Daylight Transit through the Panama Canal and Costa Rica

A voyage aboard the Exclusively Chartered, All-Suite Small Ship  
Five-Star STAR BREEZE  
February 9 to 17, 2018

- Daylight Transit through the Panama Canal  
- Luxury Small Ship—only 106 Suites  
- 100% Ocean-View Suites  
- All Shore Excursions Included
Dear Gator Traveler:

Few experiences can match one of the world’s most dramatic voyages, a cruise from the Pacific to the Atlantic through one of the greatest man-made wonders of the world, the ingenious Panama Canal. Having celebrated its centennial anniversary just three years ago and the completion of a monumental expansion doubling its capacity last year, this marvel of engineering and 50-mile passage through the narrow isthmus of Panama continues to astonish even today’s most veteran traveler. During a specially arranged daylight transit, experience firsthand the mighty locks that raise and lower oceangoing vessels 85 feet and using no other power than the force of gravity, accomplishing in mere hours what would have taken a three-week circumnavigation of South America in years gone by.

We invite you to join the University of Florida for this voyage of a lifetime featuring a narrated passage through the historic Panama Canal and to the unspoiled rainforests of Costa Rica and Panama during the best time of year. On this comprehensive itinerary, explore the heart of Panama City’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated Casco Antiguo—the city’s old town—and tour acclaimed architect Frank Gehry’s only design in Latin America, Panama City’s Biodiversity Museum. Enjoy a specially arranged, exclusive visit to the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute’s Punta Culebra Nature Center with a Smithsonian guide for an up-close look at the terrestrial and marine conditions that sustain the stunning diversity of life here. Visit Panama’s ancient San Blas Islands, where the Guna Indians live much as they did centuries ago. Experience one of our planet’s most pristine ecosystems in the rainforests, islands and archipelagos of Costa Rica and Panama.

This spectacular University of Florida offering features the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, all-Suite STAR BREEZE, relaunched in 2015 by an award-winning cruise line after an expansive, $8.5 million refurbishment. This sophisticated small ship features only 106 Suites, six with a private furnished veranda and 36 with private French-style balcony—ideal for your own secluded viewing of the daylight passage through the Panama Canal. Dock in small ports of call inaccessible to larger vessels and enjoy the advantages of Five-Star small ship cruising—casually elegant ocean-view accommodations, an exclusive itinerary carefully crafted with enriching excursions led by experienced onboard naturalists and no waiting in long lines.

This is an extraordinary travel opportunity and an excellent value, so book now while space is available!

Sincerely,

Timothy L. Walsh
Assistant Vice President
University of Florida Alumni Association

Photo this page: In only three square miles, Costa Rica’s Manuel Antonio National Park showcases an abundance of natural wonders among its sandy beaches, low-lying marshes and mature tropical forests.

Cover photo: Cruise from the Pacific to the Atlantic during your daylight passage through the Panama Canal, hailed as one of the 20th century’s greatest achievements in engineering and a monument to the ingenuity and tenacity of mankind.
Called the “coast of riches” by the Spanish conquistadors who discovered it in 1502, Costa Rica offers visitors incredible beauty, ecological diversity and fascinating cultural experiences. More than 25% of this captivating country is a national park, wildlife refuge or protected rainforest, earning Costa Rica the distinction of the greenest country in the world and the leading destination for eco-tourism. Explore lush rainforests, walk along exquisite beaches and see a stunning array of wildlife, where rare and endemic species flourish, including howler monkeys, colorful tree frogs and 600 species of non-migratory birds. Costa Rica’s national motto is “Pura vida!” which translates literally as “pure life” and is expressed by the optimistic, carefree spirit and the smiling faces of the ticos (Costa Rican natives) who warmly welcome you to their spectacular landscape.

San José, Costa Rica
In the heart of the fertile Valle Central, Costa Rica’s vibrant capital city of San José possesses an eclectic mix of museums, landscaped parks, lively cafés and art galleries and an interesting fusion of architectural styles including Spanish Colonial, Moorish and Modernist.

Manuel Antonio National Park
Experience an unparalleled diversity of wildlife in this lush tropical paradise, a captivating combination of rainforest, beaches and coral reefs, home to more than 100 species of mammals, almost 200 species of birds and various reptiles and amphibians. During a guided morning walk through this “Living Eden,” expert naturalists will help you spot colorful toucans, screeching howler monkeys, camouflaged iguanas, squirrel monkeys, two- and three-toed sloths and rare and endangered species such as...
Panama’s Guna Indians proudly wear vibrant molas and wrap their legs with beaded winis.

as the scarlet macaw, all of which are protected by law in this natural haven.

Curú National Wildlife Refuge
Unlike traditional nature reserves, Curú Wildlife Refuge, a hidden gem of the tropics, is a unique blend of sustainable agriculture, forest management and wildlife protection, encompassing five distinctive untouched habitats—including mangrove swamps and both dry and moist forests—making it the ideal place to see the intricacies of co-dependent ecosystems. Enjoy a guided walk in the morning, the best time of day to observe an abundance of wildlife including spider, howler and capuchin monkeys; white-tail deer; iguanas; and more than 230 species of birds, including the scarlet macaw.

