Passage through the Panama Canal and Costa Rica

aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star Le Champlain

January 30 to February 7, 2022

♦ Daylight Transit through the Panama Canal
♦ 100% Private Balcony Staterooms
♦ All Shore Excursions Included

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Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends:

We invite you to cruise from the Caribbean Sea to the Pacific Ocean and witness one of the greatest accomplishments of the modern age, the Panama Canal. During a specially arranged and narrated daylight transit, experience the mighty locks that raise and lower oceangoing vessels 85 feet, employing the force of gravity to achieve in mere hours what once involved a three-week circumnavigation of South America. The Agua Clara locks, part of the canal’s monumental expansion in 2016, have doubled its capacity and enabled larger ships to transit.

This journey-of-a-lifetime showcases Earth’s most pristine ecosystems in the rainforests, islands and archipelagos of Panama and Costa Rica. Visit biodiverse Manuel Antonio National Park, where expert naturalists will lead a trail walk through an ecosystem of rare species. Explore the heart of Panama City’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated Casco Antiguo and tour the Biodiversity Museum.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le CHAMPLAIN featuring only 92 Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony. Dock in small ports of call inaccessible to larger vessels and enjoy enriching excursions led by experienced onboard naturalists. Space is limited so reserve now.

Warm regards from Hanover,

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Assistant Director, Lifelong Learning

Study Leaders

Mona Domosh is Professor of Geography and holds the Joan P. and Edward J. Foley Jr. 1933 Professorship at Dartmouth College. She is also the Director of the Society of Fellows postdoctoral program at Dartmouth. Prof. Domosh is a cultural-historical geographer with research interests in understanding the relationships between different gendered, racialized and classed formations and urban design, form and function. Her recent research focuses on the networks of institutions and individuals who created and maintained what became known as the Black Belt of Chicago – the South Side neighborhood that was home to Chicago’s Black community – in the first decades of the 20th-century. She teaches classes in urban and cultural geography and is interested in expanding her analyses by traveling and interrogating different cities around the world.

Francis J. Magilligan is the Frank J. Reagan ’09 Chair of Policy Studies, Professor of Geography and Adjunct Professor of Earth Sciences at Dartmouth College. Prof. Magilligan’s teaching and research interests focus primarily on the biophysical and social aspects of watershed management. In particular, his research addresses stream channel and watershed response to environmental change – whether that change is generated by natural (e.g. climate change) or anthropogenic (e.g. agriculture, grazing or logging) causes. Currently he is focused on the links between channel processes and riparian ecology, especially the role of dams – and their subsequent removal – on aquatic and floodplain ecological integrity. He received a Guggenheim Award to expand this work to examine the intersection of science and politics of river restoration in the United States. He has conducted international field work in the Peruvian Atacama Desert investigating the long-term evolution of El Niño floods and the regional relationship between climate change and cultural history.

Cover photo: See the historic Panama Canal during a daylight transit.

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One of the most biodiverse locations on Earth, Costa Rica’s habitats and ecosystems preserve a spectacular array of wildlife and unspoiled beauty. More than 25 percent of this country has been designated a national park, wildlife refuge or protected rainforest. Almost five percent of all identified plants and animal species thrive within the nation’s 12 distinct ecosystems, ranging from cloud forest to coral reef. Famed for its easily accessed park system, Costa Rica—a global leader in conservation—represents one of the world’s greatest ecotourism destinations. Led by expert naturalists, explore virgin rainforests and jungle-fringed beaches to look for howler monkeys, toucans, three-toed sloths, tree frogs, iguanas, leatherback turtles and over 600 species of non-migratory birds.

The country’s national motto, “Pura Vida!” or “pure life,” is reflected in its commitment to environmental preservation. An economy-wide policy to achieve zero net carbon emissions by 2050 has reinforced the connection between Costa Rica’s residents and this primal landscape that flourishes with rare and endemic species.

**San José, Costa Rica**

In the heart of the fertile Valle Central is an eclectic mix of museums, landscaped parks, lively cafés, fascinating art galleries and an interesting fusion of Spanish Colonial, Moorish and Modernist architectural styles. Built between 1891 and 1897, the ornate, Neoclassical National Theater—famous for its marble staircases and golden statues—was declared a National Symbol in 2018. The Pre-Columbian Gold Museum’s impressive collections showcase the metalsmithing skills and cultural evolution of the civilization that inhabited Costa Rica from 500 B.C. to 1500 A.D.

