# 2018 Cruise to the Fjords of Norway and the Land of the Midnight Sun onboard Holland America's newest ship the Koningsdam

July 8<sup>th</sup>-July 22<sup>nd</sup> Roundtrip Amsterdam



## ms Koningsdam

TAKE YOUR PLACE IN HISTORY AS SHE SAILS. FEEL THE POWER OF THE PAST PROPELLING YOU FORWARD AND NEW HORIZONS AHEAD.

THE FIRST. It's always a thrill to anticipate a new ship joining Holland America Line's magnificent fleet. But it's especially exciting when that new arrival is the first of a new class of ship. For when the 2,650-guest *ms Koningsdam* sets sail in April 2016, she will not only be the first to bear that name, she will usher in a new era of Pinnacle-class cruising.

Pinnacle means "high point"—and the debut of *Koningsdam* is a high point in Holland America Line history. Then again, in many ways, *Koningsdam* has been 143 years in the making. As heir, she'll carry forward all of the tradition, nautical heritage, and signature service and style for which Holland America Line is known—while raising the bar for 21st-century elegance.

Her name sets the tone. Its roots, like the ship itself, are a mix of something contemporary and something classic: "Koning," means king in Dutch—and is a salute to King Willem-Alexander, the Netherland's first king in more than 100 years. And "dam," because, after all ... this is a Holland America Line ship, and the "dam" naming convention dates back to 1883.

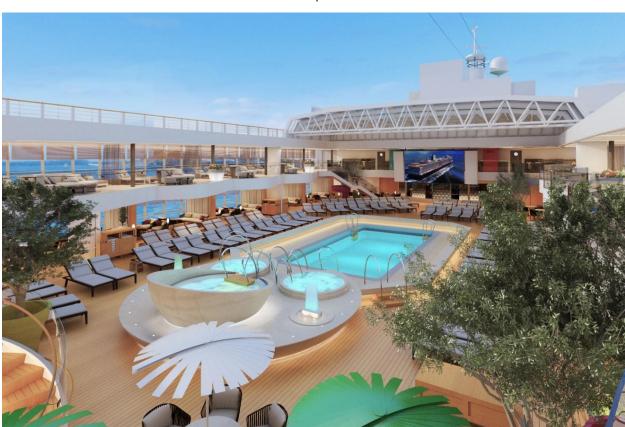
At the heart of the ship, *Koningsdam's* central atrium is pure visual drama. Soaring three decks high, the space is graced by an airy stainless steel sculpture that evokes the feeling of a classical quartet, with strings, arches, and bows. And, like music itself, it changes as you move around it, so that no two perspectives are quite the same.

This sense of visual interaction—engaging with the architecture actively, rather than passively, as an observer—is key to what Tihany has brought to *Koningsdam*. "We want guests to be inspired, to be amazed," says Stein Kruse, Chief Executive Officer, Holland America Group. "A great vacation transports you on many levels and the way you move through a space or your experience as you enter a room—all of it matters."

The atrium is capped by a ceiling that serves as a backdrop for subtly changing high-definition projections. Look up by day to see wispy cirrus clouds floating overhead or perhaps soothing colors of water and light. By evening, the atrium takes on dramatic lighting hues or reflects the clear constellations of the night sky.

#### **Around the Ship**







The Grand Dutch Café in the Queens Lounge



#### **Culinary Innovation**

Whet your appetite for delicious new tastes and engaging interactive culinary experiences on board.

The Culinary Arts Center presented by *Food & Wine* magazine: Our signature show kitchen for demonstrations and hands-on cooking classes during the day now transforms to a dinner venue at night! Based on the popular farm-to-table movement, dinner at the Culinary Arts Center will feature simple, artisanal dishes prepared by chefs at the center of the action.

Inspired by blue and white Delftware (and our Dutch heritage), the *Grand Dutch Cafe* is the place to enjoy a fine pale lager or favorite coffee beverage with a traditional Dutch snack.

*Sel de Mer* is an intimate new seafood brasserie offering a contemporary twist on timeless French classics, with à la carte dishes ranging from fresh oysters to salt-crusted whole fish and bouillabaisse.

Canaletto's menu, offering a variety of authentic Italian dishes to enjoy with family and friends, is designed around the Italian concept of spartire, meaning "to share."

The exotic menus of *Tamarind* evoke the culinary traditions of Southeast Asia, China and Japan, including a newly added sushi bar.

Transformed into a modern marketplace with different themed stations, *Lido Market* offers a curated selection of delicious options to grab and go or have quickly made to order.

Grab one of our signature burgers by the pool at Dive-In, choose sophisticated ambiance in our elegant dining room, spend a romantic evening in the Pinnacle Grill or enjoy in-room dining any time of day.

