Passage through the
Panamá Canal and Costa Rica

aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship
Le Dumont-d’Urville
February 19 to 27, 2020

- Daylight Transit through the Panamá Canal
- Luxury Small Ship
- 100% Ocean-View Staterooms
- All Shore Excursions Included

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Dear UW Alumni and Friends:

We invite you to join us as we cruise from the Pacific to the Atlantic through one of the greatest man-made wonders of the world, the ingenious Panamá Canal, an experience nearly unmatchable in its drama and engineering prowess. A recently completed, monumental expansion in 2016 doubled its capacity; this 50-mile passage through the narrow isthmus of Panamá continues to astonish even today’s most veteran traveler. During a specially arranged and narrated daylight transit, experience firsthand the mighty locks that raise and lower oceangoing vessels 85 feet, employing the force of gravity to accomplish in mere hours what would have previously taken a three-week circumnavigation of South America.

Our journey of a lifetime also features the Earth’s most pristine ecosystems in the rainforests, islands and archipelagos of Panamá and Costa Rica during the best time of year. On our comprehensive itinerary, explore the heart of Panamá 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, Panamá City’s Biodiversity Museum. Visit the stunning and biodiverse Manuel Antonio National Park, where expert naturalists will lead us on a trail walk through an ecosystem of rare species, including the scarlet macaw and fiery-billed aracari.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Dumont-d’Urville, launching in 2019 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, enjoy enriching excursions led by experienced onboard naturalists and receive personal, attentive service.

Space is limited for this extraordinary travel opportunity and excellent value, so book now while Early Booking Savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Pauline Ranieri
Director, UW Alumni Tours
UW Alumni Association
www.UWalum.com/tours

For more information, please call the Passenger Services Coordinator at Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088.

UWAA Membership: While you do not have to be a UW grad to join this tour, we ask that one person, per reservation, join the UW Alumni Association. Member dues help support our travel program, making these tours possible. For UWAA membership details, please go to www.UWalum.com.

Cover photo: Cruise from the Pacific to the Atlantic on our daylight passage through the Panamá Canal.
Called the “rich coast” by the Spanish conquistadors who sought to colonize it following Columbus’s arrival in 1502, Costa Rica offers diverse and fascinating richness, seen in its fertile landscapes and the perseverant culture of its indigenous people. More than 25 percent of this captivating country is a national park, wildlife refuge or protected rainforest, earning Costa Rica the distinction of one of the greenest countries in the world and a leading destination for eco-tourism. Explore lush rainforests, stroll the white sands of coral-fringed beaches and encounter a vivid array of wildlife, including howler monkeys and 600 species of non-migratory birds. The national motto of Costa Rica is “¡Pura Vida!” translating to “pure life,” and is expressed in the proud and welcoming faces of the Ticos (Costa Ricans), the passionate biologists captivated by the flourishing rare and endemic species and the spectacularly vivacious landscape itself.

San José, Costa Rica
In the heart of the fertile Valle Central, Costa Rica’s dynamic capital city of San José possesses an eclectic mix of museums; lush, landscaped parks; lively cafés; fascinating art galleries and an interesting fusion of Spanish Colonial, Moorish and Modernist architectural styles. Visit the ornate, Neo-Classical National Theater, built between 1891 and 1897 and recently declared a National Symbol; the interior is famous for its marble staircases and golden statues. Peruse the National Museum’s impressive collections showcasing the country’s natural and cultural heritage, including pre-Columbian artifacts.

Curú National Wildlife Refuge
A unique blend of sustainable agriculture, forest management and wildlife protection, the Curú National Wildlife Refuge is home to species like the scarlet macaw and spider monkey, both reintroduced into the wild here. Encompassing five distinctive untouched habitats that range from mangrove swamps and dry and humid forests, it is the ideal place to see the intricacies of interdependent ecosystems.

