

## CULTURAL AMBASSADORS - OI BRASIL



### Esther Alvero - Creative Director & Team Leader

Esther's passion for dancing and Latin culture led her to co-found "Cubaneando" in 2004, one of London's top Cuban Salsa schools. In 2006, she launched Oi Brasil!, specializing in Brazilian and Cuban entertainment. She's also freelanced for Sadler's Wells and produced hit West End shows like "Vamos Cuba" and "Havana Rakatan." Recognized for her 21 years of contributions to the Salsa scene in the UK, Esther's expertise blends teaching, performing, and event production.

### Richard Watson - Guest Speaker/Portuguese Teacher

Richard, a geographer and musician from London, moved to Rio in 2006 to pursue his love for Brazilian geography, samba, & carnival. With nearly two decades in Brazil, he now works at the London University of Arts and holds a Fellowship with the Royal Geographical Society. A passionate samba player, Richard has performed at Rio's Sambadrome as a "Cuica player." Since 2020, he's been a dynamic guest speaker for Holland America Line, blending education with entertainment.



### Ida Kolte - Guest Presenter/Portuguese Teacher

Ida is Danish and grew up in Sisimiut, Greenland. She holds a BA and an MA in History and a PhD in Public Health. Ida has travelled extensively in her personal and professional life, and has always been very interested in topics like colonialism, voyages of exploration, medical history and traditional beliefs. When she is not at sea, she works as a researcher in Indigenous Health at FIOCRUZ, Brazil's world-renowned public health institute in Rio de Janeiro.

### Luana Bandeira - Samba Dance & Brazilian Latin Rhythms Instructor

Luana Bandeira is a passionate ambassador of Brazilian culture with 10 years of experience as a stage assistant on 'Caldeirão do Huck.' A queen of Estácio de Sá and Bloco Badalo de Santa, she has also been a muse of Viradouro Samba School since 2018. Specializing in Samba no Pé, Capoeira, and African dance forms, Luana founded a cultural center to promote Brazilian arts. Onboard, she shares her vibrant offering guests an authentic experience of Brazil's heritage.



### Thaise Rossini Braga - Singer/Performer/Arts & Crafts

Thaise, a renowned singer from São Paulo, is a leading female vocalist in London's Latin music scene. Known for her powerful voice and engaging performances, she brings Brazilian energy to Oi Brasil and enriches Arts & Crafts activities with her pedagogical background. Thaise's charisma, humor, and dedication make her a dynamic and versatile performer. She's proudly served as a cultural ambassador for Holland America Line and Oi Brasil on four cruises.

### Charles Fernandes - Professional Dancer/Latin Aerobics & Ballroom Instructor/Arts & Crafts

Charles, a versatile talent from Rio, excels as an actor, presenter, choreographer, dancer, and ballroom dance teacher. Known for hosting prestigious Gafiera Dance Congresses, he captivates audiences as the master of ceremonies at a themed club in Rio. Charles has showcased his talents globally in cities like Shanghai, Vienna, and Paris, & has since 2020 he's proudly served as a cultural ambassador for Holland America Line.



### Dayvid Souza Dos Santos - Capoeira Instructor & Performer

Dayvid, a renowned Capoeira artist from Ilheus, Bahia, has toured Europe, performing with prestigious Brazilian dance productions. Based in Rio, he has earned standing ovations at Holland America's Oi Brasil Show for his teaching and performances. His passion for dance and charismatic personality make him a crowd favorite. Dayvid has proudly served as a cultural ambassador for Holland America Line on six occasions.

## FROM YOUR CRUISE DIRECTOR



### Welcome Onboard Volendam!

I'm honored to served as your Cruise Director for this 2026 Grand World Voyage. This will be an incredible journey of discovery, exchanging ideas, building connections and sharing stories long the way. Our team has created an engaging, enriching, and entertaining program for you.

Here's to many meaningful moments and memories made together.

At your service,

Erin Karpovich

## YOUR GRAND WORLD VOYAGE ACTIVITY TEAM



CLARE



SHELLY



JOHNETTA



ELZETTE



DANY

## GUEST CHEF

### André Castro - Guest Chef

André Castro is a Brazilian chef that has been working with Food and Beverage for 25 years in several countries. He is graduated in hospitality in Örebro and Innovation focused on Food Research and Development. He is also an international sommelier and professional olive oil taster.



