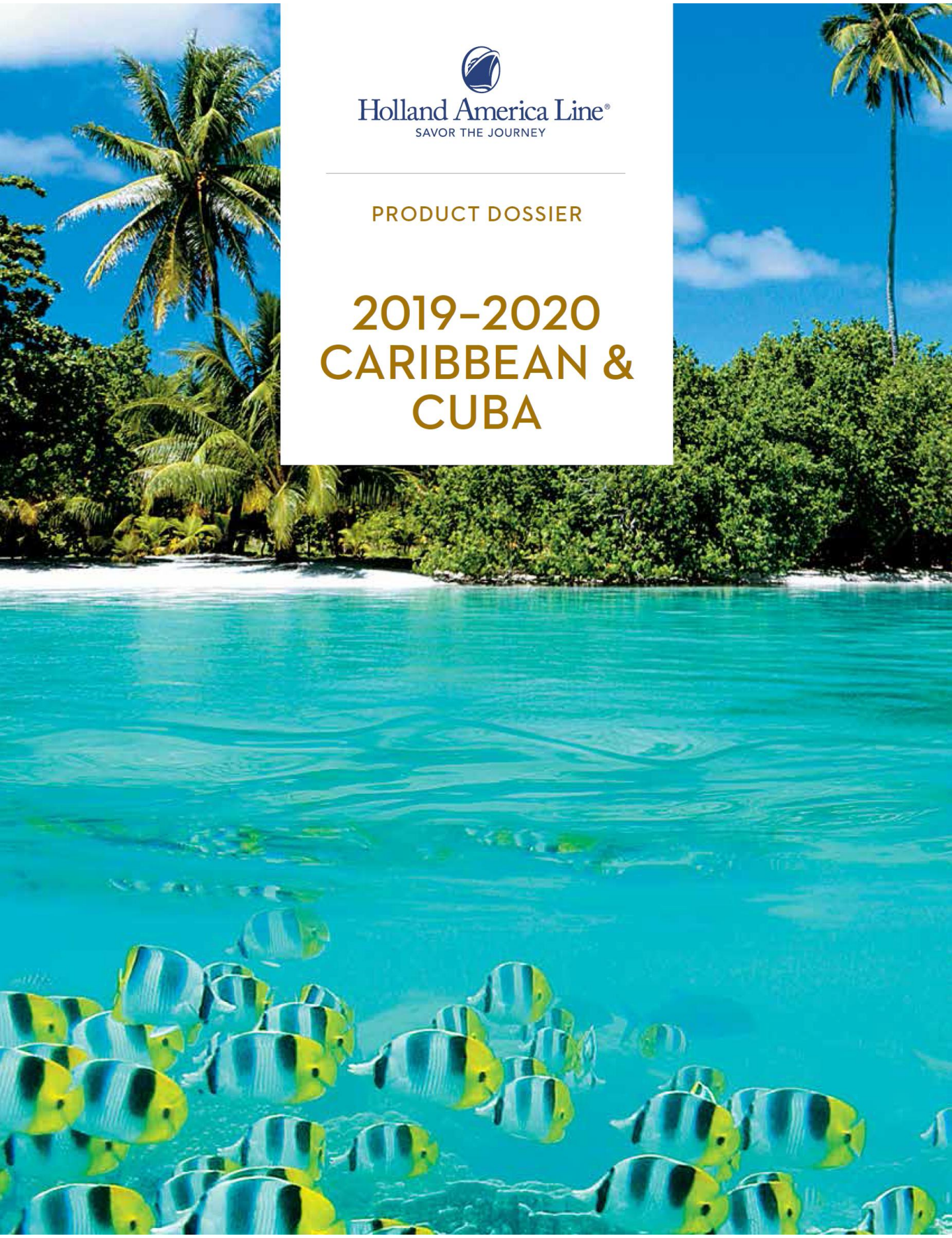


Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

PRODUCT DOSSIER

2019–2020 CARIBBEAN & CUBA

TOP REASONS TO CRUISE WITH HOLLAND AMERICA LINE: 2019–2020 CARIBBEAN & CUBA

CAPTIVATING CUBA
Holland America Line offers two unique Cuba itineraries and 24 Cuba sailings in the 2019–2020 season, with an extended stay in Havana and a call in Cienfuegos on nearly every trip.

HALF MOON CAY
Visit our award-winning private island paradise and stretch out in your own private cabana or ride horses into the surf.

ABC ISLANDS
Drop into a café for a bowl of *cabrito stoba* (goat stew) or visit the plantation house where curaçao liqueur is distilled from the peel of an orange that grows only on the island. The fabled Dutch islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao await with delectable treats and sunny beaches.

ISLAND TIME
Get into the spirit of the Caribbean, both on board and ashore, as you learn to play a steel pan drum or mix the perfect piña colada.

CARTAGENA
On the stunning Caribbean coast of Colombia discover the ruins of Spanish forts or hunt for new treasures at the local market.

SUN, SAND AND COLOR

Powdery, white-sand beaches seem to invite the day's first pair of footprints. Tropical sunlight filters through the forest canopy, a beautiful morning for commuting by zip line. Graceful colonial buildings border a grand plaza where photo ops can be found around every corner. And crystalline waters, teeming with jewel-hued fish, await exploration. No matter how they define it, guests can enjoy the perfect Caribbean and Cuba vacation on a Holland America Line cruise.