**Itinerary**

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**Panamá Post-Program Option**
*Departure flight time permitting*

Photo this page: See the indigenous Guna people paddling traditional dugout canoes, their main method of transport.
Enjoy a guided walk in the morning, the best time of day to watch for groups of capuchin and howler monkeys, coatis, iguanas and more than 230 bird species.

Isla Tortuga
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 including angelfish, spotted eagle rays and sea horses.

Manuel Antonio National Park
Experience an unparalleled diversity of wildlife in this lush tropical haven, a captivating combination of rainforest, beach and coral reef, home to more than 100 species of mammals, almost 200 species of birds and a variety of reptiles and amphibians.

Explore this protected, biodiverse paradise where expert naturalists will assist in spotting colorful toucans, screeching howler monkeys, camouflaged iguanas, arboreal squirrel monkeys, two- and three-toed sloths and rambunctious capuchin monkeys.

Isla Cébaco, Panamá
A winding coastline of pristine, seldom-visited sandy beaches and towering palm trees front the dense rainforests that dominate Isla Cébaco, a hidden 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 rock reefs.

Panamá City
In Central America’s most attractive capital city, visit the Punta Culebra Nature Center, a fascinating, open-air museum focused on marine science and conservation. Nearby, the spectacularly colorful Biodiversity Museum, designed by architect Frank Gehry of Guggenheim fame, showcases the ecological significance of Panamá’s exotic flora and fauna. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Historic District, a charming neighborhood replete with cobblestone streets and historical buildings, including a 16th-century cathedral. By special arrangement, cruise through the fascinating Panamá Canal.

San Blas Islands
Located on the Caribbean side of Panamá, the sun-drenched San Blas Islands are a living testament to Panamá’s indigenous Guna

Stroll through the Historic District of Panamá City, Casco Antiguo, a colonial outpost during the 16th and 17th centuries and a UNESCO World Heritage site also known as Casco Viejo.
people, also known as the Kuna, and their centuries-old language, customs and culture. The Guna live in thatched-roof huts, barter or trade in fish and agricultural products and travel in dugout canoes. Guna women hand embroider traditional colorful molas (reverse appliqué panels) and wear winis, long strings of tiny beads wrapped around their forearms and legs in striking geometric patterns.

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Look for the omnivorous capuchin monkey, an expert forager.

Landscapes of Costa Rica

Pre-Program Option
Experience the beauty 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, and 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 BELen and two nights in the ideally located TABACÓN THERMAL RESORT.

Panamá’s Renaissance

Post-Program Option
An exploration of old and new, Panamá is the perfect complement to “the crossroads of the Americas.” Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Panamá Viejo 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 Panamá Canal expansion and cruise the Gatún River to meet the indigenous Embera people. Spend two nights in the ideally located, deluxe BRISTOL PANAMÁ HOTEL.

The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation. 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.

On the Pre-Program Option, see towering Arenal Volcano, standing at 5357 feet.

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Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design
Le Dumont-d'Urville, launching in 2019, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for an unparalleled cruising experience. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships and where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

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 and sauna or the Sun Deck's infinity-style swimming pool. There is a beauty salon, fitness room and there are three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

92 Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies
Each Five-Star Stateroom and Suite (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 bathrooms with a shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Respect for the Environment
A new addition to the Ponant "Clean Ship" fleet, an important distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Dumont-d'Urville is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

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 continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

World-Class Service
The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.

*Marine life viewing varies by location.
Included Features

In San José, Costa Rica
◆ One night in the deluxe Costa Rica Marriott Hotel Hacienda Belen.
◆ American breakfast.
◆ Tour of San José, including visits to the National Theater and National Museum, with lunch.

