COSTA RICA AND THE PANAMA CANAL

Aboard National Geographic Sea Lion | March 14-21, 2015
Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

The tropical wildness of Costa Rica and Panama, plus the man-made wonder of the Panama Canal: only our ship-based expedition provides all of the above, and more. Over the course of a week, you’ll experience an unprecedented amount of diversity—idyllic islands, lush rain forest, tropical wildlife, and the historic Canal.

You’ll have opportunities to walk deep into the rain forest—hearing only birdcalls, jungle noises, and our own footfalls. Make landfall by expedition landing craft on pristine beaches to swim and snorkel. Kayak mangrove-lined waterways. Walk upstream to a hidden waterfall, one of the many activities that makes a tropical expedition so rewarding.

Everywhere you turn there’s a photo op, and luckily there’s also a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor on board, providing you an unprecedented opportunity to shoot in the field with a top wildlife photographer.

The Panama Canal, celebrating its centennial this year, is an engineering marvel, symbolic of a time when human toil changed the face of the planet. Beyond simply transiting the Canal, our crossing offers you an exclusive experience of the Canal Zone. Over two days, you’ll have the chance to see the Canal workings by day and by night. We’ll anchor overnight inside the Canal Zone, near Barro Colorado Island, and in the morning explore the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, situated on this jungle island since 1923.

Plus, if you book by September 30, 2014, join our complimentary pre-voyage extension to the new Panama Canal Expansion Observation Center and the Museum of Biodiversity, with an overnight in Panama City. Take in the view from the expertly sited Observation Center, overlooking the construction of the third set of locks—a project so massive, it will alter the face of shipping forever. Also visit the Frank Gehry-designed Museum of Biodiversity, a unique structure with exhibits dedicated to the history of the isthmus and its myriad species.

There are many ways to experience Costa Rica and Panama, but none offer the same satisfyingly holistic, comprehensive, and curated experience that our expedition, well-equipped ship, and knowledgeable staff can provide. I hope you’ll join us March 14-21, 2015, an ideal time to explore this region. To reserve your place, please call us at 310-206-0613.

Sincerely,

Christel Pailet
Director, Alumni Travel

Cover: Guests explore the region up close aboard expedition landing craft.
Opposite page: Discover secluded waterfalls during forest hikes, Corcovado National Park, Costa Rica.

Ship’s Registry: United States
Celebrate the centennial of the Panama Canal & observe the making of Canal history again

The Panama Canal, celebrating its centennial this year, is a “man-made” wonder, an engineering marvel that changed the way the world traveled and moved goods. Now a mammoth new construction project is underway: new locks, which are seventy feet wider, are being built at both ends of the existing Canal. These new locks will allow mega-ships to alter global commerce again, by permitting a much greater volume of goods to cross. We see the construction site from a distance during our Canal transit. And we’ve created a special opportunity to get up close. You’ll see the new Panama Canal under construction—for a perfect perspective on the contemporary wonder juxtaposed against the historic.

A special crossing through a wealth of biodiversity

During the Canal crossing, you’ll be able to stand on deck, as our nimble expedition ship passes through the gigantic lock doors. A mountain of water rises beneath your feet as 26 million gallons lift you 85 feet above sea level. Transit the Canal over two days, where we typically see the workings of the locks by day, and also dramatically lit by night. Since we overnight in the Canal Zone on lushly fringed Gatún Lake, we’ll have the opportunity, by special arrangement, to visit Barro Colorado Island, site of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, a leading tropical research station since 1923—and a place of an extraordinary variety of wildlife. And we’ll hike where research is being conducted by some of the world’s top tropical scientists.

