



## Holland America Line Looks to the Future and Honors the Past by Naming Next Pinnacle Class Ship *ms Nieuw Statendam*

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*Sister ship to ms Koningsdam is scheduled to set sail in Fall 2018*

Seattle, Wash., May 20, 2016 — Holland America Line announced today that the name of the next Pinnacle Class ship set for delivery in fall 2018 will be *ms Nieuw Statendam*. Honoring the company's past while keeping its eyes on the future, *Nieuw Statendam* will be the sixth ship in Holland America Line's history to bear the name *Statendam*. It will be built at Fincantieri's Marghera shipyard in Italy, and construction will begin this summer.

Like sister-ship *ms Koningsdam*, *Nieuw Statendam* represents a new class of ship for the cruise line. Carrying 2,650 guests, the 99,500-gross-ton ship will feature several of the innovative venues that were introduced on *Koningsdam* as well as new concepts that will debut on the newbuild.

"Holland America Line is writing the next chapter in our evolving story, yet we are a company with a deep history, and the name *ms Nieuw Statendam* perfectly blends our past, present and future," said Orlando Ashford, Holland America Line's president. "The previous *Statendam* ships have been among the most beloved in our history, and we eagerly anticipate sharing this beautiful new ship with our guests in 2018."

Renowned hospitality designer Adam D. Tihany's designs will be featured on *Nieuw Statendam*, bringing his unique vision to this latest vessel as he did with *Koningsdam*. Also several public areas will be designed by Bjorn Storbraaten, who successfully worked with Holland America Line on *Koningsdam*, *ms Eurodam* and *ms Nieuw Amsterdam* in designing the ship's public rooms.

### **The History of the *Statendam* Ships**

The first *Statendam* launched in 1898 and was just 10,491 gross tons. It served the fleet until 1911. The second *Statendam* was built in the 1910s for Holland America Line but was sold to White Star Line as *Justicia* before it entered service. The next *Statendam* served the line from 1929 until 1940, when it was scrapped after a fire.

The fourth *Statendam* launched in 1957 and was christened by an 18-year-old Dutch Crown Princess Beatrix, who would later become Queen and name *Eurodam* as well. On Jan. 7, 1958, the ship departed on a 110-day World Cruise, the first for Holland America Line. *Statendam* remained in the fleet until 1982, when it was sold to Paquet Cruises. The fifth ship to carry the *Statendam* name launched in 1993 and served the line until 2015, when it was transferred to sister cruise line P&O Cruises Australia, where it sails today as *Pacific Eden*.

For more information about Holland America Line, consult a travel professional, call 1-877-SAIL HAL ([877-724-5425](tel:877-724-5425)) or visit [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com).

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Holland America Line's fleet of 14 ships offers more than 500 cruises to more than 400 ports in 98 countries, territories or dependencies around the world. From shorter getaways to 115-day itineraries, the company's cruises visit all seven continents with highlights including Antarctica explorations, South America circumnavigations and exotic Australia/New Zealand and Asia voyages; four annual Grand Voyages; and popular sailings to the Caribbean, Alaska, Mexico, Canada/New England, Bermuda, Europe and the Panama Canal. The line currently has a new 2,650-guest ship, *ms Koningsdam*, delivered in April 2016, as well as a second Pinnacle Class ship, *ms Nieuw Statendam*, due for delivery in November 2018.

The company recently announced \$300 million in brand enhancements to secure its position as the leader in premium cruising. Fleetwide, the ships feature innovative initiatives and a diverse range of enriching experiences focused on destination immersion and personalized travel. Guests can expand their knowledge on board at the Culinary Arts Center, presented by *Food & Wine* magazine; Explorations Café, powered by The New York Times; and Digital Workshop powered by Windows. Outstanding entertainment fills each evening at venues including Lincoln Center Stage, Billboard Onboard and B.B. King's Blues Club. The dining experience can be savored at a variety of restaurants with menus that feature selections from Holland America Line's esteemed Culinary Council that comprises world-famous chefs who design dishes exclusively for our guests.

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