



2017 RETIREE FUN CRUISE



15 Day Panama Canal Cruise Full Transit

Join us on our next retiree cruise through the Panama Canal. Leaving February 28, 2017 from Ft. Lauderdale, FL and arriving in San Francisco, CA on March 15, 2017. This 15 day cruise on the Island Princess, will visit Aruba; Cartagena, Columbia; Full Transit of the Panama Canal; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua; and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Rates vary depending on room selected, prices start at \$2,259.

Please contact Lisa Faircloth at Premier Cruise and Travel at 303-986-8603 for pricing and reservations. **This is a VERY popular cruise** so please make your reservations very soon. You have a year to save and plan for this trip.



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BEYOND THE CANAL



Traversing the Panama Canal is, quite literally, a passage through history — yet a cruise through the canal, and the destinations you'll visit along the way, will leave you with the ultimate story of this incredible region.

Hailed as one of the greatest achievements of the 20th century, the Panama Canal is a destination unlike any other, with unforgettable sights within and around this colossal wonder. With two ships, Coral Princess® and Island Princess®, custom-built to navigate the 51 miles that make up the mighty canal, your cruise offers an up-close experience with the engineering marvel that changed the course of history.

A trio of choices allows you to experience this iconic isthmus: a 10-day roundtrip sailing from Ft. Lauderdale transiting the locks into Gatun Lake, a man-made body of water freckled with jungle islands for a full day of scenic cruising; a 15-day ocean to ocean passage between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, traveling through all three sets of locks; or you may select a 15-day voyage between Los Angeles and Ft. Lauderdale that expands the canal experience over two days with an extra day in Panama at the port of Fuerte Amador.

Beyond the canal, a bounty of exotic ports lie in wait along your voyage. The Caribbean island of Aruba reveals its unique arid desert interior nudged against palm-lined beaches where constant tradewinds launch windsurfers through the cerulean waters. Snap photos of the island's iconic California Lighthouse and shop for Delft pottery, Dutch chocolate and famed Aruba Aloe within Oranjestad's distinctive, candy-colored architecture.

You'll wind your way to South America through Cartagena, Colombia, where Spanish Colonial influences are apparent in its magnificent fortress and the walled Old City — both UNESCO World Heritage sites — with its historic cobblestone streets and bougainvillea-tangled balconies. Indulge your artistic side by making silver and emerald jewelry in a hands-on class or explore nature from the fishing village of La Boquilla, embarking on a canoe ride through mangrove tunnels.

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PREVIOUS PAGE CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Street vendor in Cartagena, Colombia; Aruba's iconic California Lighthouse; Sloth in Costa Rica's rainforest — an Animal Planet™ exclusive tour; View of Gatun Locks from deck; Cartagena's Old City. THIS PAGE CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Veragua Rainforest, Costa Rica; Traveling through the Panama Canal Locks; Colorful houses in Oranjestad, Aruba; Snorkeling in Aruba's azure waters. OPPOSITE PAGE: Aruba's Baby Bridge still stands tall, despite the larger Natural Bridge collapsing in 2005; Biking through Cartagena's Old City.



As you cross the mighty Panama Canal, onboard experts share their insights on the feat of digging through the Continental Divide and how this shortcut spared sailors from the 13,000-mile trip around South America's peninsula. Then, it's your turn to witness the innovation at work: a series of canal locks transfer as much as 26 million gallons of water in mere minutes, controlling water levels and hoisting your vessel over 85 feet above sea level — only to set it gracefully back into the waters.

Nature's beauty is front and center on the Pacific side of the canal as you sail into Puntarenas, a paradigm of Costa Rica's wild rainforests and volcanoes,

while ancient Mayan ruins abound in Puerto Chiapas, Mexico.

Excursions in Costa Rica's Limón, a stop on roundtrip voyages from Ft. Lauderdale, are specially designed to connect you with locals. Venture into the rainforests, passing through lush landscape dotted with banana and cacao plantations. You'll arrive at a banana plantation for a tasty tour that highlights the importance of the fruit to the local economy. Animal lovers can participate in an Animal Planet™ exclusive shore excursion seeing sloths up close at the Sloth Sanctuary of Costa Rica, which was featured in Animal Planet's *Meet the Sloths*. You'll also be able to view them from your canoe as

you float down the Estrella River delta, with an experienced guide who points out these unique mammals in their natural habitat along with flora and fauna native to the region.

With so much to discover on land, ample time at sea is highlighted by the exceptional experience you've come to expect on board — from adventurous dining and indulgent spa treatments to cocktails served in cozy lounges with expansive ocean views. Even enjoy special programs designed to highlight your destinations, such as enrichment lectures and locally inspired Panamanian cuisine. You'll take pleasure in crossing the Panama Canal off your bucket list, bookended by unforgettable adventures on land and ultimate comfort at sea.