

Cruise Through the Panama Canal

2020 | November 29 – December 12

Southern Caribbean | Costa Rica | Panama Canal

Book by
Nov. 30 &
SAVE \$100

This 14-day Cruise is a vast showcase of the Panama Canal, Central America and Caribbean. From the colorful Dutch architecture of Curacao and Aruba to the historic walled city of Cartagena, and the stunning bays of Santa Marta to the incredible engineering might of the Panama Canal and ecological diversity and beautiful beaches.

Featuring


- New York City/Miami Pier Transfers
- Return Flight Miami - Bradley International
- 14-Day Cruise on NCL's NEWEST Ship ~ **Encore**
- Optional Shore Excursions
- 9 Ports | 7 Countries
- Full Time Tours of Distinction Tour Director
- Welcome Cocktail Party
- Daily Entertainment
- All Meals on NCL's Encore
- Choice of 2 Amenities
- Travel Insurance
- All Taxes, Port Charges & Fees



Staterooms

Inside Stateroom (IA): \$2,865 pp dbl | \$4,125 sgl
Balcony Stateroom: (BA): \$3,905 pp dbl | \$6,050 sgl

Other Staterooms Available Upon Request

 Moderate walking with possible incline or steps.
Up to 3 hours of walking per day.

Passport Required

For Information & Reservations

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Cruise Through the Panama Canal – Your Itinerary

Day 1 | Home – New York City, NY | Depart 4pm

Transfer to the New York City pier and embark on the Encore.

Days 2 & 3 | At Sea | Enjoy all the fun and relaxation the Encore offers.

Day 4 | Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic | 10am – 6pm

Puerto Plata is the ninth largest city in the Dominican Republic and the capital of the province of Puerto Plata. For spectacular city views, take a ride up the Pico Isabel de Torres mountain which stands over 2,600 feet high. History buff? Visit Fortaleza San Felipe, which was built in the 16th century and served as a prison under the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo. Or head to the Amber Museum, a museum filled with a unique collection of valuable Dominican amber which is tree sap that has hardened for millions of years capturing many fossils of plant and insect life.

Optional Shore Excursions Available: To Be Announced.

Day 5 | At Sea

Day 6 | Willemstad, Curaçao | 8am – 6pm

Walk around this quaint harbor town and you'll think you've travelled back in time to Old Amsterdam. Admire the colorful Dutch architecture and take advantage of the excellent shopping. Relax on 17-century veranda with a drink made with the famous Curaçao liqueur.

Some Optional Shore Excursions Available: Hato Caves & Ostrich Farm Adventure, Hato Caves & City Center, Willemstad Trolley Train and others. Speak to your Tour Director for booking any of these great excursions.

Day 7 | Oranjestad, Aruba | 8am – 6pm

Incredibly white sands and cobalt blue seas make the small island of Aruba a popular destination. In the bustling freeport town of Oranjestad, sherbet-colored Dutch colonial buildings, draped in bougainvillea, oleander and hibiscus are simply picturesque. Small, but informative museums relate the island's history.

Some Optional Shore Excursions Available: Antilla Wreck Snorkel & Beach Getaway, Sail Aruba On The Mi Dushi, Atlantis Submarine plus many more!

Day 8 | Santa Marta, Colombia | 9am – 6pm

Admire the stunning bays of Santa Marta and popular beaches. Explore the ancient cultures of the Taironas who occupied the land thousands of years ago. Stroll over to the Cathedral and admire its beautiful architecture and learn about its history.

Some Optional Shore Excursions Available: Quebrada Valencia Ecological Expedition, Highlights of Santa Marta, Taironaka Indian Reserve and more. Colombia is opening up. Take advantage of as much time on shore!

Day 9 | Cartagena, Colombia | 6am – 2pm

The old walled city of Cartagena reflects a turbulent history of conquistadors and pirates. Climb "las murallas" for an unforgettable view of the harbor. Shop for emeralds and leather goods along the cobblestone streets of this enchanting city.

Some Optional Shore Excursions Available: Highlights of Cartagena & Folkloric Show, Discover Colombia, Exploring Magnificent Cartagena or the Old City & Spanish Fortress

Day 10 | Panama Canal/Gatun Lake, Panama | 5am – 3pm

When you book an overland journey on your partial transit of the Panama Canal, you'll really travel like the

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jetsetters do as you sail through the Caribbean entrance of this maritime marvel. Once we arrive at Gatun Lake, booked shore excursion guests can disembark for an unforgettable adventure that not only promises beautiful scenery and wonderful photo ops, but an exciting jaunt to Colón, where guests will resume their cruise back aboard the ship. How's that for excitement? Please note, only booked shore excursion guests can disembark at Gatun Lake. But everyone is welcome to explore at the port-of-call in Colón.

Some Optional Shore Excursions Available: Two Oceans by Railroad, Grand Tour, Eco Cruise & Gatun New Locks, Land Divided – World United and many others that take a look at one of the world's most incredible engineering marvels.

Colón, Panama | 5pm – 8pm

Sail into the Caribbean seaport of Colón and grab a good spot on deck so you can take in the view. What a picture it is. Behold the Atlantic Ocean entrance to the famous Panama Canal. Born from a desire to get to California (and its Gold Rush) as fast as possible, this industrious town was the last stop on the 19th century Panama Railroad. It's now home to Canal Zones, U.S. military bases and of course, beauty.

Some Optional Shore Excursions Available: To Be Announced.

