

The Senior Newspaper and Travelrite International invite you to join us on board MS Volendam for the

EXPLORATION OF  
**NEW YORK,  
CENTRAL AMERICA  
& PANAMA CANAL**  
FULLY ESCORTED CRUISE

April 2 to April 23, 2019



Includes over  
**\$2000**  
per person value in  
sightseeing tours,  
entrances, transfers  
and gratuities

Visiting New York & San Diego, USA; Puerto Vallarta & Huatulco, Mexico;  
Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Corinto, Nicaragua; Puntarenas, Costa Rica;  
Panama Canal, Cartagena, Colombia; Half Moon Cay; Bahamas





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*This will be a wonderful experience cruising on the MS Volendam. The cruise is fully escorted and includes sightseeing tours in most of the ports of call and special events for tour members. We hope that you can join us.*

## ITINERARY

**DAY 1** Tuesday 2 April, 2019

**Departure/San Diego**

Our holiday begins when we fly to Los Angeles, arriving the same day, as we cross the International Date Line. Upon arrival we transfer to San Diego late morning. We will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city before checking into our four-star hotel located in the Gaslamp Quarter. We will see Balboa Park, the cultural heart of the city and the Gaslamp Quarter, the centre of downtown. We also visit the Old Town, site of the original Spanish settlement near the San Diego River. More than twenty buildings have been restored to form the interesting, Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

**DAY 2** Wednesday 3 April, 2019

**San Diego/MS Volendam**

This morning we visit the USS Midway Museum. Aboard this enormous aircraft carrier we will see 29 restored aircraft and over sixty exhibits. The self-guided audio tour narrated by Midway sailors brings the aircraft carriers history to life. Afterwards we board the MS Volendam for our Panama Canal Cruise.

**DAY 3** Thursday 4 April, 2019

**At sea**

Our first day at sea. During the day, explore and enjoy the fantastic facilities and many activities available on the Volendam. This evening join us for welcome drinks. We will also take this opportunity to outline our activities during the cruise.

**DAY 4** Friday 5 April, 2019

**At sea**

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon test your knowledge with fellow group members as we play Trivial Pursuit, with prizes for the winners.

**DAY 5** Saturday 6 April, 2019

**Puerto Vallarta, Mexico**

Puerto Vallarta is a city experiencing constant growth and development, while at the same time maintaining a provincial air. It was named after Ignacio Vallarta a former governor of the region. We

will have a sightseeing tour with a local guide, where we have time for a stroll along the Malecon (board walk) to see the many shops and art galleries. We visit Our Lady of Guadalupe, situated in a beautiful Plaza. We travel to Los Arcos, where we have a wonderful view over the bay. We then travel to where Tequila is manufactured and an expert will explain the process. We will be able to try different flavours. There will also be some time for shopping.

**DAY 6** Sunday 7 April, 2019

**At Sea**

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship.

**DAY 7** Monday 8 April, 2019

**Huatulco, Mexico**

We will explore the beautiful beaches of Huatulco today. Located on the Pacific coast in the state of Oaxaca, Huatulco, also known as Bahias de Huatulco, is renowned for its nine spectacular bays. After a relaxing tour we will return to the Volendam for lunch.

**DAY 8** Tuesday 9 April, 2019

**Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala**

Today we travel to the beautiful city of Antigua, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. The historic city, approximately a 90-minute drive from Puerto Quetzal, is home to several historical landmarks that have been preserved from the 17th and 18th centuries, including the Palace of the Captains-General and the Universidad de San Carlos. This visit will give us an understanding of Guatemala's colonial history.

**DAY 9** Wednesday 10 April, 2019

**Cortino, Nicaragua**

We travel inland to Leon, one of Nicaragua's oldest cities, where we see the beautiful Cathedral and Market Square. There will be time for lunch and shopping before returning to the ship.

**DAY 10** Thursday 11 April, 2019

**Puntarenas, Costa Rica**

The Central Pacific's largest city, Puntarenas sits on a long, narrow peninsula in the Gulf of Nicoya. It was discovered by Hennan Ponce de Leon in 1519. We take a boat ride on the Tarcoles River. See the local bird and plant life and see crocodiles on this fascinating exploration of Costa Rica's wildlife. In the afternoon we take a ride on the aerial tram where we will see every level of the tropical transitional forest from the ground to the treetops. The Aerial Tram lets you experience firsthand all the secrets the forest keeps while you fly above the treetops accompanied by a magnificent ocean view, and a peaceful experience in harmony with nature.



