

**Information about the Panama Canal Fun”Raiser Cruise  
Aboard Holland America’s Zuiderdam (a 5 Star Ship) ~ 3/3/2010 – 3/13/2010  
to benefit  
NC P.E.O. Chapter CD**



Year Built      2002  
 Refurbished    2008  
 Length          951 feet  
 Passengers     1918  
 Crew             800

<u>Itinerary</u>	
Date	Port
Wed - 3/3	Ft. Lauderdale
Thurs - 3/4	Half Moon Cay
Fri - 3/5	At Sea
Sat - 3/6	Oranjestad, Aruba
Sun - 3/7	Willemstad (Curacao) Antilles
Mon - 3/8	At Sea
Tues - 3/9	Panama Canal (Cristobal)
Tues - 3/9	Gatun Lake
Tues - 3/9	Cristobal, Panama
Wed - 3/10	Puerto Limon, Costa Rica
Thurs - 3/11	At Sea
Fri - 3/12	At Sea
Sat - 3/13	Fort Lauderdale

**Price Comparisons** – between Holland America’s website prices as of 8/19/09 and our group prices. **All prices include the cruise, port charges, and govt. fees. Our prices are guaranteed until October 30, 2009.**

Cabin Type	Category	HA Website Price	Our Group Price	Savings/Person	Savings/Cabin
Inside	K	\$1403.23	\$1393.23	\$10.00	\$22.00
Oceanview	D	\$1623.23	\$1583.23	\$40.00	\$80.00
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Balcony	VD	\$1903.23	\$1793.23	\$110.00	\$220.00
Balcony	VC	\$1983.23	\$1873.23	\$110.00	\$220.00
Balcony	VB	\$2063.23	\$1953.23	\$110.00	\$220.00
Balcony	VA	\$2143.23	\$2033.23	\$110.00	\$220.00

In addition to the savings shown above, you will also receive \$75.00 per cabin onboard credit; a complimentary lunch at the Pinnacle Grill, Zuiderdam’s alternative, for fee restaurant; & a one hour private cocktail party with open bar & hot hors d’oeuvres for our group.

To book this cruise to benefit North Carolina P.E.O. Chapter CD or for more information, call Ellen at Cruise World, 800-228-1153, and tell her you are with the P.E.O. Group.

- Since there are a limited number of staterooms in each category, book ASAP to be sure to get the category and stateroom you want.
- A \$300/per person deposit is required within 5 days of booking.
- Final payment is due by December 8, 2009.
- A passport is required.
- Holland America has the right to reinstate the fuel surcharge.
- You may obtain a full refund of your deposit up until your final payment is made. **(Excludes travel insurance.)** Travel insurance is strongly advised. You may purchase it through Cruise World or go to [www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com) for a comparison of features and prices of many travel insurance companies. To cover pre-existing conditions, you must purchase the insurance usually within 7-14 days of your initial deposit for the cruise.

## Port Descriptions

### Fort Lauderdale

Beautiful beaches, sunshine, coastline, nightclubs, and superb restaurants await you in this Gold Coast enclave. Visit the newly redesigned Ft. Lauderdale Beach and cafes, stroll the historic Riverwalk, shop the luxurious stores on Las Olas Boulevard or venture to the Everglades for an intriguing air boat excursion.

### Half Moon Cay, Bahamas

Holland America Line's pristine private island offers everything you need for a day of play in paradise: a two-mile crescent of perfect beach; an interior lagoon; private beachside cabanas with butler service, showers and misters; and all manner of watersports, including a personal watercraft course. The Bahamian National trust has designated part of Half Moon Cay a wild bird preserve, creating a plentiful habitat for a variety of land and sea birds. A variety of water "toys" are available for rent, including catamarans, sailboats, windsurfing sailboards and kayaks. *Sample shore excursions: Horseback Riding by Land and Sea; Deep-sea or Flats Fishing; Stingray Adventure; AquaTrax Watercraft Adventure.*

### Aruba

Aruba is an island of contrasting terrain, from its white-sand shoreline to its cactus-dotted interior. The charming Dutch island is known for its breathtaking snorkeling, magnificent beaches, lush gardens, and duty-free shopping. Diving excursions include the wreck of a World War II German freighter. If you want to stay dry, try out the new sport of sand surfing. Colorful floating markets, wondrous coral reefs and landscapes dotted with curiously bent divi-divi trees await on this, the "A" of the Netherlands Antilles' famous ABC islands. (Bonaire and Curacao round out the trio.) *Sample shore excursions: Natural Wonders of Aruba; Spanish Lagoon Kayak Adventure' Jolly Pirates Sail, Snorkel, Swim & Swing.*

### Curacao, Netherlands Antilles

The simplicity of this colorful island makes it one of the most delightful ports of the Caribbean. City and island tours are available, highlighting the island's liqueur distillery. Travelers exploring on their own will want to view the Queen Emma Floating Bridge and visit the floating market where brightly painted schooners are laden with exotic fruits and vegetables. The island's crystalline waters are also home to the Caribbean's largest protected underwater park, with intriguing coral reefs teeming with parrotfish and queen angelfish. *Sample shore excursions: Curaçao Dolphin Encounter; Curaçao See & Sea Tour; Highlights of Curaçao with Folkloric Show; Canoe Safari; Willemstad Trolley Train.*

### Panama Canal (Partial Transit)

The Panama Canal is both an engineering masterpiece and a natural wonder. Connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, the passageway crosses the largest, man-made lake in the world, Gatun Lake, and the amazing Gaillard Cut, blasted out of solid mountainside. What a thrill to feel your enormous ship being gently raised and lowered as it passes through the great locks -- sometimes with just inches to spare on either side.

### Gatun Lake

Gatun Lake is key to supplying the water necessary to operate the locks system. Formed by an earthen dam across the Chagres River to keep the water 85 feet above sea level, the water runs downhill to fill the locks. No pumps, only the force of gravity! Fact: It will take about 52 million gallons of water to float Zuiderdam through the locks. *Sample shore excursions: Gatun Locks & Kayak in the Canal; Panama Railway.*

### Cristobal, Panama

Serving as the Atlantic entrance to the Panama Canal, Cristobal is one of the country's most important ports. Nearby is the international trade city of Colon, most notable for the Colon Free Zone, an import/export hub and a good place to shop. Tour magnificent colonial Spanish forts and pirate markets. Visit a rainforest full with exotic wildlife. Learn about the interesting culture of the Embera Indians, or explore the engineering behind the massive locks. *Sample shore excursions: Portobelo Market Town & the Panama Canal; The Canal Experience.*

### Puerto Limon, Costa Rica

The lush, peaceful countryside of Puerto Limon has long been a well-kept secret among biologists and beachcombers. More than 27% of Costa Rica's amazing terrain is designated as national parks or wildlife refuge. Home to thousands of exotic species of flora and fauna, this special land has spectacular beaches, jungle rivers perfect for kayaking, and wonderful historic ruins. Go in search of the morpho butterflies or wise old shamans. Explore the capital city of San Jose. *Sample shore excursions: Sloth Sanctuary & Canoe Adventure; The Tortuguero Canals; San José Town & Country; Nature Walk at the Shaman's Land; The Old Banana Route Jungle Train.*