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Antarctic & South America Cruise

On board Holland America - Zaandam

33 Days / 32 Nights

Tour Departs: Monday 28 January - Friday 1 March 2019

Outside Cabin: \$16,988.00 per person Twin Share

Inside Cabin: \$15,808.00 per person Twin Share

Single Supplement - \$4799.00

Price includes Cruise Port charges and taxes and prepaid cruise gratuities.

*****Optional Shore Excursions on Cruise are available and are additional costs.**

Please note all pricing is subject to 2019 rate increases & currency fluctuations and adjustments due to availability!



The Itinerary

Day 1. Mon 28 Jan 2019: Launceston - Melbourne - Santiago

Flight Meals

Today we depart Launceston for our domestic flight to Melbourne. Upon arrival into Melbourne we transfer to the international terminal for our flight to Santiago.

Depart Launceston 1400

Arrive Melbourne 1515

Depart Melbourne 2010

Arrive Santiago 1910

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Upon arrival in Santiago we are transferred to our hotel for check-in.

Overnight Santiago: Mecure Santiago

Day 2. Tue 29 Jan 2019: Santiago

B D

This morning we enjoy breakfast before our half day highlights tour of Santiago. Must-see monuments include: La Moneda Palace, San Francisco Museum, Plaza de Armas, Cerro Santa Lucia, San Cristobal Hill, Bellavista neighborhood, Sanhattan financial center and Costanera Center. Tonight we gather for dinner.

Overnight Santiago: Mecure Santiago

Day 3. Wed 30 Jan 2019: Valparaiso (Santiago), Chile - Board Cruise

B D

After breakfast, we are transferred to the cruise terminal for our 22 night Antarctic and South America Cruise on board the MS Zaandam with Holland America Cruises. The cruise departs from Santiago at 5.00pm.

Overnight: MS Zaandam

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<p>Day 4. Thur 31 Jan 2019: Cruising At Sea Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 5. Fri 1 Feb 2019: Puerto Montt, Chile - Tendered Zaandam arrives into Puerto Montt at 8.00am. Departs Puerto Montt at 5.00pm. Shore excursions available at this port of call, details to be provided when available. Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 6. Sat 2 Feb 2019: Castro, Isla Chiloe, Chile - Tendered Zaandam arrives into Castro at 8.00am. Departs Castro at 5.00pm. Shore excursions available at this port of call, details to be provided when available. Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 7. Sun 3 Feb 2019: Puerto Chacabuco, Chile - Tendered Zaandam arrives into Puerto Chacabuco at 8.00am. Departs Puerto Chacabuco at 5.00pm. Shore excursions available at this port of call, details to be provided when available. Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 8. Mon 4 Feb 2019: Chilean Fjords Today we enjoy scenic cruising through the Chilean Fjords. Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 9. Tue 5 Feb 2019: Amalia or Brujo Gla - Canal Sarmiento Today we enjoy scenic cruising through Amalia or Brujo Gla and the Canal Sarmiento. Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 10. Wed 6 Feb 2019: Strait of Magellan - Punta Arenas - Cockburn Channel - Beagle Channel Zaandam arrives into Punta Arenas at 6.00am. Departs Punta Arenas at 6.00pm. Shore excursions available at this port of call, details to be provided when available. We enjoy scenic cruising through Cockburn Channel & Beagle Channel. Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 11. Thur 7 Feb 2019: Glacier Alley - Ushuaia, Argentina This morning we enjoy scenic cruising through Glacier Alley. Zaandam arrives into Ushuaia at 12.00pm. Departs Ushuaia at 8.00pm. Shore excursions available at this port of call, details to be provided when available. Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 12. Fri 8 Feb 2019: Cape Horn and Drake Passage We enjoy scenic cruising through Cape Horn and Drake Passage Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 13. Sat 9 Feb 2019: Cruising At Sea Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 14. Sun 10 Feb 2019: Antarctic Experience Antarctic Experience: Arrive at 8.00am. Depart at 6.00pm. Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 15. Mon 11 Feb 2019: Antarctic Experience Antarctic Experience: Arrive at 8.00am. Depart at 6.00pm. Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 16. Tue 12 Feb 2019: Antarctic Experience Antarctic Experience: Arrive at 8.00am. Depart at 6.00pm. Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 17. Wed 13 Feb 2019: Antarctic Experience Antarctic Experience: Arrive at 8.00am. Depart at 6.00pm. Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D
<p>Day 18. Thur 14 Feb 2018: Cruising At Sea Overnight: MS Zaandam</p>	B,L,D

Day 19. Fri 15 Feb 2019: Stanley, Falkland Island (Islas Malvinas) - Tendered**B,L,D**

Zaandam arrives at 8.00am - Tendered. Departs at 4.00pm.

Shore excursions available at this port of call, details to be provided when available.

Overnight: MS Zaandam**Day 20. Sat 16 Feb 2019: Cruising****B,L,D**

At Sea

Overnight: MS Zaandam**Day 21. Sun 17 Feb 2019: Puerto Madryn, Argentina****B,L,D**

Zaandam arrives into Puerto Madryn at 8.00am. Departs Puerto Madryn at 4.00pm.

