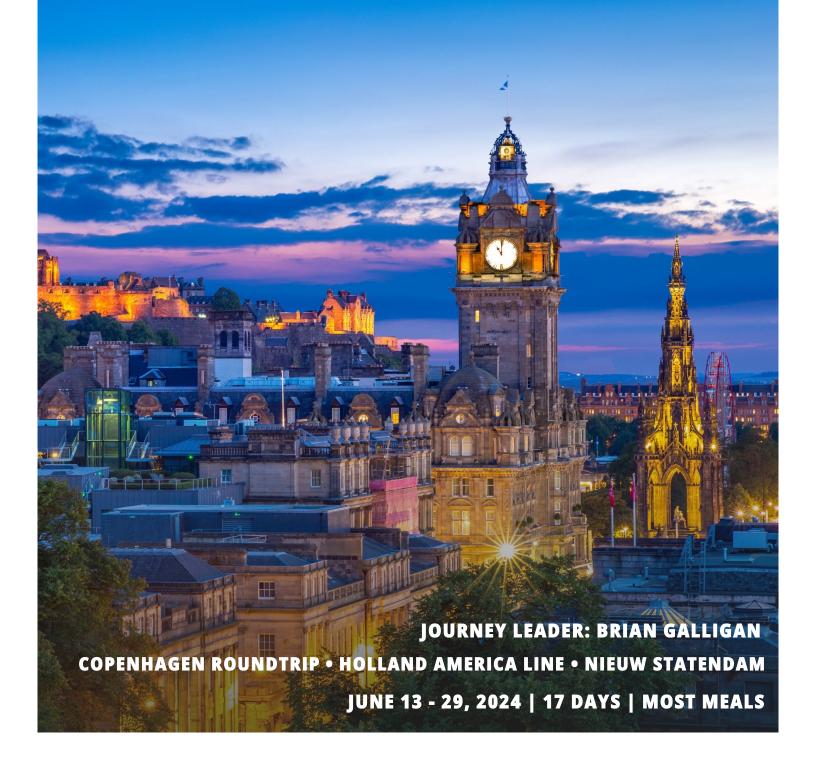




# **EPIC** BRITISH ISLES



Step into a world of enchantment as you embark on a **55th Anniversary Voyage** of the British Isles. This 14-day voyage aboard Holland America's Nieuw Statendam takes you through the stunning landscapes of Scotland, Ireland, and England.

We start our journey with one night in dynamic Copenhagen, where the city's colourful buildings and vibrant atmosphere are sure to capture your heart. Lose yourself in the fairy-tale cityscapes of Edinburgh, brave the windswept shores of Orkney Islands and discover its ancient wonders. Be captivated by the coastal charm of Dun Laoghaire and revel in the lively attractions of Dublin and Liverpool, while creating stories that will last a lifetime. Book early for the best stateroom availability.

#### **Features and Highlights**

- 14 night cruise on the *ms Nieuw Statendam*, based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom in selected category
- 1 night accommodation in Copenhagen pre-cruise at Admiral Hotel with included touring, one dinner and breakfast, and a transfer from the hotel to the pier.
- · Baggage handling shipside and at the hotel
- All meals and entertainment on board
- Services of our journey leaders and/ or cruise director
- All gratuities for included shipboard services
- · All cruise line taxes and fees

#### Air - inclusive rates also include:

- · Return economy airfare from cities listed
- Transfers between the airport and the hotel/ship
- All related air taxes and current fuel surcharges
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value

#### **Journey Leaders**

Rev Brian Galligan is a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada, although prior to ordination he had an international career as a Biomedical Scientist. Before joining Craig Travel, Brian had travelled extensively throughout the world including the Middle East where he lived for several years. Karen is a retired teacher



who has also visited areas of Europe, North and Central America, the Middle East, Australia and New Zealand. They are experienced travellers and confident leaders who have escorted a variety of tours including the British Isles, South Africa and several journeys throughout the Holy Land. They are looking forward to sharing this exciting journey with you.



## 55th Anniversary Cruise Series featuring Japan Explorer, Epic British Isles, and Mediterranean Ancient Kingdoms

Enjoy onboard spending money when you **book more\***First cruise receive \$50 USD pp
Second cruise receive \$100 USD pp
Third cruise receive \$200 USD pp

\*offer based on booking cruise series, inquire for more details

### Our Cruise Ship • ms Nieuw Statendam

A member of Holland America Line's Pinnacle-class ships, the *ms Nieuw Statendam*, is breathtaking in every detail. It offers a world of spacious staterooms, elegant public rooms, expansive teak decks and interiors inspired by musical instruments bringing a new world of sights and sounds to her guests. She provides unforgettable entertainment experiences with her two-story World Stage, the Music Walk or the Lincoln Center Stage, and the new Rolling Stone Rock Room, each presenting a variety of live music nightly.

