

# Panama Canal with Costa Rica

## March 11-22, 2023

11 days | 5 ports | Scenic Cruising



Experience a partial transit of the Panama Canal New Locks as you experience this bucket-list destination. You'll be enchanted by Spanish and Dutch cities dating back centuries, as well as diverse tropical rainforests, white-sand beaches, dramatic volcanoes, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



### Saturday, March 11: - Onward Flight to Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Meet your ChmieBell Tour managers at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport to handle your check in for our flight to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. A shuttle will be awaiting our arrival and transport us to our hotel when we arrive to relax and enjoy an evening on your own.

### Sunday, March 12: Ft. Lauderdale (Depart 4:00pm)

We transfer to the port and set sail for the next 10 days.

### Monday, March 13: - At Sea

From relaxing pursuits and enriching activities to world-class entertainment and gourmet cuisine, you'll enjoy a world of wonderful new discoveries while at sea. From cooking demonstrations to dance classes, trivia contests and a range of enrichment programs you'll find many opportunities to explore.

### Tuesday, March 14 – Falmouth, Jamaica (Arrive 8:00am / Depart 5:00pm)

Falmouth is the chief town and capital of the parish of Trelawny in Jamaica. It is situated on Jamaica's north coast 18 miles east of Montego Bay. It is noted for being one of the Caribbean's best-preserved Georgian towns. Founded by Thomas Reid in 1769, Falmouth flourished as a market centre and port for forty years at a time when Jamaica was the world's leading sugar producer. It was named after Falmouth, Cornwall in the United Kingdom, the birthplace of Sir William Trelawny, the Governor of Jamaica, who was instrumental in its establishment. The town was meticulously planned from the start, with wide streets in a regular grid, adequate water supply, and public buildings. It even had piped water before New York City. You may want to enjoy one of the many additional excursions offered.



### Wednesday, March 15 – At Sea

Check out the daily itinerary onboard to see what activities you want to experience during your day at sea. Perhaps a day at the spa or relaxing at the pool are just a few of the many activities offered.



### Thursday, March 16 – Cartagena, Columbia (Arrive 7:00am / Depart 3:00pm)

One of the more interesting cities on your itinerary steeped in history. This was the transit port for all the wealth Spain derived from South America. The famous "Old City" is comprised of 12 square blocks filled with attractions, boutiques, and restaurants. Throughout Colombia, the Spanish Empire's influence in the New World is self-evident. Its fortress walls, quaint narrow streets, and balconied houses are all vivid reminders of Spain's hold on Cartagena and throughout the Caribbean and South America. This is the land of El Dorado and flamboyant adventurers in search of the ever-elusive gold. Cartagena's well-constructed fortifications defended its borders against seafaring pirates whose attacks lasted for more than 200 years. Today this modern and bustling city, seaport, and commercial

center still boasts much of its original colonial architecture. Your journey here will provide you with a significant link to the region's grand past. Make sure to check out the many excursions offered while visiting this port.

#### Friday, March 17 – Panama Canal Partial Transit New Locks (Arrive 6:00am / Depart 3:30pm)



The narrow isthmus separating the Atlantic from the Pacific Ocean had a colorful and turbulent history long before Ferdinand de Lesseps first dreamed of building a transcontinental canal. While the Panama Canal remains one of the great American engineering feats of the 20th century, visitors to Panama will discover a whole range of scenic wonders. Hike into the dense rainforest, home to over 1,000 species of animals. Or pay a visit to an Embera Indigenous village in the heart of Chagres National Park. There are many additional excursions to choose from.

#### Friday, March 17 –Cristobal, Panama (Arrive 4:00pm / Depart 7:00pm)

Cristobal is a Service Call only for guests returning from tours.



#### Saturday, March 18 – Limon, Costa Rica (Arrive 7:00am / Depart 6:00pm)

Costa Rica's Limon Province boasts a lush tropical climate, sprawling banana plantations and dense rainforest. These Caribbean lowlands are still sparsely populated--nearly a third of the province's population lives around Puerto Limon--and conservation efforts have led to growing eco-tourism. Limon Province offers other charms as well. Afro-Caribbean influences abound, from the lilting speech and reggae rhythms brought by Jamaican settlers to the colorful bungalows lining small fishing villages. Limon is a zesty little slice of heaven. Take a stroll or choose one of the many excursions offered here.

#### Sunday, March 19 – At Sea

Another day at sea and another day of fun. Explore the ship and take part in many of the activities offered on board.



#### Monday, March 20 – Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (Arrive 7:00am / Depart 5:00pm)

When Columbus made his landfall in the Caymans in 1503, he found tortoises and sea turtles in such profusion that he promptly named the islands Las Tortugas. But the name that stuck for the islands was the Carib word "Caimanas." Fitting, since the caiman is a New World crocodilian, and the islands were long the lair of pirates, buccaneers, and assorted freebooters. Despite their past, the Caymans are a Caribbean demi-paradise of white-sand beaches, coral gardens, and offshore waters harboring spectacular shipwrecks. Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman also boast the highest standard of living in the entire Caribbean. This union of natural beauty and cosmopolitan style makes Grand Cayman a spectacular port of call for today's adventurers. If you're looking for more adventure, try one of the many additional excursions offered.

#### Tuesday, March 21 – At Sea

Our cruise may be nearing the end, but not onboard with all the festive activities that occur all day long.

#### Wednesday, March 22 – Ft. Lauderdale (Arrive 7:00am / Depart for Home)

Once we arrive at port, we will head to the airport to catch our flight back to the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport with the most incredible memories to share with family and friends.

#### **Price Includes:**

- Round-trip Airfare from Mpls/St.Paul (All other States call for pricing)
- Pre-cruise Overnight, Luggage Fee
- 10-Day Cruise, Insurance
- Port Taxes and Fees, Ship Gratuities
- Shuttle to/from Airport and Port

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*Patty Chmielewski  
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**Deposit of \$500 Per Person**

**by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to hold your spot!**

**Final payment due January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

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