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# THE PANAMA CANAL, PEARL ISLANDS AND DARIÉN JUNGLE



EXPEDITIONS

December 6-13, 2026 | Aboard the *National Geographic Quest*

**SPECIAL OFFER: 5% GROUP SAVINGS**



**Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,**

Embark on an expedition that travels solely through Panama, connecting you more deeply with the country's wildlife, culture and famed modern engineering marvel. Sailing this legendary waterway is a highlight of the upcoming expedition, *The Panama Canal, Pearl Islands and Darién Jungle*. By special permission, the 50-cabin *National Geographic Quest* overnights in the canal zone, giving you the unique opportunity to see its inner workings during the day and spectacularly lit up at night.



This itinerary will also bring you to remote parts of Panama rarely seen by travelers. Learn about the country's Indigenous and colonial history while visiting local communities and two UNESCO World Heritage sites. Encounter an eclectic mix of creatures such as howler monkeys, sloths and nearly 400 species of birds as you venture into lush rainforests, a wildlife refuge and an important national park. You'll find Panama holds a trove of treasures.

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

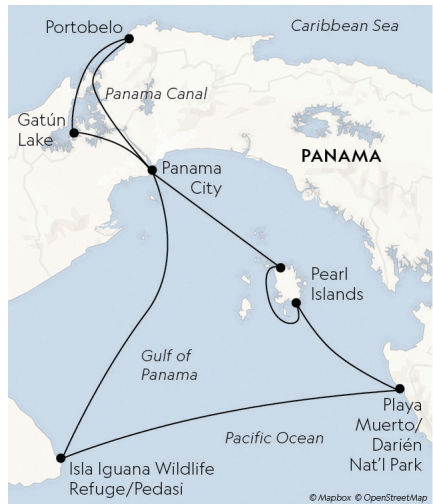
- Transit the legendary Panama Canal—plus enjoy an exclusive stop at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute's Barro Colorado Island.
- Discover the storied Spanish architecture and fascinating pirate history of Portobelo, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Meet the Indigenous Emberá people of Darién in Playa Muerto Village and learn about their customs, traditions and deep reverence for their natural surroundings.
- Sea kayak, hike, Zodiac cruise and snorkel in the tranquil Pearl Islands, a network of 200 isles known for turquoise waters, white-sand beaches and an enduring connection to the pearl trade.

I hope you will be able to join this tour experience December 6–13, 2026. To reserve your place, please email [travel@alumni.ucla.edu](mailto:travel@alumni.ucla.edu) or call 310-206-0613.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christel Aragon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Christel Aragon  
Director, Alumni Travel



## The Panama Canal, Pearl Islands and Darién Jungle

8 Days | From \$6,077pp

December 6-13, 2026 | *National Geographic Quest*

Panama is world-renowned for its iconic canal, a groundbreaking achievement in engineering—but you'll find that the country holds a wealth of other discoveries just beyond the concrete walls of this manmade marvel. Encounter monkeys, iguanas, tropical birds and more, and snorkel coral reefs that shelter an array of colorful marine life. You'll explore Spanish colonial military architecture in Portobelo and hear tales of the local pirate history. You'll meet with village leaders of the Emberá people in Darién, and kayak in the remote Pearl Islands, where you'll learn about the archipelago's enduring connections to the pearl trade. This eight-day voyage lets you discover untamed tropical wilderness and a historic engineering feat with enduring global significance.



