Passage through the

Panama Canal and Costa Rica

A voyage aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star m.v. Tere Moana

February 26 to March 5, 2016

- Luxury Small Ship—only 44 Staterooms!
- 100% Ocean-View Staterooms
- All Shore Excursions Included
- All Shipboard Gratuities Included
- All Beverages Included Aboard Ship
Dear Smith Alumnae and Friends:

Few experiences can match one of the world’s most dramatic voyages, a cruise from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific through one of the greatest man-made wonders of the world, the ingenious Panama Canal. Having celebrated its centennial anniversary just two years ago, this marvel of engineering and 50-mile passage through the narrow isthmus of Panama continues to astonish even today’s most veteran traveler. Experience firsthand the mighty locks that raise and lower ocean-going vessels 85 feet using no other power than the force of gravity, accomplishing in mere hours what would have taken a three-week circumnavigation of South America in years gone by.

We invite you to join us for this voyage of a lifetime featuring a passage through the historic Panama Canal, and to the unspoiled rainforests of Panama and Costa Rica during the best time of year. On this comprehensive itinerary, visit two UNESCO World Heritage sites along with Panama’s ancient San Blas Islands, where the Guna Indians live much as they did centuries ago. Tour one of acclaimed architect Frank Gehry’s newest designs, Panama City’s Biodiversity Museum. Experience Panama and Costa Rica’s world-renowned and protected national parks—rainforests, islands and archipelagos that foster one of the most pristine ecosystems on our planet.

This exclusive offering features the privately chartered Five-Star M.V. TERE MOANA, relaunched in 2013 under new ownership following a multimillion-dollar refurbishment. A true small ship, M.V. TERE MOANA carries only 88 guests, can dock in ports inaccessible to larger vessels and provides the best of deluxe accommodations and an intimate atmosphere to enjoy this all-inclusive cruise experience.

This is an extraordinary travel opportunity and is an excellent value. I encourage you to book now while space is available.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel
Office of Alumnae Relations
Smith College

Study Leader
On this program a Smith faculty leader will present lectures and lead discussions that will enhance your educational experience. As this brochure goes to press, the faculty representative who will accompany the program has not yet been confirmed. But we wanted to mail this brochure in time for you to make plans to participate. All Smith lecturers share a love for both teaching and travel. Their presence ensures that Smith-sponsored journeys are not only intellectually rewarding but also pleasant travel experiences.

Photo this page: In only three square miles, the natural and biodiverse wonders of Costa Rica’s Manuel Antonio National Park encompass sandy beaches, low-lying marshes and mature tropical forests.

Cover photo: Aboard the M.V. TERE MOANA, experience firsthand the impressive system of locks which allow for transit between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and that maintain water levels in the Panama Canal despite dramatic Pacific tides.
Called the “coast of riches” by the Spanish conquistadors who discovered it in 1502, Costa Rica offers visitors incredibly beautiful, ecologically diverse and fascinating cultural experiences. More than 25% of the country is a national park, wildlife refuge or protected rainforest, earning Costa Rica the distinction of the greenest country in the world and the leading destination for eco-tourism. Explore lush rainforests, walk along exquisite beaches and see a stunning array of wildlife, where rare and endemic species flourish, including howler monkeys, colorful tree frogs and Costa Rica’s 600 species of non-migratory birds. Costa Rica’s national motto is “Pura vida!” which translates literally as “pure life” but is better expressed by the optimistic, carefree spirit and the smiling faces of the ticos (Costa Rican natives) who welcome you to this spectacular landscape.

San Blas Islands, Panama
Located on the Caribbean side of Panama, the sun-drenched San Blas Islands are an extraordinary testament to Panama’s commitment to the indigenous Guna, or Kuna, Indians and their centuries-old language, customs and culture. Villagers live in typical thatched roof huts, barter or trade in fish and agricultural products and paddle dugout canoes, their primary mode of transportation. Guna women continue to hand stitch traditional colorful molas (reverse appliqué panels) and wear winis, long strings of tiny beads wrapped around their forearms and legs in striking geometric patterns.

Panama City
Central America’s most attractive capital city was founded in 1519 by Spanish explorers and rebuilt in the late 17th century. In the UNESCO World Heritage site “old quarter” known as Casco Antiguo, discover a charming neighborhood with cobblestone streets, a stunning 16th-century cathedral and many historic architectural edifices that remain intact.

