

A JOURNEY TO

# WINDWARD & LEEWARD ISLANDS

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BY TRAIN & HOLLAND AMERICA LINE

WITH A 4 DAY PRECRUISE HOLIDAY IN BEAUTIFUL ST. AUGUSTINE FLORIDA



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OCEAN LINER VOYAGES & OVERLAND BY TRAIN

Most people have cruised to Caribbean ports of call like Nassau, Grand Cayman and Cozumel so many times that it is rare to come across a West Indies cruise of great appeal and distinction, but we have done so. With a ship of immense appeal and distinction, Holland America's ms Zuiderdam combining this exceptional itinerary which includes seldom-visited ports like St Lucia, Antigua, St Kitts & Nevis and the US Virgin Islands with a great pre-cruise visit to charming St Augustine, Florida with the luxury of a three-night hotel stay. And a trip on America's newest and best high-speed train, Brightline.

Our holiday begins in Jacksonville, a city with excellent airline and train service and after a one-hour drive we arrive in historic St Augustine where we enjoy a three-night stay. More and more, we offer these longer hotel stays and this program, with three nights in the Historic District of St Augustine along with comprehensive sightseeing, some exceptional dining including the legendary Columbia Restaurant. As always, all sightseeing and admission fees are included and we have left plenty of free time for you to enjoy things at your own pace.

After our three-night stay in historic St Augustine, a short drive takes us to Orlando where we board Brightline, the most exciting train development in the USA in decades. We enjoy a high-speed ride south to Miami in Premium Class with roomy leather seats, big windows, a friendly staff and complimentary snack and beverage

service. This privately operated passenger service already gets rave reviews from travelers, and we are sure you will agree. Upon arrival in Miami a short drive takes us to the ms Zuiderdam.

Our uncommon West Indies itinerary visits lovely Antigua, stunningly beautiful St Lucia with the towering Pitons, British flavored St Kitts & Nevis, Dutch St. Maarten and always popular St Thomas in the US Virgin Islands. Saving the best for last, our final day is spent a pristine Half Moon Cay, Holland America's private out island in the Bahamas, a relaxing way to end your voyage.

Aboard ship, travelers enjoy a century and a half of superb Dutch seafaring tradition aboard the quietly elegant Zuiderdam with all of the amenities of a modern resort in a relaxed, refined and civilized setting far removed from the frenetic pace of ordinary Caribbean cruise ships, one of grace and elegance without crowds.

With the charm of St. Augustine, the thrill of a scenic train ride, a carefully curated itinerary, and the expertise of a professional tour manager, this journey offers the perfect blend of relaxation, exploration, and luxury. Our programs with Holland America Line always sell out so prompt reservations are a wise idea.

*All Aboard!*



While dozens of ships offer Caribbean cruises, there is a special feeling and style on a voyage with Holland America Line that reminds one of why during the heyday of transatlantic liners. So many fabled Holland America ships like the ss Rotterdam, the ss Nieuw Amsterdam and the postwar ss Statendam were considered among the finest ships afloat. The tradition continues today with acclaimed cuisine, superb art collections, roomy and spacious staterooms and a sense of grace simply not found on modern cruise ships. This holiday is masterful in that it combines a leisurely and indolent itinerary with a fine ship and nicer still, the fun and exploration of historic St Augustine, Florida before we board the ship. We look forward to welcoming you aboard.

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Condensed Daily Itinerary:

**DAY 1 St. Augustine FL L**

We depart Jacksonville airport and our optional pre-tour hotel at 11am for the short drive to St Augustine with lunch at the famed Columbia Restaurant with its award winning Spanish and Cuban cuisine. Later, a historic district tour with many buildings dating to the 1700's and filled with dining and shopping choices with the balance of the evening at leisure.

**DAY 2 St. Augustine FL B**

Today we explore St Augustine with visits to the ancient fort, Castillo de San Marcos, and the Lightner Museum, renowned for its collection including lamps by Louis Comfort Tiffany, American and European paintings, geological specimens, sea shells, and mechanical musical instruments of the Victorian Era. And later today, a sunset cruise with great views of St Augustine.

**DAY 3 St. Augustine FL B L**

The phrase all savvy travelers enjoy applies today "all day at leisure" for you to enjoy at your own pace, interrupted only by an included lunch. There is time to explore the historic district, visit the nearby Light-house, golf, take a dip in the ocean or visit the acclaimed San Sebastian Winery to name just a few options. Our final night in historic St. Augustine.

**DAY 4 ms Zuiderdam**

All Aboard! After breakfast, a short drive to Orlando to board Brightline, the newest and most exciting idea in train travel in the USA in decades. This impressive privately owned and operated railroad offers a smooth and speedy trip to Miami and we enjoy Premium seating on this 3.5 hour trip. For anyone wondering how nice train travel could be, this train provides the answer. At Miami, a short transfer to the pier and we set sail.

