



Holland America Line Names Captain Werner Timmers Master of Rotterdam

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Pinnacle Class ship is under construction and slated for delivery at the end of July 2021

SEATTLE, Feb. 1, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Holland America Line has named Werner Timmers, a captain with nearly 40 years sailing for the cruise line, to take the helm of *Rotterdam* when the ship enters service in July 2021. Captain Timmers joined Holland America Line in 1984 and has worked on all classes of ship within the brand, most recently as master of *Koningsdam*.



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Captain Timmers will head to *Rotterdam* in the coming months for sea trials and then relocate to the Fincantieri shipyard in Italy, where the ship is being built, to oversee the finishing touches before delivery.

"As one of the longest-serving officers in our fleet with a wealth of experience, we are pleased to name Captain Timmers master of *Rotterdam*," said Gus Antorcha, president of Holland America Line. "His years of seamanship and hospitality with both guests and crew will continue to create a culture on board that promotes excellence in service and a passion for travel."

Since first joining Holland America Line in 1984 as an intern, Captain Timmers has worked his way up the ranks to captain, which he achieved in 1996. He has since been master of *Eurodam*, *Koningsdam*, *Nieuw Amsterdam*, *Ryndam*, *Zaandam* and *Zuiderdam*.

"I am deeply honored to be named the first master of *Rotterdam*, and I look forward to getting on board for the sea trials and seeing the ship come together during the final stages of construction," said Captain Timmers. "My long career with Holland America Line has been filled with so many wonderful milestones, and this appointment is a highlight."

A native Dutchman, Captain Timmers grew up in Roosendaal, the Netherlands. He chose a career at sea in his final year of high school after hearing a seafarer tell tales of adventure during career day. He joined the Nautical Academy in Vlissingen, the Netherlands, and after graduating with a degree in nautical sciences, he obtained a second degree in marine engineering and rejoined Holland America Line as a fourth officer.

When not onboard a ship, Captain Timmers lives with his wife, Sherron, and their two children in Mount Dora, Florida.

About Rotterdam

The third in the Pinnacle Class series, *Rotterdam* will carry 2,668 guests, measure 99,500 gross tons and feature highly successful amenities and innovations introduced with her sister ships, including the 270-degree surround screen World Stage, Rudi's Sel de Mer and Grand Dutch Café. Delivering the best of everything, *Rotterdam* celebrates live music with an exclusive collection of world-class performances each night — from Lincoln Center Stage and B.B. King's Blues Club to Rolling Stone Rock Room and Billboard Onboard.

Throughout the ship, *Rotterdam* will showcase Holland America Line hallmarks that drive one of the highest guest repeat rates in the industry: exquisite cuisine guided by eight of the world's leading chefs; gracious, award-winning service; and superbly appointed staterooms and suites, including family and single accommodations.

Rotterdam is the seventh ship to bear the name for Holland America Line and the 17th ship constructed for the brand by Italian shipyard Fincantieri, which most recently built *Nieuw Statendam*.

Following *Rotterdam*'s Premiere Voyage departing Aug. 1, 2021, the ship will spend its inaugural summer season in northern Europe. Naming details have not been finalized and will be announced at a later date.

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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Pinnacle-class ship, *Rotterdam*, is under construction and will join the fleet in July 2021.

The leader in premium cruising, Holland America Line's ships feature innovative initiatives and a diverse range of enriching experiences focused on destination exploration and personalized travel. The best live music at sea fills each evening at Music Walk, and dining venues feature exclusive selections from Holland America Line's esteemed Culinary Council, an elite team of 7 world-renowned chefs.

In light of COVID-19, Holland America Line is currently enhancing health and safety protocols and how they may impact future cruises. Our actual offerings may vary from what is displayed or described in marketing materials. Review our current [Cruise Updates](#), [Health & Safety Protocols](#) and [CDC Travel Advisories](#).

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