



## Why Holland America is the Only Way to See the Real Alaska?



### You Have Been on a Cruise. You Have Not Been on This Kind of Cruise.

There is a particular kind of traveler Barbara Ballard-Garner meets regularly. They have been to Europe twice. They have done the Caribbean. They have taken a river cruise, maybe two. They are good travelers – experienced, curious, well-traveled. And they are starting to wonder if there is another level.

There is. And Holland America Line is often where that conversation leads.

This is not a line built for first-time cruisers looking for a floating resort. Holland America is built for people who have already decided that travel is one of the best investments they make in their lives – and who want a ship that treats them accordingly. Here is what that looks like in practice.



### The Alaska Advantage: More Glacier Bay Than Anyone Else

If Alaska is on your list – and for many of our clients, it is the one domestic destination that still feels like a genuine expedition – Holland America sails more itineraries to Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve than any other cruise line.

The Glacier Guarantee backs that up: if you do not see a glacier on your Alaska cruise or cruisetour, you receive a Future Cruise Credit equal to 15 percent of your cruise fare. That is not a marketing line. That is a commitment.

The McKinley Explorer adds a dimension that no other Alaska cruise offers: a domed luxury rail car that takes you through the Alaskan backcountry after your cruise ends, with signature dishes delivered to your seat as the wilderness scrolls past the windows. It is the kind of detail that people remember for the rest of their lives.



### The Culinary Council: What It Means to Eat Well at Sea

Holland America's Culinary Council is one of the most distinctive features on any ocean cruise line. A group of world-class chefs – including Michelin-starred names – has shaped the menus, venues, and culinary programming across the fleet.

In practice, this means the Pinnacle Grill produces steakhouse-quality meals on a ship in the middle of the Pacific. It means Tamarind brings pan-Asian cuisine to sea-level that rivals dedicated restaurants on land. It means the Port-to-Table program sources fresh ingredients in each destination – adapting menus to the region the ship is visiting.

The Global Fresh Fish Program goes further: more than 80 varieties of fresh fish sourced locally at each port, with native ingredients telling the culinary story of wherever the ship happens to be that day. For the traveler who pays attention to what they eat, this matters enormously.



### 500+ Itineraries, 100 Countries

Holland America sails to 473 ports in 100 countries across 14 destination regions. The range spans Alaska, the Caribbean, Europe, the Panama Canal, the Mexican Riviera, Australia and the South Pacific, the Mediterranean, Southeast Asia, Northern Europe, and South America.

BBC Earth Experiences are exclusive to Holland America – immersive onboard content tied to the destinations the ship is visiting, produced with the same production values as the BBC's natural history programming.

### What Barbara Can Offer You That You Cannot Find Elsewhere

When you book Holland America through 115TRAVEL, you are booking through a specialist who has relationships with the line's sales team, access to group pricing structures, and the kind of standing that results in cabin upgrades and shipboard credit that are not available on booking sites.

The 500+ itineraries can be overwhelming without guidance. Barbara's job is to listen to what you actually want from a cruise – whether that is the absolute best Alaska sailing, a European itinerary that spends more time ashore than at sea, or a specific cabin category that is worth the upgrade – and find the right match.

Ready to start, Schedule a meeting!

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