

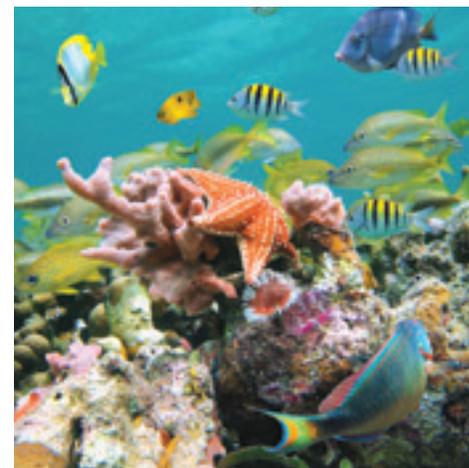


Treasures of
**Colombia, Panama,
and Costa Rica**

aboard the Variety Voyager

JANUARY 10-19, 2014

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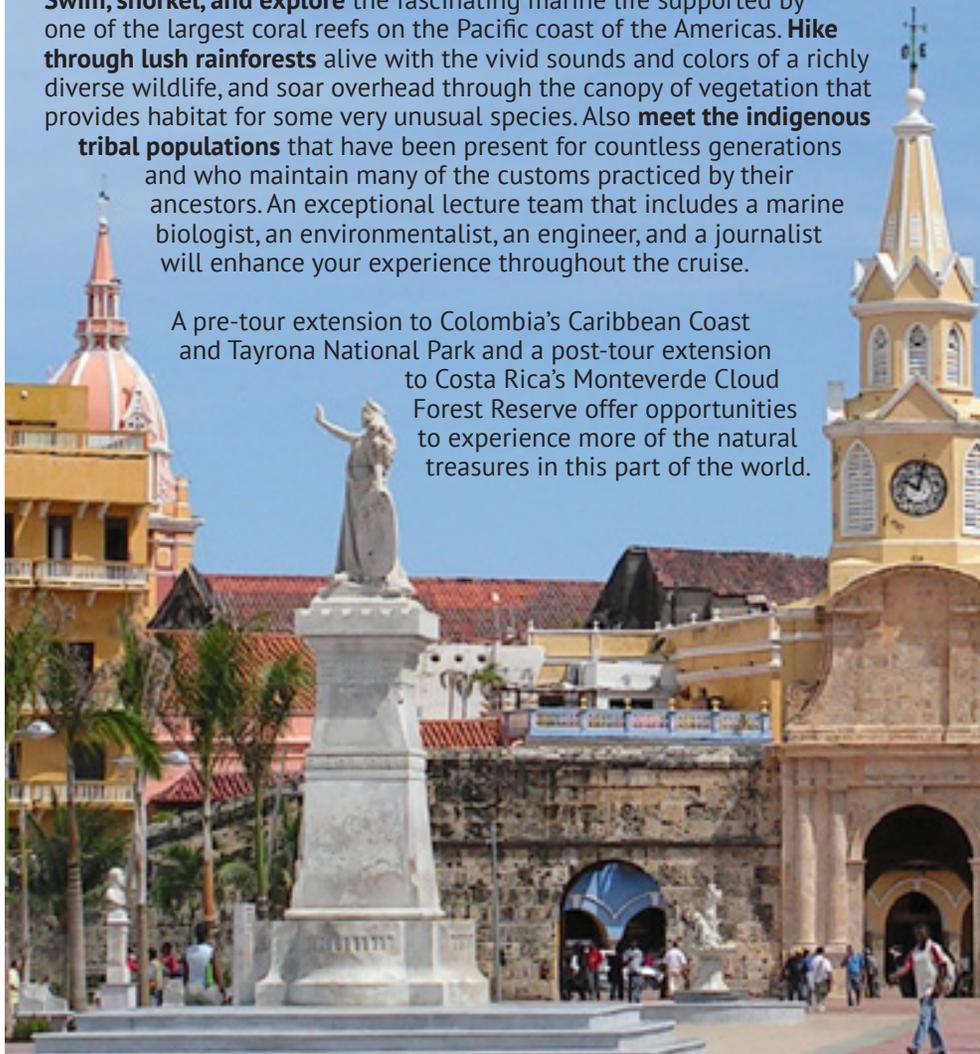


Enjoy some of the loveliest islands and national parks in Central America and the Caribbean Sea

on a 7-day voyage aboard the state-of-the-art yacht *Variety Voyager*. Cruise from Cartagena, Colombia, a wonderfully captivating port with beautifully restored Spanish colonial buildings, to Costa Rica, with its fine selection of national parks. As you sail through Caribbean waters, **transit the Panama Canal in daylight**, and continue along the Pacific coasts of Panama and Costa Rica, the region's natural beauty comes alive—rainforests teeming with exotic wildlife and bird species; sugary beaches fringed by sparkling azure waters; and dense forests that cascade down impressive mountainsides to the shore.