## Holland America Volendam

The Volendam is a premium mid-sized cruise ship from the fleet of Holland America Line ships, designed to be large enough to offer all the amenities while preserving an elegant and refined ambience. The beautiful garden theme of the Volendam is reflected throughout the ship's spacious public rooms and elegant staterooms. The interior of the ship has a soaring three-story atrium and a multi-million dollar collection of artwork and antiques. There are four restaurants and cafés, three pools, two whirlpool spas, fitness centre and spa. The ship's Crow's Nest offers sweeping 270 degree views during the day and is a fashionable nightclub bar each evening.

## Clothing on board MS Volendam

Daytime dress is casual. Ensure that you wear shoes and a cover-up over a bathing suit when walking through the interior of the ship. Most evenings, Smart Casual is appropriate and can be defined as slacks and sports shirts or sweater for men and a skirt or trousers and sweater or blouse for women. Shorts, flip-flops, swimwear, distressed jeans and men's tank tops are best left to daytime and the poolside. For Gala Nights jacket and tie are appropriate for gentlemen, while ladies wear a cocktail dress or gown.

## Travelling on your own?

About a third of people on the cruise ships are singles. We will endeavour to match people in twin-share cabins when available to save you the single supplement. The Travelrite team will look after you. Travelling with a group offers security and camaraderie.

## Great fun and luxury cruising aboard MS Volendam



### Day 11 Friday 12 April, 2019

At sea

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon, join fellow group members for a fun game of bingo.

### DAY 12 Saturday 13 April, 2019

Panama Canal

Today will be a highlight of the cruise as we sail along the Panama Canal. It is a 77-kilometre long canal joining the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean and is a key link for international maritime trade. Built from 1904 to 1914, annual traffic has risen from about 1,000 ships in the canal's early days to more than 14,000 vessels now. It has been named one of the seven modern wonders of the world by the American Society of Civil Engineers. On the route of the canal there are a series of 3 sets of locks, the Gatun, Pedro Miguel and the Miraflores locks. A complete transit of the canal usually takes between 9 and 10 hours. Watch from the deck as we transverse this miracle of engineering.

### DAY 13 Sunday 14 April, 2019

Cartagena, Colombia

Cartagena is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Our tour will take us through the city to experience everything it has to offer. We begin with a pleasant drive through Bocagrande, the modern residential district in Cartagena. Built at the beginning of the 1600s, the Convent of La Popa is quite stunning. It has been built on a hill from where we will get magnificent views of the city and the bay area. Our tour will continue through San Felipe's Fort which was built in the 1600s and used to protect the city from invaders for centuries. Inside the fort is the Old City, a real gem of colonial architecture, packed with churches, monasteries, plaza's and palaces. We will enjoy a relaxing stroll around this spectacular walled colonial city with time to shop and stop for lunch.

### DAY 14 Monday 15 April, 2019

At sea

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship.

### DAY 15 Tuesday 16 April, 2019

At sea

A day to enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon join us for a game of Scattergories.

### DAY 16 Wednesday 17 April, 2019 Half Moon Cay, Bahamas

We arrive at the beautiful Bahaman Island of Half Moon Cay. We have a free day to participate in the local activities from glass bottom boat

tours to diving and snorkelling. You may just want to sit on the beach with a good book.

### Day 17 Thursday 18 April, 2019 Disembark Fort Lauderdale/ New York

This morning our cruise comes to an end in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We disembark early morning and will be transferred to the airport, for our flight to New York. Upon arrival we will be transferred to our Hotel for check in.

### DAY 18 Friday 19 April, 2019

New York

Today we have a sightseeing tour of the city. We will see the major sites of the city including the Empire State Building, Wall Street, the Rockefeller Centre, Fifth Avenue, Times Square and much more. We will also visit the 9/11 Memorial. The rest of the afternoon is free for sightseeing and shopping. A walk up 5th Avenue is an unforgettable experience as is walking around Soho, Tribeca or Brooklyn or Central Park.

### DAY 19 Saturday 20 April, 2019

New York

This morning we travel by boat to the famous Statue of Liberty. A gift from the French to American people in 1886 and engineered by Gustave Eiffel, it has been the symbol of the freedom of the USA to immigrants for over 100 years. We then travel to historic Ellis Island where half the population of the US entered the United States for the first time. We will see the route that new immigrants took through the processing room, medical appraisal room and entry room. We will enjoy an included farewell dinner this evening.

