

The Senior newspaper and Travelrite International invite you
to join us aboard **MS Rotterdam** for the

Iceland

Norway, Shetland Islands and Scotland

FULLY ESCORTED CRUISE

26 July to 13 August 2023

Amsterdam; Netherlands, Bergen & Molde; Norway,
Akureyri, Isafjordur Reykjavik; Iceland,
Lerwick; Shetland Islands, Inverness & Edinburgh; Scotland

Includes
over **\$2000**
per person value
in sightseeing
tours, entrances,
transfers and
gratuities.

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Itinerary

Day 1 Wednesday 26 July, 2023

Depart Australia

Today we board our overnight flight to Amsterdam.

Day 2 Thursday 27 July, 2023 **Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

This morning we arrive at Amsterdam airport. After clearing Customs, we will be met by our private coach and transferred to Amsterdam for our sightseeing tour where we will enjoy a city canal cruise with fantastic views of the 17th-century buildings lining the canals. We will then transfer to our hotel.

Day 3 Friday 28 July, 2023

Amsterdam

A free day in Amsterdam. You may want to visit the wonderful Van Gogh museum or the famous Rijksmuseum.

Day 4 Saturday 29 July, 2023

Embarkation

We will have free time this morning for last-minute sightseeing and shopping. Early afternoon we transfer to the port to board MS Rotterdam for our voyage to Iceland, Norway, the Shetland Islands and Scotland.

Day 5 Sunday 30 July, 2023

At sea

The morning will be free to explore the wonderful facilities of the ship. This evening join us for welcome drinks to celebrate the beginning of our fabulous cruise.

Day 6 Monday 31 July, 2023

Bergen, Norway

Today we arrive in Bergen, a city surrounded by mountains and known as "The City of Seven Mountains". We have a guided tour of the picturesque Hanseatic Quarter and walk through the alleyways and colourful, picturesque warehouses lining the street and waterfront of Bergen. These once housed German merchants belonging to the Hanseatic League who settled in Bergen around 1350. We will also ride the funicular from the city centre up to the top of Mount Floyen providing us with magnificent views of the surrounding islands from 320 metres above sea level.

Day 7 Tuesday 1 August, 2023

Molde, Norway

Molde, known as the Town of Roses, is a small village in north western Norway. All of the stunning beauty you associate with Norway is on display in here with white clapboard houses sitting alongside a sparkling fjord. On a clear day, more than 200 peaks are visible from this part of the Romsdal Peninsula. We will have a spectacular drive along the Atlantic Ocean Road, one of Norway's most beautiful coastal drives, which crosses spectacular bridges and a number of islands. Around every bend, there are magnificent views of mountain peaks, the Atlantic and the fjords that notch Norway's coast.



Day 8 Wednesday 2 August, 2023

At sea

The morning will be free to explore the wonderful facilities of the ship. This afternoon join us for a fun group game of bingo, with prizes for the winners.

Day 9 Thursday 3 August, 2023

Akureyri, Iceland

This morning we arrive in Akureyri, the unofficial capital of northern Iceland. On our tour today we will visit one of Iceland's most famous turf houses at Laufás. This 19th-century turf farmhouse was built in the traditional Icelandic style of stone and turf, and it is now one of the last turf farms in the country. It is an interesting regional museum and has the original implements and equipment so essential to life in past centuries, and a beautiful country church (1865). Returning to Akureyri, we will notice the many contrasts in the town's interesting and varied architecture. We visit the Akureyri Botanical gardens which specialise in Arctic plants before spending some time in the centre of the town.

Day 10 Friday 4 August, 2023

Isafjordur, Iceland

After arriving in Isafjordur, our tour heads through the centre of town with a stop at the Ósvör 19th-century fisherman's hut, restored in 1988. We drive through Bolungarvík village and back to Isafjordur with views of the magnificent mountains and Westfjord – a beautiful but sometimes harsh landscape. We will also see Buná Tunguá River and the waterfall in Tunguskogur, and sip fresh mountain water that flows down the stream. We will also experience the awesome beauty of the fjords on the north western coast of Iceland. Mountains rising from the sea with breath-taking scenery make this a memorable day. Make sure you have your camera ready!

MS Rotterdam

Rotterdam is Holland America Line's newest cruise ship, hitting all the right notes: exquisite dining, innovative entertainment, superbly appointed staterooms and suites, the finest service and craftsmanship that reflects nearly 150 years of expertise. Music is front and center on Rotterdam and the result is a ship that moves – not only through water, but through the hearts of guests. With world-class dining and the best live music at sea, this new cruise ship creates the soundtrack to the discoveries you'll make each day.





