

SPECIAL TRAVEL PRESENTATION

September 11, 2018
at 7:00pm

Effingham Performance Center
1325 Outer Belt W
Effingham, IL 62401

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
903 North Keller Drive
Effingham, IL 62401

RSVP 217.342.4147

Panama Discovery

featuring Panama City, Gamboa, Anton Valley & Playa Bonita

9 Days **February 20-28, 2019**



EFFINGHAM COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Engaging Business and Community

Dear Effingham County Chamber Member,
We invite you to experience Panama with us on our Panama Discovery Tour. This 9-day journey will include 18 meals, first class hotels and incredible sightseeing, including a Panama Canal Transit Cruise, Gamboa Aerial Tram, Anton Valley and Playa Bonita. Each day is a highlight, and this trip is sure to be a trip of a lifetime. I hope you will join us on **September 11, 2018** for a travel preview of this exciting destination. Please RSVP to 217.342.4147

Norma Lansing
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce


Day 1: Arrive Panama City

Today travel to Panama. Arrive in **Panama City**, meet your **Tour Director** and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy a **Welcome Dinner** tonight with your fellow travelers.

Meal - D Overnight: Panama City

Day 2: Panama Canal Transit Cruise

This morning board the **Panama Canal Day Cruiser**. The journey begins on the Pacific Ocean heading north. Cruise under the bridge of the Americas, which raises over 100 meters above sea level reuniting the land divided during construction of the canal forming a link on the Pan-American Highway. As the cruise continues reach the first set of locks, Miraflores Locks, the tallest in the canal's locks system due to the extreme tidal variation of the Pacific Ocean. These locks will raise the ship over 50 feet above sea level in two steps into Miraflores Lake. A transition from salt water in the Pacific Ocean to fresh water in the locks chambers and lake take place here. While you enjoy lunch on board, you will reach Pedro Miguel locks where the ship is raised another 30 feet. At this point the ship will be cruising on Gatun Lake at 80 feet above sea level and will enter Gaillard Cut, the narrowest section of the Panama Canal. Disembark and return to Panama City for an evening at leisure.

Meals - B,L Overnight: Panama City

Day 3: Panama City - Anton Valley

Today travel to **El Valle de Antón**, a rural community built on the crater of an ancient inactive volcano. Due to its cool weather and calm environment it is a popular destination among nature lovers. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore the area. Check into your hotel for a 2-night stay and enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers.

Meals - B,D Overnight: Anton Valley

Day 4: Eco Park Tour

Today is a highlight as you embark on an **Eco-Park Tour** in the Anton Valley to learn about local farming techniques. Experience up close encounters with different animals from calves to iguanas and birds to fish. Also learn about local conservation and recycling techniques that highlight unique art and a more friendly lifestyle with nature and the environment. Also visit the historical Nata de los Caballeros and the Archaeological Park Museum. Return to your resort for time to relax before dinner.

Meals - B,D Overnight: Anton Valley

Day 5: Anton Valley - Gamboa

Disembark and travel to the Gamboa Rainforest Resort and experience the **Gamboa Aerial Tram** which traverses a tract of humid forest that lies within the Gamboa Resort's boundar-

ies. You will observe the forest canopy in some areas and are likely to encounter birds and hear howler monkeys. The tram ascends 280 feet over half a mile and ends atop a hill. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore the resort before dinner.

Meals - B,D Overnight: Gamboa

Day 6: Embera Community

Today take a trip back in time to experience the lifestyle of the **Emberas Tribe**. Use local transportation which will lead you to the heart of the Emberas Tribe, who came originally from Darien in the south of the country but have moved closer to the city. Their lives are based on fishing, hunting, farming and artisan pottery. This will be a day of simple pleasures. Watch as the tribe dances under a broad Rancho elevated over columns to provide shelter from wild animals. Enjoy lunch with the tribe before returning to the resort. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure before enjoying dinner.

