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Passage through the **Panama Canal and** **Costa Rica**

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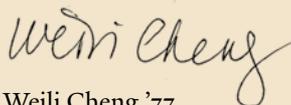
We invite you to voyage from the Pacific to the Atlantic through one of the greatest man-made wonders of the world, the ingenious Panama Canal – an experience nearly unmatched in its drama and engineering marvel.

Having celebrated its centennial anniversary just four years ago, and recently completing a monumental expansion, this 50-mile passage through the narrow isthmus of Panama continues to astonish even today's most veteran traveler. During a specially arranged and narrated daylight transit, experience firsthand the mighty locks that accomplish in mere hours what would have taken a three-week circumnavigation of South America in years gone by.

This journey of a lifetime also features the planet's most pristine rainforests, islands and archipelagos of Panama and Costa Rica during the best time of year. 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. Visit Panama's ancient San Blas Islands, where the native Guna people live as they did centuries ago.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered five-star LE CHAMPLAIN, launching in 2018 and featuring the extraordinary *Blue Eye*, the world's first multisensory observation lounge. This sophisticated small ship offers only 92 suites and staterooms, each with a private balcony. Dock in small ports of call inaccessible to larger vessels and enjoy the advantages of five-star cruising – elegant ocean-view accommodations, an exclusive itinerary carefully crafted with enriching excursions led by experienced onboard naturalists, and attentive, personal service.

Space is limited for this extraordinary travel opportunity and excellent value, so book now at www.yaleedtravel.org/panama19. For questions or additional information, contact Yale Educational Travel at 203-432-1952 or edtravel@yale.edu.



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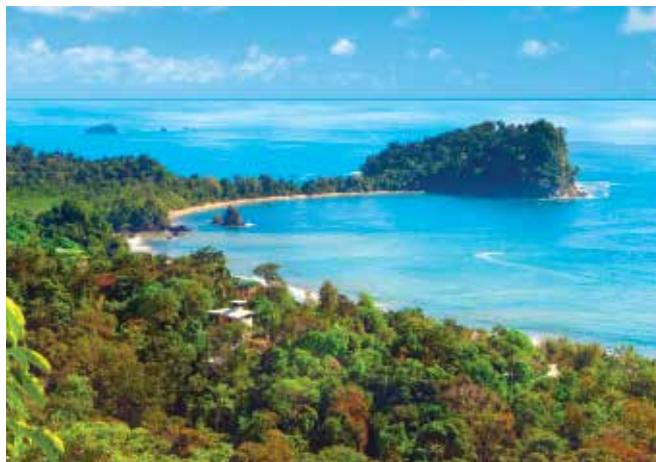
Highlights

Enjoy a specially arranged daylight transit through the Panama Canal, accompanied by an informative narration of the canal's history and exclusive lectures regarding the engineering feats behind its construction and operation.

Tour the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute's Punta Culebra Nature Center, an open-air museum focused on equatorial ecosystem research and science.

Swim and snorkel in pristine, sheltered waters among vibrant coral reefs teeming with colorful marine life – turtles, manta rays, and more.





Yale Study Leader

Peter Crane



Sir Peter Crane FRS is known internationally for his work on the diversity of plant life – its origin, fossil history, current status, conservation, and use. From 1982 to 1999 he was at the Field Museum in Chicago, and from 1999 to 2006 he was Director of The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, one of the largest, most prestigious and influential botanical gardens in the world. He returned to Chicago in 2006 as the John and Marion Sullivan University Professor at The University of Chicago. From 2009 to 2016, he was the Carl W. Knobloch Jr., Dean of Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

Peter Crane was elected to the Royal Society – the U.K. academy of sciences – in 1998 and was knighted in the U.K. for services to horticulture and conservation in 2004. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Foreign Associate of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, a Foreign Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, and a Member of the German Academy Leopoldina. Sir Crane is the recipient of several honorary degrees from universities in the U.K. and U.S., including honorary doctorates of science from the University of Connecticut and Cambridge University. He received the International Prize for Biology in December 2014. He is also President of the Oak Spring Garden Foundation in Virginia, an estate of Rachel Lambert Mellon that includes an exquisite garden as well as an exceptional library focused on the history of plant science, plant exploration, and the development of gardens and landscape design. The Foundation is dedicated to inspiring and facilitating scholarship and public dialogue on the uses, history, and future of plants, including their importance for human well-being and in the culture of gardens and landscapes.