COMPLIMENTARY 2-DAY/1-NIGHT PANAMA CITY EXTENSION

Be our guest for an overnight/two-day stay in Panama City. By special arrangement, you’ll tour Miraflores Lock and then observe the action of the Canal from the overlooking restaurant where we’ll dine. Visit the Canal expansion project’s Observation Center as well as the Frank Gehry-designed Museum of Biodiversity.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Guests observe the dramatically lit Canal at night; aerial shot of the new Expansion Observation Center; explore Frank Gehry’s heralded Museum of Biodiversity; Barro Colorado Island, site of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute; archival image from the Canal’s original construction.
An authentic expedition experience where wilderness reigns

Dividing oceans and uniting continents, Costa Rica and Panama are some of the most beautiful and wildly diverse natural places on the planet. The region is home to iconic wildlife—brilliant macaws, howler monkeys, capuchin monkeys, sloths, vibrantly colored butterflies, strange frogs, and the seldom-seen puma—in all, hundreds of species of mammals and thousands of species of flora, including hundreds of orchids. Our nimble, 62-guest ship, equipped with expedition landing craft, kayaks, and snorkeling gear, is key to experiencing all the region’s variety and diversity. Swim from a beach on one of the tiny, idyllic islands in the Gulf of Panama, free from resort hotels and accessible by our expedition landing craft. Cool off in the pool of a secluded waterfall as a reward after a hike in the jungle. Ride horseback through the rain forest, explore a jungle shoreline by kayak, and snorkel a vibrant undersea garden that would otherwise be impossible to reach. This is the authentic wildness of Costa Rica and Panama—discover it up close and in depth.

Isla Coiba: An unexpected gem

Until 2004, Isla Coiba was off-limits due to its status as a penal colony. Restricted access has resulted in an almost pristine environment, and snorkeling here is an expedition highlight. The variety of color and forms found in the reef around the island attests to the beauty and uniqueness of this national park, one of the five UNESCO World Heritage sites in Panama.
See more & do more in the company of experts

Hike a verdant rain forest with a botanist, snorkel over a brilliant coral reef with a marine biologist, and take amazing wildlife shots with the help of a skilled photographer—and in one day, experience more biodiversity than most people see in a lifetime. A top-notch expedition team will share the wonders of the environment. They’re adept at spotting the iconic and sometimes elusive jungle wildlife—dazzling macaws, howler monkeys, and more. And with one naturalist for every 12 guests aboard our intimate expedition ship, you’re ensured ample attention and varied perspectives. The casual, yet engaged style of exploration means you’re welcome to gravitate toward whichever naturalist’s background mirrors your passions.

Expedition photography in the tropics

Explore Costa Rica and Panama with the benefit of an onboard Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor—a naturalist specially trained to offer assistance with your camera settings and give you shooting tips in the field to take advantage of the region’s peerless light. With such diversity and wildness, you’ll find endless photo ops.

On land, there is the dizzying greenness of the rain forest, the delicate graceful details of wildflowers, and the robust energy of monkeys. At sea, we have striking sunsets and sunrises. And you can capture the drama of the Panama Canal both during the day and at night, for two varied yet incredible views of this passage between the seas.
Immerse yourself in natural wonders along the Pacific coast of Costa Rica and Panama on a voyage aboard the National Geographic Sea Lion. Venture into the forests of Manuel Antonio and Corcovado National Parks; search for monkeys, frogs, sloths, and brightly colored birds; and ride horseback on a pristine beach. A highlight of your voyage will be a crossing of the legendary Panama Canal.

**DAY 1: MIAMI/PANAMA CITY, PANAMA/COLÓN/EMBARK/GATÚN LAKE**
Upon arrival in Panama City, drive to Colón, board National Geographic Sea Lion, and set sail for the first part of our Panama Canal transit. Stretching more than 50 miles, the Canal was a colossal engineering feat completed in 1914. Anchor in Gatún Lake for the night. (D)