Shore excursions available at this port of call, details to be provided when available.

Overnight: MS Zaandam**Day 22. Mon 18 Feb 2019: Cruising****B,L,D**

At Sea

Overnight: MS Zaandam**Day 23. Tue 19 Feb 2019: Montevideo, Uruguay****B,L,D**

Zaandam arrives into Montevideo at 9.00am. Departs Montevideo at 6.00pm.

Shore excursions available at this port of call, details to be provided when available.

Overnight: MS Zaandam**Day 24. Wed 20 Feb 2019: Buenos Aires, Argentina****B,L,D**

Zaandam arrives into Buenos Aires at 8.00am. Overnight in Buenos Aires.

Overnight: MS Zaandam**Day 25. Thur 21 Feb 2019: Buenos Aires, Argentina****B D**

We arrive into Buenos Aires at 6.00am. We disembark from our cruise and are transferred to our hotel for check-in. Today is ours to enjoy as we please, relax at the hotel or go out and explore at leisure.

Overnight Buenos Aires: Hotel TBA**Day 26. Fri 22 Feb 2019: Full Day Tour of Buenos Aires, Argentina****B,D**

This morning after breakfast, we are picked up from the hotel for a full day tour of all the highlights of vibrant Buenos Aires. We set out to San Isidro, with views of the beautiful Rio de la Plata along the way. Upon arrival in the prosperous town, our guide will give us a short tour including the **San Isidro cathedral** and the weekend homes of many of Buenos Aires' elite families. We then board a catamaran at **Tigre** and cruise through the Tigre River Delta for 40 minutes to see how life works here. We pass homes on stilts and get a chance to buy something from the supermarket boat. Our last stop is at the home and museum of former president Sarmiento, before returning to our coach and to Buenos Aires proper. This afternoon we head to **Retiro**, one of the city's most popular neighbourhoods, passing by many of Buenos Aires' famous landmarks, with historical and cultural commentary from our guide. We make a stop at **Casa Rosada**, the Argentine presidential office in **Plaza de Mayo**, which makes a great photo opportunity with its rosy pink colour. Next, we visit the **Plaza de la República and the Obelisco de Buenos Aires** (Obelisk of Buenos Aires.) On the way to **Teatro Colón**, the city's famous opera house, we pass the Metropolitan Cathedral and the town hall, or Cabildo. We head to San Telmo, passing through Puerto Madero, one of Buenos Aires' oldest neighbourhoods right on the water. Colonial architecture abounds in San Telmo, especially around Dorrego Square, which is a hot spot for amateur tango performances. La Boca, a historically Italian neighbourhood, features brightly-painted buildings with Italian architectural influence on its main thoroughfare. We have some time to check out some local art for sale on the pedestrian streets. We then board the coach again and pass through the sprawling Palermo neighbourhood and Palermo Woods, the city's largest green space. Our tour ends in **Recoleta**, where the fascinating Recoleta Cemetery is. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure for us to rest or explore the city before the evening's tango show. Tonight we enjoy Argentina's historic national pastime while we dine on delicious Argentinian and international cuisine at a local venue.

Overnight Buenos Aires: Hotel TBA**Day 27. Sat 23 Feb 2019: Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls, Argentina****B D**

After breakfast, we are transferred to the airport for our flight across to Iguazu Falls. Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel for check-in. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure before dinner.

Depart Buenos Aires 1120**Arrive Iguazu Falls 1310**

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Overnight Iguazu Falls: Hotel TBA

Day 28. Sun 24 Feb 2019: Full Day Tour of Iguazu Falls, Argentina

B D

Today we experience a full day tour of both the Brazilian and Argentinian sides of Iguazu Falls. Each country has a separate National Park - **Iguaçu National Park in Brazil and Iguazú National Park in Argentina** - that boasts hiking trails, attractions, and viewpoints of falls like Devil's Throat, Bossetti and San Martin. This morning we will be picked up from our hotel and be taken to **Iguazú National Park** (Argentina Side) first. We can choose to explore **Devil's Throat, the Lower Circuit or the Upper Circuit**. The largest amount of water from the Iguazú River cascades over Devil's Throat at a rate of 3,434,000 million gallons (1.5 million litres) per second. A view this breathtaking display of nature's power is visible from a catwalk built near the top of the 350-foot (107-metre) waterfall. A 0.8-mile (1.3-km) trail comprises the Lower Circuit, a loop that takes visitors up close to some of the smaller waterfalls in the park. Restrooms and places to stop for snacks are available on this trail, which boasts wonderful views of Bossetti falls that make for great photographs. Access the very top of the falls via the Upper Circuit. Take this trail, which is also wheelchair accessible, to enjoy panoramic views of **San Martin Island** and some parts of the Brazilian side of the falls. After seeing all the sights on the Argentinian side of the falls, we cross the border into Brazil to **Iguaçu National Park**. This side undeniably has the best views of the mighty Devil's Throat, where we'll see over a dozen waterfalls drop 350 feet (107 metres). The famous permanent rainbow is projected upon the enormous mist cloud produced by the force of so much water falling onto the rocks below. We can choose to walk through the tropical forest to the bottom of **Salto Floriano**, take the elevator to view the falls from the top, or trek out to see the **Salto Union falls**. We are then transferred back to our hotel to freshen up before dinner after a wonderful day of sightseeing.