**Curú National Wildlife Refuge**

A unique blend of sustainable agriculture, forest management and wildlife protection, Curú National Wildlife Refuge provides sanctuary to terrestrial and marine species, including the scarlet macaw and spider monkey. Encompassing five distinctive untouched habitats that range from mangrove swamps to dry and humid forests, it is the ideal place to observe the intricacies of interdependent ecosystems. Morning is the optimal time for a guided walk to watch for groups of capuchin and howler monkeys, coatis, iguanas and more than 230 species of birds.

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**Itinerary**

**Landscapes of Costa Rica**

**Pre-Program Option**

1. Depart the U.S./San José, Costa Rica
2. San José/ Puerto Caldera/EmbarK Le Champlain
3. Curú National Wildlife Refuge/Tortuga Island
4. Quepos for Manuel Antonio National Park
5. Casa Oroquídeas
6. Cébaco Island, Panama
7. Panama City
8. Panama Canal Transit/Colón
9. Colón/Disembark ship/Panama City/Depart for the U.S.

**Panama’s Renaissance**

**Post-Program Option**

Photo this page: Visit Manuel Antonio National Park, famed for its pristine trails and prolific wildlife.
Tortuga Island
Nestled in a private reserve near the stunning Nicoya Peninsula, idyllic Tortuga Island is named for its tortoise-like volcanic rock formations. Enjoy an opportunity to swim and snorkel in this uninhabited island’s clear, sheltered waters, brimming with fascinating marine life including angelfish, spotted eagle rays and seahorses.

Manuel Antonio National Park
A captivating combination of lush rainforest, dramatic beaches and thriving coral reefs, Manuel Antonio National Park preserves more than 100 species of mammals, an estimated 300 species of birds and an array of reptiles and amphibians.

In this biodiverse paradise, expert naturalists assist in spotting and identifying colorful toucans, cacophonous howler monkeys, camouflaged iguanas, red-backed squirrel monkeys, two- and three-toed sloths and rambunctious capuchin monkeys.

Rio Seco Rainforest
Immerse yourself in the ideal off-the-beaten-path destination accessible only by boat. Rio Seco Rainforest is located inside Piedras Blancas National Park, a lush jungle home to howler monkeys, coatis, white-nose capuchin monkeys, toucans and scarlet macaws and renowned for its birdwatching.

Cébaco Island
A winding coastline of rarely visited sandy beaches and towering palm trees front the dense rainforests that dominate Cébaco Island, a gem in the sparkling Gulf of Montijo. Snorkel in its emerald...

Stroll through Panama City’s Casco Antiguo, a maze of atmospheric streets dotted with exquisite Neoclassical buildings, pastel-hued colonial mansions, historical churches and fashionable restaurants.
waters, where schools of brilliantly colored fish, giant manta rays and four different species of turtles swim amid spectacular coral reefs.

Panama City, Panama
Attractive and cosmopolitan, Panama City is arguably Central America’s most enchanting capital city. In the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Casco Antiguo, charming, cobblestone streets are lined with Spanish-, Italian- and French-influenced architecture that lead to flower-filled plazas. Nearby, the Frank Gehry-designed Biodiversity Museum showcases the ecological significance of Panama’s exotic flora and fauna. Learn more about the operation of the Panama Canal’s locks in the adjacent Miraflores Locks Visitor Center.

Panama Canal
During a specially arranged daylight passage, experience firsthand what former British ambassador James Bryce hailed as the “greatest liberty man has ever taken with nature.” A work of mesmerizing genius, the Panama Canal cuts through the Great Continental Divide, spanning almost 50 miles from Panama City in the south to Colón in the north. Taking 33 years, 100,000 laborers and $400 million to complete, the canal facilitates the passage of approximately 13,000 ships each year.

Search the rainforest for Costa Rica’s iconic red-eyed tree frogs, who flash their eyes to distract predators. Seek out capuchin monkeys, known for their intelligent use of tools to forage for food.

Landscapes of Costa Rica
Pre-Program Option
Explore Costa Rica’s diverse biospheres, from hot springs to cloud forests. In view of towering Arenal Volcano, walk in the lush rainforest along a series of suspended and fixed bridges. Visit an organic chocolate workshop, an award-winning coffee estate and a traditional artisan town known for intricately hand-painted woodcrafts. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxé COSTA RICA MARRIOTT HOTEL HACIENDA BELEN and two nights in the ideally located HOTEL ROYAL CORIN.

