



First Steel Cut for Holland America Line's *ms Nieuw Statendam*

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Construction begins on second Pinnacle Class ship due for delivery in November 2018

Seattle, Wash., July 12, 2016 — Holland America Line celebrated a significant construction milestone today as the first steel was cut for *ms Nieuw Statendam*, due for delivery in November 2018. The ceremony took place at Fincantieri's shipyard in Palermo, Sicily, Italy, and the block being built there will later be moved to the Marghera yard where the ship will be constructed. Holland America Group's Executive Vice President of Fleet Operations Keith Taylor was at the yard for the event.

The 99,500-ton ship — the 15th in the fleet — is the second Pinnacle Class vessel for Holland America Line, joining sister-ship *ms Koningsdam* that sailed its first cruise in April 2016. The steel cutting follows a period of design and development for the 2,650-guest ship that will feature enhanced Pinnacle Class amenities and innovations.

"This is an exciting time for Holland America Line, and *Nieuw Statendam*'s steel cutting is a milestone that signifies our continued growth and evolution as a company and a brand," said Orlando Ashford, Holland America Line's president. "With Pinnacle Class we have been able to try new things, expand our horizons and push boundaries, and while *Nieuw Statendam* is a sister to *Koningsdam*, we do have some new ideas that will be revealed in time."

This is the 16th ship built for Holland America Line by Italian shipyard Fincantieri, which most recently constructed *Koningsdam*.

About Fincantieri

Since the early 1900s Fincantieri's two shipbuilding centers of Genoa and Trieste were world unrivaled players, building "Made in Italy" ships that stood out for their design, elegant interior furnishings and engineering solutions. Fincantieri serves all the sectors of the cruise market with a wide range of vessels that includes postpanamax and panamax ships as well as medium-small super luxury vessels or ships for special voyage types.

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Editor's note: Photos from the steel cutting are available at <https://www.cruiseimagelibrary.com/c/m55ayggg>.

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About Holland America Line [a division of Carnival Corporation and plc (NYSE: CCL and CUK)]

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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