Relaxing and rejuvenating, a Holland America Line cruise combines enriching journeys with classic-style cruising on a traditional, mid-sized ship. Guests can explore on board — with guest speakers, local entertainers, themed activities and dishes inspired by each destination — and in port, with our robust selection of EXC Tours™. In addition to enjoying the Caribbean's beautiful beaches, they can take a catamaran cruise to a cocoa plantation on St. Lucia. Join divers who are working to preserve and restore coral reefs in Bonaire. And enjoy traditional Cuban delicacies in a *paladar*, one of Havana's private home-based restaurants.

Cuba is particularly attractive for seasoned travelers. With extended hours in Havana on every cruise, guests will have time to explore the city's historic Grand Plaza (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and even attend a show at the legendary Tropicana. In Cienfuegos, Cuba's "Pearl of the South," guests who love art and architecture will be amazed by the city's graceful Baroque and neoclassical monuments.

Most of our 23 unique 2019–2020 Caribbean itineraries also include a full day on Half Moon Cay, our award-winning private island. Here guests can sail, swim and snorkel; take a guided nature walk; and enjoy a delicious beach barbecue. For travelers who want a relaxing warm-weather cruise with plenty of opportunities to explore beyond the region's gorgeous beaches, there's no better choice than a Holland America Line cruise.

Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

DEPLOYMENT INFORMATION: 2019–2020 CARIBBEAN & CUBA

2019–2020 FLEET

- *Eurodam*
- *Koningsdam*
- *Nieuw Amsterdam*
- *Nieuw Statendam*
- *Rotterdam*
- *Veendam*
- *Zuiderdam*

NOTABLES:

- Cuba will operate the length of the season starting with a unique 15-day voyage on the *Rotterdam* from Boston to Tampa, followed by 23 7-day sailings on the *Veendam*, calling in both Cienfuegos and Havana
- *Nieuw Amsterdam* is replacing *Oosterdam* on the 7-day Eastern, Western and Tropical Caribbean rotation
- *Nieuw Statendam* will sail the Caribbean for the length of the 2019–2020 season
- *Koningsdam* and *Rotterdam* will continue to operate the same itineraries (*Koningsdam* 10- and 11-day Southern Caribbean and *Rotterdam* out of Tampa 7-day Western and 14-day Southern)
- *Eurodam* will share the 10- and 11-day Panama Canal Sunfarer® itineraries with *Zuiderdam* with departures in December, January and early February
- *Zuiderdam* will also operate a 9-day Southern Caribbean Seafarer® in December
- *Zuiderdam* will have an 8-day Western Caribbean sailing in January followed by a series of 7-day Eastern, Western and Tropical itineraries through mid-February
- *Koningsdam* will also offer a 7-day Eastern Caribbean sailing in December

Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

CARIBBEAN & CUBA ITINERARIES

OCTOBER 2019–APRIL 2020

7 DAYS **NEW SHIP***

WESTERN CARIBBEAN

ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

Nieuw Amsterdam
2019: Nov 2, 30
2020: Jan 25; Feb 22; Mar 21

Nieuw Statendam
2019: Nov 17; Dec 8
2020: Jan 19◆; Feb 9; Mar 1◆, 22; Apr 12◆

Zuiderdam
2020: Feb 1

Ft. Lauderdale, Half Moon Cay✤, Falmouth, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, **Ft. Lauderdale**

* New Ship applies to *Nieuw Statendam* sailings.
◆ These itineraries vary; see hollandamerica.com for details.
✤ Conditions permitting.

7 DAYS

WESTERN CARIBBEAN

ROUNDTRIP TAMPA

Rotterdam
2019: Oct 27; Nov 17, 24; Dec 15
2020: Jan 5, 26◆; Feb 2, 23; Mar 1, 22◆, 29

Tampa, Key West, Mahogany Bay, Santo Tomás de Castilla, Costa Maya, **Tampa**

◆ These itineraries vary; see hollandamerica.com for details.

7 DAYS **NEW SHIP***

EASTERN CARIBBEAN

ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

Koningsdam
2019: Dec 15

Nieuw Amsterdam
2019: Oct 19; Nov 16; Dec 14
2020: Jan 11; Feb 8; Mar 7

Nieuw Statendam
2019: Nov 10◆, Dec 1
2020: Jan 12; Feb 2, 23; Mar 15; Apr 5

Zuiderdam
2020: Jan 18◆; Feb 8◆

Ft. Lauderdale, Grand Turk, San Juan, St. Thomas, Half Moon Cay✤, **Ft. Lauderdale**

* New Ship applies to *Nieuw Statendam* sailings.
◆ These itineraries vary; see hollandamerica.com for details.
✤ Conditions permitting.

Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

ITINERARIES CONTINUED

TROPICAL CARIBBEAN

ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

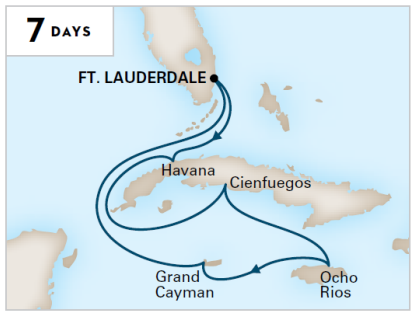
Nieuw Amsterdam
2019: Oct 26; Nov 9, 23◆; Dec 7◆
2020: Jan 4◆, 18◆; Feb 1◆, 15◆, 29◆; Mar 14◆, 28◆

Nieuw Statendam
2019: Nov 24; Dec 15
2020: Jan 5, 26; Feb 16; Mar 8, 29

Zuiderdam
2020: Jan 11◆, 25

Ft. Lauderdale, Half Moon Cay✤, Grand Turk, Amber Cove, Key West, **Ft. Lauderdale**

* New Ship applies to *Nieuw Statendam* sailings.
◆ These itineraries vary; see hollandamerica.com for details.
✤ Conditions permitting.