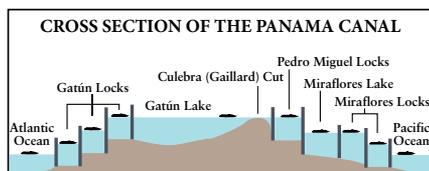
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THE PANAMA CANAL:

Marvel of Human Engineering and More Than a Century of Passages

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 and 100,000 laborers to complete at a cost of \$400 million. This historic engineering feat changed the world, opened new channels of international trade, and allowed 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 resumed under the watchful eye of President Theodore Roosevelt. 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 canal has undergone a \$5.25 billion expansion to accommodate more than twice the cargo, maintaining its status as the “gateway to the world.”



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WELCOME PHONE CALL

Thursday, January 24 at 4 PM EST
Join the group for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Peter Crane in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

U.S./SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

Saturday, February 2
Depart the U.S. for San José, Costa Rica. Upon arrival, check into the deluxe, hacienda-style COSTA RICA MARRIOTT HOTEL SAN JOSÉ.

SAN JOSÉ/PUERTO CALDERA

Sunday, February 3
In the heart of the fertile Valle Central, Costa Rica's dynamic 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. Visit the National Theater, a regal Baroque edifice modeled on Milan's La Scala, with marble staircases, gilded statues, and red velvet carpeting, and peruse the National Museum's impressive pre-Columbian Central American artifacts, stonework, gold jewelry, and statuettes.

Transfer to Puerto Caldera and embark LE CHAMPLAIN. (B/L/D)

CURÚ NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE/ ISLA TORTUGA

Monday, February 4
Unlike traditional nature reserves, Curú Wildlife Refuge is a unique blend of sustainable agriculture, forest management, and wildlife protection, reestablishing species like the scarlet macaw and spider monkey, both reintroduced into the wild here. Encompassing five distinctive untouched habitats—including mangrove swamps and both dry and humid forests—it is the ideal place to see the intricacies of interdependent ecosystems.

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Enjoy a guided walk in the morning, the best time of day to observe an abundance of wildlife including capuchin and howler monkeys, more than 230 species of birds, white-tail deer, and iguanas. Nestled in a private reserve near the stunning Nicoya Peninsula, idyllic Isla Tortuga is named for its tortoise-like volcanic rock formations. Against a backdrop of coconut palm trees and white-sand beaches, enjoy opportunities to swim and snorkel in this protected island's clear, sheltered waters, home to fascinating marine life such as angel fish, spotted eagle rays, and sea horses. (B/L/R/D)

See marine science and conservation efforts in action during a specially arranged tour of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute's Punta Culebra Nature Center.

QUEPOS FOR MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

Tuesday, February 5
Experience an unparalleled diversity of wildlife in this lush tropical paradise, a captivating combination of rainforest,

beach, and coral reef, home to more than 100 species of mammals, almost 200 species of birds, and various reptiles and amphibians. Explore this "Living Eden," where 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 the scarlet macaw. (B/L/D)

ISLA CÉBACO, PANAMA

Wednesday, February 6
A winding coastline of rarely visited sandy beaches and towering palm trees front the dense rainforests that dominate Isla Cébaco, a gem in the sparkling Gulf of Montijo. Snorkel in its emerald waters, where schools of brilliantly colored fish, giant manta rays, and four different species of turtles swim amid spectacular coral reefs. (B/L/D)

PANAMA CITY

Thursday, February 7
Arrive in Central America's most attractive capital city, founded in 1519 by Spanish explorers and rebuilt in the late 17th century.

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-led tour.



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

In the UNESCO World Heritage-designated "old quarter" of Casco Antiguo, discover a charming neighborhood with cobblestone streets, a stunning 16th-century cathedral, and historical architectural edifices. **(B/L/D)**

PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT

Friday, February 8

Experience a daylight passage across the Great Continental Divide through the "gateway of the world," the historic Panama Canal, accompanied by a specially arranged narration on its history. **(B/L/D)**

Transit times through the canal are controlled by the Panama Canal Authority and are subject to traffic conditions.

SAN BLAS ISLANDS

Saturday, February 9

Located on the Caribbean side of Panama, the sun-drenched San Blas Islands are a living testament to Panama's indigenous Guna people, 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.

The pristine turquoise waters of Golfo de San Blas—populated with untouched coral reefs and vibrant marine life—offer an exciting opportunity for swimming. **(B/L/R/D)**

COLÓN/PANAMA CITY/U.S.

Sunday, February 10

Disembark the ship in Colón. Continue on the Dynamic Panama Post-Program Option or transfer to the Panama City airport, with a stop at the Panama Canal's Agua Clara Visitor Center en route, for your return flight to the U.S. **(B)**

(Agua Clara visit is departure flight-time permitting.)