Adjacent to the Panama Canal, the Miraflores Locks Visitor Center provides an opportunity to see how the locks operate. Nearby, the new Biodiversity Museum, designed by architect...
Frank Gehry of Guggenheim fame, showcases the ecological significance of Panama’s exotic flora and fauna.

Coiba National Park
Designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, Coiba National Park and its Special Zone of Marine Protection has emerged as a rich laboratory for studying coral, plants and mammals. In addition to 69 species of fish, humpback, orca, sperm and Cuvier’s beaked whales are known to migrate through the marine park’s perimeter.

Linked by an underwater mountain chain to the Galápagos, Granito de Oro is a small island within the park known as the “live aquarium of Coiba.” Enjoy a morning snorkeling among its vast array of exquisite marine life including parrotfish and orange-sided triggerfish.

Spend the afternoon exploring pristine Isla Coiba, the largest island in Central America. Once an isolated political prison, Isla Coiba today is a host of terrestrial wonders—virgin rainforest, rugged headlands, pristine white-sand beaches and mangrove thickets—a perfect environment for the evolution of new and endemic subspecies and for the preservation and protection of endangered species.

Golfo Dulce, Costa Rica
The secluded natural wonderland of Golfo Dulce, bordering the Piedras Blancas National Park, was declared

Costa Rica is famous for its hundreds of stunning freshwater falls.

Itinerary

Day
1. PANAMA PRE-PROGRAM OPTION
   Depart the U.S./Panama City, Panama/Colón
   Embark M.V. Tere Moana
2. San Blas Islands
3. Colón/Panama Canal Transit
4. Panama City
5. Granito de Oro/Isla Coiba
6. Golfo Dulce, Costa Rica, for Saladero Eco Lodge and Casa Orquídeas
7. Quepos for Manuel Antonio National Park/Curú National Wildlife Refuge
8. Puerto Caldera/Disembark ship/ San José
9. San José/Return to the U.S.

“one of the most biologically intense places on earth.” Explore flora and fauna firsthand on the grounds of the Saladero Eco Lodge, an exclusive, pristine private property accessible only by boat and encompassing nearly 500 acres of primary old-growth rainforest, tropical gardens and beach, offering spectacular viewing of Costa Rica’s rich wildlife, including scarlet macaws and the endangered spider monkey. In nearby Casa Orquideas, a stunning, maze-like botanical garden of over 100 species of orchids, bromeliads, heliconias and edible plants, look for colorful toucans, scarlet macaws and jewel-hued hummingbirds.

Manuel Antonio National Park
Experience an unparalleled diversity of wildlife in this lush tropical paradise, a captivating combination of rainforest, beaches and coral reefs, home to more than 100 species of mammals, almost 200 species of birds and various reptiles and amphibians. In this “Living Eden,” expert naturalists will help you spot colorful toucans, screeching howler monkeys,
camouflaged iguanas, squirrel monkeys and rare and endangered species such as the scarlet macaw and quetzal, all of which are protected by law in this natural haven.

Curú National Wildlife Refuge

Unlike traditional nature reserves, Curú Wildlife Refuge is a unique blend of sustainable agriculture, forest management and wildlife protection, encompassing five distinctive untouched habitats making it the ideal place to see the intricacies of co-dependent ecosystems.

During a guided walk, look for the diversity of wildlife here, including pumas, anteaters, ocelots, otters and more than 230 species of birds.

San José

The horticultural diversity of Costa Rica, the “Garden of the Americas,” is evident in the parks of this vibrant capital city. San José is also an interesting mix of architectural styles, including Spanish Colonial, Moorish and Modernist. Its National Theater is a regal Baroque edifice modeled on Milan’s La Scala. The National Museum’s exhibits feature impressive pre-Columbian Central American artifacts.

Formed by damming the Chagres River, the Panama Canal’s stunning Gatún Lake is the world’s largest man-made lake.

Dynamic Panama—The Renaissance of a City

Pre-Program Option

The perfect complement to Panama’s man-made wonder and “the crossroads of the Americas” is an exploration of old and new Panama. Visit Panama Viejo, the remains of the 16th-century Spanish town and a UNESCO World Heritage site, enjoy an architectural tour featuring Panama City, and cruise on the Chagres River through the rainforest to learn more about Panama’s indigenous people. Accommodations for two nights are in the ideally located, deluxe Bristol Panama Hotel.

