**CRUISING CANUCKS’ HOLLAND AMERICA OOSTERDAM GROUP CRUISE 2026**

We are delighted to announce our first Patron-only group cruise! We will depart Venice (Trieste), Italy, on May 14, 2026, for a 10-night cruise around Italy and to Rome.

Like our other group cruises, 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 Croatia, Greece, Sicily and Italy. We cannot wait to share the experience with our Patreons!

Important Booking Dates –

Block of Reserved Staterooms Expires – December 15, 2025.

Final Payment – February 13, 2026

Please fill out the information in the form at the link below and email it to jerry@shieldstravel.com 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 various amenities, or just the base fare. We also need to know if you need the Holland America vacation insurance.

Group events and activities to be confirmed closer to the cruise. Like previous group cruises, there will be 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.

**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 jerry@shieldstravel.com

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 60 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.

However, we will have the ability to book current rates and specials offered by Holland America that may be lower than the group rates. We will go through all of this with you after you send in the form below.

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.

Deposits will vary based on the current promotions from Holland America.

**Payments**

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

The final balance will be due before February 13, 2026.

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 countries visited on this cruise.

**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 :

Package: STANDARD / HAVE IT ALL

HAL Insurance:None / Standard / Platinum (see link below for details)

Bed Arrangement: Queen / 2 Twins

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

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