

Hearty Boys at Sea: The Casual Culinary Cruise

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Cruise Holidays of Chicago Pairs Food Network Stars with a Caribbean Cruise on Holland America Line's Brand New Eurodam, February 14-21, 2009.

Food Network stars Dan Smith and Steve McDonagh, The Hearty Boys, will bring their accessible, casual culinary style to the Caribbean on a 7-night cruise departing on Valentine's Day aboard Holland America Line's brand new ms Eurodam. Guests who join Cruise Holidays of Chicago's Hearty Boys group will be treated to exclusive cooking demonstrations by The Hearty Boys, a premium wine tasting, group photo, and an autographed copy of the nationally known television hosts' cookbook. In addition, guests will enjoy an exceptional Caribbean cruise departing Ft. Lauderdale, FL, with the following ports of call: Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos, San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I., and Half Moon Cay (Holland America Line's award-winning private island in the Bahamas).

After creating a successful restaurant and catering business in Chicago, Smith and McDonagh beat 10,000 entrants in the Food Network's "Search for the Next Food Network Star." In their television show "Party Line with The Hearty Boys" and cookbook "Talk With Your Mouth Full" the trendsetting caterers demonstrate their informal, fun approach to food and entertaining. Guests who make their reservations through Cruise Holidays of Chicago can enjoy the same irreverent style February 14-21, 2009, during private cooking demonstrations in Eurodam's dedicated Culinary Arts Center.

"Our goal is to create unique, memorable vacations and our partnership with the Hearty Boys achieves exactly that," said Rob Clabbers, president of Cruise Holidays of Chicago. "Guests can learn the tricks of the trade from Dan and Steve during a wonderful cruise onboard a stunning new ship -- and romantics will enjoy being at sea on Valentine's Day! Chicago-area residents can continue the experience by joining The Hearty Boys cooking classes when they return home."

Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands will christen ms Eurodam in July 2008, the ship is the first of the new Signature-class. The Eurodam will feature spacious staterooms, most with verandahs, a sumptuous spa, swimming pools with private cabanas, several alternative dining venues including pan-Asian, Italian and the Pinnacle Grill specialty restaurants, dedicated youth and teen facilities and the popular Explorations Cafe.

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