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# ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE

**VANCOUVER ROUNDTRIP | HOLLAND AMERICA LINE | MS ZAANDAM**  
**AUG 7-14, 2024 | 8 DAYS | ALL MEALS**

*A humpback whale's tail emerging from the majestic Alaskan waters. Courtesy of Holland America Line*



Join us as we retrace the route of the early navigators, following the magnificent Inside Passage, truly one of the most scenic cruises in the world. Prepare to be amazed by Alaska's rugged beauty as towering mountains rise steeply from tranquil waters and massive glaciers crash dramatically into the sea. Imagine walking in the footsteps of the prospectors rushing in search of gold. Watch in wonder as a school of orca whales sun themselves beside the ship. Picture yourself soaring over a vast expanse of ice and feasting on freshly caught salmon.

Aboard Holland America Line, enjoy premium amenities and service as you sail pristine coastal waters. This award-winning cruise line redefines pampered luxury with spacious staterooms, exceptional dining, nightly entertainment, and more. Take advantage of special group rates on this adventure. Availability is limited, so contact us today to reserve your spot on this unforgettable Alaskan voyage.

### Book With Confidence

For peace of mind, your deposit for this journey is fully refundable until:

**May 1, 2024**

### The Cruise Ship • ms Zaandam

The **ms Zaandam** boasts exquisite details, from its spacious staterooms to the priceless antiques that line the halls. At 61,000 tons, it carries 1,432 guests in truly spacious comfort.

Fifteen different lounges and restaurants beckon, including the Mainstage, a two-deck high entertainment hub, and the Dining Room with its grand staircase and floor-to-ceiling windows. Other delights include the redesigned Lido for casual meals, a full-size theatre, casino, cardroom, numerous intimate lounges for a quiet conversation or a pre-dinner dance. Recent additions include the beautiful Explorations Café with a library, internet access and coffee bar, Kids Club, and the Culinary Arts Centre for cooking classes and presentations. Ample deck areas, a complete Promenade Deck, two pools, and the superb Greenhouse Spa and fitness area are all ours to enjoy. Activities abound, from fashion shows to dance and bridge, as well as relaxation options like sauna and massage. The choice is yours.

Staterooms feature twin beds (most convert to queens), plush mattresses, Egyptian cotton sheets, bathrobes, private bathrooms, individually controlled air conditioning, ample closet space, a flat-panel television and more. Averaging over 190 sq. ft., they offer a separate sitting area and vanity. Most outside staterooms feature picture-window viewing and all feature a bathtub/shower. Deluxe mini-suites boast a private balcony, floor to ceiling windows, mini-bar, and whirlpool bath.



### Inclusive Features

- 7-night cruise on the *ms Zaandam*, based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom in the category selected
- Baggage handling shipside
- All meals and entertainment on board
- All gratuities for included shipboard services
- All cruise line taxes and fees

### Air-inclusive rates also include:

- Estimated round-trip economy airfare from cities listed
- Transfers between the airport and ship
- All current air taxes, fuel surcharges, and fees
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value



Kayaking is yet another wonderful way to explore Alaska. Courtesy of Holland America Line

### AUG 7, Wednesday

### Arrive Vancouver

Keen adventurers from across Canada fly to Vancouver and transfer to Canada Place Pier to embark on the luxurious *ms Zaandam*, our home for seven wonderful nights of cruising. Enjoy the panorama of Vancouver's harbour and the surrounding mountains as we sail under the Lion's Gate Bridge to begin our cruise.

**Embark / Sail 4:00pm**



## **AUG 8, Thursday** **Inside Passage Cruising**

The fabled Inside Passage is one of the most scenic sea lanes in the world, and one of the few where deep draft vessels can sail close to steep mountain walls. The scenery is unbelievable, with forests in a hundred shades of green, tumbling turquoise glaciers, and evocative towns full of history, culture, and adventure. With most of Southeast Alaska accessible only by boat or plane, the Inside Passage is a lifeline to the outside world, humming with activity all day long. BLD

## **AUG 9, Friday** **Tracy Arm / Juneau, Alaska**

Weather permitting, we cruise the sapphire waters of Tracy Arm, passing by Sawyer Glacier. This afternoon, we are in Alaska's scenic capital surrounded by towering peaks. Try your hand at the thrill of salmon fishing—Alaskan style, pan for glinting flecks of gold, or soak up vistas only accessible by air. The options are plentiful, and the choice is yours.

**Arrive Juneau 1:00pm / Depart 10:00pm** BLD

## **AUG 10, Saturday** **Skagway**

It is fitting that we call at Skagway, the gateway to the Klondike Gold Rush. As we stroll along the boardwalk, step back in time to experience another era. Drop by an old-time saloon, hear about the infamous Soapy Smith, or embark on the White Pass and Yukon Railway to retrace The Trail of '98, the tortuous route followed by prospectors en route to the Yukon.