Day 11 Saturday 5 August, 2023

Reykjavik, Iceland

This morning we arrive at Reykjavik, the capital and largest city of Iceland, and the gateway to Iceland's stunning natural wonders, which range from ice fields to boiling thermal pools. After docking we will board our coach for a tour of the Golden Circle visiting the world-famous high-temperature Geysir geothermal area with spouting springs of various formations. This is where the name Geyser originated. We see the nearby spectacular Gullfoss waterfall (Golden Falls), where you can watch enormous quantities of water tumble violently into a deep, meandering gorge. We also see the site of Iceland's ancient parliament and the place where you can see the American and Eurasian tectonic plates pulling apart at the rate of a few centimetres per year.

Day 12 Sunday 6 August, 2023

Reykjavik, Iceland

We continue our sightseeing tour of Reykjavik with an overview tour of the city including the presidential residence at Bessastaðir, Hofdi House and the Perlan building. We will visit the town of Hafnarfjörður and see Hallgrímskirkja, Reykjavik's iconic cathedral. There will be time for lunch and a stroll through the Old Town, home to the Icelandic parliament and the Town Hall, before a visit to the famous blue lagoon.

Day 13 Monday 7 August, 2023

At sea

The morning will be free to explore the wonderful facilities of the ship. This afternoon join us for a fun group game of trivial pursuit, with prizes for the winners.



Day 14 Tuesday 8 August, 2023

Lerwick, Shetland Islands

This morning we arrive in Lerwick, the only town in Shetland and we begin our tour with a brief panoramic orientation drive of this tiny capital dating from the 1600s. From there, we'll head to the Central and West Mainland visiting Scalloway, the former Shetland capital. Here we will visit Scalloway Castle built in 1600 by the tyrant Earl Patrick Stewart, using forced labour. We will also visit the Scalloway Museum, which houses a special Shetland Bus exhibit, depicting the village's nique role in World War II when German occupation of Norway resulted in a stream of refugees heading to Shetland. We continue through the Tingwall Valley with its Norse heritage and we will stop and see the famous Shetland ponies.

Day 15 Wednesday 9 August, 2023

Inverness, Scotland

Today we arrive at Inverness, near the famous Loch Ness. It is the largest Scottish loch by volume, indeed experts say that it contains more freshwater than all the lakes of England and Wales combined! On our tour today we first visit the Loch Ness Exhibition Centre in the pleasant village of Drumnadrochit. Next we make the short journey into bonnie Glen Urquhart, famous for its native woodlands and wide variety of wildlife that they support. Urquhart Castle is a magnificent castle that dates from the 14th century and was one of a chain of garrisons that controlled the Great Glen.



Day 16 Thursday 10 August, 2023

Edinburgh, Scotland

Today we visit Edinburgh, the royal and ancient capital of Scotland and one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. On our sightseeing tour we see the ancient Royal Mile with its cobbled streets forms the backbone of the medieval Old Town which leads from the Palace of Holyroodhouse (HM The Queen's official residence in Scotland) all the way to Edinburgh Castle. We will enjoy a guided tour of the castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels and the historic Stone of Destiny. Enjoy the view from the castle that is just simply stunning.

Day 17 Friday 11 August, 2023

At sea

Today we will continue to enjoy the facilities and activities available on the ship. This afternoon join us for a fun group game of Scattergories, with prizes for the winners.

Day 18 Saturday 12 August, 2023

Departure

Early this morning we arrive back in Amsterdam. After breakfast and clearing customs we are transferred to Amsterdam Airport for our flights back to Australia.

Day 19 Sunday 13 August, 2023

Arrive Australia

Tour members arrive back in Australia. The tour concludes.

Clothing on board

You will need the following types of clothing on board: casual shipboard attire or day wear, and evening wear. Casual nights on board may be sports shirt and slacks and equivalent for ladies. During the evening on formal nights a dinner suit or dark suit for gentlemen and eveningwear for ladies is recommended. There is usually two formal nights on the cruise. The self-service restaurants are casual.

Don't worry about coming alone

About a third of people on the cruise travel alone. We will match people in twin-share cabins when available, saving you the single supplement. You won't be left alone; the Travelrite tour manager will be looking after you. There will be group activities almost every day



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Included in the Iceland, Norway, Shetland Islands and Scotland Cruise:

- Economy-class return air travel from Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane/Perth to Amsterdam. *Please speak to our consultants for departures from other cities.*
- 15 days/14 nights on the luxurious MS Rotterdam in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on MS Rotterdam
- 2 nights' in 4-star, centrally located accommodation in Amsterdam including breakfasts
- Sightseeing tours in Amsterdam, Bergen, Molde, Akureyri, Isafjordur, Reykjavik, Shetland Islands, Inverness and Edinburgh
- Private onboard activities including Scattergories, Trivial Pursuit and Bingo
- Welcome Drinks
- Tour management by Travelrite International
- Port and handling charges and cruise taxes
- Onboard gratuities and air taxes