Scenic transfer from San José to Puerto Caldera.
On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship Le Dumont-d’Urville
◆ Seven-night cruise from Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica, to Colón, Panamá.
◆ 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 tour in the Curú National Wildlife Refuge.
◆ Visit to picture-perfect Tortuga Island known for palm-fringed beaches and lush, tropical flora.
◆ Excursion in biodiverse Manuel Antonio National Park with a naturalist-led trail walk through the protected rainforest.
◆ Specially arranged, onboard guitar performance by local Quepos musicians.
◆ Visit to pristine Isla Cébaco, with time at leisure to swim and snorkel among colorful marine life.
◆ Tour of Panamá City, highlighted by a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Casco Antiguo, the Biodiversity Museum and the Punta Culebra Nature Center.
◆ Daylight passage through the Panamá Canal, accompanied by a historical narration. Transit times through the canal are controlled by the Panamá Canal Authority and are subject to traffic conditions.
◆ Visit to the San Blas Islands archipelago to experience indigenous Guna culture.

Scenic transfer from Colón to Panamá 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.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Marvel at the grand construction of the Panamá Canal, a monumental project that spanned more than 30 years.

The $80-foot-long SS Kroonland was the largest passenger ship of its time to transit the Panamá Canal in 1915.

After France’s failed attempt to build a sea-level canal in the 19th century, and following the U.S. involvement in Panamá’s independence, the canal project resumed under the watchful eye of President Theodore Roosevelt. Completed in 1914, the Panamá Canal is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

During a daylight passage, experience firsthand the “greatest liberty man has ever taken with nature,” which cuts through the Great Continental Divide, spans almost 50 miles and took 33 years and 100,000 laborers to complete, costing $400 million.

This historic engineering feat changed the world, opening new channels of international trade and allowing ships to travel between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in a fraction of the time it took to circumnavigate South America. 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.”
MV Le Dumont-d'Urville

State Room Category

LAND/Cruise Tariff excluding taxes*

8 Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, forward. (limited availability)
   $4995 $9995

7 Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, midship.
   $5695 $6695

6 Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, forward.
   $6595 $7595

5 Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, midship.
   $6995 $7995

4 Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Decks 5 and 6. (limited availability)
   $7495 $8495

3 Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony Deck 5, forward. (limited availability)
   $7995 $8995

2 Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, midship.
   $8495 $9945

1 Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 6, midship.
   $8995 $9995

Deluxe Suite

Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Decks 3, 4, 5 and 6. (limited availability)
   $10295 $11295

Prestige Suite

Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 5. (limited availability)
   $11295 $12295

Privilege Suite

Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6. (limited availability)
   $11695 $12695

Grand Deluxe Suite

Extra-large two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6. (limited availability)
   $12695 $13695

Owner’s Suite

Extra-large two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath, sitting area with sofa. Deck 5. (limited availability)
   $12995 $13995

Singles are available in category 5 at $12295* and in category 2 at $14795* on or before June 19, 2019. Add $1000 for reservations made after June 19, 2019.

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

Le Dumont-d’Urville has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

THE PANAMÁ CANAL AND COSTA RICA RESERVATION FORM

Send to:  Gohagan & Company
         209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500
         Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446

For more information, please call the Passenger Services Coordinator at 800 922-3088.

Title  Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport) Class Year

Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please)
City State ZIP Code

Telephone: (Home) (Mobile) Business Address

Preferred Name(s) on Badges

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Costa Rica Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Panamá Post-Program Option. By reserving 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.

Yes, I/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:

(fill in departure city)

Early Booking Tariff* through June 19, 2019

Tariff* after June 19, 2019

$4995 $9995

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in State Room Category:

1st choice  2nd choice

1. Double occupancy (two twin beds).
2. Double occupancy (one queen bed).
4. I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).
5. I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).
6. Panama Post-Program Option
   a. Double at $645 per person.
   b. Single at $985 per person.
   c. I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

Costa Rica Pre-Program Option
   a. Double at $1345 per person.
   b. Single at $1945 per person.
   c. I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

I want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:

(fill in departure city)

1. Economy Class
2. Upgraded Economy
3. Business Class
4. First Class

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by November 15, 2019.
LISTEN FOR THE DISTINCT CALL OF THE HOWLER MONKEY, WHICH HAS BEEN KNOWN TO BE HEARD UP TO 10 MILES AWAY.