**Arrive 7:00am / Sail 9:00pm** BLD

## **AUG 11, Sunday** **Cruising Glacier Bay**

Early this morning, we are treated to a breathtaking sight: rocky promontories that mark the entrance to this spectacular bay. Forested slopes give way to jagged peaks, and rivers of ice cascade down the steep slopes into the tranquil waters below. Watch in wonder as pinnacles of ice split from the glacial cliff and crash into the sea. Local experts provide fascinating insights into the prehistoric formations we are witnessing and help us spot the abundant wildlife that call this place home. Possible sightings include: harbour seals, mountain goats, humpback whales, school of orcas, bald eagles, and even black bears.

**Arrive 7:00am / Depart 4:00pm** BLD

## **AUG 12, Monday** **Ketchikan**

Today we arrive at the captivating port of Ketchikan, a bustling hub of activity and culture. We will have ample time to meander through the town's many intriguing shops, in search of unique local crafts. Take a stroll down the historic Creek Street, a vibrant boardwalk built over the town's salmon creek. Nearby is Totem Bight State Historical Park, where we can explore a replica of Tlingit Village and gain insight into the rich history and traditions of the indigenous people of the region. For a truly unforgettable experience,



*Cruise along the tranquil waters of Juneau*



*Keep an eye out for adorable sea otters*



*Embark on the White Pass and Yukon Railway to retrace the Trail of '98*



*Stunning Glacier Bay*



consider taking a flight over the majestic Misty Fjords National Monument.

**Arrive 11:00am / Sail 7:00pm** BLD

### AUG 13, Tuesday Inside Passage Cruising

Our final full day is spent at leisure as we cruise the Inside Passage past forest-clad hills and serene inlets. Relax on deck taking in the passing vistas, or trade stories with newfound friends, reminiscing of the immense beauty and adventures of the past week. BLD

### AUG 14, Wednesday Vancouver / Disembark

Upon our early morning arrival in Vancouver, we will transfer to the airport to catch our homeward-bound flights. For those who have made prior arrangements, there is an opportunity to extend their stay in Vancouver and explore the city further.

**Arrive 7:00am / Disembark** B

**HAVE IT ALL:** Inquire about the advantages of adding Holland America Line's "Have It All" premium package\* and make your cruising experience even more incredible. Receive their best amenities - shore excursions, drink package, speciality dining, and Wi-Fi for only \$50 USD per person per day!

*\*Terms and conditions apply. Subject to change.*



Alaska's indigenous legacy carved into totem poles at Totem Bight. Courtesy of Holland America Line

**CT Rating 1 - Leisurely:** This cruise is suitable for all travellers who meet our basic criteria. Optional shore excursions will involve different ratings.

**Shore Excursions** are not included in your cruise cost, allowing you the freedom to choose from several optional tours that will be offered in each port. Excursions will be available for purchase through the Holland America Line's website or after embarkation.

## Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars per person

| Category/Description (Deck)                             | Sharing Twin |
|---|--------------|
| <b>K</b> Inside (Main, Verandah, Navigation) .....      | \$1,895      |
| <b>E</b> Outside (Dolphin, Main, Lower Promenade) ..... | \$2,255      |
| <b>DD</b> Outside (Main) .....                          | \$2,295      |
| <b>DA</b> Outside (Main, Verandah) .....                | \$2,335      |
| <b>D</b> Outside (Dolphin, Lower Promenade) .....       | \$2,375      |
| <b>C</b> Outside (Main) .....                           | \$2,415      |
| <b>B</b> Veranda Suite (Verandah, Navigation) .....     | \$3,945      |
| <b>A</b> Veranda Suite (Verandah, Navigation) .....     | \$4,215      |
| <b>SB</b> Veranda Suite (Verandah, Navigation) .....    | \$5,275      |

Above rates are per person based on sharing the category chosen. Cruise only costs are based on joining and leaving the group on the ship in Vancouver. See deck plan for full details on various categories available. For single rates, ask for prices or visit our website. For your complete cost, add the airfare noted below from your home city. Craig Travel strives to offer you the best value for your travel dollar. The prices listed are based on group rates. Alternate promotional fares may be available with different inclusions. Please discuss with us how we can help you customize your travel experience.

### Estimated air add-ons per person:

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|--------------------------|---------|
| Calgary / Edmonton ..... | \$595   |
| Regina / Saskatoon ..... | \$1,045 |
| Winnipeg .....           | \$895   |
| Toronto .....            | \$1,095 |
| Montreal / Ottawa .....  | \$1,175 |
| Halifax .....            | \$1,385 |
| St. John's .....         | \$1,485 |

Air inclusive prices are estimated (subject to confirmation). Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Final pricing & terms and conditions will be available once flights are confirmed. Refer to inclusive features for details.

Cruise price is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with private bathroom. Prices are based on rates, taxes, and fees effective July 2023 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

**Final payment is due May 2, 2024**

**Deposit is \$600 per person**

To reserve your spot on this cruise, simply complete the enclosed enrollment form, indicating the cruise you wish to join and your home city, and forward it with your deposit to:



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