**DAY 2: BARRO COLORADO ISLAND/PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT**
In the morning, we’ll board expedition landing craft for Barro Colorado Nature Monument in Gatún Lake by special arrangement. This island has been the primary Smithsonian center for tropical rain forest study since 1923, and we are very proud to have special permission to visit the facilities at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute. Join local guides for a walk through the forests that so challenged the builders of the Canal. In the evening, continue through the complex lock system of the Canal. Often we have the opportunity to cross part of the Canal during the day, and another when it is dramatically lit at night. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: GULF OF PANAMA ISLETS**
This archipelago of islands due south of Panama City has a storied past—pearls, conquistadors, buccaneers, and so much more. We’ll explore the turquoise waters via expedition landing craft or kayak, where dolphins and whales have been spotted. Observe roosting and nesting magnificent frigatebirds and blue-footed boobies on the bluffs of isolated islets. (B,L,D)
Expedition landing craft give us access to explore hidden beaches and coves.

**Day 4: ISLA COIBA NATIONAL PARK**
Isla Coiba is one of Panama’s most remote national parks and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Once a penal colony, the island has long been protected and accessible by special permit only. You’ll have an opportunity to search for the Coiba Island agouti and the mantled howler monkey. The pristine beach is ideal for swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: GOLFO DULCE, COSTA RICA**
We enter the mangrove-fringed Golfo Dulce, a protected gulf along the southwestern edge of Costa Rica. At Casa Orquídeas, a privately owned garden accessible only by boat and special invitation, see a profusion of orchids; look for tanagers, parrots, and gaudy toucans. Later, explore the placid bay, ideal for kayaking or swimming. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: OSA PENINSULA**
We anchor off the Osa Peninsula, unreachable by road, to see some of the most pristine lowland rain forest on the Pacific. In the environs of Corcovado National Park, you may swim in waterfall pools, horseback ride, or join an expedition landing craft cruise. Trek through the rain forest to look for monkeys. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK**
Spend the morning in Manuel Antonio National Park. We explore early, when the wildlife is most active. The naturalists point out monkeys or birds as they zip through the forest, and lethargic three-toed sloths in the trees. In the afternoon, find a place for a final hike or take a refreshing swim. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: HERRADURA/DISEMBARK/SAN JOSÉ/MIAM**
After breakfast, disembark in Herradura and transfer to the airport in San José for flights home. (B)

**Optional Extensions**
**PRE-VOYAGE (1 NIGHT/2 DAYS):** Visit Panama City’s Canal Expansion Observation Center and the Museum of Biodiversity.

**POST-VOYAGE (6 NIGHTS/7 DAYS):** Explore Costa Rica’s spectacular Monteverde Cloud Forest, Arenal Volcano, and Sarapiquí. Call for details.
National Geographic Sea Lion

OVERALL LENGTH: 152 feet.
PUBLIC AREAS: Ship features a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows, and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.
MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfast is a wide-selection buffet, and lunch is often served family style. Menu emphasizes local flavors.
CABINS: All face outside with windows, private facilities, and climate controls.
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Expedition landing craft, kayaks, snorkeling gear, bow camera, hydrophone, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, and video microscope.
SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Internet access. A video chronicler, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo specialist, undersea specialist, and ship’s doctor on board all voyages.
WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa, and morning stretch classes on the sundeck.

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

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CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #300-305 — Conveniently positioned between the dining room and lounge, these cabins feature two single lower beds, a writing desk, and a large view window. 

CATEGORY 2: Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215 — These well-located cabins include two lower single beds and a window. 

CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219 — These cabins feature a seating unit with table and two large view windows. Upper Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a double bed and a pull-out single bed for a third person; Bridge Deck cabins include two lower single beds only. 

NOTE: Sole occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate. 

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only. 

From top: Twin beds can be pushed together to form a double bed in Category 3 cabins on the Upper Deck; comfortable Category 2 cabin; guests and the ship’s officers gather each evening in the lounge.
SPECIAL OFFERS

COMPLIMENTARY PANAMA CITY EXTENSION: Book by September 30, 2014 and take advantage of our complimentary extension to the new Panama Canal Expansion Observation Center and the Museum of Biodiversity, with overnight in Panama City. (Offer valid for new bookings only and not combinable with other offers.) Call for details.