Costa Rica’s Cloud Forests and Volcanoes Post-Program Option

A medley of Costa Rica’s diverse biospheres, this spectacular opportunity features the mysterious Los Angeles Cloud Forest Private Biological Reserve, an enlightening exploration of the richly unique layers of the Arenal Volcano rainforest along suspended and fixed bridges, a dip in soothing geothermal springs nestled among powerful volcanoes and historic San José, with a taste of its rich culture—coffee and chocolate. Accommodations are for two nights in the ideally located Hotel Royal Corin and one night in the hacienda-style Costa Rica Marriott Hotel San José.

The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Costa Rica’s imposing Arenal Volcano entered into a resting phase in 2010 and is now surrounded by lush rainforest.
**M.V. Tere Moana**

The exclusively chartered Five-Star, 88-passenger M.V. Tere Moana was named Top Small Ship Cruise Line from the readers of *Travel + Leisure* in its 2014 World’s Best Awards. Travel in style and Five-Star comfort while experiencing the benefits afforded by small ship cruising without the long lines and other inconveniences of larger ships. M.V. Tere Moana can dock in ports inaccessible to larger vessels, while its Zodiacks carry small groups on island landings and excursions led by expert naturalists. Following a multimillion-dollar renovation under new ownership, the ship re-entered service in 2013.

Eight of the spacious, Five-Star, ocean-view Staterooms have private verandas. Each Stateroom features a large picture window, private marble- and teak-appointed bathroom with shower, one queen bed or two twin beds, in-suite complimentary beverages, luxurious European linens and amenities, individual climate control, robes, cotton slippers, satellite television, minibar, safe and hair dryer. Complimentary welcome flowers and fruit are provided in each Stateroom upon arrival.

Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise. The elegant L’Etoile dining room and La Veranda restaurant accommodate all guests at single, unassigned seatings, and an attentive staff serves international cuisine featuring fresh local ingredients. Early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are served daily. Enjoy indoor or outdoor dining in La Veranda for breakfast and lunch. Dinner is served nightly in the L’Etoile dining room from a menu featuring signature dishes designed by a two-star Michelin chef. Complimentary room service and vegetarian and wellness meal options are available.

The inviting and spacious public areas are tastefully appointed and include a large lounge, two bars, a comfortable library with computers, wireless Internet hotspots, spa, fitness center, boutique and outdoor swimming pool.

The M.V. Tere Moana’s English-speaking crew provides courteous, professional service and sails with an onboard physician. There is one crew member for every 1.5 guests. The ship has an elevator.
Included Features

**Scenic transfer from Panama City to Colón.**

**Seven-night cruise from Colón, Panama, to Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica, Panama Canal Transit, and featuring port calls at the San Blas Islands, Panama City, Granito de Oro, Isla Coiba, Panama; Golfo Dulce for Saladero Eco Lodge and Casa Orquideas, Quepos for Manuel Antonio National Park and Curú National Wildlife Refuge, Costa Rica.**

- Spacious and elegant ocean-view Staterooms with a private bathroom and individual climate control.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- All meals on board, each served at a single, unassigned seatings—early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages served throughout the cruise.
- Excursion to the remote, ancestral San Blas Islands.
- Passage through the Panama Canal, accompanied by a specially arranged narration on the history of the canal. Transit times through the canal are controlled by the Panama Canal Authority and subject to traffic conditions; therefore, full transit during daylight hours is not guaranteed.
- Tour of Panama City, highlighted by a visit to its UNESCO World Heritage site, Casco Antiguo, the new Frank Gehry-designed Biodiversity Museum and the informative Panama Canal Mirafl ores Locks Museum.
- Snorkeling at Granito de Oro, the “live natural aquarium of Coiba,” teeming with a splendid diversity of marine life.
- Specially arranged island visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Coiba National Park, with opportunities for snorkeling and swimming in the turquoise waters of the Gulf of Chiriquí or a guided nature walk.
- Visit to the pristine Saladero Eco Lodge, located in the undisturbed Piedras Blancas National Park, a perfect setting for kayaking, walking or relaxing in a tranquil primary rainforest environment.
- Walking tour of spectacular Casa Orquideas, a private botanical paradise alive with the scents and colors of bromeliads, heliconias, cycads, orchids, flowering gingers, spice trees and more.
- Excursion in stunning and biodiverse Manuel Antonio National Park.
- Guided tour through Curú National Wildlife Refuge to see a wide array of wildlife in a natural habitat, such as the rare scarlet macaw and the spider monkey.

