



Amsterdam, Maasdam, Rotterdam and Veendam to Leave the Holland America Line Fleet in 2020

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Ten ships with an 11th on the way in 2021 to comprise the premium line's fleet

SEATTLE, July 15, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Holland America Line announced that *Amsterdam*, *Maasdam*, *Rotterdam* and *Veendam* will be leaving the fleet and transferring to undisclosed buyers. The ships have been sold in pairs, with the S-Class *Maasdam* and *Veendam* transferring to one company in August 2020, while the R-Class *Amsterdam* and *Rotterdam* will move to another company in fall 2020.

Holland America Line will cancel cruises for the four ships' deployments, with some select itineraries being assumed by other ships in the fleet. The 2021 Grand World Voyage aboard *Amsterdam* will be postponed until 2022 and will now sail aboard *Zaandam*. The Grand Africa Voyage departing Oct. 10, 2021, aboard *Rotterdam* will also sail aboard *Zaandam* on the same dates.

"It's always difficult to see any ship leave the fleet, especially those that have a long and storied history with our company," said Stein Kruse, chief executive officer of Holland America Group and Carnival UK. "However, Holland America Line has a bright future ahead that includes recent Pinnacle-Class additions, with a third sister ship next year that will continue to maintain our overall capacity in the marketplace."

"I recognize and appreciate the deep affection our guests have toward our company and the ships in our fleet," said Gus Antorcha, president of Holland America Line. "While streamlined, our diverse fleet continues to offer exceptional options for cruisers looking for a mid-sized ship experience to destinations all around the world. I look forward to carrying on those beloved shipboard offerings while cultivating new ideas to bring to our guests."

Maasdam joined the fleet in 1993 as the second of four S-Class ships. Carrying 1,258 guests, it is the fourth Holland America Line ship to bear the *Maasdam* name. Most recently, the 55,575-ton ship sailed longer South Pacific and Alaska voyages. *Veendam*, the final S-Class ship, was delivered in 1996. The fourth Holland America Line ship to bear the name *Veendam*, the 57,092-ton vessel carries 1,350 guests.

The first ship in the R Class, 61,849-ton *Rotterdam* was introduced in 1997. Carrying 1,404 guests, it is the sixth Holland America Line ship to be named *Rotterdam*. *Amsterdam* joined the fleet in 2000 as the final of four R-Class ships. Carrying 1,380 guests, it is the third Holland America Line ship to be named *Amsterdam*. Most recently, the 62,735-ton ship operated the line's Grand World Voyage.

Guests with bookings on future sailings of these ships will be notified that these cruises will be cancelled or changed. Along with their travel advisors, guests will receive information if the cruise will operate with a different ship or information and special offers on how to book another Holland America Line cruise when operations resume. Guests who prefer a refund will be accommodated.

Cancelled cruises will include scheduled Canada/New England and Grand Voyages on *Amsterdam*; Mexico, South Pacific, Australia and Asia itineraries on *Maasdam*; Caribbean, Europe, Panama Canal, South America and Hawaii sailings on *Rotterdam*; and Caribbean and Europe itineraries on *Veendam*.

For more information about Holland America Line, consult a travel advisor, call 1-877-SAIL HAL (877-724-5425) or visit hollandamerica.com.

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