



Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author Elizabeth Strout and Comedian Rita Rudner Join O, The Oprah Magazine and Holland America Line

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*Oprah Winfrey, Gayle King, SuperSoul 100 Members,
O, The Oprah Magazine Books Editor, Leigh Haber, and more setting sail on July 15*

Seattle, Wash., June 1, 2017 — Holland America Line and *O, The Oprah Magazine's* Share the Adventure Cruise is adding Pulitzer Prize-winning author Elizabeth Strout, comedian Rita Rudner and *O, The Oprah Magazine* Books Editor Leigh Haber to the list of visionaries and authorities who will be on board the July 15 sailing to Alaska. In addition to having the opportunity to enjoy performances by Rudner, guests aboard the *ms Eurodam* will also be able to join *O's* Onboard Book Club where Haber will lead the discussion as Strout shares the process and inspiration behind her latest novel, *Anything Is Possible*.

Holland America Line previously announced that Oprah Winfrey and *O, The Oprah Magazine* editors Gayle King, Lucy Kaylin and creative director Adam Glassman will be on board, along with SuperSoul 100 Members' Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter India Arie, fitness evangelist Angela M. Davis, and author, activist and motivational speaker Glennon Doyle Melton.

"We're excited that a highly decorated author like Elizabeth and Books Editor Leigh are joining the incredible list of talent on this sailing and that our guests will have the opportunity to hear insights about Elizabeth's latest novel and writing approach," said Orlando Ashford, president of Holland America Line. "And Rita is always a guest favorite when she entertains on board, and we're thrilled that she's joining us again as a special addition to this once-in-a-lifetime cruise."

Guests who wish to purchase Strout's *New York Times* bestseller *Anything Is Possible* before cruising can visit the Random House website at <http://bit.ly/2r82EG3>.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Elizabeth Strout

Elizabeth Strout is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Olive Kitteridge*, also nominated for the National Book Critic's Circle Award; the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *My Name Is Lucy Barton*, which was longlisted for the Man Booker Prize; *The Burgess Boys*, a *New York Times* bestseller; *Abide With Me*, a national bestseller and Book Sense pick; and *Amy and Isabelle*, which won the *Chicago Tribune* Heartland Prize and the *Los Angeles Times* Art Seidenbaum Award for First Fiction.

Strout has been a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award and the Orange Prize in England. Her short stories have been published in a number of magazines, including *O, The Oprah Magazine* and *The New Yorker*.

Books Editor Leigh Haber

For the past five years, Haber has been Books Editor for *O, The Oprah Magazine*, and a coordinator

of Oprah's Book Club. She began her career in book publishing as a news aide for the *Washington Post's* Book World. For years she was a publicity director for various publishing houses, and thereafter held senior editorial positions at Scribner, Hyperion, and Rodale. Over the years, she's worked with numerous authors, among them Alice Walker, Gloria Naylor, Steve Martin, Al Gore, Terry Gross, Lou Reed and others.

Award-Winning Comedian Rita Rudner

Rita Rudner is a multitalented star who began her career as a Broadway dancer in *Follies* and *Mack & Mabel* before branching out to stand-up comedy. Over the past three decades she has appeared in a variety of television shows including *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*, as well as in a number of award-winning comedy specials and movies.

A house-filling favorite in Las Vegas since she opened as one of the hottest tickets in town in June 2000, Rudner is known for her epigrammatic one-liners. Over the course of a 14-year run and 2,000-plus shows, she has sold one-and-a-half-million tickets and become the longest-running solo comedy show in the history of Las Vegas. She has been named Las Vegas' Comedian of the Year nine years in a row and in 2006 received The Nevada Ballet's Woman of the Year Award.

Rudner's first solo HBO special, *Rita Rudner's One Night Stand*, was nominated for several awards, as was her eponymous English BBC television show that later appeared in the United States on A&E. In 2008 *Rita Rudner: Live From Las Vegas* was PBS's first-ever stand-up comedy special. In 2012 Rudner and her husband, Martin, wrote and performed *The Rita Rudner Show* for BBC radio in London. She also appeared in the Showtime comedy special *Rita Rudner and Three Potential Ex-Husbands*.

Holland America Line and O, The Oprah Magazine Partnership

Holland America Line and O, *The Oprah Magazine's* exclusive partnership unites the soul-stirring power of travel with O's deep commitment to connection and personal growth. Oprah Winfrey; O, *The Oprah Magazine* editor-in-chief Lucy Kaylin, editor-at-large Gayle King; and creative director Adam Glassman will join the O, *The Oprah Magazine* Share the Adventure Cruise to Alaska on July 15th. Four additional O, *The Oprah Magazine* Adventure of Your Life sailings featuring SuperSoul 100 Members to be announced and O *Magazine*-inspired activities will depart Nov. 29, 2017, 11-day Caribbean; March 3, 2018, seven-day Caribbean; Aug. 11, 2018, seven-day Alaska; and Oct. 28, 2018, seven-day Caribbean.

In addition, more than 300 Holland America Line cruises sailing in North America from August 2017 through 2018 will offer a variety of engaging activities developed with the magazine's editors including meditation, exercise, healthy eating, an onboard book reading room and more.

Fares on the July 15th Share the Adventure seven-day Alaska cruise start at \$999 per person, double occupancy. Taxes, fees and port expenses are additional.

For more information, contact a travel professional, call 1-877-SAIL-HAL ([1-877-724-5425](tel:1-877-724-5425)) or visit hollandamerica.com.

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

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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 113-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 welcomed *ms Koningsdam* in 2016 and has a second Pinnacle-class ship, *ms Nieuw Statendam*, to be delivered in December 2018. A third Pinnacle-class ship, due for delivery in 2021, recently was announced.

The company is undergoing \$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 through an exclusive partnership with O, The Oprah Magazine; during an America's Test Kitchen show; at Explorations Café presented by The New York Times; and by taking a 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.

About O, The Oprah Magazine

O, The Oprah Magazine (oprah.com/omagazine) encourages confident, intelligent women to reach for their dreams, express their individual style and make wise choices, guided by the values of one of the most charismatic women in the world, O Editorial Director Oprah Winfrey. With an emphasis on personal growth, the magazine inspires, addressing every aspect of a woman's life — the material, the intellectual and the emotional — and deeply connects with more than 18 million consumers every month (MRI, Spring 2016, Comscore multi-platform, December 2016). From the moment it launched, *O, The Oprah Magazine* carved out a unique position in the marketplace and created an entirely new category in women's magazines, delivering the Live Your Best Life message through thoughtful, ever-evolving content and the trusted advice provided by well-known experts. Throughout the years, *O, The Oprah Magazine* has been recognized with the publishing industry's highest honor, winning multiple American Society of Magazine Editors (ASME) awards. Follow *O, The Oprah Magazine* on Twitter at @O_Magazine and Instagram at @OprahMagazine.

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