

Cruisin' with the DSUMF

# Canada and New England at the peak of fall foliage colors

Cruise from Quebec City, Canada to Fort Lauderdale, Florida

September 26 - October 10, 2009



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# Sail through Canada's Maritimes and New England at the peak of fall foliage color season!

## Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation DSUMF

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### LETTER FROM RALPH J. SERPICO

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to introduce our fourth Desert United Methodist cruise – it's become a wonderful tradition. In view of our challenging times, it seems especially important that we gather together this fall in fellowship.

At the peak of New England's famous fall foliage season, we'll begin a 14-day odyssey from lovely Quebec City, Canada cruising amidst the brilliant colors along the St. Lawrence Seaway. In addition to charming ports in Canada's Maritimes, we'll delight in the golds, yellows and reds of autumn in New England before concluding our voyage in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



Our venue for this wonderful sailing is Holland America's newest ship, the elegant *ms Eurodam*. In addition to all the amenities expected on a fine cruise ship, the *Eurodam* offers the Culinary Arts Center, *Tamarind*, for Asian cuisine and *Canaletto*, featuring Italian fare. All of this is in addition to the fine food served in the main dining room or up on the Lido deck.

During our 14 days together, we'll enjoy the pleasure of socializing and traveling with like-minded United Methodists. Of course, we've planned several opportunities for you to gather together – whether it's our "fellowship" hours or a special event just for our group during our days at sea. Finally, a portion of our revenues from this cruise go to fund the free educational services provided by the Desert Southwest Methodist Foundation. It's a win-win experience for all.

The Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation is pleased to offer you this exciting opportunity for what promises to be a very enjoyable and memorable experience.

Ralph J. Serpico  
Executive Director, DSUMF

### Special Events Just for United Methodists!

To begin our cruise, we'll meet for a private social hour, a perfect way to set sail from Quebec and make new acquaintances. We'll gather again toward the end of the cruise to reflect back on our sublime journey.

During the course of our cruise on our sea days, we'll have the opportunity to attend one or two special events just for our group. These sessions always prove to be enlightening and entertaining. More details will be coming as we draw closer to our cruise.

#### 26 SEPTEMBER 2009

**Fly to historic Québec City, Québec.** It's always exciting to board a glamorous ship (it's Holland America's newest vessel!). It's good, however, to know that the *Eurodam* remains in port for a full day so you can explore one of North America's most charming cities.

#### 27 SEPTEMBER 2009

**Québec City, Québec, Departure.** Beautiful Québec City (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) offers historic charm with a pronounced French accent. Situated above the St. Lawrence Seaway, you'll find little cobblestone streets that date back to the 1600's with interesting boutiques, cozy bistros, a military garrison and a grand chateau, perfect for tea and biscuits. All of this is made even more attractive because the fall colors should be near their peak.

**5:00 pm.** As the ship sounds its massive horn signaling our departure, be sure to be up on deck as the *Eurodam* begins its journey down the St. Lawrence Seaway.

#### 28 SEPTEMBER 2009

**Sailing the St. Lawrence Seaway.** A day at sea. Today we have a moment to catch our breath, to settle into our comfortable accommodations and to explore all the amenities of our beautiful ship. With the ship's deck plan in hand, we suggest you begin on the top deck to explore the public areas, then work your way down, deck by deck. You'll be delighted with all the amenities.

#### 29 SEPTEMBER 2009

**Gaspé, Québec.** You'll enjoy cruising along the rugged, picturesque coastline and admiring the brightly painted fall foliage covering the hills of the famed Gaspé Peninsula. As you round the end of the peninsula, you sail along the Forillon National Park into the charming little town of Gaspé where you can shop for antiques, eat great food and explore tiny, tidy fishing villages.



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- Each memorable meal is an event to be celebrated
- Onboard programs and activities inspire and delight
- Itineraries and shore excursions take you deep into each destination

## 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

**Cornerbrook, Newfoundland.** Today we visit another charming town, Cornerbrook, known for its monument to Captain Cook and the Newfoundland Historic Train Site. Nearby you'll find another World Heritage Site, L'Anse aux Meadows, North America's oldest Viking colony.

## 1 OCTOBER 2009

**Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.** It was here, in 1864, that the confederacy of Canada was created. Today Charlottetown is the provincial capital (see it by double-decker bus) and a nearby farm provided the inspiration for "Ann of Green Gables". This might be the perfect day for a lobster luncheon at one of Olde Charlottetown's delightful pubs.

## 2 OCTOBER 2009

**At Sea.** We really like our days at sea on Holland America. You may wish to take a cooking lesson with the chef, work out in the gym, enjoy a soothing massage, send an e-mail home to friends or settle back in the theater with a bag of freshly popped corn.

