

HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE INFORMATION

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Cruise Description

Anyone who attended cruises on our 2009 and 2019 reunions will always remember how much fun we had as a group (think Karaoke, tequila shots, and memorable group dinners). Join us for an affordable 6-night cruise on the Holland America Koningsdam from San Diego to Santa Barbara, Monterey, and Ensenada and back. All meals, accommodations and taxes are included in the price. For more information about the Holland America Koningsdam, visit the Holland America web site:

https://www.hollandamerica.com/en_US/find-a-cruise/L4O06A/K420.html



Itinerary

Our ship, the Holland America Koningsdam, departs San Diego Saturday, March 30 at 3:00 PM and returns Friday, April 5 at 7:00 AM.

Saturday, March 30	9:30 AM	Depart by shuttle from Comfort Inn at the Harbor to San Diego Cruise Ship Terminal.
	10:00 AM	Arrive Port of San Diego Cruise Ship Terminal and check-in for the cruise on the Holland America Koningsdam. Latest check-in is 2:00 PM
	3:00 PM	Depart San Diego for Pacific Coast Cruise!
Sunday, March 31	7:00 AM	Arrive Ensenada, Mexico
	5:00 PM	Depart Ensenada, Mexico
Monday, April 1	All Day	Day at Sea
Tuesday, April 2	7:00 AM	Arrive San Francisco
	5:00 PM	Depart San Francisco
Wednesday, April 3	All Day	Day at Sea
Thursday, April 4	7:00 AM	Arrive Santa Barbara. Tender required; wheelchair access limited.
	5:00 PM	Depart Santa Barbara
Friday, April 5	7:00 AM	Dock at San Diego Cruise Terminal. Cruise ends.

Transportation

If you are staying at the Comfort Inn at the Harbor and book the Snooze and Cruise package, transportation to and from the San Diego Cruise Terminal will be arranged by the hotel. If you wish to arrange your own transportation, consider using a rideshare service (Uber or Lyft) or park at San Diego's Park, Shuttle & Fly. For more information visit <https://www.portofsandiego.org/coming-and-going/parking-and-transportation/longterm-cruise-parking>

Cabin Prices

There are two sets of cabin prices. The first is the basic cruise fare promotion. The second is the "Have It All" Promotion which includes several amenities.

Cruise prices are based on volume and fluctuate over time. The following prices are based on a group discount but are subject to change without notice. For the best rate, book as soon as possible.

BASIC CRUISE FARE PROMOTION

Inside cabins start from \$449 per person
Ocean View cabins start from \$799 per person
Verandahs start from \$849 per person

Cabin prices vary depending on location. Taxes, fees, and port expenses are additional at \$167.00 per person. Gratuities of \$16 per person per day, (or \$17.50 for suites) can either be prepaid or paid at the end of cruise.

HAVE IT ALL PROMOTION

Amenities include the Surf Wifi Package, one complimentary shore excursion per person (up to \$100), one free night of dining in the specialty restaurant, and the Signature Beverage Package. Choose from a large selection of beer, wine, spirits, and cocktails, plus soft drinks, specialty coffees and more.

Inside cabins start from \$809 per person
Ocean View cabins start from \$1,159 per person
Verandahs start from \$1,209 per person

Cabin prices vary depending on location. For more information, see **Koningsdam Deck Plan:** <https://www.cruisedeckplans.com/DP/deckplans/Koningsdam>

Taxes, fees, and port expenses are additional at \$167.00 per person. Gratuities of \$16 per person per day, (or \$17.50 for suites) can either be prepaid or paid at the end of cruise.

Make a Reservation

To book your reservation, call Tracie Smith at Holland America Cruise Lines. Tell Tracie you are with the "Orange Glen High School Reunion Cruise", Group TN1.

Desk: (800) 355-3017 Select option 2 and when prompted enter extension 29223 followed by "#"

Email: TrSmith@hollandamerica.com

Office hours:

Monday - Friday 6:00 AM – 3:00 PM PDT, or by appointment.

Payment Plans

A deposit may be due at the time of booking. If you have cruised with Holland America before, you may be entitled to additional savings or cruise credits.

You are also entitled to the benefits of the Holland America loyalty program. If you do not already have one, our personal cruise planner, Tracie Smith, will offer you a "Mariner I.D." and membership in the program.

Final payment is due December 31, 2023.

Guests can join the voyage up until 3 days prior to departure, however from December 31st onward, anyone joining would need to make full payment instead of a deposit followed by final payment.

Cancellations and Refunds

There is no cancellation fee and you are entitled to a full refund prior to December 31, 2023.

After December 31, a cancellation fee schedule begins. You can add a cancellation protection plan at any time prior to making your final payment.

There are two cancellation protection plans available. The Standard Plan allows trip cancellation for any reason up to the day before departure, with an 80 percent refund. Standard plans start at \$79 per person. The Platinum Plan allows trip cancellation for any reason up to the day before departure, with a 90 percent refund. Platinum plans start at \$99 per person.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Following are answers to frequently asked questions about Holland America and cruising in general. Additional information is available at https://www.hollandamerica.com/en_US/faq/know-before-you-go.html.