Meals - B,L,D Overnight: Gamboa

Day 7: Gamboa - Panama City - Playa Bonita

Today return to Panama City for a **Panama City Tour**. Visit the ruins of Panama La Vieja, the remaining part of the Old City and former capital of the country founded August 15, 1519. Through this part of the city, all the gold arriving from Peru passed by towards Portobelo and Nombre de Dios in order to be shipped to Spain. The **Casco Antiguo** has become an open-air museum, and you will find helpful descriptions in front of each ruin. Among the best preserved buildings are the Cathedral de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, the former private residence Casa Alarcón, and the Church and Convent of Santo Domingo. Later travel to your resort in Playa Bonita for a 2-night stay. Playa Bonita lies just across from the Bridge of the Americas, a location that mixes proximity to and seclusion from Panama City. Playa Bonita is a pretty beach and fronts a calm section of the Pacific Ocean. The views from Playa Bonita are lovely and look out at Taboga Island.

Meals - B,D Overnight: Playa Bonita

Day 8: Playa Bonita - Panama City

Enjoy the entire day at leisure at your all-inclusive resort which towers over the surrounding rainforest, but offers panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, the rainforest, and the downtown skyline of Panama City. Enjoy a host of activities or just relax and enjoy the amenities of the resort.

Meals - B,L,D Overnight: Playa Bonita

Day 9: Playa Bonita - Return to USA

Transfer to the airport for your flight home full of wonderful memories of your **Panama Discovery Tour**.

Meal - B



Highlights & Experiences

- Panama Canal
- Panama Canal Transit Tour
- Gamboa Aerial Tram
- Emberas Community & Experience
- Anton Valley
- Eco-Park Tour
- Archaeological Park Museum
- Playa Bonita
- Leisure day in Playa Bonita
- Panama City Tour
- La Vieja
- Casco Antiguo
- Cathedral de Nuestra Senora

Inclusions

- Roundtrip Airfare - STL
- Int'l Air Departure Taxes/
Fuel Surcharges
- 18 Meals:
8 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 7 Dinners
- Professional Tour Director
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Transfers
- Inclusive Sightseeing per Itinerary
- Baggage Handling

Accommodations

- 8 Nights Accommodations
- 2 Nights - Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Panama City
- 2 Nights - Los Mandarin's Boutique
Spa & Hotel, Anton Valley
- 2 Nights - Gamboa Rainforest
Resort, Gamboa
- 2 Nights - Westin Playa Bonita,
Playa Bonita

Tour Rates

Booking Discount*: \$3895 pp dbl
Regular Rate: \$3995 pp dbl
Single Supplement: +\$800

**See Reservation Info for Booking Discount details*

Premier World Discovery Reservation Form (International)

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT

Deposit of \$500 per person is due with Reservation Form to secure reservations. Final Payment Due Date is December 7, 2018.

*BOOKING DISCOUNT

Make your Final Payment by check prior to the Final Payment Due Date & receive \$200 per couple/\$100 per person Booking Discount!

- Initial Deposit can be made by check or credit card to be eligible.
- Payments after Initial Deposit are considered part of Final Payment & must be made by check.

CANCELLATION FEES

Cancellations not covered by the Travel Protection Plan (TPP) or if the TPP is not purchased, are subject to the following per person fees:

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| - Cancel more than 180 days prior to departure: | Full Refund |
| - Cancel 179-75 days prior to departure: | Deposit or TPP* is Retained |
| - Cancel 74-45 days prior to departure: | 25% of total price |
| - Cancel 44-15 days prior to departure: | 50% of total price |
| - Cancel 14 days or less prior to departure/no shows: | No refunds |
- *If purchased with Initial Deposit

RESPONSIBILITY

Premier World Tours LLC dba Premier World Discovery (hereafter PWD), whose vouchers are used by respective agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation, hold themselves free of responsibility for any damages occasioned from any cause whatsoever. PWD will not be responsible for any damages or inconvenience caused by late arrivals, departures and change of schedule or other conditions nor will they be responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time the passenger is not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of this tour/cruise, and/or passenger. PWD does not hold any responsibility for the conduct of any of its members, hotel, motorcoach, cruiseline, train, airline or other personnel. PWD reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of a tour/cruise at its discretion. PWD &/or its Tour Director retain the right to require any participant to withdraw from a tour/cruise at any time, if determined to be in the best interests of health, safety & general welfare of the tour/cruise group or of the individual participant. *Arbitration* - I/We agree, any and all disputes concerning this contract or any other material concerning the trip, or the trip itself must be resolved exclusively pursuant to binding arbitration in the state of California, pursuant to the then current rules of the American Arbitration Association. Payment of the deposit for this tour/cruise constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. CST #2048841-40

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS/NOTES

- A valid US passport is required for this tour and is the responsibility of each passenger. Passports should be valid for up to six (6) months beyond the travel dates. All names must be submitted to Premier exactly as they appear on passenger passports.
- Tour rates are subject to increase until you are paid in full.
- Itinerary and hotels are subject to change.