Not included in the cruise price:

- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary; these will be quoted for separately
- Passport and visa fees
- Drinks on board
- Lunches and dinners when not on the ship



Extending: You can stay longer in Europe for minimal extra cost. **Please contact 1800 630 343 for more information.**

General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser MS Rotterdam is operated by Holland America Line Cruises and the MS Rotterdam fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Holland America Line 2023 brochure. All passengers must complete the Holland America Line online check in and complete a Travelrite International booking form.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A deposit of \$900 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The confirmation advice will contain all details. The passenger must also complete the Holland America Line on line check in. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the MS Rotterdam fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by credit card.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	loss of deposit
90 - 61 days	50% of full fare
60 days or less	100% of full fare
Non appearance/no written notice:	100% of full fare

REFUNDS: The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport. If not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: Passengers qualify for a 30kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers

have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ATAS No A1038) is the tour organiser. Travelrite International Pty Ltd, its agents, officers, affiliates, and/or suppliers of services pursuant to, or in connection with these fly/cruises, shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, including transportation by ship, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in fly/cruises, or by act of God. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery break-down, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. Baggage is at owners' risk throughout the fly/cruise. The passage contract between the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this fly/cruise and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any fly/ cruise and/or make such changes in the fly/cruises as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the fly/cruise. This contract shall be construed in accordance of the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be undertaken in the state of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of Holland America Line detailed on their website. If you do not have these details please contact Travelrite International and we will send them to you.

DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS: You engage Travelrite to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various providers of accommodation, transportation and other services that comprise the tour. Travelrite may without reference to you provide or make available to you, or may as your agent engage any third party to provide or make available to you, any good or service which Travelrite reasonably believes is necessary for

your benefit to maintain the tour itinerary, repatriate you or otherwise accommodate, transport or sustain you in circumstances in which the tour itinerary fails wholly or partly for any reason. You appoint Travelrite your attorney for this purpose. You agree to pay Travelrite any cost thereof and you indemnify Travelrite in respect of any cost it incurs in this regard. Travelrite advises you to obtain travel insurance generally including in respect of the risk that any such good or service may become required.

TRAVEL VACCINATION POLICY: The wellbeing of our guests is our top priority. All guests booked to travel internationally with Travelrite International are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, which may include a booster shot to keep it current and valid.

HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$900 per person to:

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ABOUT TRAVELRITE INTERNATIONAL: Travelrite International Pty Ltd is a well-established travel company which has been operating in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne for more than 40 years. It is a member of ATAS (number A10538) and has an accredited IATA offices at Balwyn. As such, it directly represents the major airlines of the world and all major domestic and international tour and transport operators. Travelrite International has been operating special interest tours for over 35 years, and now runs over 120 tours a year. Travelrite International Pty Ltd is a full member of the Australian Federation of Travel Agents – AFTA.

Prices per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin / Description	Deck	Twin-share Fare PP	Single Fare
J Interior	1,4,5,6,7,8	\$ 9390	\$ 12990
I Interior	1,4,5,6,7,8	\$ 9450	\$ 13190
IQ Ocean View	10	\$ 9490	\$ 13390
E Ocean View	1,4	\$ 10590	\$ 15090
D Ocean View	7	\$ 10690	\$ 15190
C Ocean View	1	\$ 10750	\$ 15290
CQ Ocean View	10	\$ 10790	\$ 15390
FB Ocean View	1	\$ 10890	\$ 15490
FA Ocean View	1	\$ 10990	\$ 15590
VD Verandah Balcony	5,6,7	\$ 11590	\$ 16690
VC Verandah Balcony	5,6	\$ 11690	\$ 16790
VB Verandah Balcony	4,11	\$ 11790	\$ 16990
VA Verandah Balcony	6,7,8	\$ 11850	\$ 17090
V Verandah Balcony	5,6,7,8	\$ 11890	\$ 17190
VS Verandah Balcony	5,6,8	\$ 11950	\$ 17390
VQ Verandah Balcony	10	\$ 11990	\$ 17490
B Verandah Balcony	8	\$ 13290	\$ 19790
A Suite	4,5,6,7	\$ 13390	\$ 19990
AS Suite	4,7	\$ 13590	\$ 20390
SY Suite	5	\$ 16690	\$ 26490
SS Suite	7	\$ 17090	\$ 27190
Included gratuities		\$ 250	\$ 250
Included port and handling charges and cruise taxes		\$ 918	\$ 1498
Included air taxes as at 1 March 2022		\$ 200	\$ 200