What do I have to do before the cruise?

Guests are required to provide Holland America Cruise Lines with check-in information by completing their Online Check-in and selecting their Arrival Appointment, within 90 days of the departure and no later than midnight (eastern time) prior to the sailing date. Holland America recommends using a desktop computer should you encounter connectivity issues with your mobile device while completing Online Check-in.

For more information, log in to Holland America's web site (<https://www.hollandamerica.com>) and enter your booking ID then follow the links to check in.

Are Single Cabins Available?

Yes, single occupancy cabins are available at a significantly higher cost. Please contact our personal cruise consultant, Tracie Smith, for details (see *Make a Reservation*, above). Cabins are designed to accommodate two persons and some may accommodate three or four. The supplement for a third or fourth guest is \$349 plus \$155 taxes and port fees, regardless of cabin class. Prices are subject to change without notice.

If you are looking for a cabin mate, contact Cindy Larson (858) 583-2199, finchlover@hotmail.com. She may be able to match you up with a fellow classmate.

What about COVID-19?

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is no longer required to cruise with Holland America. For more information, see [COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#) on the Holland America website.

What are my travel options for getting to the Cruise Terminal at the Port of San Diego?

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What government documents are required for travel to Mexico?

A valid U.S. passport, U.S. passport card, OR a valid driver license together with a copy of your original birth certificate or certified copy is required for entry into Mexico and re-entry into the United States. For more information, visit the Holland America Cruise Lines web site or discuss with our personal cruise consultant Tracie Smith (see *Make a Reservation*, above)

Is Holland America offering any special perks to our group?

Yes! As a group we receive amenity points, which can be converted to a special event shared by everyone in our group. We will offer more information as our cruise date approaches. Stay tuned!

How should I plan for shore excursions?

There are many things to see and do at our three ports of call, Santa Barbara, Monterey and Ensenada. The Have It All cruise package includes a \$100 per person shore excursion credit when booked through Holland America Cruise Lines (https://www.hollandamerica.com/en_US/shore-excursions.html). Alternatively, you can explore on your own or with your classmates, or book guided tours or activities through third party companies such as Shore Excursions Group (<https://www.shoreexcursionsgroup.com/>) or activity brokers such as Viator (<https://www.viator.com/>) or directly with the activity provider.

Wait. The itinerary changed. Why are we no longer stopping at Monterey?

Because Monterey city officials are a bunch of weenies. Although the city cannot legally prohibit cruise ships from visiting, it has imposed such onerous regulations and procedures that most cruise lines have decided they can no longer live with them. A change to the itinerary was announced in late summer and San Francisco has replaced Monterey as a port of call.

Can I bring my own beverages on board?

Bringing alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages on board is restricted. Please see the Holland America FAQ for details: https://www.hollandamerica.com/en_US/faq/know-before-you-go.html.

Are beverage packages available on board?

Holland America offers all-inclusive beverage programs that allows guests to enjoy a wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages by paying a package rate. For more information, visit the Holland America web site (https://www.hollandamerica.com/en_US/onboard-packages/beverage-packages.html) Drink specials (think "buckets of beer" and "signature cocktails") are also available on board.

THINGS TO DO ON THE HOLLAND AMERICA KONINGSDAM

If complete bliss is the destination, Koningsdam is the journey.

Fluid lines, light-filled spaces, and a blend of 21st-century elegance and nautical tradition dazzle at every turn. The ship abounds with innovative dining and entertainment options. Head to B.B. King's Blues Club for Memphis R&B, take in visually stunning entertainment at World Stage, revisit classic hits at Billboard Onboard, and head to the Rolling Stone Lounge for the best in rock music. There's so much to see and do on Koningsdam, the first of the cruise ships in our Pinnacle Class.

All of the above, and everything else there is to love about a Holland America cruise — from food to pools to comfy rooms — live on this ship, one where you can't help but find that creative spirit behind all the fun around you.

Fast Facts

2650 GUESTS

975 ft. LENGTH

114.8 ft. WIDTH

Activities & Entertainment

- Challenge a classmate to a game of pickle ball
- Relax, sunbathe and catch up on your reading at the Lido Pool
- Hang loose by the pool with a bucket of Coronas
- Work out in the gym and then pamper yourself in the Greenhouse Spa & Salon
- Take in a show at the World Stage, Lincoln Center, or B.B. King's Blues Club
- Try your luck at the Casino
- Be daring and sing along at the Billboard Lounge
- Dance the night away at the Rolling Stone Lounge

Links

Holland America Koningsdam: https://www.hollandamerica.com/en_US/find-a-cruise/L4O06A/K420.html

Deck Plan: https://www.hollandamerica.com/en_US/cruise-ships/koningsdam/2.html

THINGS TO DO IN SANTA BARBARA



Located on a pristine stretch of California's central coastline, Santa Barbara brings together the Golden State's Spanish influence, laid-back vibe, and upscale sensibility in a way few places can. Here are some ideas to help you make the most of your visit to The American Riviera.