### **Holland America's Eurodam**

As you board our handsome ship and see the handsome furnishings, you'll know you made a good decision. Your staterooms are larger than those on many other cruise lines (two thirds with private verandas) and the public areas are a charming mix of European antique art and contemporary furnishings. Thanks to her spacious public areas, you'll encounter few, if any waits in line as well as a broad array of activities. You'll enjoy two outdoor swimming pools (one with a retractable roof), a three-tiered show lounge, piano bar, Internet center and wireless hot spots. In addition to the ship's main dining room, you'll find a superb steak house (Pinnacle Grill), fine Asian cuisine at Tamarind, Italian fare at Canaletto and a new pizzeria.

More? Take part in the Culinary Arts Center, enjoy a cappuccino and a good book in the Explorations café, watch lavish production shows or dance the night away high above the sea. Wonderful!

## 3 OCTOBER 2009

**St. John, New Brunswick.** You'll be busy today. The nearby Bay of Fundy is known for the "reversing falls rapids" where the current of raging waters reverses directions due to the region's legendary high tides. You'll want to visit the Old City Market (which appears much as it might have in 1876) and explore the charming resort of St. Andrews-by-the-Sea.

## 4 OCTOBER 2009

**Portland, Maine.** From your convenient pier near the city's center, you can easily explore Portland on foot. You'll appreciate the efforts the city has undertaken to preserve the lovely Victorian-

## **Can't stay the whole time?**

Ask us about disembarking in Portland, Boston, or New York City

era buildings. Or you may wish to take an excursion to Kennebunkport, where George H. W. Bush spends his summers or to the outlet shopping mecca of Freeport, home to outfitter L.L. Bean.

## 5 OCTOBER 2009

**Boston, Massachusetts.** A magnificent city! Boston has lovingly preserved its many historic places and cherishes its patriotic connections with the Boston Tea Party and Bunker Hill. Don't miss a walk on the city's famed Freedom Trail. It's one of America's greatest treasures!

## 6 OCTOBER 2009

**Newport, Rhode Island.** You'll love a day in Newport. Though the city was once infamous for pirates, in the last century or two the lovely ambiance attracted the wealthy to build luxurious mansions here. Presidents Kennedy and Eisenhower loved the area so much that they made Newport their summer White House. You'll enjoy a tour of the opulent mansions or take a walking tour through the city's history.

## 7 OCTOBER 2009

**New York City, NY.** Even if you don't get off the ship, the sail up the Hudson River past Battery Park and Wall Street justifies the visit. There's so much to see in New York City: the famous museums, Broadway (there's time for a matinee!), the stores along Fifth Avenue, Central Park wrapped in its fall colors... and that is just the beginning.

## 8-9 OCTOBER 2009

**At Sea.** After the fun of our ports and the beauty of a New England fall foliage, you'll want to give Holland America's attentive staff one more opportunity to pamper you. Also, don't miss dining in one of the finest restaurants on any ship, the *Eurodam's* Pinnacle Grill. Try the succulent porterhouse steaks or the superb seafood complimented by delightful appetizers – it's one of the best steak and chop houses anywhere.

Finally, before our wonderful cruise concludes, we'll gather for a final hour of hospitality.

## 10 OCTOBER 2009

**Fort Lauderdale, Return home.** All too soon our idyllic journey comes to a conclusion. Though we'll scatter in many directions, we'll be filled with the joy and fellowship of a special journey together; after all, traveling with friends old and new is one of the great joys in life. You'll be pleased you came. You've earned it.



CAT.	STATEROOM DESCRIPTION	HOLLAND AMERICA'S	DSUMF	DSUMF
		2009 TARIFF PRICES	SPECIAL RATES	SPECIAL RATES
		Double Occupancy	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
K	Large or Standard Inside Stateroom	\$2439	\$1675	\$2475
D	Large Outside Stateroom	\$2899	\$1925	\$2850
VD	Deluxe Veranda Outside	\$3159	\$2275	\$4255
VC	Deluxe Veranda Outside	\$3239	\$2315	\$4330
VB	Deluxe Veranda Outside	\$3319	\$2355	\$4405
VA	Deluxe Veranda Outside	\$3399	\$2395	\$4485
V	Deluxe Veranda Outside	\$3479	\$2435	\$4560
SS	Superior Verandah Suite	\$4399	\$3675	\$7275

The prices shown above do not include taxes, fees, fuel supplement, transfers to or from the ship, or airfare. In 2009, the published taxes and fees are \$146.25 per person; however, this fee is subject to increase at the time of booking.

#### PAYMENTS

A \$675 per person deposit holds your space on the United Methodist cruise until final payment is due, July 3, 2009. Payment may be made by check or most major credit cards.

#### CANCELLATION AND CHANGE FEES

A \$75 per person administrative fee is assessed by Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors should you cancel your cruise at any time after 72 hours from Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors' receipt of your initial deposit. This is in addition to the cancellation fees assessed by Holland America Line.

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- If you cancel your cruise on or after July 30, 2009 but prior to August 27, 2009, your cancellation fee is 50% of your total fare plus \$75 per person.
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- No refunds will be provided for cancellations received on or after September 9, 2009.

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