

Dear CSAA Members,

Continue with us after the Annual Meeting in Cancun to Panama, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. Our first stop is Panama City to transit the Canal by private yacht. The second unique adventure happens in the "Paradise of Evolution," Charles Darwin's name for the Galapagos Islands, one of the world's most famous national parks.

The Panama Canal has been called "The Eighth Wonder of the World"... and with good reason! It took 250,000 people from all corners of the globe more than 10 years to build, and it stands as a monument to mankind's ingenuity and power of conviction. You'll see mega-ton vessels rise and drop more than 50 feet as they make their way over Panama from one ocean to another.

Located 600 miles from the coastline of Ecuador in the Pacific Ocean, the Galapagos Islands are comprised of 13 main islands, 6 smaller islands and 41 islets. Created by strong eruptions, each island is the peak of invisible gigantic volcano deep below the ocean. With moon-like appearances, these islands host many endemic species of flora and fauna. These characteristics prompted Jacques Cousteau to name this archipelago "The Last Wildlife Sanctuary."

Additional days will be spent touring in and around Panama City and Quito.

We urge you to return your Reservation Form promptly. Call me at American Travel 1-800-656-4206 should you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey W. Robertson, CTC
President

CSAA
Post - Cancun Tour to
Panama * Quito, Ecuador * The Galapagos Islands
October 31- November 9, 2002

Itinerary

Oct. 31, Thu. Cancun Panama City

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- Individual flight arrangements; a good option from Cancun to Panama City is:
 - * Copa # 217, departs at 2:15pm; arrives at 5:50pm
 - * Please **include** the flights to Panama City and to Quito in your international ticket.
 - Regardless of your flight, on arrival in Panama City you will be met and transferred to the Miramar Inter-Continental Hotel. All rooms are on the Executive Floor.
 - Welcome dinner tonight begins our adventure.

Nov. 01, Fri. Panama City

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- Our half-day tour explores old and new Panama. The city was founded in 1519, sacked by the pirate Henry Morgan in 1671 and then destroyed by fire when the governor ordered the powder magazine burned. The city was moved a short distance away to present-day Panama City. Old Panama includes colonial ruins from when the Spaniards shipped gold from South America via the Pacific, transported it overland across Panama to the Caribbean and reloaded it on ships bound for Spain.
 - Casco Viejo is the oldest sector of modern Panama City. Here we see the monument to the French entrepreneurs who began the Panama Canal and the famed flat arch which supposedly convinced engineers that Panama was a geologically stable area for building the Canal.

Nov. 02, Sat. Panama City

- B,L
- Today we will transit the full Canal by private yacht, which is staffed by a captain, 4 deckhands and an English speaking guide.

Nov. 03, Sun. Panama City to Quito

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- Today is open to relax and further explore Panama City; optional tours and activities will be offered.
 - * Please include the flight to Quito in your international ticket; the suggested flight:
 - * Continental #888 7:40pm/9:24pm
 - The tour includes airport/hotel transfers in Panama and on arrival in Quito.
 - Our hotel in Quito is the Swissotel.

Nov. 04, Mon. Quito to Baltra

- B, L, D
- Early airport transfer for our flights to coastal Guayaquil and onto Baltra Island in the Galapagos archipelago (2.5 hours).
 - At Baltra we are greeted by local guides and transferred to Itabaca Canal from where we continue to our cruise ship the M/V Galapagos Legend.
 - After boarding, completing orientation procedures, and having lunch, we depart for Santa Cruise. Dragon Hill (dry landing) is the first stop and offers a beautiful view of the bay. Dragon Hill serves as a nesting site for land iguanas and features a hypersaline lagoon.
 - Returning to the ship, we enjoy the "cocktail of the day" followed by dinner.
 - Each evening the guides give a briefing on next day's activities.

Nov. 05, Tue. Santa Cruise to Genovesa

- B,L,D
- Disembark at El barranco on Genovesa Island (dry landing) where our first walk is on lava terrain. Along the way, we see red footed boobies and frigates.
 - In the afternoon we visit Darwin bay (wet landing) to observe frigates, sea lions, lava gulls and night herons. The bay also offers an opportunity to snorkel and observe sharks and rays.
 - Late afternoon return to the Legend for a cocktail and dinner.