Swim, snorkel, and explore the fascinating marine life supported by one of the largest coral reefs on the Pacific coast of the Americas. **Hike through lush rainforests** alive with the vivid sounds and colors of a richly diverse wildlife, and soar overhead through the canopy of vegetation that provides habitat for some very unusual species. Also **meet the indigenous tribal populations** that have been present for countless generations and who maintain many of the customs practiced by their ancestors. An exceptional lecture team that includes a marine biologist, an environmentalist, an engineer, and a journalist will enhance your experience throughout the cruise.

A pre-tour extension to Colombia's Caribbean Coast and Tayrona National Park and a post-tour extension to Costa Rica's Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve offer opportunities to experience more of the natural treasures in this part of the world.



ITINERARY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Home / Cartagena, Colombia

Depart home and fly to Cartagena. Upon arrival, check in to the Hotel Santa Teresa. This evening enjoy a welcome reception and dinner.

HOTEL SANTA TERESA (R,D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Cartagena

Cartagena was founded in 1533 by Spanish maritime explorer Pedro de Heredia and named after the Spanish town where most of Heredia's crew had resided. Spend a full day exploring Cartagena's colonial walled city and the Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a superb example of Spanish military engineering. Las Bóvedas, structures built into the walls of the old city as storage vaults, were used as dungeons during the civil wars of the 19th century and now house shops offering traditional Colombian handicrafts.

HOTEL SANTA TERESA (B,L)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Cartagena

Today, choose for your morning activity: Either a culinary/market tour, or a literary tour based on Nobel-winning author Gabriel Garcia Marquez's characters. Embark on the *Variety Voyager* this afternoon.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

San Blas Islands, Panama

The San Blas Islands (Guna Yala) form an archipelago off the north coast of Panama. They are home to the Kuna (Guna) Indians, who were driven off Panama during the Spanish invasion. Visit a local community where native women produce intricate, highly distinctive, and much-acclaimed needlework.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Panama Canal (Daytime Transit)

The 48-mile Panama Canal cuts through the Isthmus of Panama to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Built between 1881 and 1914, the canal has been named one of the seven wonders of the modern world by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Begin your day-long transit of the canal on the Atlantic side at the Gatún Locks, which raise the *Variety Voyager* to the level of Gatún Lake. Cross the lake and proceed through the canal to Miraflores Lake, where the Miraflores Locks bring the ship back down to sea level on the Pacific side.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Coiba Island

Linked by the underwater Cordillera mountain chain to the Cocos and Galápagos Islands, Coiba Island is surrounded by one of the largest coral reefs on the Pacific coast of the Americas. Its waters teem with marine life, including whale and tiger sharks, sperm whales, sea turtles, angel rays, and giant schools of fish. Coiba is also a refuge for a number of threatened terrestrial animals, such as the crested eagle, and several subspecies of agouti, possum, and howler monkey. Established as a national park in 1992, Coiba Island is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)



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ITINERARY (continued)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Golfito, Costa Rica

Dock in the small port of Golfito for a visit to either the Orchid House, a private botanical garden with beautiful landscaping, amazing flowers, and unique fruits, or the Golfito National Wildlife Refuge's flourishing monkey, bird, amphibian, and reptile populations.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Corcovado National Park / Drake Bay

Corcovado National Park is considered the crown jewel in Costa Rica's extensive system of national parks and biological reserves. Biologically rich and diverse, the abundance of wildlife is due in part to the park's great variety of habitats and vegetation and in part to the park's location on the "land bridge" that links North America and South America. Explore the park or enjoy a boat tour of Drake Bay to observe its dolphin, whale, and sea turtle populations.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Manuel Antonio National Park

Often rated as one of the most beautiful national parks in the world, Manuel Antonio National Park packs a variety of impressive landscapes into approximately 4,000 acres, including white sand beaches, lush foliage, imposing mountains, and dense forests that reach to the shoreline. Soar high above the jungle floor on a canopy tour or explore the park's fragile rainforest ecosystem on the wellmaintained trails below.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Puerto Caldera / Home

Disembark the *Variety Voyager* and transfer to the airport in San Jose for flights home. (B)



OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

PRE-TRIP

Colombia's Caribbean Coast and Tayrona National Park

JANUARY 7-10

Spend two full days exploring Tayrona National Park, home of the critically endangered cotton-top tamarin, where the lush jungles of the Cordillera Mountains meet the brilliant white sand beaches, crystal-clear waters, and coral reefs teeming with colorful fish of the Caribbean coastline. Visit indigenous archaeological sites and sheltered bays that are ideal for kayaking, snorkeling, and hiking. Continue to Barranquilla to appreciate Colombia's African, indigenous, and Spanish cultural influences at the Carnival Museum and Museum of the Caribbean before starting the main tour in Cartagena. Details and pricing will be sent to participants confirmed on the cruise.

