**CRUISING CANUCKS’ GROUP CRUISE 2025**

We are delighted to announce our second group cruise! We will depart Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on February 1, 2025, for a seven-night cruise onboard Holland America’s Nieuw Statendam.

Unlike our first group cruise (Enchanted Princess in February 2024), all bookings to join the group cruise **must** be made through us at Shields Travel. Creating a formal group booking with Holland America will allow us to improve the coordination of events, dining and special activities with the onboard group services.

This itinerary takes us to Half Moon Caye in the Bahamas, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico. We cannot wait to share the experience with our Patreon, YouTube members, and channel followers!

Important Booking Dates –

Block of Reserved Staterooms Expires – September 3, 2024

Final Payment – November 3, 2024

Please fill out the information in the form at the link below and email it to 2025group@cruisingcanucks.ca. Then please check your emails (including junk folder), as we will be in touch. Once you have booked, you will be sent the link to join our Group Cruise Facebook Group. Complete the joining questions with your name and booking number, and we will accept you into the group.

Inside, Oceanview, Balcony, and Suites are reserved for the group, and we can customize your stateroom's location on the ship.

Please let us know if you would like to add the ‘Have It All’ package, which includes Shore Excursions, a Drink Package, Specialty Dining, and Wi-Fi, or just the base fare. We also need to know if you need the HAL vacation insurance.

Group events and activities to be confirmed closer to the cruise. Like the first group cruise, this should include a welcome cocktail party, several onboard meetups with live Q&A, a Scavenger Hunt, and other fun group activities. The final events and timings are subject to a final agreement with Holland America closer to departure.

Additionally, other events will be organized for Patreon Members.

**Group Cruise Must-Knows:**

Included in the fare will be:

Exclusive access to Group events and activities.

Any promotions being applied by Holland America at the time of booking

A pre-cruise Private Facebook Group to discuss and make plans.

Plus, other surprises and extras are to be announced before sailing.

The group cruise will be an informal way to get to know each other and an opportunity for us to get to know you. You should feel free to join organized events as you wish and make whatever plans you’d like to make this an enjoyable vacation. We will keep everyone posted about any plans we make should you wish to join (e.g. excursions)

**Of course, it would be great to see you on board if you booked this cruise separately and not as part of the group booking. Unfortunately, Holland America only provides these benefits to the group so only Group Cruise members can attend organized events.**

**How to Book?**

When booking opens, bookings to join the group cruise should be made through Jill and Jerry at Shields Travel based in Canada via 2025group@cruisingcanucks.ca.

We will process the bookings in the order we receive the forms, and based on demand, it may take a few days to return them with a quote. We have 120 staterooms reserved. Once booked, availability will be based on space left on the ship.

To remain part of the group booking, you must keep the reservation with Shields Travel, and any transfers will remove you from the group.

**What are the Fares?**

All Fares or add-ons booked via Shields Travel will be quoted and confirmed in American and Canadian Dollars.

The rates are set and provided for group bookings. Because of the group benefits, these prices will vary from current rates with Holland America and other travel websites.

These rates will also protect our guests from the rapid price climb that Holland America expects on their site once we start booking dozens of our guests.

Here is a very casual estimate for cabin types in $USD$:

Inside : $2000

Oceanview: $2500

Balcony: $3700

Those are cabins prices where you pick the cabin and center of ship. There is some small savings if you move to either end of the ship.

Those prices are for two people in a cabin and include taxes and port fees.

To add the Have It All package you need to add on $55/day/person. So that can add $770 on to the prices above,

Insurance can also add to the price above.

Current non-refundable deposit is: $350. Final Payment is Nov.3/24.

**Payments**

All Guests may pay via Credit card (Mastercard, Visa, or AMEX), and statement billing will reflect charges directly from Holland America.

The only cruise deposit option available is a non-refundable deposit, so having travel insurance is recommended.

The final balance will be due before November 3, 2024

Changes to bookings (e.g. change of name, etc.) may incur a fee.

Please note that once booked, Holland America has advised they will not change the fare/promotion booked, even if prices should fall.

**Other Considerations:**

All Travellers

Please check all relevant visa requirements for your country before entering the USA, Bahamas, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and Mexico.

**Information We Need for Making Your Booking**

**Guest #1**

First Name :

Middle Name (if on passport) :

Last Name :

Birthday :

Phone :

Email :

Address :

Home Airport :

HAL Mariner Number :

**Guest #2**

First Name :

Middle Name (if on passport) :

Last Name :

Birthday :

Phone :

Email :

Address :

Home Airport :

HAL Mariner Number :

Cabin Type :

Cabin Location :

Have It All Package: YES / NO

HAL Insurance:None / Standard /Platinum

Bed Arrangement: Queen / 2 Twins

Accept auto-upgrades (no option to decline or choose location): YES / NO

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