Isla Cébaco, Panama
A winding coastline of pristine sandy beaches and towering palm trees front the dense rainforests that dominate the rarely visited gem of Isla Cébaco in the sparkling Gulf of Montijo. Snorkel in its emerald waters, where schools of vibrantly colored fish, giant manta rays and four different species of turtles swim amidst spectacular coral reefs.

Panama City
Central America’s most attractive capital city was founded in 1519 by Spanish explorers and rebuilt in the late 17th century.

Snorkel with rich sea life in pristine waters.

In the UNESCO World Heritage-designated “old quarter” of Casco Antiguo, discover a charming neighborhood with cobblestone streets, a stunning 16th-century cathedral and many historical architectural edifices that remain intact.

At the end of the scenic Amador Causeway, the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute’s Punta Culebra Nature Center is an open-air museum focused on marine science and conservation. Enjoy a specially arranged, Smithsonian staff-guided visit accompanied by Director Matthew Larsen.

Nearby, the new Biodiversity Museum, designed by architect Frank Gehry of Guggenheim fame, showcases the ecological significance of Panama’s exotic flora and fauna.

San Blas Islands
Located on the Caribbean side of Panama, the sun-drenched San Blas Islands are an extraordinary testament to Panama’s commitment to the indigenous
The Panama Canal’s stunning Gatún Lake was the world’s largest man-made lake upon completion in 1913.

Panama City’s Casco Antiguo, settled in 1673, showcases a charming blend of Spanish, French and Italian colonial architecture.

Costa Rica’s Cloud Forests and Volcanoes Pre-Program Option
Experience a medley of Costa Rica’s diverse biospheres, where a towering volcano cradles a steamy, emerald green lagoon deep within a mile-wide crater and misty cloud forests shelter a dazzling array of flora and fauna. Explore the lush Arenal rainforest along a series of suspended and fixed bridges. Tour an organic chocolate workshop and an award-winning coffee estate. Accommodations for two nights are in the ideally located HOTEL ROYAL CORIN and one night in the hacienda-style COSTA RICA MARRIOTT HOTEL SAN JOSÉ.

Dynamic Panama—The Renaissance of a City Post-Program Option
The perfect complement to “the crossroads of the Americas” is an exploration of old and new Panama. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Panama Viejo to see the ruins of the oldest European settlement on the Pacific coast of the American continents and enjoy an architectural tour featuring modern Panama City. Cruise along the Gatún River through the rainforest to encounter Panama’s indigenous Embera people. Accommodations for two nights are in the ideally located, deluxe BRISTOL PANAMA HOTEL.

Surrounded by lush rainforest, Costa Rica’s imposing Arenal Volcano entered into a resting phase in 2010.

Guna Indians, also known as the Kuna, and their centuries-old language, customs and culture. Villagers live in typical thatched-roof huts, barter or trade in fish and agricultural products and paddle dugout canoes, their main mode of transportation. Guna women continue to hand stitch traditional colorful molas (reverse appliqué panels) and wear winis, long strings of tiny beads wrapped around their forearms and legs in striking geometric patterns.

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The pristine turquoise waters of Golfo de San Blas—populated with vibrant, untouched coral reefs and rich marine life—offer splendid opportunities for swimming and snorkeling.

Panama Canal Expansion Agua Clara Visitor Center
A nine-year, multibillion dollar undertaking has created the first ever expansion of the Panama Canal. At the hilltop Agua Clara Visitor Center outside Colón, enjoy panoramic views of the new longer and wider locks and the impressive Gatún Lake, the 166-square-mile artificial body of water created a century ago to feed the canal. (Agua Clara visit is departure flight time permitting.)
The exclusively chartered, Five-Star, all-Suite STAR BREEZE, relaunched in 2015 following multimillion-dollar refurbishments, offers intimate cruising at its finest. This small ship can dock in ports inaccessible to larger vessels and celebrates traditional “sail aways” on deck. Its Zodiacs carry small groups on island landings and excursions that are led by expert naturalists.

Ideal for private viewing of the Panama Canal daylight transit are the six Classic and Owner’s Suites, each with a private, furnished veranda. The 36 French Balcony Suites have a floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door and wooden railing, and the ocean-view Suites have one picture window. Each of the Five-Star Suites features one queen bed (most convertible to two twin beds), a private bathroom with shower (most with full bathtub), luxurious European linens and amenities, individual climate control, flat-screen satellite television, Wi-Fi Internet access, safe, walk-in closet and ample drawer space, minibar, dressing table, hair dryer, plush robes and slippers. Complimentary welcome flowers and fruit are provided in each Suite upon arrival.

The elegant AmphorA dining room accommodates all guests at a single, unassigned seating, and an attentive staff serves fine contemporary international cuisine. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are included throughout the cruise. Guests may enjoy indoor or outdoor dining in the Veranda restaurant for breakfast and lunch or reserve a table at Candles for alfresco evening dining. The Yacht Club offers complimentary specialty coffees and light snacks in between meals. Room service is also available 24 hours.

