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Exploring the Natural Treasures of Costa Rica And the Darien Jungle Plus the Panama Canal

March 14 – 22, 2003

You are cordially invited to join us on an adventure voyage to some of the most beautiful and unspoiled parts of the Americas — Costa Rica's protected nature reserves and the remote Darien Jungle. We'll also transit the Panama Canal, the pathway that connects the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

Departing March 14, we'll sail aboard the 138-passenger Yorktown Clipper, a comfortable exploration ship that, unlike larger cruise ships, has the shallow draft and great maneuverability necessary to gain access to secluded waterways.



Here are some of the highlights:

- En route from San Jose to Puerto Caldera, we'll enjoy a visit to a coffee plantation for a taste, a tour, and a bit of history about Costa Rica's famous beverage, and then see the calderas of Poas Volcano (weather permitting — clouds below our vantage point sometimes obscure the view) before embarking the Yorktown Clipper.
- Accompanied by our ship's naturalists and local guides, we'll discover exotic rain-forest flora and fauna — green iguanas, scarlet macaws, coatimundis, and white-faced capuchin monkeys (to name a tiny fraction) — as we go on nature hikes in Costa Rica's protected Marenco Biological Station, Manuel Antonio National Park, Carara National Park, and Curú Wildlife Refuge. On Marenco's lush grounds, we will also enjoy a barbecue prepared by the ship's chefs.
- Located just north of Manuel Antonio National Park, the small city of Quepos offers a great place to shop for unique gifts and souvenirs, enjoy some authentic Costa Rican cuisine at a local restaurant or café, or just explore the town, enjoying the warm hospitality of the friendly locals.
- In Panama's Darien Jungle, we'll travel by cayuco up the Sambu River to a village of the Choco Indians, who adorn themselves with painted designs and whose carefully woven baskets and carved rosewood artifacts are beautiful examples of native craftsmanship.
- A member of the Canal Commission will board our ship to provide historical narration as we transit the locks of the Canal, enjoying a close-up view of this man-made waterway's workings in a way that is just not possible on a large, conventional cruise ship.

Throughout our journey, experienced naturalists — experts in various fields of Central American natural and cultural history — will provide lectures, informal discussions, and hands-on demonstrations. Going ashore with us via the ship's motorized landing craft, they will lead hikes and leisurely walks, enhancing our enjoyment of this adaptive environment as they impart their knowledge about the things we see.

The Yorktown Clipper is the perfect ship for what we have in mind. She carries her own fleet of motorized landing craft, which will whisk us ashore in places where no infrastructure exists. The lifestyle on board is informal and relaxed, with an intimate ambience not unlike that of a small inn. Comfortable cabins all have outside views and private bathroom facilities. Amenities include an Observation Lounge, where the spectacular beauty of this part of the world is always in view, and a window-lined dining room. The cuisine is top-notch, freshly prepared to order by Clipper's chefs, graduates of some of the most prestigious culinary institutes in America.

The Yorktown Clipper is staffed by an enthusiastic young crew who are always ready to assist you with a smile. They will go out of their way to make sure your journey is very special.

Program Includes:

- One night at the Melia Cariaria in San Jose, including dinner and breakfast
- Seven nights aboard the Yorktown Clipper
- All meals aboard ship
- Captain' welcome and farewell receptions
- All excursions and shore side explorations
- Transfers between airports/hotel/ship for passengers traveling on group dates
- Group leader and instructor, Professor Bill Chaney from Purdue University
- Onboard experts and guest speakers
- Clipper hospitality staff, including a cruise director, hotel manager; travel director at hotel
- Port charges
- Not included: Optional Trip Cancellation/Health Insurance (details to be send upon deposit); and items of a personal nature such as meals, drinks and laundry

Program Price:

IMPORTANT: Through our excellent relationship with our friends at Clipper, we have been able to secure the special rates shown on the enclosed form, **representing a savings of \$200 per cabin!**

Cabin Category	Regular Rates Per Person	Early Booking Rate Per Person	Air Gateway Per Person
1	\$2,850	\$2,750	Philadelphia \$810*
2	\$3,370	\$3,270	New York \$810*
3	\$3,620	\$3,520	Baltimore \$830*
4	\$3,870	\$3,770	* Fares include roundtrip transfers between airport and ship/hotel.
5	\$4,250	\$4,150	
6	\$4,430	\$4,330	
Single Occupancy	\$4,810	\$4,610	
Third Person in Stateroom	\$1,730	\$1,630	
Port charges, shore excursions and all meals included.			Other gateways available upon request.

Optional Trip Extensions:

Gamboa Rain Forest Resort Extension (3 Days/2 Nights)

Price: \$370 per person, double occupancy (\$550 single)

- Two nights at the luxurious Gamboa Rain Forest Resort
- Three Clipper excursions and a \$25 activity voucher
- All transfers for passengers traveling on scheduled dates of departure and return
- Services of a Clipper travel director

The National Parks of Costa Rica Extension (4 Days/3 Nights)

Price: \$890 per person, double occupancy (\$1,040 single)

- Two nights at Mawamba Lodge and one night at Tabacon Lodge
- All excursions, sightseeing, and meals
- All transfers for passengers traveling on scheduled dates of departure and return
- Services of a Clipper travel director



Your Instructor:

Bill Chaney is an award-winning professor in the department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University. He teaches courses in Global Forestry, Conservation of Natural Resources and Tree Biology. A native of Texas, Bill is an avid bird watcher and outdoorsman. He has taught numerous credit study tour courses for Purdue University to Europe, South and Central America, and Africa.

Space is limited!! Deposit NOW to guarantee your space!!
\$500 per person deposit. Final payment due December 16, 2002

For questions and itinerary details, check our website at www.globaltracks.org

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