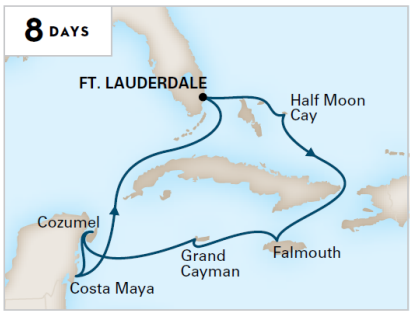


AUTHENTIC CUBA

ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

Veendam
2019: Oct 23, 30; Nov 6, 13, 20, 27; Dec 4, 11
2020: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb 5, 12, 19, 26; Mar 4, 11, 18, 25; Apr 1, 8, 15

Ft. Lauderdale, Havana, Cienfuegos, Ocho Rios, Grand Cayman, **Ft. Lauderdale**



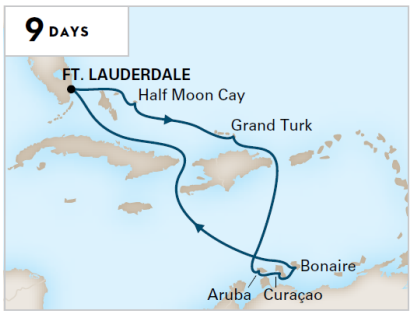
WESTERN CARIBBEAN

ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

Zuiderdam
2020: Jan 3

Ft. Lauderdale, Half Moon Cay✤, Falmouth, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, Costa Maya, **Ft. Lauderdale**

✤ Conditions permitting.



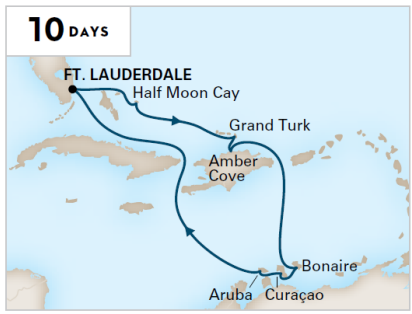
SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN SEAFARER®

ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

Zuiderdam
2019: Dec 11

Ft. Lauderdale, Half Moon Cay✤, Grand Turk, Aruba, Curaçao, Bonaire, **Ft. Lauderdale**

✤ Conditions permitting.



SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN SEAFARER®

ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

Koningsdam
2019: Nov 24◆
2020: Jan 2, 12; Feb 2, 23; Mar 15

Ft. Lauderdale, Half Moon Cay✤, Grand Turk, Amber Cove, Bonaire, Curaçao, Aruba, **Ft. Lauderdale**

◆ These itineraries vary; see hollandamerica.com for details.
✤ Conditions permitting.

PANAMA CANAL SUNFARER®

ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

Eurodam
2019: Dec 1, 11
2020: Jan 26

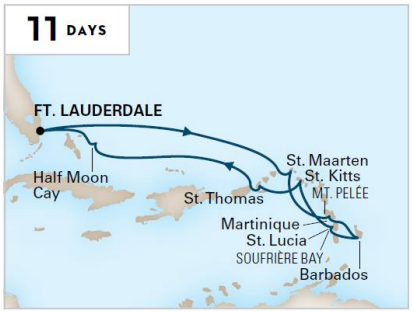
Zuiderdam
2019: Oct 20; Nov 10
2020: Mar 8, 29

Ft. Lauderdale, Half Moon Cay✤, Aruba, Curaçao, Scenic cruising Panama Canal and Gatún Lake, Colón, Puerto Limón, **Ft. Lauderdale**

✤ Conditions permitting.

Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

ITINERARIES CONTINUED



SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN WAYFARER®

ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

Koningsdam
2019: Nov 13; Dec 4◆
2020: Jan 22; Feb 12; Mar 4, 25◆

Ft. Lauderdale, St. Maarten, Daylight passing Mount Pelée, Martinique, Barbados, St. Lucia, Scenic cruising Soufrière Bay, St. Kitts, St. Thomas, Half Moon Cay✤, **Ft. Lauderdale**

◆ These itineraries vary; see hollandamerica.com for details.
✤ Conditions permitting.

PANAMA CANAL SUNFARER®

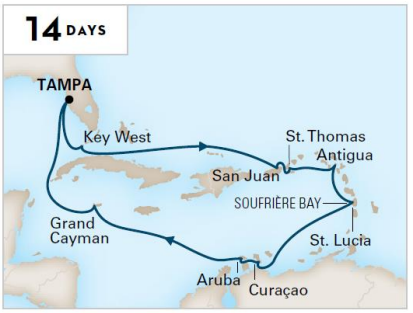
ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

Eurodam
2020: Jan 4, 15; Feb 5

Zuiderdam
2019: Oct 30; Nov 20
2020: Feb 15, 26; Mar 18; Apr 8

Ft. Lauderdale, Half Moon Cay✤, Aruba, Curaçao, Cartagena, Scenic cruising Panama Canal and Gatún Lake, Colón, Puerto Limón, **Ft. Lauderdale**

✤ Conditions permitting.



SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN

ROUNDTRIP TAMPA

Rotterdam
2019: Nov 3; Dec 1
2020: Jan 12; Feb 9; Mar 8

Tampa, Key West, San Juan, St. Thomas, Antigua, St. Lucia, Scenic cruising Soufrière Bay, Curaçao, Aruba, Grand Cayman, **Tampa**

Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

ITINERARIES CONTINUED

CUBA & CARIBBEAN ADVENTURER

BOSTON TO TAMPA

Rotterdam
2019: Oct 12

Boston, Half Moon Cay✤, Grand Turk, Amber Cove, Aruba, Falmouth, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, Havana, **Tampa**

✤ Conditions permitting.