The inviting and spacious public areas are tastefully appointed and include a large lounge, where a program of enriching lectures is held; two bars; a comfortable library; computer center with Internet access; spa; fitness center; boutique; casino; outdoor whirlpool and counter-current pool; and a watersports marina with complimentary paddleboarding, kayaking and snorkeling equipment. The ship has two elevators, and there is a medical facility on board staffed by a physician.

With a ratio of one crew member for every 1.5 guests, the English-speaking, award-winning crew provides personal and attentive service.
Included Features

**In San José, Costa Rica**
- One night in the hacienda-style **COSTA RICA MARRIOTT HOTEL SAN JOSÉ**.
- American breakfast.
- Tour of San José, including the National Theater and National Museum, with lunch.

**Scenic transfer from San José to Puerto Caldera.**

On board the exclusively chartered, all-Suite, small ship, **Five-Star STAR BREEZE**
- Seven-night cruise from Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica, to Colón, Panama, featuring Panama Canal Transit and port calls at Quepos for Manuel Antonio National Park and Curú National Wildlife Refuge, Costa Rica; and Isla Cébaco, Panama City, and the San Blas Islands, Panama.
- Spacious, Five-Star, ocean-view, all-Suite accommodations, each with a private bathroom and individual climate control.
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- All meals—breakfast, lunch and dinner—featuring fine international cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.
- Expert onboard naturalist guides to lead small group excursions.
- Excursion in stunning and biodiverse **Manuel Antonio National Park** with a naturalist-led trail walk through the protected rainforest.
- Exclusively arranged, onboard guitar performance by local Quepos musicians.
- Guided tour through Curú National Wildlife Refuge to see a wide array of wildlife in a natural habitat, such as the rare scarlet macaw and the spider monkey, both reintroduced into the wild here.
- Visit to unspoiled Isla Cébaco, with opportunities for swimming and snorkeling in pristine waters amongst colorful marine life.
- Exclusive visit to the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute's Punta Culebra Nature Center, accompanied by Director Matthew Larsen, with a Smithsonian staff-led tour.
- Excursion in the idyllic, remote **San Blas Islands**.
- Culinary demonstration by the ship’s chef.
- Tour of the ship’s gourmet galley.

**Scenic transfer from Colón to Panama City.**

**Enhanced Travel Services**
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides and naturalists.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite aboard ship and on excursions.
- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship and in the hotel.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic $25,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
During a daylight passage, experience firsthand the “greatest liberty man has ever taken with nature,” which cuts through the Great Continental Divide, spans 50 miles and took 33 years to complete at a cost of $400 million. This historic engineering feat changed the world, opening up new channels of international trade and allowing ships to travel between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in a fraction of the time it took to circumnavigate South America.

After France’s failed attempt to build a sea-level canal here in the 19th century and following the U.S. involvement in Panama’s independence, the project was turned over to the U.S. in 1903, and construction began during the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt. Among the 100,000 workers involved in the construction was French Post-Impressionist artist Paul Gauguin. When completed in 1914, the Panama Canal was considered one of the seven wonders of the modern world. Now, more than a century later, the Panama Canal has undergone a $5.25 billion expansion, adding a wider third lane that accommodates more than twice the cargo of the original lanes, maintaining its status as the “gateway to the world.”

Tens of thousands of workers labored and sacrificed to complete the largest engineering endeavor of the early 20th century.
MV STAR BREEZE

LAND/CRUISE TARIFF excluding taxes* Per person, based on double occupancy

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Suites II

| Classic Suite II | Large Suite with French-style glass doors and private furnished veranda, two obstructed-view picture windows and living/dining room. Deck 6, midship. (limited availability) | $8995                      | $9995                     |

Suites I

| Classic Suite I | Larger Suite with French-style glass doors and private furnished veranda, full wall of front-view picture windows and living/dining room. Deck 5, forward. (limited availability) | $9395                      | $10395                    |

Owner's Suite

| Owner's Suite | Larger Suite with glass door onto private furnished veranda, full wall of front-view picture windows, additional private powder room, larger living/dining room. Deck 6, forward. (limited availability) | $9795                      | $10795                    |

Singles are available in category 5 at $11095,* in category 4 at $11495* and in category 2 at $14695* on or before July 11, 2017. Add $1000 for reservations made after July 11, 2017.

*Taxes are an additional $353 per person and are subject to change.

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in Suite Category:

1st Choice 2nd Choice

Economy Class

First Class

Depending on availability and is nonrefundable.

Please allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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I/We want you to book my/our air from

(Complete departure city)

to San José, Costa Rica, with return from Panama City, Panama, at additional cost to be advised.1

Economy Class Upgraded Economy Business Class First Class

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

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

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Costa Rica Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Dynamic Panama Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, you agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $_______ as deposit.

Make checks payable to Great Gator Escapes.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $_______ to:

Visa MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

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