** 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners

► Transportation

- Transportation between Vancouver & the BC Interior or Greater Victoria Area
- Transfer from hotel to cruise terminal
- 6 days cruising on *Nieuw Amsterdam*

► Accommodation

- 1 night of accommodation & hotel taxes
- 6 days & nights on *Nieuw Amsterdam*
- Port charges & cruise taxes
- Luggage handling at hotel & ship

► Key Highlights

- Ports of call:
 - Ketchikan
 - Prince Rupert
 - Victoria

Ports are subject to change. Please see our [Terms & Conditions](#) for more information.

► Gratuities

- Cruise gratuities

► Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director throughout tour & cruise

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Inside Stateroom Category I	Oceanview Stateroom Category C	Veranda Stateroom Category VC
❶	BC Interior	\$2,655 double/twin \$3,855 single	\$2,915 double/twin \$4,380 single	\$3,190 double/twin \$4,930 single
❷	Vancouver Island	\$2,585 double/twin \$3,650 single	\$2,845 double/twin \$4,175 single	\$3,120 double/twin \$4,725 single

- Please add 1% GST.
- Please inquire for triple fares and other cruise categories.

Inside Passage

Activity Level 1

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Light Activity: You are a traveller who prefers to see places without a lot of physical activity. You can climb a flight of stairs, board a coach, stand for short periods and walk at a leisurely pace with breaks for up to 30 minutes without difficulty or assistance. At Canada Place, you must handle your own luggage and often walk long distances to board the ship, or you can request assistance at check-in. Choose shore excursions in Ketchikan and Prince Rupert based on your mobility.

You may bring a walker or cane to support your mobility. Please let us know when you book if you will be bringing a walker on this tour. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. 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.



Tour Size 40

This tour can accommodate 40 participants.

ITINERARY

Saturday, May 1

Your [departure point](#) will be discussed at the time of booking. BC Interior passengers depart today and travel by coach to **Harrison Hot Springs**. Our accommodation at Harrison Hot Springs Resort is booked in the East Tower. All guestrooms feature views of Harrison Lake, balconies, and bathrobes for use at the hot pools. The evening is free to relax in the five indoor and outdoor natural mineral hot springs pools.

Meals included: Lunch (BC Interior)

Accommodation: Harrison Hot Springs Resort (BC Interior)

Sunday, May 2

We leave in mid-morning to drive to Canada Place cruise terminal. Passengers from Vancouver Island join here. We board **Holland America's Nieuw Amsterdam** and 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 5 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: Breakfast (BC Interior), Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Amsterdam*

Monday, May 3

Today, we admire the magnificent scenery of BC's famed **Inside Passage**. We pass hundreds of islands and waterfalls, and may see wildlife such as bald eagles, porpoises, and orcas. During much of today, we sail through sheltered waterways such as Princess Royal Channel and Grenville Channel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Amsterdam*

Tuesday, May 4

We dock in **Ketchikan** from 8 am to 6 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. One popular excursion goes to the Saxman Native Village with a dance performance.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Amsterdam*

Wednesday, May 5

The ship arrives in **Prince Rupert** at 7 am and stays through most of the night. You may want to book a shore excursion on the ship or in port. The wonderful Museum of Northern British Columbia, which has a large collection of Tsimshian art and artifacts is nearby and is well worth a visit. Another highly recommended excursion 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: *Nieuw Amsterdam*

Thursday, May 6

The *Nieuw Amsterdam* departs at 4 am. This is 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 make a reservation in the Pinnacle Grill or Canaletto for a superb dinner (extra cost).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Amsterdam*

Friday, May 7

We dock in **Victoria** for a short visit from 3 pm to 8 pm. Stroll the familiar streets or perhaps visit with relatives.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Nieuw Amsterdam*

Saturday, May 8

We dock at Canada Place in **Vancouver** this morning and disembark the *Nieuw Amsterdam*. We travel home.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

MS NIEUW AMSTERDAM

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The *MS Nieuw Amsterdam* made her inaugural cruise in 2010 and she is Holland America's second largest ship with a capacity of 2,100 passengers. The *Nieuw Amsterdam's* gross tonnage is 86,000 and she is 283 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). The *Nieuw Amsterdam* has 14 elevators and four of them are glass with panoramic views. A \$2 million collection of art and artifacts is showcased throughout the ship.

Dining is one of the highlights of a cruise. The elegant two-floor Manhattan 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, Tamarind, and Morimoto 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.

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 until another year." Holland America has confirmed a block of staterooms for this cruise and they are normally held until 90 days before sailing (late January). 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 motorcoach. Please don't delay booking this tour.

Dinner reservations: The *Nieuw Amsterdam* offers both "As You Wish" (open dining) and Traditional Fixed Dining. As You Wish 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 three months before sailing or you can book on board (we recommend doing this early in the voyage).

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.

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.

Documentation: A passport is required with an expiry date after November 8, 2027 (6 months after our scheduled return date).

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due January 26, 2027. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms and Conditions, Company Policies](#), 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 \$120 discount on the first 12 seats and \$60 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after January 26, 2027.

Cancellation Policy:

- Up to January 5, 2027, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person.
- From January 6 to January 26, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person (your deposit).
- From January 27 to February 26, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare.
- From February 27 to March 26, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare.
- After March 26, there is no refund.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by battleface® travel insurance. 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 outside of Canada without medical insurance as a minimum. Insurance premiums are not refundable whether or not you make a claim.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 56 Experience Points or e-points. Redeem up to 56 of your earned e-points from a previous tour until January 26, 2027. Please see [loyalty rewards](#) on our website for more information about e-points.

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

For information on itinerary and fare changes, and more, please see our [Terms, Conditions, and Company Policies](#).

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