Activities

- Relax along the beach.
- Go shopping on State Street
- Gaze at watercolors at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art
- Get in touch with nature at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
- Enjoy a picnic at the Santa Barbara Zoo
- Take in the marine life on a whale watching cruise
- Tour a winery in the Santa Ynez Valley
- Take an electric bike tour along the coastal Cabrillo Bike Path
- Rent a surrey or bike at Wheel Fun Rentals at East Beach to explore the waterfront and harbor.
- Tour the MOXI, a next-generation science museum filled with interactive exhibits
- Tour the Santa Barbara Historical Museum
- Experience a touch of old Denmark by visiting nearby Solvang
- And many more...

Links

- Holland America Shore Excursions (<https://www.hollandamerica.com/en/us/shore-excursions>)
- First Timer's Guide to S.B. (<https://santabarbaraca.com/itinerary/first-timers-guide-santa-barbara/>)
- Santa Barbara Visitors Guide (<https://www.santabarbara.com/>)
- 19 Best Things to Do in Santa Barbara (https://travel.usnews.com/Santa_Barbara_CA/Things_To_Do/)
- Lonely Planet Activity Recommendations (<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/usa/california/santa-barbara>)
- TripAdvisor Recommendations (https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g33045-Activities-Santa_Barbara_California.html)
- Google Map ([LINK](#))

THINGS TO DO IN SAN FRANCISCO



Scenic, friendly, and easily walkable, San Francisco is one of the most-visited cities in the world for its mix of culture, history, and modern technology. Add to that mild year-round temperatures, authentic restaurants from a variety of ethnicities, natural and man-made wonders, and a sense of unpredictability — because you never know what’s around the next block — and it’s easy to see why this bayside city is one of the globe’s most-beloved places to explore.

Activities

- Get to know Fisherman’s Wharf
- Walk through Golden Gate Park
- Ride the cable cars
- Explore Alcatraz Island
- Check out Chinatown
- Tour the Muir Woods National Monument
- And many more...

Links

- Holland America Shore Excursions (<https://www.hollandamerica.com/en/us/shore-excursions>)
- San Francisco Visitors Guide (<https://www.sftravel.com/>)
- Forbes Guide (<https://www.forbestravelguide.com/destinations/san-francisco-california/travel-guide>)
- TripAdvisor Recommendations (https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60713-Activities-San_Francisco_California.html)
- Google Map ([LINK](#))

THINGS TO DO IN ENSENADA, MEXICO



Ensenada, 67 miles south of the border, is hedonistic Tijuana's cosmopolitan sister. The city has a quirky mix of just-off-the-boat cruise shippers, drive-by tourists from California, visitors from mainland Mexico and seen-it-all locals. In case you've forgotten you're in Mexico (what with all those US dollars and English menus), just look up: a Mexican flag, so large it's probably visible from space, flutters proudly over the malecón (waterfront promenade). Wander Primera Street (Calle Primera) and you'll find almost anything ranging from delicious French food to tasteless T-shirts.

Activities

- Cruise the shops on Primera Street ([LINK](#))
- Make a pilgrimage to Husong's Cantina and raise a toast to memories of wild nights long ago ([LINK](#))
- Do the Guadalupe Valley Wine Route Tour ([LINK](#))
- Go Horseback Riding ([LINK](#))
- Enjoy a couples massage at Ensenada Massage (see details below)
- Visit La Bufadora ([LINK](#))
- Savor a Cuban cigar at Habano's Cigar Lounge ([LINK](#))
- Sample premium tequila at the Tequila Room at 485 Calle Primera ([LINK](#))
- Visit Santo Tomas Bodega for wine tasting, lunch and a collection of cool shops ([LINK](#))
- And many more...

Links

- Lonely Planet Activity Recommendations ([LINK](#))
- Ensenada Travel Safety Update ([LINK](#))
- Jesse Atkinson's Activity Recommendations ([LINK](#))
- TripAdvisor Activity Recommendations ([LINK](#))
- Map of Ensenada ([LINK](#)) and Google Map ([LINK](#))

Ensenada Massage

Owned and managed by American ex-pat Jesse Atkinson, Ensenada Massage offers a great value. Private pick up/drop off a 5-minute walk from cruise ship dock. Great facilities and staff, prices starting at \$99 a couple compared to about \$210 a couple on the ship spa. Special pricing for groups of four. Fit a massage in before or after your other tours. Highly rated on [TripAdvisor](#) and [Yelp](#). Check out the couples massage and cruise packages on the web site ([LINK](#)) and ask about horseback riding/massage combo packages and craft beer/wine upgrade with the VIP ship pick up.

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You may also want to check out Massage & Facial Care, Didi's Spa & Boutique, or Spa Vida Salud y Belleza ([LINK](#))