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## Welcome to Kiel: “Nieuw Statendam” arrives in port for maiden call Cruise passengers go on day trips to Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg

(Kiel, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019) Coming from Stockholm, the latest newbuilding of Holland America Line’s fleet (HAL) arrived in the port of Kiel for its maiden call in the early Thursday morning (23<sup>rd</sup> May). During the on-board reception, the Managing Director of the PORT OF KIEL, Dr Dirk Claus, welcomed the ship’s Captain to the State Capital City of Schleswig Holstein and presented him with the handmade plaque for the vessel’s maiden call manufactured by the metal artist Patrick Schloßer. Dirk Claus: “Kiel has been an integral part of Holland America Line’s itineraries for the eleventh year in a row now. We are very proud that Kiel belongs to the ports where the latest newbuilding of the shipping company is showcased.” In addition to the vessel “Nieuw Statendam”, the cruise ship “Zuiderdam” will berth at the Ostseekai Terminal several times this summer. During the five different visits by Holland America Line a total of 12,000 international passengers are expected in port for going on day trips. The “Nieuw Statendam” is the fourth out of seven cruise ships that are visiting Kiel for the first time this season. As it is its premiere in Kiel, the “Nieuw Statendam” will be accompanied by the water fountains of a harbor tug along the fjord up to the beacon in Friedrichsort when it will leave the port tonight.

The “Nieuw Statendam” is currently on an ongoing Baltic Cruise of 14 days which began in Amsterdam on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Before it arrived in Kiel, the ship paid visits to Copenhagen, Tallinn, St Petersburg, Helsinki and Stockholm. During their stay in Kiel, the passengers go on day trips throughout Northern Germany. Dirk Claus: “Kiel is a cosmopolitan city and extends a warm welcome to its international guests. The city has a lot to offer and is also the ideal starting point for excursions to Hamburg and throughout Schleswig-Holstein.” The portfolio of possibilities ranges from guided tours along the Kiel Fjord over sightseeing tours to the UNESCO World Heritage in Lübeck up to very diverse theme excursions to the metropolis of Hamburg. There are also panoramic trips to the seaside resort in Laboe or to Holstein Switzerland. When all the passengers are back onboard in the afternoon, the



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“Nieuw Statendam” will head for Aarhus in Denmark at about 5 p.m. The Baltic Cruise will be concluded in Amsterdam on 26<sup>th</sup> May. The “Nieuw Statendam” measures 99,500 GT while it is 300 m long and offers enough space for 2,650 passengers. The vessel was taken into operation by the Holland America Line shipping company on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

### Maiden calls at the port of Kiel during the season 2019:

- 5<sup>th</sup> January: “Mein Schiff 2” (TUI Cruises)
- 27<sup>th</sup> April: “MSC Meraviglia” (MSC Cruises)
- 17<sup>th</sup> May: “AIDAprima” (AIDA Cruises)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May: “Nieuw Statendam” (Holland America Line)
- 7<sup>th</sup> July: “World Explorer” (Nicko Cruises)
- 16<sup>th</sup> July: “Marella Explorer” (Marella Cruises)
- 19<sup>th</sup> July: “Vasco da Gama” (CMV / Transocean)

### Visits 2019 by Holland America Line in Kiel:

- 16<sup>th</sup> May: “Zuiderdam”
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May: “Nieuw Statendam” (Erstanlauf)
- 9<sup>th</sup> June: “Zuiderdam”
- 4<sup>th</sup> July: “Zuiderdam”
- 5<sup>th</sup> September: “Nieuw Statendam”

*The PORT OF KIEL (SEEHAFEN KIEL GmbH & Co. KG) operates the commercial port of Kiel by public order of the State Capital City of Kiel as its 100% subsidiary. Kiel disposes of three modern and top-performing terminals for ferries and cruise ships located directly in the city centre: the terminals at Ostseekai, Norwegenkai and Schwedenkai. In addition, the ships also dock at the Cruise Berth No. 1 in the Ostuferhafen port area for passenger turnaround. 33 different cruise ships will visit Kiel on 178 separate occasions this year. For the first time more than 600,000 cruise passengers are expected to embark a cruise ship in Kiel in 2019.*

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