#### Some of the Restaurants follow:

#### Main Dining Room



#### Lido Marketplace



The Pinnacle Grill



## Love wine? Be a 'Winemaker for a Day'

## at **BLEND** by Chateau Ste. Michelle

Wine connoisseurs and novices alike can experience a unique, hands-on wine blending and tasting activity aboard *ms Koningsdam* in collaboration with Chateau Ste. Michelle, Washington State's founding winery. Guests embark on a tasting journey through the award winning vineyards of Washington State. Then, with the help of the ship's wine expert, they create their very own red blend from five Chateau Ste. Michelle single-vineyard red wine barrels. It's a great experience for individuals, even more fun with a group – everyone can enjoy their special bottle at dinner or in the privacy of their stateroom.

The first of its kind for Holland America Line and the only purpose-built wine-blending venue at sea, BLEND gives guests a window into the art of blending world class wine. The intimate venue accommodates up to 10 guests.

## Music Walk™: An unforgettable entertainment experience

Entertainment has always been the heart and soul of evenings aboard Holland America Line, and on *ms Koningsdam* that promise continues with Music Walk, three stages presenting a variety of live music nightly.

**Lincoln Center Stage**: In an exclusive partnership with the world's leading center for the performing arts, we proudly present Lincoln Center Stage, showcasing outstanding musicians performing multiple programs of chamber music each evening, as well as afternoon recitals during leisurely days at sea.

**B.B. King's Blues Club/Queen's Lounge**: Direct from Beale Street, the B.B. King's All-Stars Band brings the best of Memphis music to sea. From funky and fast to soulful and smooth, this eight-piece band performs nightly in the newly reimagined Queen's Lounge while guests enjoy specialty cocktails like Lucille and Rock Me Baby.

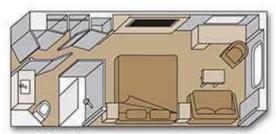
**Billboard Onboard**: Fifty years of chart-topping hits rock the house as live musicians -- including two pianists, a guitarist and a DJ -- play music guests know and love. It's all part of Billboard Onboard, an interactive experience made possible by a partnership with *Billboard*, the leading global destination for charts, news, trends and innovation in music



#### **ROOMS**

## $Ocean\text{--view--}_{\text{starting at $3199.00}}$





Step into a private haven characterized by light, space and elegance. Our interior designer, guided by guest feedback, was given the freedom to completely reimagine staterooms aboard. The result: welcome modern touches such as bedside USB ports and frameless shower glass doors, as well as luxe appointments like customized wooden cabinetry.

2 lower beds convertible to 1 queen-size bed, shower.

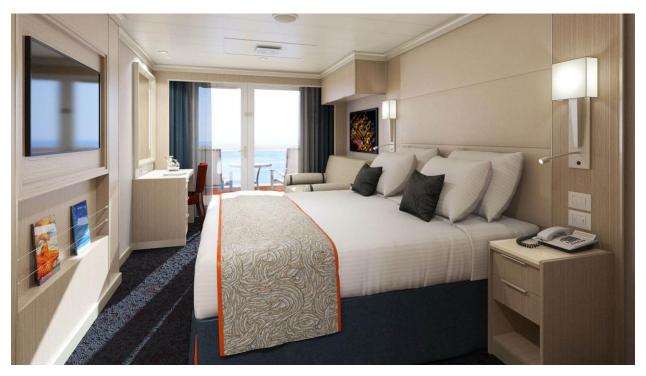
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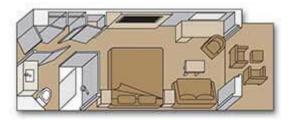
## Stateroom amenities include:

- Our signature Mariner's Dream™ bed featuring finely woven cotton linens
- Deluxe waffle weave and terry cloth bathrobes for use during your voyage
- 100% Egyptian cotton towels
- Premium massage showerhead
- 5X magnifying make-up mirror and salon-quality hair dryer

- Room safe
- Fragrant soaps, lotions, shampoo and other bath amenities from Elemis Aromapure
- Complimentary fresh fruit on request
- Elegant ice bucket and serving tray for in-stateroom beverages
- Flat-panel TV with video-on-demand
- Ice service, shoeshine service and nightly turndown service
- Corner bar unit
- Mini fridge
- Bedside USB ports

## Verandah-starting at \$3699.00





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2 lower beds convertible to 1 queen-size bed, shower, sitting area, private verandah, floor-to-ceiling windows.

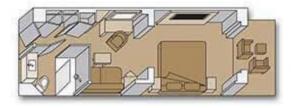
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## Vista Suite-starting at \$4599.00





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2 lower beds convertible to 1 queen-size bed, shower, sitting area, private verandah, floor-to-ceiling windows.

Approximately 260–356 sq. ft. including verandah.

#### Vista Suite amenities include:

- A variety of firm, medium and soft pillows
- No-host mini-bar for easy entertaining
- Personalized cruise stationery
- Oversized bath towels
- One-touch telephone concierge service
- Fresh flowers
- Wall bar unit
- Our signature Mariner's Dream™ bed featuring finely woven cotton linens
- Luxurious bathrobes for use during your voyage
- 100% Egyptian cotton towels
- Premium massage showerhead
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#### **Features of this Cruise:**

Cruise the many Fjords of Norway named for various countries of Europe. Venture to the Arctic Circle the land of the midnight sun.