Overnight Iguazu Falls: Hotel TBA

Day 29. Mon 25 Feb 2019: Iguazu Falls - Rio

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This morning is at leisure before we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Rio via Buenos Aires.

Depart Iguazu Falls 1350

Arrive Buenos Aires 1545

Depart Buenos Aires 1655

Arrive Rio 1950

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Upon arrival in Rio, we are transferred to our hotel for check-in.

Overnight Rio: Hotel TBA

Day 30. Tue 26 Feb 2019: Full Day Tour of Rio

B D

This morning, we take in a panoramic sightseeing tour of Rio. Our first visit is to the to the **Metropolitan Cathedral**, well-known for its unlikely pyramid shape, and the famous **Sambodromo**, which hosts the festivities for the yearly Carnival and is the major exhibition hall for Rio's samba schools. We visit **Cinelandia Square**, home to historic cultural buildings like the National Museum of Fine Arts, the National Library and the Municipal Theatre. Then travel through Urca, the neighbourhood where Sugar Loaf Mountain resides. We board the cable car for our ride up the mountain, making a stop for scenic photo opportunities and views over **Corcovado Mountain, the Rio-Niteroi Bridge and Guanabara Bay** along the way. At the top of **Sugar Loaf Mountain**, we pause to admire the expansive scenery, including the beaches of Niteroi, the Fortaleza Santa Cruz and the famous Copacabana. We enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before continuing on our tour. This afternoon we head for the **Cosme de Velho station**, where we'll board the cog train and ride through the **Tijuca Rainforest** to the top of **Corcovado Mountain**. At the top of the mountain, marvel at the iconic **Christ the Redeemer statue** and enjoy views out over Rio and its surroundings. At the end of our tour we are transferred back to our hotel for dinner.

Overnight Rio: Hotel TBA

Day 31. Wed 27 Feb 2019: Rio

B D

Today is at leisure to enjoy Rio. Early evening we gather at the hotel for our farewell dinner.

Overnight Rio: Hotel TBA

Day 32. Thur 28 Feb 2019: Rio to Santiago

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After breakfast, we are transferred to the airport for our departure flight home.

Depart Rio 1335

Arrive Santiago 1815

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Day 33. Fri 1 March 2018: Santiago - Australia

Flight Meals

We depart Santiago for our flight back to Sydney.

Depart Santiago 0025

Arrive Sydney 0915

We arrive into Sydney and transfer to the domestic airport for our flight back to Launceston after our wonderful Antarctic and South America highlights tour and cruise.

Depart Sydney 1430

Arrive Launceston 1615

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Tour Highlights:

Santiago Half Day Highlights Tour - La Moneda Palace, San Francisco Museum, Plaza de Armas, Cerro Santa Lucia, San Cristobal Hill, Bellavista neighborhood, Sanhattan Financial Center & Costanera Center; 22 Night Antarctic and South America Cruise - MS Zaandam; Full Day Highlights Tour Buenos Aires; Full Day Highlights Tour Iguazu Falls - Argentinian & Brazilian sides; Full Day Tour Rio - Sugar Loaf Mountain, Cog Train through lush Tijuca Rain Forest, Corcovado Mountain, Christ the Redeemer Statue & more.

Tour Price Includes:

- Return flights Launceston - Melbourne & Sydney - Launceston
- Return flights Melbourne - Santiago & Santiago - Sydney
- 22 Night cruise on board *MS Zaandam* with *Holland America Cruises*
- Cruise Port Charges and Taxes
- Prepaid Cruise Gratuities
- National Park Fees in Iguazu Falls
- Hotel accommodation as per itinerary
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Touring and attractions as per the itinerary

Tour Price Excludes:

- Visa required for Brazil - approx. \$220.00 pp (must be obtained before departure)
- Extra meals not listed as inclusions
- Optional touring
- Travel insurance
- Personal items

Payment Schedule:

Deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is required at time of booking.

Secondary payment of \$4,000.00 per person is due by 31 May, 2018

Final payment due by 31 October, 2018

***Please note:** Cabins will be allocated on a first in first serve basis, if certain cabins are sold out, the passenger will be required to consider next available option only and will be advised accordingly on this with pricing.*

Booking Details Required:

Full name of passenger – as per passport

Date of birth for passenger

Full home address details

Home phone contact details

Emergency contact person – Name, Address, Relationship, Home Number and Mobile

Dining preference – i.e. First Sitting @ 6pm or 2nd Sitting @ 8pm.

Table preference – i.e. Table of 4, 6 or 8.

Cancellation Schedule:

Deposit payment of \$1,300 per person is refundable up to 31 May, 2018.

Cancellation from 1 June 2018, will incur cancellation fee of \$2,000 per person.

Cancellation from 1 September 2018, will incur cancellation fee of \$4,000 per person.

Cancellation from 1 November, 2018 is non refundable.

Travel Insurance is strongly recommended.

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