



Holland America Line Names Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet of the Netherlands Godmother of Rotterdam

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Rotterdam marks the 13th ship for the cruise line to be named by a Dutch Royal

Holland America Line's connection to The House of Orange goes back nearly a century to Prince Hendrik launching *Statendam III* in 1929. Since then, members of the Dutch Royal Family have launched 11 more Holland America Line vessels throughout the years, including Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet who named *Prinsendam* (1972), *Nieuw Amsterdam III* (1983), *Rotterdam VI* (1997) and *Oosterdam* (2003).

"We are deeply grateful that Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet will once again act as godmother to a Holland America Line ship, carrying on a long tradition with the Royal Family that continues to honor our Dutch roots," said Gus Antorcha, president of Holland America Line. "*Rotterdam* will be named in Rotterdam next year, celebrating its namesake city and our historic connection with the Netherlands. We look forward to commemorating the occasion where it all started for Holland America Line."



Rotterdam arrives for the first time in the port of Rotterdam on the morning of October 14.

Additional members of the Dutch Royal Family who are godmothers include Queen Máxima, who named *Koningsdam* in 2016 and *Nieuw Amsterdam* in 2010. Then-Queen Beatrix served as *Eurodam's* godmother in 2008. *Rotterdam V* was launched in 1958 by Queen Juliana. Then-Princess Beatrix named *Statendam IV* in 1957 and *Prinses Margriet* in 1960. *Nieuw Amsterdam II* was launched by Queen Wilhelmina in 1937.

Rotterdam's maiden cruise departs Oct. 20, 2021, from Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and embarks on a 14-day transatlantic journey to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. During its inaugural Caribbean season from November to April, *Rotterdam* will sail a variety of five- to 11-day itineraries that span the southern, western, eastern and tropical regions, all roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale. In mid-April, the ship makes a 14-day Atlantic Ocean crossing back to Europe to spend the summer in Norway, the Baltic, British Isles and Iceland, all sailing roundtrip from Amsterdam.

Rotterdam was delivered by the Fincantieri shipyard in Italy July 30, 2021. The date for naming the ship in Rotterdam will be announced in the coming months.

For more information about Holland America Line, consult a travel advisor, call 1-877-SAIL HAL (877-724-5425) or visit hollandamerica.com.

Editor's note: Photos are available at <https://www.cruiseimagelibrary.com/c/n4gmpsi>.

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Holland America Line has been exploring the world since 1873 and was the first cruise line to offer adventures to Alaska and the Yukon nearly 75 years ago. Its fleet of premium ships visits nearly 400 ports in 114 countries around the world, offering an ideal mid-sized ship experience. A third Pinnacle-class ship, *Rotterdam*, joined the fleet in July 2021.

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