Twenty different lounges, bars and restaurants are yours to enjoy from the intimate Rudi's Sel de Mer seafood brasserie to the Dining Room set on two floors and framed by views of the sea. The transformed Lido is now a modern marketplace offering different themed stations and selections. The Pinnacle Grill is an intimate alternative dining option, and at the Tamarind you can discover exotic tastes evoking traditional Asian cuisine. A complete Promenade deck, two pools and a superb fitness centre, spa and beauty parlour are all yours to enjoy.

All staterooms feature two lower beds which can convert to a queen, a private bathroom with shower and interactive flat-screen TV with on-demand movies.



#### **Cruise Itinerary**

JUN 13, Thu Depart Canada

JUN 14, Fri Arrive Copenhagen, Denmark

Transfer to hotel / Admiral Hotel (1 night)

Visit to Nyhavn Canal

JUN 15, Sat Copenhagen, Denmark

Half Day sightseeing Embark / Sail 3:00pm

JUN 16, Sun At Sea

JUN 17, Mon Newcastle upon Tyne, England

Arrive 8:00am / Sail 5:00pm

JUN 18, Tue South Queensferry (Edinburgh), Scotland\*

Arrive 8:00am / Overnight in Port

JUN 19, Wed South Queensferry (Edinburgh), Scotland\*

Sail 5:00pm

JUN 20, Thu Kirkwall, Scotland

Arrive 8:00am / Sail 5:00pm

JUN 21, Fri At Sea

JUN 22, Sat Dun Laoghaire (Dublin), Ireland\*

Arrive 8:00am / Sail 5:00pm

JUN 23, Sun Holyhead, Wales

Arrive 8:00am / Sail 6:00pm

JUN 24, Mon Dunmore East (Waterford), Ireland\*

Arrive 8:00am / Sail 5:00pm

JUN 25, Tue Douglas, Isle of Man

Arrive 8:00am / Sail 5:00pm

JUN 26, Wed Liverpool, England

Arrive 7:00am / Sail 4:00pm

JUN 27, Thu At Sea

JUN 28, Fri At Sea

JUN 29, Sat Copenhagen, Denmark

Arrive 7:00am / Disembark / Fly Home

\*Tenders to shore

Note: port times are subject to change

#### PORTS OF CALL Visit our website for more port details

**Copenhagen, Denmark:** Copenhagen is one of the easiest European capitals to fall in love with. The sights of old buildings, cobbled streets and the tower- and turret-dotted skyline lend fairy-tale charm - this was, after all, the home of author Hans Christian Andersen.

Kirkwall, Shetland Islands, Scotland: While the southernmost isles of Orkney closely straddle the northeast corner of the Scottish mainland, historically the archipelago (around 70 islands in all) and its people have had as much in common with Scandinavia as they have had with Scotland. In fact, until the 15th century, the Orkney Islands were politically part of Norway. Today the Orcadians are a fairly tight-knit and cooperative group of Scots-a rich community of artists, farmers, fishermen, and tradesmen. A key attraction for tourists is the wealth of prehistoric sites on Orkney, including standing stones, burial chambers and even Stone Age settlements, such as Skara Brae, inhabited sometime around 3000 B.C.E. In the capital Kirkwall you'll find the Cathedral of St. Magnus-one of only two pre-Reformation cathedrals still largely intact in Scotland. Nearby, the historic town district includes the Earl's Palace, built for the infamous Earl Patrick Stewart, whose father was a bastard son of King James V.



Skara Brae, a Neolithic settlement a near the town of Kirkwall



Conwy Castle—a masterpiece of medieval architecture



The iconic Scottish Highland Cattle

Newcastle upon Tyne, England: Newcastle upon Tyne is a classic city of England's north country, where you can visit reminders of some 2,000 years of British history. A short drive outside of town offers the chance to stroll along sections of Hadrian's Wall, built by Romans as a defence against Scottish invaders. A walk through the city finds a mix of modern and old, with new structures like the Gateshead Millennium Bridge alongside Victorian storefronts, Edwardian marketplaces and remnants of the Industrial Revolution. Newcastle also makes a great jumping-off point for exploring nearby historic towns like Durham and Alnwick, with their impeccably maintained gardens, historic castles and soaring cathedrals.

