

# 2020 Polar Vortex Escape Cruise

January 4 – 19, 2020

on Holland America Line ms NIEUW STATENDAM



## Join us on our 4th Polar Vortex Escape cruise. 'Tropical Eastern Caribbean Cruise'

14 days – Bahamas; Turks & Caicos; Dominican Republic; Puerto Rico; U.S. Virgin Islands; Key West, Fort Lauderdale.

### Itinerary

January 4 Saturday DeKalb to Ft. Lauderdale

Today we transfer from DeKalb to O'Hare to board flight to Ft. Lauderdale. After landing, we will be transferred to your hotel, Harbour Beach Marriott (or similar).

January 5 Sunday Ft. Lauderdale

Late morning you'll board the ms Nieuw Amsterdam, the newest ship in the Holland America Line. Join ship staff for an orientation walk about the ship following lunch onboard. L, D.

January 6 Monday Half Moon Cay 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Holland America Line's pristine private island offers everything you need for a day of play in paradise: a two-mile crescent of perfect beach; an interior lagoon; private beachside cabanas with butler service, showers and misters; and all manner of watersports and activities, including a children's aqua park and a buoyed personal watercraft course. B, L, D.

January 7 Tuesday Sea Day

Trivia takes place most days up in the Crow's Nest, or -- in an inspiring link-up -- in the Queen's Lounge using footage from BBC Earth to supplement the questions. B, L, D.

January 8 Wednesday Grand Turk, Turk & Caicos. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Grand Turk, a jewel of an isle that measures just 7 square miles, is awesomely rich in natural wonders, ringed by translucent warm waters teeming with coral and fish. Of course, you can always simply kick back and just enjoy the view from under a palm tree or beach umbrella. Or explore the fascinating history of Turks & Caicos in its capital, Cockburn Town, lined with Bermudan-style buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries. B, L, D.

January 9 Thursday Amber Cove, Dominican Republic. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Located on the Dominican Republic's north coast, the port of Amber Cove, near Puerto Plata, is a new phenomenon. Built in 2015, the area was fashioned as an homage to the country's colonial architecture and features restaurants, bars and shops, as well as an activity center, a pool and cabanas. But it's the neighboring region, known as the Amber Coast for its plethora of the semiprecious stone, that's this port's true draw. Along with golden-sand beaches and dramatic cliffs, there's the city of Puerto Plata, one of the Caribbean's oldest, founded in the early 1500s. B, L, D.

January 10 Friday Sea Day

Perhaps take in a cooking demo or a cocktail class at the Culinary Arts Center. You can see the ship's top chefs whip up mouthwatering dishes, and occasionally catch a visiting star chef from the line's Culinary Arts Council. B, L, D.

January 11 Saturday Key West, Florida. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

One of the first things you'll notice about Key West, after the colorful gingerbread wooden houses and the amazing sunsets, is the constant crowing of roosters. Hundreds of the noisy birds—along with their quieter-clucking mates—roam the streets at all hours, and are nearly as synonymous with Key West as its six-toed cats, the famous furry residents of Ernest Hemingway's mansion in the Old Town district. They're all part of the quirky charm of the United States' southernmost point, whose compact 4.2 square miles pack in everything from gorgeous historic architecture and spectacular fishing and sailing to a raucous party scene along famed Duval Street. B, L, D

January 12 Sunday Fort Lauderdale, Florida. 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Because of its many canals and waterways, Ft. Lauderdale is sometimes called the Venice of America. It's home to the annual Ft. Lauderdale International Boat Show, one of the largest in-water boat shows in the world. Visitors can easily get a taste of the area's nautical lifestyle by cruising the Intracoastal Waterway on an old-fashioned paddle wheeler. B, L, D

January 13 Monday Nassau, Bahamas 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

New Providence may not be the largest island in the Bahamas, but it draws the lion's share of visitors from around the world—and with good reason. For starters, it's home to Nassau, the nation's capital: a bustling harborfront hub whose stately colonial buildings house lively restaurants, bars, galleries and shops. Beyond the downtown area, however, you'll find that plenty of other pleasures beckon. Just across the harbor bridge, for instance, is Paradise Island—and its dazzling Atlantis casino resort and water park (which you can access with a day pass). Interested in Bahamian art and culture? Check out the island's National Art Gallery, Pirates of Nassau Museum and 18th-century colonial forts and monuments. And if you'd rather just relax amid beautiful Caribbean scenery, try wandering through the lush botanicals at Ardastra Gardens or sunbathing on sugary Cable Beach. Whatever you choose to do, though, make sure to sample some of the local culinary specialties like conch fritters or cracked conch. You'll almost certainly find that they're vibrant and just a little exotic, and leave you wanting more. B,L,D

January 14 Tuesday Sea Day.