**Scenic transfer from Puerto Caldera to San José.**

In San José, Costa Rica

- One night in the hacienda-style COSTA RICA MARRIOTT HOTEL SAN JOSÉ.
- American breakfast.
- Tour of San José, including the National Theater and National Museum.

**Enhanced Travel Services**

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced naturalists and local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers, shipboard personnel and naturalists on included excursions and transfers.
- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship and in the hotel.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
The Panama Canal
Marvel of Human Engineering
More than a Century of Passages

Experience firsthand the “greatest liberty ever taken with nature,” which cuts through the Great Continental Divide, spans 50 miles and took 33 years to complete at a cost of $400 million. This historic engineering feat changed the world, opening up new channels of international trade and allowing ships to travel between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in a fraction of the time it took to circumnavigate South America.

After France’s failed attempt to build a sea-level canal here in the 19th century and following the U.S. involvement in Panama’s independence, the project was turned over to the U.S. in 1903 and construction began during the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt. Among the 100,000 workers involved in the construction was French Post-Impressionist artist Paul Gauguin. When completed in 1914, the Panama Canal was considered one of the seven wonders of the modern world. Now, more than a century later, the Panama Canal is undergoing a $5.25 billion expansion, adding a wider third lane that can accommodate more than twice the cargo of the current lanes, maintaining its status as the “gateway to the world.”

Tens of thousands of workers labored and sacrificed to complete the largest engineering endeavor of the early 20th century.
**LAND/Cruise TARIFF** (per person, based on double occupancy)

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$200 per person Panama Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Costa Rica Post-Program Option.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

- Panama Pre-Program Option
  - Double at $795 per person.
  - Single at $1095 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

- Costa Rica Post-Program Option
  - Double at $1040 per person.
  - Single at $1440 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

- I/We want you to book my/our air from
  - (fill in departure city) to Panama City, Panama, with return from San José, Costa Rica, at additional cost to be advised.1

1Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

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**THE PANAMA CANAL AND COSTA RICA RESERVATION FORM**

Send to: Smith Travel
Office of Alumnae Relations
33 Elm Street
Northampton, MA 01063
(800) 225-2029 Fax: (413) 585-2015

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Panama Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Costa Rica Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit. Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:  
Visa  MasterCard

Card Number ____________________ Exp. Date ____________

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) ____________________________________________

Tour No. 096-02/26/16-888

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by October 29, 2015.

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* M.V. TERE MOANA has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

† Taxes are an additional $545 per person and are subject to change.

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**CARD DESCRIPTION**

- Ocean-view stateroom with one large window. Decks 3, Champlain, and 4, La Pérouse, forward. (limited availability)
- Ocean-view stateroom with one large window and sitting area. Deck 3, Champlain, forward.
- Ocean-view stateroom with one large window and sitting area. Deck 4, La Pérouse, forward.
- Ocean-view stateroom with one large window and sitting area. Deck 4, La Pérouse.
- Larger ocean-view stateroom with sliding glass doors that open to a private balcony, sitting area. Deck 5, Bougainville.
RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

RESPONSIBILITY: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, the sponsoring operator, provider, or organizer of optional excursions, food services or accommodations, or other entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip (collectively referred to as “Gohagan”), do not own or operate any third-party services such as hotels, transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food services or accommodations, or other means of transportation. Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, or discomfort, damage, or person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, bankruptcy or insolvency of Gohagan or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely.

In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death or discomfort, damage, or person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, bankruptcy or insolvency of Gohagan or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, changes to your travel arrangements are required, Gohagan reserves the right to cancel a trip or an option for any reason whatsoever; if so, its sole responsibility is to refund monies paid by the participant to the trip. Gohagan is not required to cancel any trip for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Gohagan is not responsible therefor and is not required to compensate passengers under these circumstances. If you cancel a trip or an option for any reason whatsoever; if so, its sole responsibility is to refund monies paid by the participant to the trip. Gohagan is not required to cancel any trip for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Gohagan is not responsible therefor and is not required to compensate passengers under these circumstances. If you are unable to arrive earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); any overnight on land due to flight delays or cancellations, or disconnects (including due to climate, weather conditions or flight delays) at the expense of the group or individual participant. 

LUGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

PHYSICAL INDEPENDENCE: All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that makes the program hazardous (e.g., medical condition or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by July 10, 2015. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted. A new reservation can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

Listen for the throaty call of the boulder monkey, one of Costa Rica’s most common species.