	January 4 <i>Fort Lauderdale, Florida</i>	January 5 <i>At Sea</i>	January 6 <i>At Sea</i>	January 7 <i>At Sea</i>	January 8 <i>Bridgetown, Barbados</i>	January 9 <i>At Sea</i>	January 10 <i>Devil's Island, French Guiana</i>
<b>OCEAN BAR</b>	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER THE DAM BAND	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER SOLO GUITARIST THE DAM BAND	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER SOLO GUITARIST THE DAM BAND	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER THE DAM BAND	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER SOLO GUITARIST	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER SOLO GUITARIST GRAND WORLD VOYAGE BAND	SOLO GUITARIST THE DAM BAND
<b>MIX</b>		PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER	SOLO GUITARIST
<b>CROW'S NEST</b>	SOLO GUITARIST	SOLO GUITARIST	SOLO GUITARIST			SOLO GUITARIST	
<b>EXPLORER'S LOUNGE</b>	VIVACE		VIVACE	VIVACE	VIVACE	VIVACE	VIVACE
<b>WORLD STAGE</b>	MIDATLANTIC MEN VOCAL GROUP 7:30pm & 9:00pm 	CHLOE LOWERY VOCALIST 7:30pm & 9:00pm 	MIDATLANTIC MEN VOCAL GROUP 7:30pm & 9:00pm 	CHLOE LOWERY VOCALIST 7:30pm & 9:00pm 	PAUL ADAMS COMEDIAN 7:30pm & 9:00pm 	HITS ON 45 WORLD STAGE CAST 7:30pm & 9:00pm 	GOLD STRINGS DUO INSTRUMENTALISTS 7:30pm & 9:00pm 
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	WELCOME ABOARD CELEBRATION SEA VIEW POOL, 8 4:00pm 	WELCOME BLOCK PARTY ALL DECKS 4:00pm 	CAPTAIN'S WELCOME WORLD STAGE, 4 & 5 7:00pm 	COOKING SHOW WAJANG THEATER, 4 1:00pm 	CARIBBEAN PARTY LIDO POOLSIDE, 9 8:30pm 		

	January 11 <i>At Sea</i>	January 12 <i>Icoaraci, Brazil</i>	January 13 <i>At Sea</i>	January 14 <i>At Sea</i>	January 15 <i>Recife, Brazil</i>	January 16 <i>At Sea</i>	January 17 <i>At Sea</i>
<b>OCEAN BAR</b>	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER SOLO GUITARIST THE DAM BAND	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER SOLO GUITARIST THE DAM BAND	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER GRAND WORLD VOYAGE BAND	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER THE DAM BAND	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER SOLO GUITARIST THE DAM BAND	PIANO BAR ENTERTAINER SOLO GUITARIST	SOLO GUITARIST THE DAM BAND
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<b>EXPLORER'S LOUNGE</b>	VIVACE		VIVACE	VIVACE	VIVACE	VIVACE	VIVACE
<b>WORLD STAGE</b>	ISABEL COMMANDEUR VOCALIST 7:30pm & 9:00pm 	PAUL ADAMS COMEDIAN 7:30pm & 9:00pm 	VOLENDAM BALL 8:30pm 	GOLD STRINGS DUO INSTRUMENTALISTS 7:30pm & 9:00pm 	ISABEL COMMANDEUR VOCALIST 7:30pm & 9:00pm 		ROCK BRITANNIA WORLD STAGE CAST 7:30pm & 9:00pm 
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>		THE GRAND FAIR LIDO POOLSIDE, 8 8:30pm 	FORMAL NIGHT 	COOKING SHOW WAJANG THEATER, 4 1:00pm 	ICE CREAM SAIL AWAY SEA VIEW POOLSIDE, 8 4:30pm 	BRAZIL CARNIVAL LIDO POOLSIDE, 8 8:30pm 	

SUBJECT TO CHANGE