BRING THE KIDS: We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So, take $500 off the double occupancy price for each person under 18.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Expedition Cost Includes: All accommodations aboard ship; all meals and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship; all shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees; transfers to/from airport/ship if traveling on group flights; use of kayaks and snorkeling gear; all port taxes and service charges during the voyage; gratuities to local guides/drivers; services of Lindblad Expeditions’ natural history staff and a ship physician.

Not Included: Air transportation; meals not indicated; extensions unless indicated; horseback riding; passport/visa fees; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, voyage DVD, email, and laundry; gratuities to ship’s crew at your discretion.

Airfare: Airfare is an additional cost. Sample airfares are subject to change. Lindblad Expeditions will gladly assist in making your arrangements for a $50 per person service fee.

Reservations: To confirm your place, an advance payment of US $850 per person is required at the time of reservation and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check.

Final Payment: Due no later than 90 days prior to departure.

Insurance: Trip cancellation/interruption insurance is highly recommended and should be considered for your financial protection. Also important, especially if you are traveling internationally, is medical insurance and emergency medical evacuation coverage. A comprehensive package will be made available to you upon receipt of your initial deposit. Early purchase may provide coverage of preexisting medical problems.

Smoking Policy: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

Responsibility: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of the Company’s (Lindblad Expeditions and UCLA Alumni Association’s) liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests prior to final payment, and to prospective guests upon request.

Note: Itinerary and prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date, and are subject to change. The Company (Lindblad Expeditions and UCLA Alumni Association) reserves the right to impose surcharges based on increases in the Company’s actual cost of fuel and other unexpected expenses.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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This policy applies to expeditions and may vary for extensions. We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.
Reservation Form:  
Costa Rica and the Panama Canal  
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Please reserve _______________________ place(s).

Name 1 (As it appears on passport): ____________________________________________
Name 1 (Preferred name for name badge): ___________________ Date of Birth: __________

Name 2 (As it appears on passport): ____________________________________________
Name 2 (Preferred name for name badge): ___________________ Date of Birth: __________

Street Address: _____________________________________________________________
City: ________________________________ State: _______________ ZIP: __________

Home Phone: ( ) ___________________ Business Phone: ( ) ___________________
Cell Phone: ( ) ___________________ Fax: ( ) ___________________

Email: _________________________________________________________________

Accommodations:  □ Double  □ Single  □ Twin share w/friend
□ Twin share (Roommate assigned by tour operator)

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:
1st choice: _______________________ 2nd choice: ___________________

Please send me information on the:
☐ Panama City extension  ☐ Monteverde, Arenal Volcano & Sarapiquí extension
☐ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ ____________________ (US$850 per person).
Make your check payable to Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.

☐ Charge my advance payment of $ ____________________ (US$850 per person)
to my ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ American Express or ☐ Discover.

Account Number: ______________________________ Expires: __________________
Cardholder Signature: ______________________________ Date: __________________

I accept the conditions as stated in this brochure and submit my reservation(s) as indicated.

Signature: ______________________________ Date: __________________

UCLA Alumni Travel is a benefit of membership in the UCLA Alumni Association. The Association requires all alumni and friends to join to use our services. You may invite one companion to travel with you as a guest on your membership.

☐ Yes, I am a member of the UCLA Alumni Association.
☐ No, I am not a member. Please send me an application to join.
Expedition Highlights

▶ Walk rain forest trails, home to howler and capuchin monkeys, sloths, scarlet macaws, and toucans.

▶ By exclusive arrangement, overnight in Gatún Lake and visit the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute on Barro Colorado Island.

▶ Explore idyllic, offshore islands by expedition landing craft or kayak.

▶ Snorkel at Isla Coiba, a World Heritage site, and go horseback riding on the remote Osa Peninsula.

▶ Travel with expert naturalists, including an undersea specialist and certified photo instructor.