Nov. 06, Wed. Genovesa to Espanola

- B,L,D
- Our first stop is Punta Suarez (dry landing) again walking on lava terrain. Aside from the sea lion colonies this is one of the most important sites for bird watching.
 - As soon as we disembark, you can see the hooded mockingbird and red-billed tropicbirds. Additionally, we see large marine iguanas with traces of green and red along with lava lizards and colorful Sally light-foot crabs. A short trek takes us into colonies of masked and blue-footed boobies and their nesting grounds which sometimes overlap the trail. Galapagos doves, hawks and swallow-tailed gulls are also found here.
 - After crossing the nesting grounds, we reach the world colony of waved albatross (approx. 15,000); they all come to the Galapagos for their mating rituals.
 - Before lunch, we visit the blowhole where water shoots 75 ft. into the air.
 - In the afternoon (dry landing) we arrive at the Puerto Baquerizo Moreno Interpretation Centre to learn more about the natural and human history of the islands through display presentations (1 hour). After time to explore the town, we return to the ship for our nightly ritual of "today's cocktail & dinner."

Nov. 07, Thu. Espanola to Baltra to Quito

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- This morning there is time to swim, snorkel, and enjoy Baltra's white sand beach (wet landing). We'll also see body surfing sea lions and marine iguanas.
 - From Baltra's airport we return to Quito via Guayaquil.
 - On arrival, transfer to the Swissotel.

- The evening is open

Nov. 08, Fri. Quito

B, L,D - Today's tour seems based on shopping but takes us out of Quito into the spectacular Andean landscape. Claderon is the first stop to sample the local specialty, 'bizcochos.' Next is the Otavalo Indian market, where we bargain for hand-knitted wool sweaters, colorful tapestries, wood carvings, silver jewelry and native paintings. Lunch follows in Cotacachi, a town famous for its handmade leather clothing.
- Tonight we enjoy an informal dinner at La Ronda.

Nov. 09, Sat. Quito to Home

B - Everyone is on their own to transfer to the airport for their return flights home.
Or, extend another day to further enjoy Quito.
(*B=breakfast, L=lunch, R=reception, D=dinner included in the tour*)

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- * First class and deluxe accommodations:
 - three nights Miramar InterContinental Hotel, Panama City
 - three nights Swissotel, Quito
 - three nights M/S Legend Cruise ship, superior cabins with private bath
- * Hotel taxes and portorage
- * Guided tours of Panama and Quito per itinerary
- * Airport/hotel/ship transfers per itinerary
- * All tours and activities on board per the itinerary
- * One dinner in Panama City and Quito
- * Breakfast daily at the Miramar and Swissotels
- * Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on the cruise
- * Luggage tags

Tour Cost	\$3,395.00	per person double occupancy
	\$1,705.00	additional charge for a single room/cabin
	\$ 137.00	per person supplement to upgrade to a Jr. suite on the ship
	\$ 372.00	per person supplement to upgrade to a suite on the ship

(supplements are based on double occupancy; suites are limited)

Features Not Included: International air fare; personal items such as room service and phone calls, mini-bar charges; meals not specified; Ecuadorian and Panamanian departure taxes payable at the airports. One cocktail per night is included on the ship; additional drinks are at individual expense.

Cruise Notes: The MS Legend is new and quite nice. You are booked into their superior cabins, however, please don't expect The QE11. The ship is designed to enable a better experience while cruising amongst the Galapagos Islands. The cabins are well appointed, air-conditioned, all outside with

twin lower beds, all with private bath with shower, sink and toilet, generous hot and cold fresh water supplies. The Legend provides lounges, dining parlours and conference areas with TV and VCR, a well stocked bar, large picture windows, and expansive observation decks with sun/shade areas. Please note that snorkelling gear is included; but scuba diving is not allowed during the cruise.

* Wet landings are by motorized rubber rafts.

* Pack so that you can leave your big suitcase at the Swissotel and take a smaller bag on the cruise.

CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Reservations are confirmed by American Travel Association (ATA) upon receipt of the Reservation Form and deposit. A deposit of \$400 per person by check or American Express card is due with the Reservation. Receipt of final payment is due in the office of ATA no later than August 28th, 2002. For reservations received after August 28th, full payment is due with the sending of the Reservation Form.

Cancellation:

Land Package: A \$300 per person cancellation fee will be charged on cancellations received before August 28th, 2002. Penalty on cancellations received between August 28th and September 12th will be \$400. Penalty on cancellation received between September 12th and departure will be a maximum of 100% of the land cost per person, depending upon the amount recoverable from the suppliers to whom payment had been sent. There will be no refunds once the tour has begun.