If you like Lobster try your hand at Lobster fishing one of the many Excursions that you can take.

Below are some of the regions of Norway that you would be visiting.

#### STAVANGER, Norway



The Stavanger region has many scenic attractions, among them the Lysefjord, Sola beach and the world famous Preikestolen ("the Pulpit Rock"). Preikestolen is located 604 metres above sea level and is the most visited attraction in the county of Rogaland. Lonely Planet named it the number one most breathtaking viewing platform in the world.

Stavanger is a university city and home to a number of institutions of higher education and research. This is reflected in the city's urban and lively atmosphere, and in the varied assortment of shopping and dining opportunities. In 2008 Stavanger and Sandnes were designated European Capital of Culture, a testimony to the variety and wide range of cultural events and activities in the region. The Gladmat Food Festival, usually held at the end of July, is a large happening in the region and attracts around 250,000 visitors every year.

The city centre of Stavanger is quite compact, which makes it easy to reach most attractions on foot. Old Stavanger offers Europe's best preserved wooden house settlement, consisting of more than 170 white wooden houses. On your walk you can easily stop by some of the city's many museums, such as the Norwegian Petroleum Museum, Stavanger Art Museum and the Norwegian Canning museum.

#### Eidfjord





From the fjord itself to Folgefonna glacier and the iconic Trolltunga, the *Hardangerfjord* region offers Norwegian nature at its most scenic. The area is also known for its impressive blooming fruit



«Ålesund could be the backdrop for a Nordic fairytale – with a modern plot twist», according to National Geographic.

And it's no coincidence that Ålesund and the surrounding areas are among the most visited sites for tourists in Norway. Many use The Art Nouveau town as a starting point to explore the renowned UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Geirangerfjord, the bird sanctuary island of Runde, or the spectacular snow-capped summits of the Hjørundfjord and the Sunnmørsalpene.

The rugged mountains give you a perfect opportunity for an active holiday, as they rise nearly 6,561 feet right up from the sapphire blue fjords. From February to June these mountains are perfect for off-piste skiing and ski-touring. There are also gently sloping hills ideal for alpine skiing and cross-country skiing. And the fjords, lakes and rivers are teeming with fish.

Geirangerfjorden is known as one of the jewels of the Norwegian fjords. With its characteristic S shape, high waterfalls and abandoned mountain farms, the fjord landscape is included on UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites. Here you find unspoilt and beautiful nature the whole year round.

The town of Ålesund has a beautiful setting across several islands stretching out into the Atlantic Ocean, and is known for its architecture in Art Nouveau style, since it was rebuilt in 1904 after a devastating fire. Today the city is the cultural center of the region, and boasts several festivals – including the Ålesund Theatre Festival, the Festival of New Norwegian Literature, Norwegian Food Festival and art and music festivals such as Jugendfest and Trandal Country Festival

#### Bergen:



## The gateway to the fjords

On a Norwegian scale, Bergen is a large city, but one with a small-town charm and atmosphere. Its passionately patriotic inhabitants are proud of their many-sided city and its history and cultural traditions. Many are only happy to direct visitors to their favourite local attraction, coffee-shop or restaurant.

Around 10 percent of the population in Bergen are students, which adds a fresh and youthful mood to the city's vibe. Alongside its offerings of museums, art galleries, cultural events and dining opportunities, as well as the possibilities offered by its accessible sea and mountains, this contributes to making it a lively and vibrant city.

Founded more than 900 years ago, Bergen has roots to the Viking Age and beyond. As one of the main offices of the Hanseatic League, Bergen was for several hundred years the centre of prosperous trade between Norway and the rest of Europe. Bryggen, ("The Hanseatic Wharf") is the most obvious remnant from this time, and is today home to many of the city's restaurants, pubs, craft shops and historical museums.

Bergen is famous for the seven mountains surrounding the city centre, the Hanseatic Wharf, the fish market, and one of Norway's biggest cultural events, the Bergen International Festival, which is held there each year

## **Itinerary**



<b>Date</b> Sunday, July 8	<b>Port</b> Amsterdam, Holland	Arrive	Depart 5:00pm
Monday, July 9	At Sea		
Tuesday, July 10	Eidfjord, Norway	7:00am	4:00pm
Wednesday, July 11	Bergen, Norway	8:00am	5:00pm
Thursday, July 12	Geiranger, Norway	7:00am	10:00am
Thursday, July 12	Hellesylt, Norway	11:00am	6:00pm
Friday, July 13	Trondheim, Norway	8:00am	3:00pm
Saturday, July 14	At Sea		
Sunday, July 15	Honningsvag, Norway	10:00am	6:00pm
Monday, July 16	At Sea		
Tuesday, July 17	Bronnoysund, Norway	7:00am	3:00pm
Wednesday, July 18	Alesund, Norway	8:00am	5:00pm
Thursday, July 19	Flam, Norway	8:00am	6:00pm

Date	Port	Arrive Depart
Friday, July 20	Stavanger, Norway	10:00am 6:00pm
Saturday, July 21	At Sea	
Sunday, July 22	Amsterdam, Holland	7:00am

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