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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No land/cruise cancellation fees for new bookings until 96 days prior to trip departure.
Dear Graduates, Parents and Friends of Brown:

Cruise from the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean Sea 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.

Visit the stunning and biodiverse Manuel Antonio National Park, where expert naturalists will lead a trail walk through an ecosystem of rare species, including the scarlet macaw and fiery-billed aracari. 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, the Biodiversity Museum.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Champlain 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 excursions led by experienced onboard naturalists.

We will be joined on this adventure by alumni and friends from several other institutions. Space is limited, so I encourage you to reserve now.

Sincerely,

Beth Goldman Galer ’88, P’25
Director of the Alumni Travel Program

Faculty Lecturer
The Brown Travelers program strives to include a representative of Brown on each trip, and we will make every effort to provide an outstanding faculty lecturer for this departure. However, group travel is planned far in advance, and given the current very fluid nature of travel, we cannot guarantee confirmation of Brown faculty participation on this program. If for any reason we are unable to send an accompanying lecturer, please be assured that our tour operators all share our belief that travel should provide an opportunity to learn about the world in deep and meaningful ways, and the educational content of this tour remains very high.

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

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

San José, Costa Rica
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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 Rio Seco Rainforest
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 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 Panama Canal Miraflores Locks Museum.

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.

Snorkel in the vibrant coral reef of the Gulf of Montijo off Cébaco Island, an idyllic paradise. Search the rainforest for Costa Rica’s iconic red-eyed tree frogs, who flash their eyes to distract predators. Look for the three-toed sloth, the world’s slowest mammal. 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 steamy hot springs to misty 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 deluxe Costa Rica Marriott Hotel Hacienda Belén 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, compelling colonial history and contemporary élan. 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, deluxe 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
Le CHAMPLAIN ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships, where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

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 unique 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 a 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.

Scenic 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 providing exceptional snorkeling opportunities.
♦ 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 among colorful marine life.
♦ Tour of Panama City, highlighted by a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Casco Antiguo, the Biodiversity Museum and the informative 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.
♦ Gratuities to hotel personnel, local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
♦ Hospitality desk aboard ship and in the hotel.
♦ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on 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 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.
LAND/CRUISE TARIFF excluding taxes*
Per person, based on double occupancy
Welcome Back Tariff*

Full Tariff*

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Singles are available in category 5 at $12295* and in category 2 at $14795*.

*Taxes are an additional $415 per person and are subject to change.

Le Champlain has been specially contracted for this program, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

THE PANAMA CANAL AND COSTA RICA RESERVATION FORM

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Home Telephone
Business Telephone

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ for deposit.
- I have reserved and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Pre-Program Option
- Landscapes of Costa Rica
- Panama's Renaissance

Post-Program Option
- Double at $1295 per person.
- Single at $1845 per person.

Please make my/our reservation(s):
Category:
1st Choice
2nd Choice
- Double occupancy
- Double occupancy (one queen bed)
- Single accommodations
- Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed)
- Single, and prefer to share accommodations.

Panama's Renaissance
- Double at $695 per person.
- Single at $495 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

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fees not listed as included in the travel program; transfers and baggage handling and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection excursions; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air/airport tax(es); airfare trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship personnel; optional sightseeing and/or itinerary changes, even if Gohagan makes the flight arrangements or cancels the for Disease Control, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, Centers based upon acts of God or force majeure, acts or orders of government, epidemics or postpone a program (or an option) for any reason whatsoever. If so, for cancellations weather, water conditions or levels, other events of force majeure, mechanical or other transportation using hotels, inns or lodges for cruise accommodations if necessary due to departure, sightseeing events, special programs and guest lecture series (if applicable), and for any reason, with or without notice, and Gohagan shall not be liable for any loss or who Gohagan determines to detract from the enjoyment of the program by others. in the activities, or who is abusive to other program participants, leaders or third parties, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right is reserved to decline to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a program participant, or remove from a program, without refund, any person Gohagan judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other program participants, leaders or third parties, or who Gohagan determines to detract from the enjoyment of the program by others. specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel or cruise line. Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or program features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Gohagan shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Ship schedules, port calls, hours of arrival and departure, sightseeing events, special programs and guest lecture series (if applicable), are subject to change or cancellation. Gohagan reserves the right to sub-contract accommodations, transportation using hotels, inns or lodges for cruise accommodations due to weather, water conditions or levels, other events of force majeure, mechanical or other conditions beyond the control of Gohagan. is not responsible for fees assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Gohagan makes the flight arrangements or cancels the program. Gohagan reserves the right to substitute vessels, hotels or attractions of a similar category, without notice. NOT INCLUDED: Taxes, passport, visas and associated fees; COVID-19 related expenses and associated fees; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access or any other expenses unless specifically otherwise described; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance, gratuities to ship personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; baggage charges on aircraft, local departure air/airport tax(es); airfare and associated local taxes; airport, harbor security and safety fees and federal inspection fees not listed as included in the travel program; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s), meals, alcoholic or other beverages and all other services not specifically mentioned as included in the travel program.
AIRFARE: Airfare is subject to change and availability and, depending on the fare basis, likely is nonrefundable. Your air ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airlines of purchased through Gohagan.
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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. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE: 96 days or more prior 95-61 days prior* 60-45 days prior* 44-0 days prior
FEES: Full refund* 85% of program price 75% of program price 100% of program price
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