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Reception/Dinner.

COSTA RICA'S CULTURAL AND NATURAL RICHES

Pre-Program Option

January 30–February 3

\$1,295 per person, double occupancy

\$1,895 per person, single occupancy

Experience a medley of Costa Rica's diverse biospheres, from steamy hot springs to misty cloud forests. In view of towering Arenal volcano, explore the lush rainforest along a series of suspended and fixed bridges. Tour historic San José, 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 ideally located TABACÓN GRAND SPA THERMAL RESORT and two nights in the hacienda-style COSTA RICA MARRIOTT HOTEL SAN JOSÉ.

Pre-Program pricing includes a credit for one night's accommodations in San José and the San José city tour already included in the cost of the main program.

DYNAMIC PANAMA—THE RENAISSANCE OF A CITY

Post-Program Option

February 10–12

\$595 per person, double occupancy

\$845 per person, single occupancy

An exploration of old and new, Panama is the perfect complement to "the crossroads of the Americas." Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Panama Viejo, cruise the Gatún River to meet the indigenous Embera people, and visit the fascinating Agua Clara Visitor Center for panoramic views of the Panama Canal expansion. Spend two nights in the ideally located, deluxe BRISTOL PANAMA HOTEL.

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Artist rendering. LE CHAMPLAIN, launching September 2018.

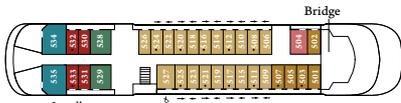


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Exclusive to the Ponant fleet is the extraordinary *Blue Eye* multisensory underwater observation lounge that immerses you in the beauty of the ocean's ecosystem. Observe marine life through the large subaquatic windows and on digital screens, while specially designed hydrophones echo the sounds beneath the surface. *Marine life viewing varies by location.*



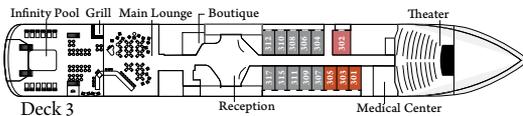
Deck 6



Deck 5*



Deck 4



Deck 3

- ↳ Convert to adjoining suites
- One queen size bed only
- ↳ Modified accessible suites: Feature a queen-size bed (no twin option)
- * Prestige Suites, Deck 5 capacities to be advised

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- CATEGORY 8** **\$5,515**
Picture window, single door onto private partial-wall balcony, shower. **Deck 3, forward.** (limited availability)
- CATEGORY 7** **\$6,215**
Picture window, single door onto private partial-wall balcony, shower. **Deck 3, midship.**
- CATEGORY 6** **\$7,115**
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. **Deck 4, forward.**
- CATEGORY 5** **\$7,515**
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. **Deck 4, midship.** *Single Pricing: \$12,915*
- CATEGORY 4** **\$8,015**
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. **Decks 5 and 6, aft.** (limited availability)
- CATEGORY 3** **\$8,515**
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. **Deck 5, forward.** (limited availability)
- CATEGORY 2** **\$9,015**
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. **Deck 5, midship.** *Single Pricing: \$15,515*
- CATEGORY 1** **\$9,515**
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. **Deck 6, midship.**

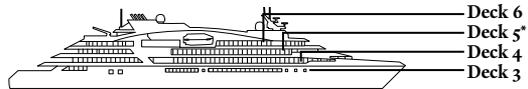
DELUXE SUITE **\$10,815**
Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, shower, sitting area with sofa. **Decks 3, 4, 5 and 6.** (limited availability)

PRESTIGE SUITE* **\$11,815**
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Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, shower, sitting area with sofa. **Decks 5 and 6.** (limited availability)

GRAND DELUXE SUITE **\$13,215**
Large two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional private powder room, sitting area with sofa. **Decks 5 and 6.** (limited availability)

OWNER'S SUITE **\$13,515**
Large two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional private powder room, sitting area with sofa. **Deck 6.** (limited availability)



What is Included:

- Program of lectures and discussions with Professor Peter Crane.
- Accommodations on double occupancy basis as per the itinerary.
- All entrance fees as per the itinerary.
- Services of Travel Director during the tour as per the itinerary.
- Expert onboard naturalist guides to lead small group excursions.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
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- Any insurance other than specified above.
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Travel Options

Costa Rica Pre-Program Option (per person)

double \$1,295 single \$1,895

Panama Post-Program Option (per person)

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Look for howler monkeys and other rare and endemic species in Costa Rica, where protected parks and wildlife refuges comprise more than a quarter of the country.