

# 12 Days | Panama Canal & Southern Caribbean Cruise



11-Night Cruise on Holland America's *Zuiderdam*

**1 FT LAUDERDALE • HOLLAND AMERICA ZUIDERDAM:** Join Christian Tours as we travel to the Charlotte airport to board our flight to the port city of Ft. Lauderdale. Here we will board our home away from home, Holland America's *Zuiderdam*. *Zuiderdam* is the lead ship of the VistaClass and boasts classic nautical lines and finishes, modern amenities and a spectacular art and antique collection.

**2 HALF MOON CAY, BAHAMAS:** The Caribbean is full of tropical wonders and natural beauty. But there's nothing like Half Moon Cay, a pristine private island paradise in the Bahamas. As you touch your toes in that powdery white sand and your eyes settle on the perfect crystal-blue clear water, you'll understand why.

**3 DAY AT SEA:** Today will be a "Fun Day" at sea. You may start the day early to enjoy the sunrise over the blue waters of the Caribbean or perhaps you'd rather sleep in. Either way, you're sure to enjoy spending this day your favorite way – sunning and lazing around the pool or swooshing down the waterslide, resting, exercising, participating in onboard events, or whatever suits your fancy.

**4 ORANJESTAD, ARUBA:** Located off the coasts of Venezuela and Columbia, the windswept Dutch island of Aruba feels like another world. You can relax in the shade of a swaying Divi Divi tree on this pristine beach or explore untamed coastal cliffs in an exotic landscape filled with cacti.

**5 WILLEMSTAD, CURACAO:** Today we arrive at the capital of Curacao, Willemstad. The entire historic center of Willemstad has been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Choose to take an optional tour to the Curacao Maritime Museum and immerse yourself in this multicultural melting pot. Along with Willemstad's



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historic features and diversity, you will also find some of the Caribbean's most stunning diving and snorkeling locations here.

**6 DAY AT SEA:** Another day at sea means more time to sit back, relax and enjoy all the beautiful *Zuiderdam* ship has to offer. Experience the wide array of delectable cuisines in one of the ships restaurants or simply sit by the pool and enjoy a cool beverage. Take advantage of the outstanding musical performances performed at the Lincoln Center stage at one of the afternoon showings.

**7 CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA:** Known as "Cartagena of the Indies", the name hints at this Colombian city's colonial relationship with Spain. Take a stroll and you'll see a colorful city boasting of historical artifacts and impressive fort structures. Along with history, there's cultural and culinary intrigue here, too!

**8 CRUISING PANAMA CANAL • GATUN LAKE • COLON, PANAMA:** Today we cruise along the beautiful Panama Canal. Think of the Canal as the world's largest series of locks for tankers and cruise ships to pass through. The Canal allows ships to cross the Panama isthmus instead of the 8,000 mile journey around the tip of South America by raising and lowering them to sea level. We will cruise to the Gatun Lake and see the fascinating biodiversity as more than 100 species of mammals and reptiles thrive in the nature reserves near the lake and exit to Colon, Panama where unparalleled beaches and lush tropical scenery lies. Travel to the Gatun Locks for a bird's eye view of the immense ships passing through the Canal!

**9 PUERTO LIMON (SAN JOSE), COSTA RICA:** Puerto Limón probably isn't the most bustling port you've ever visited, but don't be put off by its façade; like most coastal towns in Costa Rica, it is a perfect base from

which book an excursion that can fulfill a variety of interests. Of course, when it comes time to eat, there's plenty of the national favorite, gallo pinto (rice and beans), and fresh seafood. For shopping, you can find arts and crafts that were made locally as well as edible treats like handmade chocolate.

**10-11 DAYS AT SEA:** Enjoy two more wonderful days at sea as we head back toward the US coast. Take advantage of all of the *Zuiderdam*'s amenities and reminisce on all of the amazing places you have seen during our cruise!

**12 FT. LAUDERDALE:** All too soon our cruise vacation comes to an end. We disembark the ship and are transferred to the airport for our flight back home.

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VISIT VIBRANT CURACAO

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Wednesday	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	-----	5:00 pm
Thursday	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas	8:00 am	3:00 pm
Friday	At Sea	-----	-----
Saturday	Oranjestad, Aruba	1:00 pm	11:00 pm
Sunday	Willemstad, Curacao	8:00 am	11:00 pm
Monday	At Sea	-----	-----
Tuesday	Cartagena, Columbia	7:00 am	1:00 pm
Wednesday	Cruising the Panama Canal & Gatun Lake	5:00 am	1:00 pm
Thursday	Puerto Limon, Costa Rica	7:30 am	4:00 pm
Friday	At Sea	-----	-----
Saturday	At Sea	-----	-----
Sunday	Ft. Lauderdale	7:00 am	-----

**Departure: March 17**

**PRICE PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:**

Category <b>K</b>	INTERIOR	<b>\$1675</b>
Category <b>C</b>	OCEANVIEW	<b>\$1985</b>
Category <b>VD</b>	VERANDA	<b>\$2185</b>
Category <b>VC</b>	VERANDA	<b>\$2325</b>

Plus port & government taxes: \$695  
Airfare from Charlotte, NC: \$389  
(including transfers)