Airfare: Cancellation charges on domestic and international fares vary according to the type of ticket purchased; the charge is imposed by the airline, not ATA.

Cancellations must be made in writing to American Travel Association. To avoid discrepancies, ATA will not act on information given over the phone until written notice has been received.

Insurance: Trip cancellation, baggage, and medical insurance coverage is available for purchase through a form to be sent by ATA. We strongly recommend insurance coverage. Last minute illnesses do occur, and the insurance helps offset non-refundable air and land charges. Please read the insurance form thoroughly and call Access America with any questions. You might also check with your local insurance agent to see what is covered under your homeowner's policy.

Responsibility: American Travel Association, Inc. (ATA), and the Central Station Alarm Association (CSAA) and/or their agents are acting as intermediaries for suppliers selling services, and in accepting reservations and bookings of services which are not directly supplied by the ATA or CSAA (such as air transportation, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals and tours). ATA and CSAA therefore shall not be responsible for breach of contract or any intentional, unintentional or careless actions or omissions on the part of such suppliers, which result in any loss, damage, delay or injury to the person, property or otherwise. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically stated in writing on your invoice or reservation itinerary, we do not guarantee any such supplier's rates, bookings or reservations. The traveler's acceptance of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute a consent to the above. ATA and CSAA give notice that they cannot be held responsible for any monetary crisis, political or social unrest, labor problems, mechanical or contractual difficulties, climatic aberrations, local laws, diseases, terrorism or novel conditions. It is the traveler's responsibility to be aware of and determine the validity of any travel advisories which may exist. Arrival and departure airport transfers are provided for the suggested group flights only. The air flights and hotel rooms are limited and confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. Hotel and travel arrangements are subject to change without prior

notice to ATA or CSAA. ATA and CSAA reserve the right to substitute equivalent hotels or cruise ship if conditions so warrant.

Health: A letter of explanation of any physical or mental condition which may require medical attention or special equipment (wheelchair, for example) must be enclosed with the Reservation Form.

Prices: The air fares and land/air package prices are subject to change due to airfares, land cost increases and foreign exchange fluctuation. ATA reserves the right to change the price for such reasons or changes in the number of participants (20) upon which the tour cost is based. All prices are based on rates and tariffs in effect on February 25, 2002.

Proof of Citizenship and Visa Requirements

A valid passport is required for travel and should be valid six months beyond your travel dates. You can now apply for a passport at your local post office or the U.S. Passport Agency nearest you. Visas are not necessary for American citizens traveling to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. A tourist visa is needed for Panama, which can be purchased as you depart from the USA for Panama. If you stop enroute in Mexico for the CSAA Convention, you have to purchase your tourist card on arrival in Panama City. No problem, customs will have them; they cost \$5. No immunizations are currently required.

Weather

Early November is considered high season but will be a bit cooler than the December-June warm season; so the weather should be quite comfortable. The average daily temperature ranges from 60 - 75 (F), the water temperature ranges from 65-71 (F) and you can expect mostly sunny days.

Tax Deductibility

Current tax regulations allow deductibility for travel and subsistence expenses incurred in travel related to trade or business. It is the responsibility of the traveler to become familiar with and adhere to the specific reporting requirements imposed.

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Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Company (if mailing to your office) _____

Mailing (delivery) Address _____

Suite or Apt.# _____ **City** _____

State _____ **Zip** _____ **Country** _____

Office Phone _____ **Fax** _____ **Home Phone** _____

E-mail: _____ **Preferred** first names for badge _____

Hotel Rooms Double Occupancy Single Occupancy
 We prefer 1 bed; if no kings available, queen is OK no, two beds
 We prefer a two-bedded room
(preferences will be requested, but cannot be guaranteed)
 Non-smoking Smoking

Cabin Upgrade Yes, please upgrade us to Jr. suite suite on the Legend
(suites are limited and allocated on a "first come" basis)

Deposit A deposit of \$400 per person is due with the Reservation Form. The deposit may be by American Express credit card or check.

** Enclosed is a check payable to American Travel Association in the amount of _____ .

** If you wish to wish to use an American Express card, please complete the following.

Number _____ Expiration date _____

Name on card _____ 4-Digit Code _____

Signature _____

I have read and understand the conditions set forth in this brochure; reservations will not be accepted without signature here_____

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