EASTERN & TROPICAL CARIBBEAN

ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

COLLECTORS' VOYAGES

Nieuw Amsterdam
2019: Oct 19; Nov 9◆, 16◆; Dec 7◆
2020: Jan 4◆, 11◆; Feb 1◆, 8◆, 29◆; Mar 7◆

Nieuw Statendam
2019: Nov 24◆
2020: Jan 5◆, 26◆; Feb 16◆; Mar 8◆, 29◆

Zuiderdam
2020: Jan 11◆, 18◆

Ft. Lauderdale, Grand Turk, San Juan, St. Thomas, Half Moon Cay✤, Ft. Lauderdale, Half Moon Cay✤, Grand Turk, Amber Cove, Key West, **Ft. Lauderdale**

★ New Ship applies to *Nieuw Statendam* sailings.
◆ These itineraries vary; see hollandamerica.com for details.
✤ Conditions permitting.

WESTERN & TROPICAL CARIBBEAN

ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

COLLECTORS' VOYAGES

Nieuw Amsterdam
2019: Oct 26◆; Nov 2, 23◆, 30◆
2020: Jan 18◆, 25◆; Feb 15◆, 22◆; Mar 14◆, 21◆

Nieuw Statendam
2019: Nov 17; Dec 8
2020: Jan 19◆; Feb 9; Mar 1◆, 22◆

Zuiderdam
2020: Jan 3◆, 25◆

Ft. Lauderdale, Half Moon Cay✤, Falmouth, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, Ft. Lauderdale, Half Moon Cay✤, Grand Turk, Amber Cove, Key West, **Ft. Lauderdale**

★ New Ship applies to *Nieuw Statendam* sailings.
◆ These itineraries vary; see hollandamerica.com for details.
✤ Conditions permitting.

Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

ITINERARIES CONTINUED

EASTERN & WESTERN CARIBBEAN

ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

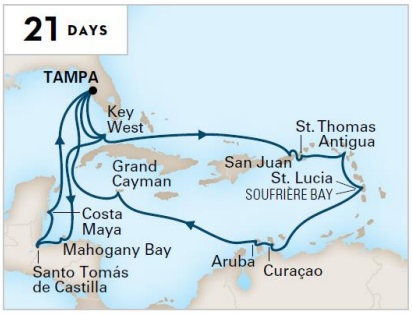
COLLECTORS' VOYAGES

Nieuw Statendam
2019: Nov 10◆; Dec 1
2020: Jan 12◆; Feb 2, 23◆; Mar 15; Apr 5◆

Zuiderdam
2020: Feb 1◆

Ft. Lauderdale, Grand Turk, San Juan, St. Thomas, Half Moon Cay✤, Ft. Lauderdale, Half Moon Cay✤, Falmouth, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, **Ft. Lauderdale**

* New Ship applies to *Nieuw Statendam* sailings.
◆ These itineraries vary; see hollandamerica.com for details.
✤ Conditions permitting.



SOUTHERN & WESTERN CARIBBEAN

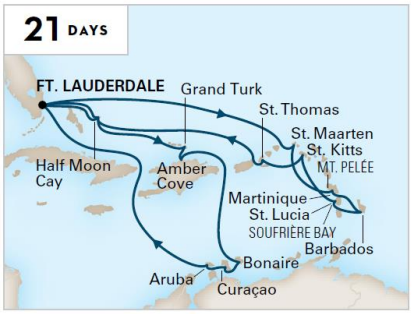
ROUNDTRIP TAMPA

COLLECTORS' VOYAGES

Rotterdam
2019: Oct 27◆; Nov 3, 24◆; Dec 1
2020: Jan 5◆, 12◆; Feb 2◆, 9; Mar 1◆, 8◆

Tampa, Key West, San Juan, St. Thomas, Antigua, St. Lucia, Scenic cruising Soufrière Bay, Curaçao, Aruba, Grand Cayman, Tampa, Key West, Mahogany Bay, Santo Tomás de Castilla, Costa Maya, **Tampa**

◆ These itineraries vary; see hollandamerica.com for details.



SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN SEAFARER®/WAYFARER®

ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE

COLLECTORS' VOYAGES

Koningsdam
2019: Nov 13◆, 24◆
2020: Jan 12, 22◆; Feb 2, 12◆, 23; Mar 4◆, 15

Ft. Lauderdale, Half Moon Cay✤, Grand Turk, Amber Cove, Bonaire, Curaçao, Aruba, Ft. Lauderdale, St. Maarten, Daylight passing Mount Pelée, Martinique, Barbados, St. Lucia, Scenic cruising Soufrière Bay, St. Kitts, St. Thomas, Half Moon Cay✤, **Ft. Lauderdale**

◆ These itineraries vary; see hollandamerica.com for details.
✤ Conditions permitting.

These Collectors' Voyages combine two back-to-back itineraries to give you a more in-depth experience for an incredible value.

For the most up-to-date details and fares see hollandamerica.com.

Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

EXC IN-DEPTH™ VOYAGES

EXC In-Depth Voyages enable our guests to explore the most fascinating corners of the globe through the prism of their own personal interests and passions.

EXC TOURS™

Award-winning EXC Tours (shore excursions) give guests many unique options to immerse themselves in authentic, engaging travel experiences in port — easily, comfortably and conveniently.