Day 1 • Panama City, Panama / Colón / Embark Ship

Day 2 • Portobelo / Panama Canal Transit

Day 3 • Gatún Lake / Panama Canal Transit

Days 4-5 • Pearl Islands

Day 6 • Playa Muerto, Darién National Park

Day 7 • Punta Patiño Nature Reserve

Day 8 • Balboa / Disembark Ship / Panama City, Panama

# National Geographic Quest

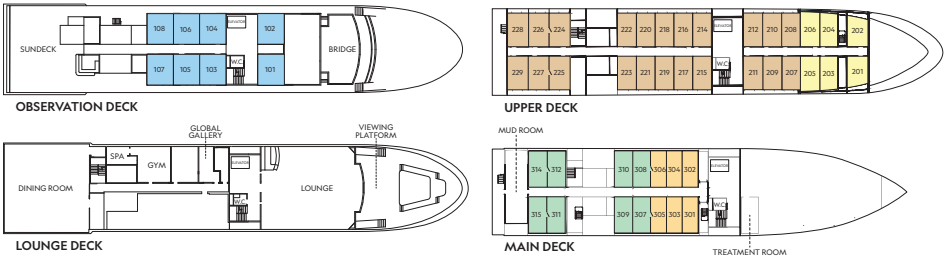
The *National Geographic Quest* accommodates 100 guests in 50 outside cabins and is ideal for the fast-moving channels and shallow coves of Pan-American waters. Modern and clean-lined, with large expanses of glass to take in the extraordinary views, the *National Geographic Quest* enables guests to experience the best of her geographies.

## INCLUSIVE PRICING

- All accommodations aboard ship
- Excursions and airport transfers as indicated in the itinerary
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and on shore. Meals and hors d'oeuvres are inspired by regional cuisine and locally sourced where possible
- Beer, wine and spirits, with premium brands available for purchase
- 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, filtered water and other non-alcoholic beverages
- The guidance and company of a leading expedition team
- Presentations by the expedition staff
- Complimentary reusable water bottle
- Morning stretch classes
- Assistance by the onboard National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions certified photo instructor
- Access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker with the latest gear to try out on loan
- Special access permits, park and site entrance fees, and port taxes
- Selection of exploration tools, such as Zodiacs, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and other state-of-the-art gear
- Basic Wi-Fi, with the option to upgrade



# SHIP DECK PLAN & PRICING



## VOYAGE DATE: DECEMBER 6-13, 2026

Advance Payment Details: 15% of the cabin fare, per person

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo

5% Savings

<b>Category 1</b>	<b>\$6,396</b>	<b>\$6,077</b>
Main Deck #301-306 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two portholes.		
<b>Category 2</b>	<b>\$6,843</b>	<b>\$6,501</b>
Main Deck #307-315 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two portholes.		
<b>Category 3</b>	<b>\$7,322</b>	<b>\$6,956</b>
Upper Deck #201-206 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two large windows.		
<b>Category 4</b>	<b>\$8,788</b>	<b>\$8,349</b>
Upper Deck #207-229 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, sliding glass door and small, private balcony.		
<b>Category 5*</b>	<b>\$9,672</b>	<b>\$9,189</b>
Observation Deck #101-108 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, large windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.		
<b>Category 1 Solo</b>	<b>\$9,594</b>	<b>\$9,115</b>
Main Deck #301-306		
<b>Category 2 Solo</b>	<b>\$10,264</b>	<b>\$9,751</b>
Main Deck #307-315		

**Note:** Solo occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third-person rates are available in certain categories at one-half the double occupancy rate.

**Shared Accommodations:** Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

### SPECIAL GROUP SAVINGS:

Enjoy 5% savings on the cabin fare (as indicated) when traveling with UCLA Alumni Association. Valid on this departure date of *The Panama Canal, Pearl Islands and Darién Jungle*, for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions.



Scan the QR code for Cancellation Policy and full list of Terms and Conditions

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# Reservation Form



## The Panama Canal, Pearl Islands and Darién Jungle

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### Contact Information

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Please send reservation to:

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New York, NY 10036

Phone: 310-206-0613

Fax: 310-209-4271

Email: [travel@alumni.ucla.edu](mailto:travel@alumni.ucla.edu)

Web: [www.alumni.ucla.edu/travel](http://www.alumni.ucla.edu/travel)

### Passenger Information

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_ place(s).

Guest 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name as it appears on passport)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name as it appears on passport)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations:  Double  Single  Twin share with a friend  
 Share with roommate assigned by tour operator.

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**Advance Payment Information:** 15% of the cabin fare per person.

If paying by check, please make payable to: **Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.**  
Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by credit card, we will contact you to finalize your booking and collect payment information.

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