Panama’s Renaissance
Post-Program Option
Continue your journey with Panama City’s rich indigenous culture and compelling colonial history. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Panama La Vieja—founded in 1519 and later destroyed by privateer Henry Morgan—to see the ruins of the oldest European settlement on the Pacific-American coast. Visit the fascinating Agua Clara Visitor Center for panoramic views of the Panama Canal expansion and cruise the Gatún River to meet indigenous Emberá people. Spend two nights in the ideally located, deluxé BRISTOL PANAMA HOTEL.

The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design


Blue Eye – World’s First Multisensory, Underwater Observation Lounge

View the beauty of marine life through the large, subaquatic windows and integrated digital screens providing live images from underwater cameras, and enjoy the sensory experience of listening to the ocean’s underwater universe in the comfort of the exclusive *Blue Eye* lounge.*

Respect for the Environment

A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important certification among ocean-cruising vessels, *Le Champlain* is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

World-Class Service

The highly trained, English-speaking crew is personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.

Chic and Casual Dining

Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include full breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies

Each of the 92 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, private bathroom with a shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Life on Board

Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges—which open to the outdoors—and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa or infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, a fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

*Marine life viewing varies by location.
Included Features

In San José, Costa Rica
♦ One night in the deluxe COSTA RICA MARRIOTT HOTEL HACIENDA BELEN, with breakfast.
♦ Tour of San José, including visits to the National Theater and Pre-Columbian Gold Museum, with lunch.

Transfer from San José to Puerto Caldera.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Small Ship LE CHAMPLAIN
♦ Seven-night cruise from Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica, to Colón, Panama.
♦ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
♦ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
♦ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
♦ All meals aboard ship.
♦ Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
♦ Blue Eye— the world’s first luxury, multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge.
♦ Expert onboard naturalist guides to lead small group excursions.
♦ Guided trail walk in Curú National Wildlife Refuge.
♦ Visit to picture-perfect Tortuga Island, an uninhabited paradise.
♦ Excursion in stunning and biodiverse Manuel Antonio National Park, with a naturalist-led trail walk through the protected rainforest.
♦ Excursion to the spectacular Rio Seco Rainforest located inside Piedras Blancas National Park.
♦ Visit to pristine Cébaco Island, with time at leisure to swim and snorkel.
♦ Tour of Panama City, highlighted by a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Casco Antiguo, the Biodiversity Museum and the Panama Canal Miraflores Locks Museum.
♦ Daylight passage through the Panama Canal, accompanied by a historical narration. Transit times through the canal are controlled by the Panama Canal Authority and are subject to traffic conditions.

Transfer from Colón to Panama City.

Always Included
♦ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
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The Panama Canal
Marvel of Human Engineering
More than a Century of Passages

The 580-foot-long SS Kroonland was the largest passenger ship of to transit the Panama Canal in 1915.

Completed in 1914, the Panama Canal is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World by the American Society of Civil Engineers. France’s failed attempt to build a canal in the 19th century and implicit U.S. backing of Panama’s independence in 1903 created diplomatic conditions favorable to the U.S.-led effort. In 1904, the Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty granted exclusive canal rights to the U.S. across the Isthmus of Panama in exchange for $10 million and an annuity of $250,000.

Under the watchful eye of U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt, the canal’s realization hinged on the successful conversion of the original French sea-level plan to a lock-controlled canal system and crucial health-care advances to prevent malaria and yellow fever outbreaks. This historic engineering feat opened new channels of international trade and allowed ships to travel between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in a fraction of the time required to circumnavigate South America. Following a $5.25 billion expansion in 2016, the canal now accommodates more than twice the cargo.

Discover the engineering brilliance of the Panama Canal, one of mankind’s great feats.
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Per person, based on double occupancy

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Double occupancy (one queen bed).
Single accommodations.
Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Landscapes of Costa Rica
Pre-Program Option

Double at $1295 per person.
Single at $1845 per person.
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Panama’s Renaissance
Post-Program Option

Double at $695 per person.
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I/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:

(fill in departure city)

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

Final Payment due October 27, 2021; make by check, ACH, wire transfer or credit card. No land/cruise cancellation fees until 96 days prior to January 30, 2022!
Cancellation fees and penalties apply as follows:

- Can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.
- A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted at the discounted rate. If a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be made at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation.

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DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted. Cancellation fees and penalties may apply.

CANCELLATION FEES: Final payment due at least 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation fees and penalties apply as follows:

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