Day 11 | Puerto Limon, Costa Rica | 8am – 6pm

Puerto Limón is known for its multi-cultural community and a festive annual carnival celebration. In recent years the area has become even better known as must-see stop for eco-tourists. The region's unique geography and neo-tropical climate combined with abundant rainforests make for one of the most naturally diverse "biospheres" in the world. And you can take advantage of national parks and reserves in all directions from Limón. Pay close attention when you dock as many guests have reported seeing peaceful sloths lumbering in the trees right in port!

Some Optional Shore Excursions Available: Aerial Tram & Rainforest Adventure, Caribbean Train, Boat & Rainforest Walk, Veragua Rainforest & Tortuguero Canals, Wildlife Rescue Center & Cahuita National Park and many others. Costa Rica is blessed with amazing wildlife and lush scenery ~ Do not miss out!

Days 12 & 13 | At Sea | Enjoy all the fun and relaxation the Encore offers.

Day 14 | Arrive Miami – Disembarkation – Flight Home | Arrive 7am

We arrive in Miami this morning and after disembarking the Encore, we transfer to the airport for our flight. Upon arrival, transfer home filled with wonderful cruising memories.

Inside Cabin - IA



Balcony Cabin - BA



Cruise Through the Panama Canal – The Details

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All Meals & Daily Entertainment Onboard the Encore | Choice of 2 Amenities^

Pier Porterage | Welcome Cocktail Party | Travel Insurance

All Taxes, Port Charges & Fees | Gratuities for Drivers & Tour Director

^Amenity Choices Include: Ultimate Beverage Package, 250 Internet Package (per cabin), Commitment Ceremony, \$50 per port shorex credit (per cabin), Dining Package, Cocktail Party, 20 Photo Package (per cabin) or \$75 onboard credit (per cabin). **Not Included:** Any taxes/gratuities imposed by the cruise line on the amenities chosen.

Deposit & Payment Schedule

1st Deposit: \$500 per person

2nd Deposit: \$1,000 April 25, 2020

Final Payment due: August 17, 2020

Cancellation Policy

A cancellation fee of \$500 per person + non-refundable tour expenses will be charged for any cancellation received from time of booking to 121 days prior to departure. A cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour cost + non-refundable tour expenses will be charged for cancellations 120-91 days prior to departure. A cancellation fee of 100% of the total tour cost will be charged for cancellations received 90-0 days prior to departure.

Optional Travel Protection

Travel Protection is included in the cost of the cruise package.

Passengers can cancel and receive a refund due to the covered reasons outlined in the “Certificate of Insurance”. The “Certificate of Insurance” will be provided to you with your cruise confirmation packet. IF CANCELLING FOR A MEDICAL REASON, YOU MUST SEE YOUR DOCTOR PRIOR TO CANCELLING FROM THE TOUR TO QUALIFY FOR A CLAIM.



Disclaimer: We are in the business that plans far ahead of the tour's start date which can, at times, leave us with a change of itinerary, attraction, meal or accommodation. Due to any unforeseen circumstances, Tours of Distinction, Inc., must reserve the right to change the booked itinerary, attractions, restaurants or accommodations. In such an event, the alternative will be of equal or greater value.



2020 Cruise
RESERVATION FORM

One Form Per Person

South Windsor Human Services
Cruise Through the Panama Canal
November 29 – December 12, 2020 Caribbean

GUEST DETAILS

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
First Middle Last (Must match your passport!)
Address: _____ City, State: _____
Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____
Email Address: _____ Cell #: _____
Passport issue date: _____ Passport Exp Date: _____
Passport issued in what country: _____ Passport #: _____

Please send in a copy of your passport with your reservation.

If we do not receive a copy of your Passport it could take longer to process your confirmation

ROOMING & REQUIREMENTS DETAILS

Room Type: *Single Double*
Travel Partner(s): _____
Special Needs (*wheelchair, diet, handicap, etc.*): _____

***Please note that we try to accommodate special preference requests (i.e. specific staterooms, specific deck, adjoining staterooms) when possible, but we cannot guarantee them.*

PAYMENT DETAILS

Make Checks Payable to: Town of South Windsor

Mail this form, **a copy of your Passport** & deposit to:
South Windsor Senior Center c/o Victoria Hellberg
See Address Below

I am paying by: ☐ Check

Total Deposit for the Tour: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I acknowledge that I have read the Disclaimer and Cancellation Policies on the reverse of this page and understand all information given to me.

Guest's Signature: _____ Date: _____



Reservations/Information

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Disclaimer & Cancellation Policies

RESPONSIBILITY:

Tours of Distinction and its affiliates act only as an agent for the passenger with respect to transportation and hotels and exercise every care possible. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, delay, loss, accident or irregularity in connection with the services of any airplane, ship, motor-coach, train or other conveyance used in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. We cannot accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, acts of God, or by other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make alterations to this published itinerary. Tours of Distinction reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

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TRAVEL PROTECTION:

Your Tour Includes Trip Insurance. Policy details are provided at time of confirmation.

Group Insurance Coverage has been purchased on behalf of all travelers and is included in the cost of this tour. The Plan Document will be provided to you upon registration for this tour. Read the document carefully as it provides complete details of the plan, including benefits and exclusions. **IF CANCELLING FOR A MEDICAL REASON, YOU MUST SEE YOUR DOCTOR AND PROVIDE SUPPORTING MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION WHEN SUBMITTING A CLAIM.**

**Passports ARE required for this tour and must be valid 6+ months from return date of travel.
Passports need to be obtained no later than the final payment date of the tour.**

Space is available on a first come, first serve basis.

Travel Arrangements Provided by:

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