South Queensferry (Edinburgh), Scotland: History was made here when the future Queen Margaret of Scotland arrived around 1071. Her devout religious attitude established "Queen's Ferry" as the place for pilgrims from abroad to start their journey on their way to St. Andrews. Margaret's legacy continues at Edinburgh Castle and at St. Margaret's Chapel which is believed to be the oldest section of the fortifications and the place where she

worshipped. Edinburgh proudly displays multiple exhibits on national and international scientific achievement at the National Museum of Scotland, as well as some fantastic works of visual art at the National Galleries of Scotland.

Holyhead, Wales: Wander through the ancient town center built around St. Cybi's Church, which is built inside one of Europe's only three-walled Roman forts (the fourth wall being the sea, which used to come up to the fort). Explore the Ucheldre Arts Centre, then relax with a pint or cup of tea at one of Holyhead's charming pubs.

Douglas, Isle of Man: Cultured yet quirky, the city sits on a vast crescent bay and is the point from which everything else stems on Man. Beginning in the early 19th century, it became a popular holiday resort, with tourists pouring in from the mainland to enjoy its seaside delights. Today, there are echoes of its heyday with horse-drawn trams clattering along the promenade and what appears to be a huge sand castle on the bay at St. Mary's Isle, actually an 1832 shelter for sailors nicknamed the Tower of Refuge by famous visitor William Wordsworth.

**Dun Laoghaire (Dublin), Ireland:** Founded by Vikings on the banks of the River Liffey in the 9th century, the city boasts a mix of different architectural styles, including medieval cobblestone streets, elegant Georgian terraces, and modern Docklands buildings. Dublin's compact heart is divided by the languorous flow of the Liffey before it enters Dublin Bay. Whether it's an impromptu chat with a local or a quiet pint of Guinness in a historic pub, Dublin is sure to charm you.

Liverpool, England: A city of history, humour, individuality, and fierce sporting loyalties, Liverpool wears its soul on its sleeve. From its industrial past, once-grim warehouses have been transformed into chic flats, bars, and restaurants. As the birthplace of the Beatles and other music legends, Liverpool boasts galleries, museums, and cultural spaces to explore. Discover the Museum of Liverpool and bold architectural centers showcasing this ever-changing city's adaptability.

**Dunmore East, (Waterford) Ireland:** As Ireland's oldest city, Waterford boasts over a millennium of history. The Viking Triangle, the original part of the city, contains several museums, including the stone fortress Reginald's Tower, which showcases treasures such as the Waterford Kite Brooch and a 9th-century sword. Waterford is also famous for its crystal, which has been produced here since the late 18th century, and visitors can take a factory tour or see the oldest surviving Waterford piece, a decanter from 1789, on display at the Bishop's Palace. Outside the city, visitors can explore the castles, gardens and villages of the surrounding countryside.

**CT Rating 1.5/5 - Easy:** This cruise is suitable for all passengers who meet our basic criteria for group travel. Optional excursions are not covered by this rating and may involve considerable walking, sometimes over rough surfaces. Some ports of call require tenders to reach the shore.

**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 also be available through the Holland America Line.



# Book and deposit before Jan 31, 2024 and save \$200 per person



#### Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars per person

Category/Description/Deck	Sharing Twin
K Inside (Various)	\$5,115
I Outside (Various)	
E Outside (Main, Beethoven)	\$6,325
<b>D</b> Outside (Sun)	
C Outside (Main)	\$6,395
VE Veranda (Navigation, Schubert)	
VC Veranda (Mozart, Gershwin)	\$7,155
VB Veranda (Beethoven, Sun)	\$7,225
V Veranda (Various)	\$7,355
B Vista Suite (Navigation)	
A Vista Suite (Various)	\$8,285
SS Signature Suite Verandah (Upper Veranda	ah) \$11,925
Cruise only costs are based on joining a	at the hotel in
Copenhagen and leaving the group	shipside in
Copenhagen. See deck plan for full deta	
categories available. For single rates, ask for	or prices or visit
our website.	

#### Estimated air add-ons per person

Toronto	\$1,635
Ottawa / Montreal	\$1,795
Halifax / Winnipeg / Calgary	\$1,955
Edmonton / Vancouver	
Regina / Saskatoon / Victoria	

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features details. Air prices are estimated (subject to confirmation). Final pricing will be advised once flights are confirmed. Cruise price is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with private bathroom. Prices are based on rates, taxes and fees effective August 2023. Prices are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. This cruise will operate with a minimum of two members, with land arrangements requiring a minimum of 20 members. An escort will accompany the group with a minimum of 20 travelling. 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 will be due March 12, 2024 Deposit is \$950 per person

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



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