BEST SHORE EXCURSIONS
2017 *PORTHOLE CRUISE MAGAZINE* READERS' CHOICE

EXC GUIDES™

Our location experts enrich our guests' journeys with illustrated stories designed to inspire a sense of wonder and enthusiasm for each destination.

EXC TALKS™

Guests can deepen their understanding of each destination they visit with an insider's perspective and the kinds of tales only locals know.

EXC ENCOUNTERS™

Brings local experts and entertainers on board so guests can start their immersion in a destination's culture and history before they leave the ship.

EXC PORT MAPS™

Simple paper maps cut through the clutter of typical city maps, focusing on the landmarks and making it easy for guests to find their way around.

EXC PORT PLANNERS™

Our online Port Planners, in partnership with AFAR Media, help guests tailor their in-port activities to their interests.

EXC CHANNEL™

Guests can continue their exploration with specially curated films, documentaries and TV shows featuring the destinations on their itineraries from the comfort of their own stateroom.

EXC CITY STAYS™

Offering a seamless experience ashore, EXC City Stays and Pre/Post Overland Tours allow you to book online.

EXC ON BOARD

Drop by EXC's home base on board select ships and find interactive touchscreens, digital stories, even a display of real-time data from the ship's bridge.

BEST PRICE GUARANTEE

Guests who pre-book EXC Tours (shore excursions) will have the lowest rates through The Holland America Line Best Price Guarantee program. Best Price Guarantee is available on all ships and all itineraries except Asia cruises and promises that if a guest finds a comparable shore excursion elsewhere at a lower price, Holland America Line will provide an onboard credit of 110 percent of the price difference. Please see hollandamerica.com for full terms and conditions.

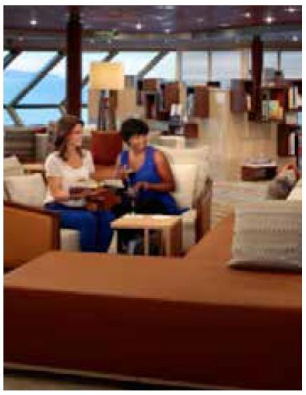
Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

EXPLORATIONS CENTRAL™

NEW GUEST EXPERIENCE SPACE ON BOARD

Holland America Line's exclusive Explorations Central (EXC™) offers indispensable travel resources and opportunities that make the destination experience more engaging, vivid and meaningful for our guests. Onboard programming for the multifaceted EXC experience is rolling out across the entire fleet by the end of 2019. In addition to destination insights and onboard programming, a specially designated EXC "home base," the heartbeat of the Holland America Line destination experience, will open on select ships over the next two years, with *Eurodam, Koningsdam, Nieuw Amsterdam, Nieuw Statendam* and *Zuiderdam* all completed for the 2019 season.

On board, guests will find interactive touchscreens, digital stories, even a display of real-time data from the ship's bridge. Play a steel pan drum. Learn to mix the perfect piña colada. Discover the connections that unite us across borders, cultures and time with these onboard experiences.



PORTS OF CALL

FEATURED CARIBBEAN PORTS OF CALL

HALF MOON CAY (PICTURED ABOVE)

If you've ever dreamed of the castaway experience or having a private island of your own — and who hasn't, at least once? — Half Moon Cay in the Bahamas offers the opportunity to fulfill that fantasy. Also known as Little San Salvador Island, Half Moon Cay is located 10 miles southeast of Nassau. In 1996 Holland America Line purchased the island and decided to set aside most of it as a protected wildlife sanctuary — only two percent of the island has been developed.

BEST PRIVATE ISLAND
TRAVEL WEEKLY READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

BEST PRIVATE ISLAND
17 Consecutive Years
2017 *PORTHOLE CRUISE MAGAZINE* READERS' CHOICE

This is especially appreciated by photographers and bird-watching enthusiasts as they explore the preserve and its variety of species.

At four square miles, the island is small enough that you can see it all in a day yet large enough to offer a range of activities: horseback riding, snorkeling with stingrays, a range of water sports and, of course, simply lounging on the beach while taking occasional dips in the clear sea to cool off. At the island's Straw Market you can shop for crafts made in the Bahamas, while the waterfront bars and Lobster Shack are ready to serve you a rum punch or fresh grilled lobster when you've finished surveying your private paradise.

For more information on these ports of call, visit the EXC Port Planners™ on hollandamerica.com. Port highlights provided by AFAR.

Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

PORTS OF CALL CONTINUED

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA

The city of Cienfuegos is also the capital of the province of the same name. A port city on Cuba's southern coast, Cienfuegos has played an important role in Cuba's history since it was founded in 1819, when the island was still Spanish territory, and today it remains one of the country's important commercial centers—a transit point for coffee, sugarcane and tobacco. It has both welcomed and resisted incursions from various people and interests over the past two centuries. The city looms large in Cuban consciousness, both as the heart of Cuba's sugar industry and as the birthplace of famous Cubans past and present, such as singer Benny Moré and baseball stars José Abreu and Yasiel Puig. It isn't always on visitors' itineraries, however, which is a shame. Cienfuegos boasts numerous attractions that give a fuller, more complex view of Cuban life, culture and history. This fact was recognized by UNESCO in 2005, when the organization inscribed the old center of Cienfuegos, with its many stately neoclassical buildings and "harmonious overall townscape" (to borrow UNESCO's description), onto its World Heritage List.

