



Panama - Unique Cultures, Exotic Wildlife, & The Panama Canal

May 15 – 22, 2003

Join Earl and Ilah Notestine for an unforgettable adventure to the crossroads of the world

Often called the 8th Wonder of the World, the Panama Canal is a lock-type canal, approximately 50 miles long that unites the Caribbean Sea with the Pacific Ocean at one of the narrowest points of the Isthmus of Panama and the American Continent. It opened its doors to world navigation on August 15, 1914, and since then, more than 825,000 vessels have transited the waterway. The canal's three sets of locks, with two lanes each, serve as water lifts, elevating ships 85 feet above sea level to Gatun Lake to allow vessels to cross the Continental Divide, and then lowers them back to sea level on the other side of the Isthmus. Not only will you experience the Panama Canal by ship but you will have the opportunity to travel by train alongside the east bank of the canal that affords an intimate view of the waterway and the rain forests that blanket its shores.



The country of Panama has world-class attractions such as beaches, lakes, two seacoasts, jungles, and some of the world's most beautiful and biodiverse rainforests. Panama has more bird species (954) than the U.S. and Canada combined. All that great nature is very accessible, within 30 minutes from Panama City!

You will learn about Panama La Vieja and its important role in history. There are four major ethnic groups in Panama and these tribes, along with 450 years of Spanish, Indian and immigrant cultures from four continents, have shaped the variety and depth of Panamanian history, culture and tradition. You will have an incredible adventure to the Soberania National Park and the Embera Indian Village of Tusipone. Folklore is expressed in its festivals and traditional dances, where the colorful "Pollera", the national costume, complimented by the "tembleques", worn in women's hair, can be seen. The men wear embroidered long sleeve shirts, calf length trousers and straw "Montuno" hats while performing these enchanting dances.

You will not want to miss joining Earl and Ilah on this exciting journey.

Program includes:

- Roundtrip transportation from W. Lafayette to Indianapolis airport
- Roundtrip International flights from Indianapolis on Continental Airlines
- Luxurious Hotels: Caesar Park Hotel and Melia Panama Canal Hotel
- All Meals
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach throughout and train ride
- Entrances fees, taxes, guided tours, portorage, and service charges

Package Price — per person based on double occupancy, with air from Indianapolis

- \$2495 Air and Ground Package, per person
- \$1995 Ground Package only (meet group in Panama City), per person
- \$ 450 Single Supplement

Not included: Optional Trip cancellation/health insurance (details to be sent upon deposit); tips to guides; passport fees; and items of a personal nature such as laundry, etc.



Your Leaders: **Earl and Ilah Notestine** have traveled extensively and have served as group leaders for many trips. Earl, Purdue professor emeritus, is a former associate Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and taught in the School of Education. Both Earl and Ilah would be pleased to have you join them for this truly wonderful Panama experience.

Space is limited!! Deposit NOW to guarantee your space!!
\$200 per person deposit. Final payment due March 1, 2003

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

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