



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION of SMITH COLLEGE

Cruise the Panama Canal February 5 to 16, 2009

Preliminary Itinerary (subject to amendment)

Day 1 – Thursday, February 5, 2009

- Depart your gateway city for San José, Costa Rica.
- Upon arrival, those passengers traveling on the Air/Sea program will be met and transferred to Caldera and the deluxe *Crystal Symphony*, your home for the next 11 nights. After embarkation, you may want to become settled in your stateroom and familiarize yourself with the numerous facilities aboard this magnificent ship.
- 9 p.m. – *Crystal Symphony* sets sail this evening.

(Appropriate in-flight meals, D)

Day 2 – Friday, February 6, 2009

- Enjoy a full day at sea, sailing along the peaceful **Pacific Ocean**—the first of many relaxing days you'll experience on board ship. Take advantage of this time to enjoy the many activities and amenities that are at your fingertips on board *Crystal Symphony*.
- This evening, the captain invites you to gather with your fellow travelers for a lighthearted social hour at any of the lounge venues on board the ship.

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Day 3 – Saturday, February 7, 2009

- Today you will spend an unforgettable day transiting the **Panama Canal**. An expert guide will relate the history, mechanics and other fascinating facts about the Canal as the ship is slowly raised and lowered through the locks. You'll be amazed at the narrow Gaillard Cut, blasted out of the solid mountainside. Savor the beauty of Gatun Lake along the way.

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Day 4 – Sunday, February 8, 2009

- Enjoy another day on board *Crystal Symphony* as you cruise the **Caribbean Sea**. Attend one of the many activities planned by your cruise staff. Maybe you'll join a friendly ping-pong, putting or shuffleboard tournament. Or you may wish to curl up with a good book in the peaceful privacy of your stateroom. The choices are endless!
- 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. – Join your AHI Travel Director and fellow travelers for a *Welcome Reception*.

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Day 5 – Monday, February 9, 2009

- 8 a.m. – *Crystal Symphony* arrives in **Aruba**, the smallest and most westerly of the Dutch Leeward Islands, often called the “ABC” Islands. Aruba boasts many miles of calm, white-sand beaches. The island’s outback area, known as *cunucu*, is adorned with whitewashed villages, mauve dunes, and stark, brown landscapes. Aruba’s charming capital, Oranjestad, reflects the Dutch passion for cleanliness, blended with characteristics of Latin and Spanish architecture. Browse the town’s chic shops on Nassaustraat (Nassau Street) for excellent shopping opportunities, or perhaps you will venture out to visit an underwater garden of brilliant corals on a semi-submersible craft. Or, take advantage of the Optional Shore Excursions offered by Crystal Cruises.
- 6 p.m. – The ship sets sail this evening.

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Day 6 – Tuesday, February 10, 2009

- The day is at leisure as you cruise the deep blue waters of the **Caribbean Sea**. Perhaps you’ll sleep in and enjoy breakfast in bed. Or, you may wish to start the day with a jog along the Promenade Deck, followed by an invigorating dip in one of the crystal-clear pools. This afternoon, maybe you’ll catch a movie in the Hollywood Theatre. Aboard *Crystal Symphony*, there is as much or as little to do as you please.

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Day 7 – Wednesday, February 11, 2009

- 8 a.m. – *Crystal Symphony* arrives at **St. Maarten**. Browse the duty-free shops on the French and Dutch sides of the island, scuba dive or snorkel among the island’s vibrant coral reefs, or hike through some of the conical hills. You may also wish to join one of Crystal Cruises’ Optional Shore Excursions.
- 6 p.m. – Depart for St. Barths.

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Day 8 – Thursday, February 12, 2009

- 8 a.m. – *Crystal Symphony* arrives at **St. Barths**. This charming, slow-paced island attracts tourists to its shores year-round. The graceful meadows, spectacular beaches, small volcanic mountains and quaint Creole-style villages are just several of the alluring aspects of this tranquil island that forms part of the French Overseas Region of Guadeloupe. Descendants of settlers from Brittany and Normandy operate its tiny inns, shops and restaurants. Crystal Cruises will also offer Optional Shore Excursions.
- 6 p.m. – *Crystal Symphony* sets sail this evening.

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Day 9 – Friday, February 13, 2009

- 8 a.m. – The ship arrives at **Tortola**. Participate on one of the Optional Shore Excursions offered by Crystal Cruises, or explore the island on your own. Perhaps you will decide to discover the bustling harbor village of Road Town, visit lovely Smuggler's Cove or simply relax on a sun-drenched beach.
- 6 p.m. – The ship sets sail this evening.

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Day 10 – Saturday, February 14, 2009

- The day is spent cruising the **Atlantic Ocean**. Perhaps you will treat yourself to a massage at the Crystal Spa. You may also wish to browse in the ship's gift shops, or try your luck at Crystal's Casino.
- This evening, gather for cocktails at the captain's *Farewell Cocktail Hour*.

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Day 11 – Sunday, February 15, 2009

- This will be your last full day at sea to enjoy *Crystal Symphony* as you cruise the **Atlantic Ocean**. Spend the day engaged in the pursuits of your choice. Perhaps you will relax on the Sun Deck. Or, you may decide to work out in the fully equipped gym. If so, be sure to reward your efforts at the poolside ice cream bar!
- 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. – This evening, join your AHI Travel Director and fellow travelers for a *Farewell Reception*.

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Day 12 – Monday, February 16, 2009

- 8 a.m. – Arrive in **Miami**. Following disembarkation procedures, those passengers booked on the Air/Sea program will be transferred to the airport for your homeward flight. Complete details regarding disembarkation will be provided by your AHI Travel Director and the staff of *Crystal Symphony*.

(B, appropriate in-flight meals)

*This itinerary is preliminary and is subject to change due to operational conditions. An updated *General Itinerary* will be included in your final documents.