POST-TRIP

Costa Rica's Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve

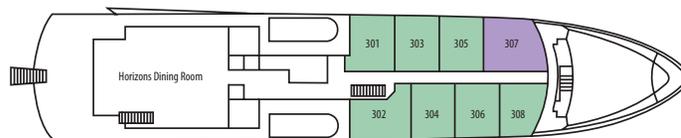
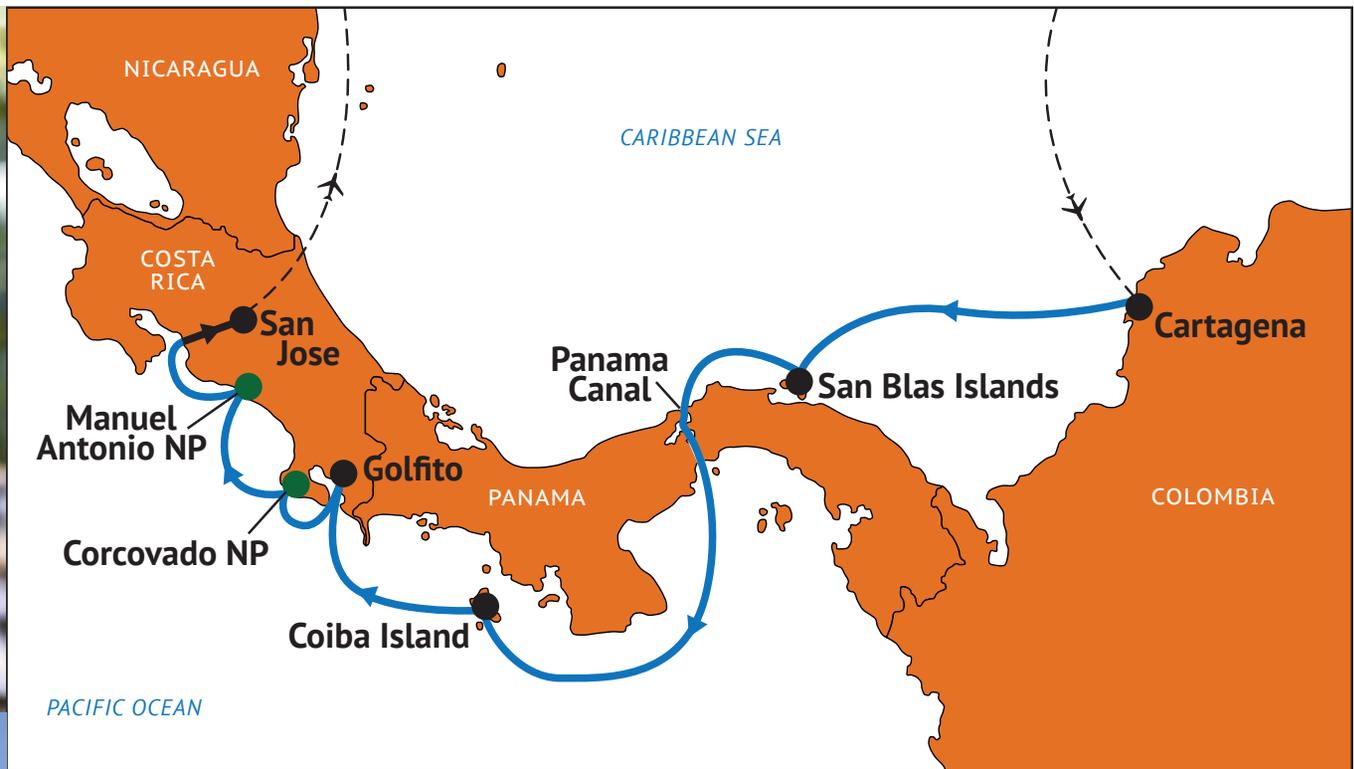
JANUARY 19-21

Spend a full day walking the trails of the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. Perched atop Costa Rica's continental divide at 4,662 feet and sustained by moist clouds and fog, Monteverde's complex ecosystem supports more than 100 species of mammals, 400 species of birds, tens of thousands of insect species, and at least 2,500 varieties of plants, 420 of which are orchids alone. Details and pricing will be sent to participants confirmed on the cruise.