PREMIER'S TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN (TPP) \$350 per person

The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver (Part A - I & II) is provided by Premier World Discovery (PWD) and is not an insurance benefit. The Post Departure Travel Insurance Plan (Part B) is provided by USI Affinity Travel Insurance Services (USI).

Part A - Cancellation Waiver provided by PWD

I. Trip Cancellation Waiver (TCW) - Guarantees full refund on all payments, except the TPP Fee itself in case of cancellation up to the time and date of departure due to the passenger's personal illness or death of a member of the immediate family; or, if the passenger must return early due to the passenger's personal illness or death of a member of the immediate family, a refund for the unused land services. Medical/official documentation required.

II. Premier "Any Reason" Cancellation Waiver (ARCW) - Reimburses 75% of the cancellation fees in the form of a future travel credit certificate (FTCC) valid for 1 year, if you cancel more than 48 hours prior to scheduled departure for any reason not eligible for cash refund under the TCW (Part A - I.). FTCC is non-transferable, may not be redeemed for cash and does not include any credit for the TPP Fee. The TPP Fee (if chosen) is refundable until 180 days prior to departure & cannot be added after Final Payment. The TPP does not cover any single supplement charges due to an individual's traveling companion cancelling prior to departure. The TPP is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only. The TPP does not cover any services such as airline tickets not purchased through PWD. Cancellations, Claims & Inquiries under Part A will be administered by PWD. Certain Exclusions and Restrictions apply.

Part B - Post Departure Travel Insurance Plan provided by USI

Includes coverage for: Trip Interruption (\$1,000); Trip Delay (\$100/Day-Max \$500); Baggage & Personal Effects (\$2,000); Baggage Delay (\$500); Emergency Accident/Sickness Medical Expense (\$30,000); Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation (\$150,000); Accidental Death & Dismemberment (\$25,000); Emergency Travel Assistance (24/7). Claims & Inquiries under Part B will be administered by USI.

For full Part A and Part B policy details visit: premierworlddiscovery.com/TPP

Reservation Form

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Booking #124115

Make Checks Payable to: Chamber Explorations

Contact Information/Mail Reservation Form to:

Effingham Travel Agency • Attn: Julie Hoffman

107 N. Keller Drive • Effingham, IL 62401

217.342.3965

julie@effinghamtravel.com

Enclosed please find a deposit in the amount of \$ _____ (\$500 per person) to secure reservations for _____ # of people.

Premier's Travel Protection Plan (TPP): Yes, I (we) wish to purchase travel protection (TPP) No, I (we) decline travel protection (TPP)

Enclosed please find payment in the amount of \$ _____ (\$350 per person) to secure the Premier's Travel Protection Plan (TPP).

Total Payment \$ _____

RT AIR GATEWAY _____

ROOMMATE'S RT AIR GATEWAY _____

see flyer page 1 for included group RT air gateway/departure city, additional charges apply for other RT air gateways

To avoid change fees, submit full Passport names (first/mid/last) exactly as they appear on Passports

Passport Name _____ DOB (MM/DD/YY) _____ Gender M F

Roommate's Passport Name _____ DOB (MM/DD/YY) _____ Gender M F

Passport #: _____ Exp Date (MM/DD/YY) _____ Country of Issuance _____

Roommate's Passport #: _____ Exp Date (MM/DD/YY) _____ Country of Issuance _____

Your Address _____ Check if Roommate's address is the same

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Tel # _____

Email Address _____ Mbl # _____

Cardholder Name (if paying by credit card) _____



Amount to be charged \$ _____ Credit card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Cardholder Billing Address: Check if address is the same as above _____

Signature Required (for credit card use & acceptance of terms*): _____ Today's Date: _____

*I (We) agree to pay according to the credit card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation fees/policy and other terms.