HAVANA, CUBA

While most Americans have never been there thanks to the U.S. government's embargo of Cuba which started in 1962, the very word "Havana" still evokes a set of specific images — candy-colored vintage cars puttering along picturesque streets; smiling musicians playing familiar tropical tunes whose rhythms are so infectious that nearly everyone is seduced into dancing; cigar-smoking and rum-sipping locals against a palm-fringed background. There's a reason these have become the stereotypical visual symbols of Cuba's capital city, but dive beneath the surface and you'll find so much more: world-class sports matches, centuries-old historic sites and even a Chinatown in the midst of a cultural revival. And while Havana may not be a global culinary capital (for the moment, at least), you can find plenty of delicious dishes served in friendly, casual restaurants run out of private homes or in more upscale spots with city and water views. Take it all in with a walk through the charming streets and 16th-century plazas of Old Havana.

PORTS OF CALL CONTINUED

ARUBA

Located off the coast of Venezuela, the windswept Dutch island of Aruba is otherworldly. Here the beaches are spectacularly pristine, the waters are romantically restless, the island interior is lunar-like and filled with cacti and the trees are — quite famously — bent by the wind. The island's consistent trade winds are part of the destination's allure: They keep the humidity, rain and hurricanes common in much of the Caribbean during its off-season at bay.

The main port and capital city, Oranjestad, is a maze of Dutch-colonial architecture painted in a palette of Caribbean pastels. There are some historic sites of note and myriad shops, from boutiques to megastores, selling all sorts of keepsakes, with jewelry and gold being popular items. In fact, gold was mined here in the 19th century. In Oranjestad and along the beaches you'll also find a treasure trove of excellent seafood restaurants, while farther afield are lighthouses, gold mine ruins and natural wonders that reflect the rugged appeal of Aruba.

ST. LUCIA

So you think you've "done" the Caribbean? St. Lucia kindly asks you to think again. With mountain peaks, plunging valleys, lush rain forests, historic sites, tropical flora and fauna and the world's only drive-in volcano, this island of 165,000 residents is more than just pretty palm-fringed beaches along a turquoise sea — though there happen to be plenty of those, too. No wonder France and England battled for nearly 200 years to control this sun-kissed island. Wayfarers arriving these days have less nefarious plans and want only to preside over St. Lucia's legendary natural wonders and eco-adventures. Take a heart-thumping hike up the Pitons — named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004 — or ride a treetop tram over the flower- and bird-filled rain forest. Humdrum may be hard to find, but there are plenty of warm welcomes from friendly locals. The island's eclectic culture and history are shared daily through the Creole patois spoken in markets and on street corners, in the French names of colorful fishing villages and in savory recipes infused with African, French and Carib heritage. And have we mentioned the sublime sunsets? Some Caribbean islands really do have it all.

PORTS OF CALL CONTINUED

CURAÇAO

The capital of Curaçao, Willemstad, is almost as old as a more famous Dutch settlement — it was founded in 1634, just 10 years after New Amsterdam, later called New York. But while the Dutch control of New Amsterdam was relatively brief, Curaçao remains a part of the Netherlands to this day. Its historic center is a unique mixture of Dutch architecture and Caribbean pastels, its gabled row houses overlooking Sint Anna Bay, a waterway dividing the city in two and connecting the Caribbean to the protected Schottegat Bay. The entire historic center of Willemstad has been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

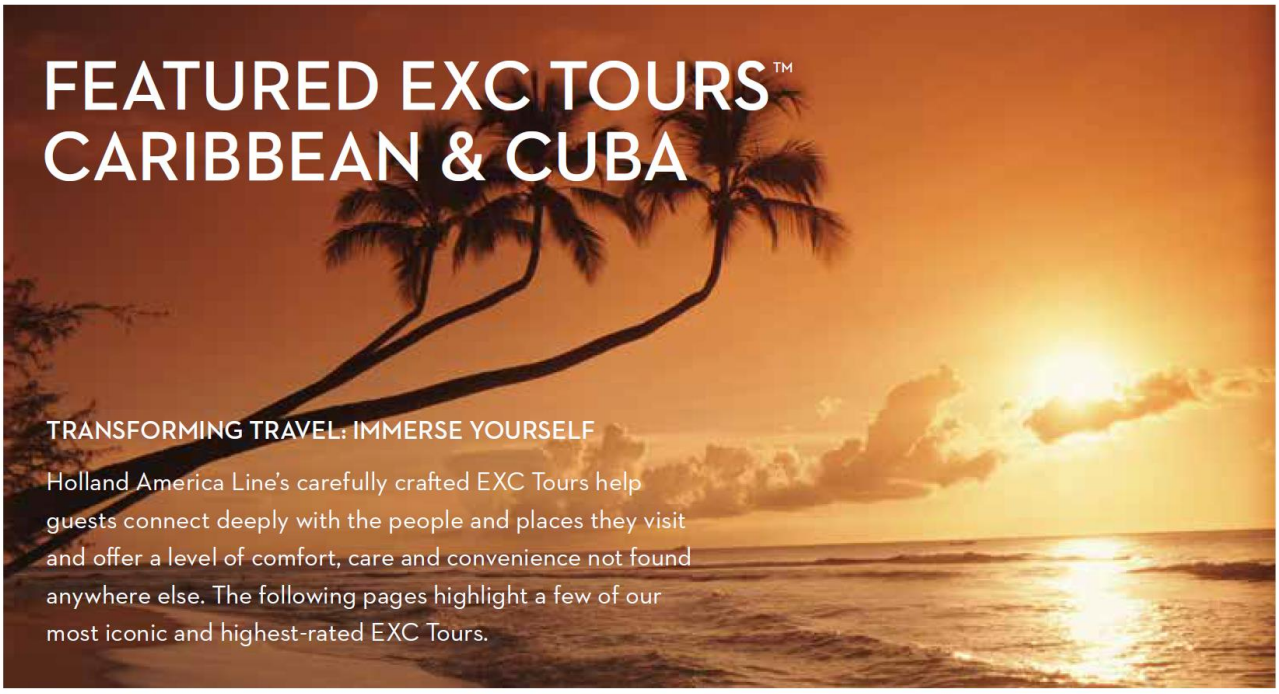
While Willemstad's past can be explored at institutions like the Kas di Pal'i Maishi (Slave House) & Museum and Curaçao Maritime Museum, this is a vibrant, living city too. Highlights of this multicultural melting pot might include a stop at its floating market and a visit to a curaçao distillery to taste the famous local liqueur. Natural wonders await as well: Descend into the Hato Caves to discover underground waterfalls and long-nose fruit bats. Finally, a meal in Willemstad will let you experience the diversity of the island through the surprising flavors of its cuisine, which reflects European, Caribbean and Latin American influences.