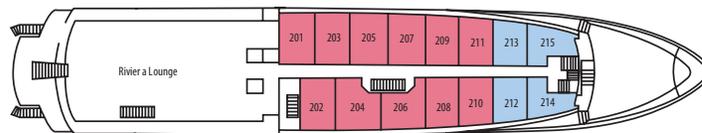
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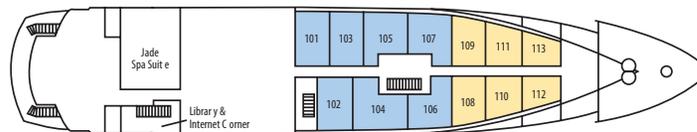
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HORIZONS DECK



RIVIERA DECK



MARINA DECK

PROGRAM RATES

	Per Person	Double	Single
Category C		\$6,950	\$10,430

Marina Deck. 129–145 sq.ft. depending on location, oversized twin portholes, twin beds or queen bed, shower.

Category B		\$7,750	\$11,630
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Marina and Riviera Decks. 145–216 sq.ft. depending on location, oversized twin port holes (Marina Deck) or double windows (Riviera Deck), twin beds or queen bed (7 of the 11 cabins offer flexible bedding configuration), shower.

Category A		\$8,550	-
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Riviera Deck. 151–195 sq.ft. depending on location, double windows, twin beds or queen bed (9 of the 11 cabins offer flexible bedding configuration), shower.

Category P		\$9,550	-
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Horizons Deck. 227–248 sq.ft. depending on location, double windows, twin beds or queen bed (all cabins offer flexible bedding configuration and 4 of the 7 include an extra sofa bed), shower.

Owner's Suite		\$10,650	-
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Horizons Deck. 292 sq.ft., four windows, twin beds or queen bed (flexible bedding configuration), shower.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Rates Include

Comprehensive educational program by study leaders, on-site experts, and local guides • All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • All excursions, including entrance fees, as specified in the itinerary • Group arrival and departure transfers by coach • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel for all group activities • Port charges • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks at all group lunches and dinners • Bottled water on excursions • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout

Program Rates Do Not Include

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport and visa fees • Medical expenses and immunizations • Trip cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess-baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals • Alcohol or soft drinks except where indicated as included • Private transfers or transfers not on program arrival and departure days • Personal items such as room service; email, telephone, and fax charges; laundry; gratuities for non-group services; and other items of a personal nature

What to Expect

The weather in January will be pleasant, with average daytime temperatures in the low 80sF and little rain. This is a moderately active program that involves extended periods of walking on uneven terrain on trails and beaches. There are also opportunities for swimming and snorkeling. Participants should be fit, in active good health, and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff.

Group Size

This program is limited to 64 participants, including travelers from Princeton, Yale, American Museum of Natural History, and Oceanic Society.

Insurance

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended, and we hope that you will obtain it for this expedition. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Please be sure to carry the details of your travel insurance coverage with you on the program. Travelers are free to purchase the travel insurance of their

choice. It is recommended that travelers clearly understand the difference between "primary" and "secondary" travel insurance.

Reservations and Deposits

To reserve space, please complete the reservation form and mail it with your check or credit card information to the address at the top of the form. You may also fax the form to (650) 560-6400 and your reservation will be held for five working days pending receipt of your check or credit card information. If you have questions, please call (888) 328-2089 or email res@critteriontravel.com. Final payment deadline is September 13, 2013, 120 days before departure.

Cancellations and Refunds

Upon payment of a \$1,000 deposit per person, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by the Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Final payment is due September 13, 2013 (120 days prior to departure). Cancellations within 120 days of departure are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by the Criterion Travel, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. Note: Criterion Travel does not accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

Itinerary Changes

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Criterion Travel reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

Reservation Contact

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RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place on **Colombia, Panama, and Costa Rica** please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel. Mail to: 145 Forest Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94301. For more information or to reserve by phone, please call (888) 328-2089 or (650) 328-2089, or email res@critteriontravel.com

NAME #1 (as on passport)

BIRTHDATE

NAME #2 (as on passport)

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HOME PHONE

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PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person), to reserve _____ place(s) on **Colombia, Panama, and Costa Rica**

OR Charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

VISA

MC

AMEX

Diners Club

Discover

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CARD #

EXP. DATE

SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD

DATE

CABIN CATEGORY PREFERENCE

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ Bed Preference (not guaranteed): One bed Two beds

SINGLE TRAVELERS

I prefer to have single accommodations.

OR I plan to share accommodations with: _____

OR I'd like to know about roommates. I am a Non-smoker Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of September 13, 2013, I will pay the single rate.

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein.

SIGNATURE

DATE

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