**DAY 5 & 6 At sea**

**DAY 7 Philipsburg, Sint Maarten**

Philipsburg, the bustling capital of the Dutch side of Sint Maarten, offers visitors a mix of cultures, scenic beaches, and excellent shopping opportunities. From the historic Fort Amsterdam to the vibrant Boardwalk, Philipsburg invites travelers to immerse in its lively atmosphere and Dutch

heritage, while just a short trip away, the French side of the island offers its own distinct charm and culinary delights.

**Day 8 St. Johns, Antigua & Barbuda**

St. Johns, Antigua, a treasure trove of 365 pristine beaches, offers an unmatched Caribbean adventure. With Holland America, explore the intriguing Nelson's Dockyard, relax on sun-swept shores, and take in panoramic views from Shirley Heights Lookout for a memorable escape.

**DAY 9 Castries, Saint Lucia**

In Castries, Saint Lucia comes alive with its bustling markets, historical sites, and scenic views. It's a gateway to adventure, from hiking to the Pitons to immersive cultural experiences like learning about banana farming.

**DAY 10 Basseterre, St. Kitts & Nevis**

The dual-island nation of St. Kitts and Nevis beckons travelers with a storied past, evident in the British architecture of Basseterre and sprawling colonial plantations. The islands offer sandy retreats for relaxation, jungle adventures for thrill-seekers, and a taste of local life through bars and restaurants with sunset views and local cuisine.

**DAY 11 St. Thomas USVI**

St. Thomas offers an array of exciting shore excursions that showcase the island's natural beauty and cultural vibrancy. From the pristine sands of Magens Bay Beach to the majestic underwater sites that await via scuba diving explorations, each experience in St. Thomas promises unforgettable memories. Seek thrills in zip-lining adventures or unwind amid the charm of Charlotte Amalie — there's an activity for every traveler's taste.

**DAY 12 At Sea**

**DAY 13 Half Moon Cay, Bahamas**

RelaxAway, Half Moon Cay™ is Holland America Line's award-winning private island, a Bahamian paradise reserved for our guests. Designed to inspire effortless relaxation, this idyllic retreat includes a Beach Club, serene lounging spaces, island-only menu items, and much more.

**DAY 14 Miami, Florida**



**Features & Special Highlights:**

**Fully escorted** by a professional tour manager.

**Three-night hotel stay in wonderful St Augustine at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel**

St Augustine Historic District, a superb location with spacious rooms, a nice pool, excellent restaurant and right by the Historic District attractions, the Lightner Museum and Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth Park. Breakfast is included daily as is baggage handling.

**Special welcome luncheon at the famed Columbia Restaurant,**

a Florida institution and a beautiful restaurant with hundreds of hand-painted tiles, art works and a Spanish-style fountain, surroundings that match the excellence of the cuisine.

**St Augustine historic tour** along with visits to the acclaimed **Lightner Museum**, the **historic Fort** as well as a **sunset cruise on Matanzas Bay**.

**Express ride from Orlando to Miami on sailing day aboard Brightline**, America's newest and privately operated passenger train in speed, comfort & style in Premium Class with roomy seating and snacks and beverages.

**Ten-night West Indies cruise round trip from Miami aboard Holland America's ms Zuiderdam** with exceptional ports of call in quaint St John's, Antigua, stunningly beautiful St Lucia, charming St Kitts & Nevis, St Maarten in the Dutch West Indies, St Thomas and Half Moon Cay.

**PROMPT RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED**

**This program will sell out quickly**

**Optional Jacksonville pre-tour package:**

For guests that would like to arrive in Jacksonville the day before the tour we have a nice package with the Doubletree Hotel with room, airport transfer and breakfast at \$145 pp double, \$275 single

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### An Uncommon Destination, Saint Kitts & Nevis

While this West Indies voyage has fantastic ports of call, our favorite is the seldom visited twin-island nation of St Kitts & Nevis. St Kitts with Basseterre as its capital is gorgeous with a volcanic mountain ride, beaches with black volcanic sand and lush rainforests. The island is known for its historic sites including sugar estates and was the birthplace of Alexander Hamilton. The local rum is hugely popular and makes for a pleasant afternoon, overlooking the tranquil blue sea. All of the ports of call on this voyage are special but St Kitts & Nevis remains a favorite with our travelers offering an glimpse of the West Indies before development and mass tourism. We invite you to join us.



### FARES BY SHIP ACCOMMODATIONS

|                  | NEPTUNE SUITE | SIGNATURE SUITE | VERANDAH | OCEAN VIEW | INSIDE   |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Double Occupancy |               |                 |          |            |          |
| Superior         | \$ 8,995      | \$ 7,895        | \$ 6,695 | \$ 6,195   | \$ 5,295 |
| Standard         |               |                 | \$ 6,395 | \$ 5,995   | \$ 4,995 |
| Single Occupancy |               |                 |          |            |          |
| Superior         | \$ 14,895     | \$ 12,745       | \$ 9,595 | \$ 9,395   | \$ 7,295 |
| Standard         |               |                 | \$ 9,495 | \$ 8,995   | \$ 7,095 |



Neptune Suite



Signature Suite



Verandah



Ocean View



Inside

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