PUERTO LIMÓN

Puerto Limón probably isn't the most bustling port you've ever visited, but don't be put off by its façade; like most coastal towns in Costa Rica, it is a perfect base from which to explore an attraction- and activity-rich region that can fulfill a variety of interests. You're never far from a rain forest or outdoor adventure in Costa Rica, and there are lots of day trips from Puerto Limón that allow you to pack in an adrenaline rush or a few more ticks on your birding list within just a few hours. There are treetops for zip lining and rushing rivers for whitewater rafting if you're a more active traveler, and animal lovers can take sanctuary tours in and around Puerto Limón.

Of course, when it comes time to eat, there's plenty of the national favorite, gallo pinto (rice and beans), and as with many port towns, there is plenty of fresh seafood and even an upscale Italian restaurant. As for shopping, you can find arts and crafts that were made locally as well as edible treats like handmade chocolate.

FEATURED EXC TOURS™ CARIBBEAN & CUBA



TRANSFORMING TRAVEL: IMMERSE YOURSELF

Holland America Line's carefully crafted EXC Tours help guests connect deeply with the people and places they visit and offer a level of comfort, care and convenience not found anywhere else. The following pages highlight a few of our most iconic and highest-rated EXC Tours.

DOMINICAN COFFEE: A LOCAL EXPERIENCE

AMBER COVE, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Duration: 5.5 hours

Calling all gourmet coffee fanatics! Join this journey into the mountains by open-air safari truck. The ride is half the fun, and the views are breathtaking — an experience you're not likely to forget.

Venture off the beaten track and into the beautiful Dominican tropical forest to experience the legendary flavor of world-famous Dominican coffee. Meet local farmers, hear their stories, and learn the ins and outs of coffee production, from bean to brew. Your participation helps to support economic opportunity for hardworking families, increasing income and well-being for coffee-growers, creating employment opportunities, and keeping families and communities together.

Enjoy a cup (or two) of joe — the finest coffee in the world. And you can put all your caffeinated energy to work, if you're so inclined, by planting some coffee seedlings and taking a turn at roasting the beans — an unforgettable, up-close look at the origins of your favorite morning ritual. You'll love the flavor and aroma of truly great coffee and learn what the buzz is all about.

At a beautiful mountain lodge, you'll also enjoy a delicious lunch of Sancocho, one of the Dominican people's most cherished culinary traditions.

NOTES: Wear comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes. Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat and an umbrella or rain poncho. Bring local currency, as many vendors do not accept credit cards or U.S. dollars. Minimum age is 8 years. Tour takes place indoors and outdoors. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair.

FEATURED EXC TOURS™ CARIBBEAN & CUBA CONTINUED

SCENIC RAILWAY RIDE & COASTAL CRUISE

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS
Duration: 4 hours

Board the St. Kitts Railway for a memorable journey around this beautiful island, followed by a relaxing catamaran sail back along the southwestern coastline of St. Kitts. After a short transfer to your train, travel along the northeastern coastline where fields of sugarcane stretch from the shoreline up to the mountains. Wind through small villages and farms, seeing the entire island from the comfort of double-deck railcars. The upper level is an open-air observation deck, while the lower level offers air-conditioned comfort and expansive windows. Feel the island ambiance as you enjoy complimentary specialty drinks, island music and a colorful narrative history of the Caribbean. Disembark the train and be transferred to your catamaran. Enjoy light refreshments and snacks as you sail for 90 minutes along the southwestern coastline, enjoying excellent vistas of Brimstone Hill Fortress and sailing around "Bloody Point."

NOTES: May operate in reverse. Train ride is approximately 2 hours.

FEATURED EXC TOURS™ CARIBBEAN & CUBA CONTINUED

CASA BACARDI, OLD SAN JUAN & FORTRESS

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
Duration: 4 hours

Board an air-conditioned coach for a 25-minute drive to Casa Bacardi, located in Cataño.

At the Bacardi Pavilion enjoy a welcome drink and take the in-house tour. The tour traces the famed rum distillery's history and heritage from the company's founding to the present. Learn the story behind the legendary Bacardi cocktails and the birth of the iconic bat logo, and view a section of the plant from one of the exhibit windows. The tour concludes with a visit to the Bacardi brand store.

Reboard your motorcoach to continue on a panoramic drive, leaving the town of Cataño and passing through the Condado District. This is a modern area of high-rise condominiums and luxury resorts.