### Day 20 Sunday 21 April, 2019

Departure

This morning will be free for shopping and sightseeing before we depart for the airport and our flight back to Australia.

### Day 21 Monday 22 April, 2019

In flight

### Day 22 Tuesday 23 April, 2019

Australia

This evening we arrive in Australia and tour arrangements conclude.



Relax and enjoy!

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## Price per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin/Description		Deck	Twin-share Fare	Single Fare
L	Interior	2,3	\$ 7990	\$ 10290
K	Interior	2,6,7	\$ 8190	\$ 10490
J	Interior	1,2	\$ 8290	\$ 10690
I	Interior	3,6,7	\$ 8490	\$ 10990
FF	Ocean View	1	\$ 9190	\$ 11690
F	Ocean View	1	\$ 9290	\$ 11790
EE	Ocean View	2	\$ 9390	\$ 11990
E	Ocean View	1,2,3	\$ 9490	\$ 12190
DD	Ocean View	2	\$ 9590	\$ 12290
DA	Ocean View	2,6	\$ 9690	\$ 12390
D	Ocean View	1,3	\$ 9790	\$ 12490
C	Ocean View	2	\$ 9890	\$ 12590
BB	Verandah Balcony	7	\$ 11490	\$ 16690
B	Verandah Balcony	6,7	\$ 11690	\$ 16990
AA	Verandah Balcony	6,7	\$ 11890	\$ 17490
A	Verandah Balcony	6,7	\$ 11990	\$ 17790
SB	Verandah Suite	7	\$ 15490	\$ 24990
Included port and handling charges & taxes			\$ 962	\$ 1255
Included air taxes as at 1/3/2018			\$ 100	\$ 100
Included cruise gratuities			\$ 250	\$ 250

### Included in the cruise price:

- 15 nights travel on Holland America MS Volendam in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on MS Volendam
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty Ltd
- Return economy-class air travel from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane to USA
- Sightseeing tours of San Diego, Puerto Vallarta, Puerto Quetzal, Corinto, Puntarenas, Cartagena and New York
- Three nights' in centrally located 4- star accommodation in New York
- One night in centrally located 4-star accommodation in San Diego
- Port and handling charges on Ms Volendam
- Cruise taxes and gratuities on Ms Volendam
- Air taxes and surcharges

### Not included in the cruise price:

- Passport and visa fees – US ESTA visa waiver must be obtained
- Travel insurance
- Meals unless specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary will be quoted for separately

**Extending:** You can stay on in the USA at minimal additional airfare. Please contact Travelrite on 1800 630 343 for more information.

**Availability:** All cabins are subject to availability. Please call for fares and information on other cabin categories.

## General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

**Tour Operator:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. MS Volendam is operated by Holland America are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Holland America brochure. All passengers must complete and sign a Travelrite International booking form and complete the cruise personaliser on the Holland America website.

**Deposit and Payment:** A deposit of \$900 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed (usually within 24 hours) a cruise confirmation advice will be sent to the client. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to all payments made by Visa and Master Card. 3% administration charge will be added to payments by Amex and Diners Club cards. If fares and air taxes change due to government and airport regulations and currency fluctuations Travelrite International reserves the right to charge additional amounts.

**Cancellation Charges:** Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	\$900
90 - 61 days	50% of full fare
60 days or less	100% of full fare
Non-appearance/no written notice:	100% of full fare.

**Refunds:** The tour is based on arrangements that do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals, airfare or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

**Travel Documents:** All passengers will require a valid passport. If you are not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

**Travel Insurance:** Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

**Baggage:** Passengers qualify for a 23kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

**Minimum Tour Numbers:** The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserve the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

**Responsibility:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd is the tour organiser. Travelrite International Pty Ltd, its agents, officers, affiliates, and/or suppliers of services pursuant to or in connection with this fly/cruise shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, including transportation by ship, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in fly/cruises, acts of terrorism, acts of God, acts of Government or any other authorities. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. Baggage is at owners risk throughout the fly/cruise. The passage contract between the carriers concerned when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this fly/cruise and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any fly/cruise and/or make such changes

in the fly/cruise as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the fly/ cruise. This contract shall be construed in accordance of the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be undertaken in the State of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of the fly/cruise passage contract with Holland America Line, detailed on the back of the reservation form. If you do not have a copy of this form please contact us and we will send one to you.

**How to Book:** Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$900 per person to:

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