

Panama Canal and Caribbean Cruise Zuiderdam February 6-17, 2012



Join Provident Travel as we set sail on a fabulous 11-day cruise featuring a round-trip Panama Canal transit on Holland America's beautiful "Zuiderdam". See the Panama Canal from the perspective of a ship built for transiting this engineering marvel. She's narrow enough to fit through the Canal, yet large enough to offer you every luxury you would expect of a five-star hotel. Enjoy the finer things in life as the "Zuiderdam" staff caters to your every need. Our goal is to make your experience aboard the "Zuiderdam" truly a memorable one.

The highlight of this cruise will be a double transit of the Gatun Locks. We'll enter the Canal through the Atlantic Ocean side, cruise Gatun Lake and re-transit through the Gatun Locks. The Panama Canal has been called the big ditch, the bridge between two continents, the greatest shortcut on earth. When it was finally completed in 1914, the Panama Canal shaved 7,900 nautical miles between New York and San Francisco. As a cruise destination, few itineraries offer a more remarkable mix of man-made and natural wonders.

This fantastic 11-day round-trip Panama Canal itinerary features all the amenities of the magnificent "Zuiderdam", including many outside staterooms with balconies. With the convenience of sailing round-trip from Ft. Lauderdale, plus fascinating ports of call in Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Costa Rica and Holland America's private island "Half-Moon Cay" this is the cruise of a lifetime! You'll also have the opportunity to disembark in Gatun Lake for one of several intriguing shore adventures. Call today as space and rates are limited on this fantastic sailing.

TRIP INCLUSIONS

- 11-Day Cruise
- Cocktail Party
- Round-trip economy airfare from Cincinnati
- Round-trip airport transfers
- Provident Travel escort (based on 30 passengers)

Items such as shore excursions, gratuities, alcoholic beverages and other personal charges are not included.



"Zuiderdam" Onboard Amenities

- Two pools
- The Green House Spa & Salon
- 24-hour internet café
- Pinnacle Spa
- Explorations Café
- Canaletto Italian Restaurant
- Traditional or Open Seating Dining
- 24-hour Room Service
- Culinary Arts Center
- Afternoon Tea
- Sports Deck
- Unique Lounges
- Library
- Movies with Popcorn on Deck
- Fitness Center
- Musical Production Shows
- Casino



Aruba

Discover the strong Dutch influence in Aruba. This island was part of the Netherlands Antilles until its independence in 1986. Appreciate the scenic beauty of the California Light house and Casibari Rocks on your way to visit an island ostrich farm. Ride a ferry to secluded De Palm Island to experience snorkeling and waterslides. Golf at Tierra Del Sol and take full advantage of Aruba's steady trade winds. View a shipwreck from the comfort of a glass bottom boat.

Bonaire

A small island located in the southern Caribbean known for its pioneering role in the preservation of nature, in particular the preservation of the marine environment.

Panama Canal/Gatun Lake

Water for the locks, around 52 million gallons per transit, is supplied by Gatun lake, an artificial reservoir of 168 square miles. Surrounded by lush jungle, it is one of the most scenic portions of the Panama Canal. Tours will be offered from Gatun Lake. Ride the Panama Canal Railroad round-trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Curacao

The largest and most populous of the ABC Islands (Aruba, Bonaire & Curacao) of the Lesser Antilles is well-known for its beaches, climate, shopping and sights.

Limon, Costa Rica

This is the place to ride through the rainforest canopy on an aerial tram. Paddle a kayak along the Tortuguero Canal where more than 300 species of birds, sloths, Iguanas, and howler monkeys call this waterway home.

PANAMA CANAL ITINERARY		
DAY	PORT	DURATION
February 6	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Depart 5:00 PM
February 7	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas	Full Day
February 8	At Sea	
February 9	Oranjestad, Aruba	Half Day & Evening
February 10	Kralendijk, Bonaire	Full Day
February 11	Willemstad, Curacao	Full Day
February 12	At Sea	
February 13	Enter Panama Canal & Gatun Lake Colon, Panama	Morning Half Day Afternoon
February 14	Puerto Limon, Costa Rica	Full Day
February 15	At Sea	
February 16	At Sea	
February 17	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	7:00 AM

PRICING

Cabin	Description	Cost
VA-VB	Outside deluxe cabin with sitting area and private balcony	\$2,795
VC-VD	Outside deluxe cabin with sitting area and private balcony	\$2,670
G	Ocean-view stateroom (partially obstructed view)	\$2,265
GG	Ocean-view cabin (obstructed view)	\$2,235
J	Interior stateroom	\$2,145

- All Staterooms have twin beds that can convert to a comfortable queen size bed, refrigerator, spacious closet, television, bathroom with shower.
- Due to the volatility of prices, please be advised that our rates are subject to change and are not guaranteed until full payment is received.
- Stateroom descriptions and prices are per person based on double occupancy, capacity controlled and subject to availability. Single and triple rates are available upon request.
- Prices include cruise, airfare, gov't. taxes and fees, round-trip airport transfers



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A deposit of \$550 per person will confirm your space. Balance is due November 15, 2011. Please indicate your dining preference: Main (6:00 PM), Late (8:30 PM), or Personal Choice.



Cancellation Policy: 75 days or more prior to departure— No penalty; 74-57 days prior to departure – deposit amount per person; 56-29 days prior to departure – 50% of trip cost per person; 28–15days prior to departure – 75% of trip cost per person; within 14 days prior to departure – 100% of trip cost per person. **We strongly recommend TRAVEL PROTECTION available at the rate of \$195 per person for double occupancy staterooms above.** Once issued, airline tickets are non-refundable.

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