Enrichment activities are scheduled throughout the day and might include a digital workshop and tips and tricks for using your cellphone at sea. B, L, D

January 15 Wednesday San Juan, Puerto Rico. 1 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Back in the 1500s, Puerto Rico was one of the first Caribbean islands to be settled, and its capital, today's San Juan, became a vital hub of Spain's New World colonies. The historic part of the city, known as Old San Juan, is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site;

it's also a National Historic Site within the U.S. National Park Service. Strolling the narrow cobblestoned streets of Old San Juan, you'll discover a historic treasure surrounded by massive city walls. You can climb the ramparts of imposing fortresses like El Morro, at the entrance to the bay, and visit the Cathedral of San Juan Bautista, one of the oldest churches in the Americas and the final resting place of the city's founder, Ponce de León. B,L,D

January 16 Thursday St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
 The capital island of the U.S. Virgin Islands is often the first stop for travelers as they begin to explore the Caribbean. Its easy access, use of American currency and cultural cues, as well as its reputation for safety, make St. Thomas the easy first choice. B, L, D.

January 17 Friday Sea Day  
 January 18 Saturday Half Moon Cay, Bahamas 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

January 19 Sunday Depart ship Fort Lauderdale, Florida.  
 Transfer to the airport for your return to De Kalb. B.

**ms NIEUW STATENDAM**

Launched in 2018, NIEUW STATENDAM carries 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. The 2,666-guest NIEUW STATENDAM is the second of her class, ushering in a new era of Pinnacle-class cruising.

At the heart of the ship, NIEUW STATENDAM'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. 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. By evening, the atrium takes on dramatic lighting hues or reflects the clear constellations of the night sky.

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Price per person based on double occupancy

Category	Stateroom	Deck	Price + (Optional Travel Protection)
J	Inside	Main/4	\$2795.08 + \$239
E	Ocean-view	Main/4	\$3195.08 + \$316
VD	Verandah	Verandah	\$3595.08 + \$316

**RESERVATION REQUEST FORM**

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Pricing: Category J Inside Stateroom 151-233 Sq. Ft. \$2795.08. Other categories available, prices on request. Price is per person, double occupancy and includes transfers from De Kalb to O'Hare, airfare, pre-cruise night at the Harbor Beach Marriott, 14-day Holland American Line cruise on the ms NIEUW STATENDAM, transfer to Ft Lauderdale airport, meals per itinerary. Price does not include items of a personal nature such as passport fees, gratuities, laundry and cleaning, telephone calls, or meals other than those included in the itinerary. Optional Travel protection plan is recommended.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name preferred for nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

I will be sharing a cabin with \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name / phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit copy of photopage of your passport with deposit.

CRUISE INFORMATION: Category of cabin \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of cabin \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have special diet requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have special medical requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

J, Inside stateroom, \$2795.08  \$2,795.25 with travel protection plan (\$239 plan cost)

J, Inside stateroom single \$4344.08 + \$397 travel protection plan

E, Ocean-view, \$3195.08  \$3,195.08 with travel protection plan (\$316 plan cost)

E, Ocean-view single \$5144.08 + 472 travel protection plan

VD, Verandah, \$3595.08  \$3,595.08 with travel protection plan (\$316 plan cost)

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Enclosed is a check, payable to COMPASS TRAVEL LLC, for deposit, \$1419.09 per person. **Final payment due October 21, 2019.**

OR

Charge my Holland America deposit (\$600 per person) to my

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Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ or

Enclosed is a check, payable to COMPASS TRAVEL LLC, for \$819.09 per person to cover the remainder of the deposit.

\_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature

I agree to the terms and conditions as stated. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Yes**, I would like to purchase the recommended travel protection plan. Prior to purchase, I may request a copy of the Description of Coverage, which includes a summary of the plan details, including the benefits, coverages, limitations and exclusions.

No Thanks, I will decline the travel protection plan. Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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