In Old San Juan you will travel past 17th-century architecture and magnificent historical buildings, with a stop for a self-guided visit to Fort San Cristóbal — the largest fortification built by the Spaniards in the New World. Stroll through the Main Plaza with watchtowers, garitas and authentic mortar balls for a Spanish colonial experience.

NOTE: Wear comfortable walking shoes.

FEATURED EXC TOURS™ CARIBBEAN & CUBA CONTINUED

CHICHÉN ITZÁ MAYA RUINS BY MOTORCOACH

COZUMEL, MEXICO
Duration: 8 hours

Explore one of the new Seven Wonders of the World — the world-famous Maya ruins of Chichén-Itzá. Chichén-Itzá is one of the most important and exciting archaeological sites on the American continent — the home of one of the great Maya empires — and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988. These awe-inspiring monuments were left as a reminder of the incredible Maya culture.

An English-speaking guide escorts you through this legendary city, which extends over six square miles and contains hundreds of structures throughout the area.

Visit the Pyramid of of Kulkulcan; the largest and best-preserved Maya ball court; the Temple of the Warriors; and the Observatory, where Maya priests accurately calculated celestial events from over a million-year span.

This is the premier site for Maya culture and certainly provides a once-in-a-lifetime experience. You will explore for about one and a half hours.

NOTES: Due to time in port, this tour is available only on select sailings. There is a government tax of $5 – $8 for the use of video cameras in all areas of ruins. Tripods and/or professional video cameras are not allowed. Tour involves considerable walking on uneven limestone and loose stones and climbing on uneven, rough surfaces. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Wear comfortable walking shoes; bring a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent. Visitors are not allowed to climb some of the ruins due to their fragile state.

FEATURED EXC TOURS™ CARIBBEAN & CUBA CONTINUED

ROCKLAND ESTATE & SKY EXPLORER

PHILIPSBURG, ST. MAARTEN
Duration: 4.5 hours

Experience St. Maarten's newest attraction, the Soualiga Sky Explorer chairlift, accessible for everyone, including disabled guests. Take a tranquil ride up the 2,630 foot-span as the landscape unfolds below to the top of one of St. Maarten's highest mountains, where spectacular panoramic views await you. Board your air-conditioned transportation at the dock for a 30-minute, air-conditioned ride to Rockland Estate. You will be guided to the plantation house, built in the 1700s, to learn the powerful story of Trace Wilson, born into slavery on the estate in 1818. His descendant, Emilio Wilson, purchased the property to educate current and future generations about the conditions of plantation life as well as the customs, traditions and history of St. Maarten, "The Friendly Island."

After a brief orientation, embark the Soualiga Sky Explorer for the approximately 25-minute ride to the top of Sentry Hill, St. Maarten's highest elevation at 1,125 feet. A series of platforms encircle the mountaintop, showcasing 360-degree views of the whole island, including vistas of neighboring islands: Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Barts and Anguilla. When you are ready to descend, simply board the Soualiga Sky Explorer for the scenic trip down the mountain. Enjoy exploring the Estate and sampling St. Maarten delicacies, snacks and beverages at the restaurant. When you are ready to depart, board the air-conditioned shuttle back to your ship.

FEATURED EXC TOURS™ CARIBBEAN & CUBA CONTINUED

MODERN HAVANA & AMERICAN CLASSIC CARS

HAVANA, CUBA
Duration: 8 hours

Experience a meeting of the ages as you travel in '60s style through Havana's modern neighborhoods. Your two-hour joyride in an American classic vehicle shows you the sights and introduces you to Havana.

Travel to the Plaza de la Revolucion, where pastel-colored classic Fords, Chevys and Oldsmobiles greet you with bright chrome smiles that belong to a different era. Ride along the Malecon and through the Vedado and Miramar districts, seeing some of the city's most famous hotels and embassies. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Visit the Almacenes San José market with free time to interact with local souvenir vendors and find your very own piece of Cuban memorabilia.

Visit the Colón Cemetery, founded in 1876. A local expert will guide you through one of the Caribbean's largest burial sites and share details about the history of this massive necropolis. You'll also enjoy a walking tour through Old Havana's most active squares — the Plaza de la Catedral and Plaza de Armas. Finally, watch a live dance performance to discover the heart and soul of Cuban culture.

Notes: This tour is operated by classic car and motorcoach. For the approximately two-hour classic car portion, please note: Excursion includes one English-speaking guide per five classic vehicles; driver may not be fluent in English; tour operator will assign vehicles; vehicles will vary as some may be open or closed-top, and may have high points of entry, soft seating and no seatbelts. Sunscreen and hats are strongly recommended.

A walking tour portion is included through Old Havana and the cemetery. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations.

Tour times are estimates and may be subject to change. Tours may run in different order to provide the best experience.

Regulation Notes Regarding Tours: Pursuant to recent changes in U.S. regulations with respect to people-to-people travel authorization to Cuba, guests who made cruise reservations on or after June 16, 2017, and wish to disembark in Cuba, must participate in a full-time HAL-guided group program. Guests who made cruise reservations prior to June 16, 2017 are not required to participate in a full-time HAL-guided group program, and may travel in Cuba under the "self-guided" people-to-people authorization. After guests have completed their required full-time schedule of people-to-people activities, they are welcome to explore Cuba on their own or participate in evening HAL excursions (not designed to be people-to-people programs). This tour is designed to be in compliance with People to People guidelines. The community project associated with this tour is included to promote further understanding and interaction with the Cuban people. Because of the fluid nature of community projects in Cuba, the location and type of community project visited may vary to provide the best experience for our guests.