



**SAILING THE ISLANDS  
OF CENTRAL AMERICA**  
COSTA RICA & PANAMA ABOARD *SEA CLOUD II*  
JANUARY 29 TO FEBRUARY 8, 2012





Dear Colonial Williamsburg Travelers:

You are cordially invited to join us this winter to discover the amazing natural worlds of Costa Rica and Panama as we walk through rain forests, sail through spectacular archipelagos, and transit the Panama Canal aboard the elegant sailing yacht *Sea Cloud II*.

We are delighted that Anna Pavord, the distinguished British garden authority will accompany us on this voyage. A riveting lecturer, she is the author of many garden books including the bestselling *The Tulip*. The team of scholars on board also includes Yale Professor Leo W. Buss, known for his research on ecology and evolution. Music in the natural world and literature by Costa Rican writers will be discussed by Harvard experts Aniruddh Patel and Jennifer Burton.

Begin in Costa Rica with a welcome dinner at San José's fascinating Gold Museum. A morning walk in the El Silencio del Los Angeles Cloud Forest Reserve, keeping eyes peeled for two-toed sloths and 400 varieties of orchids. Embark the awaiting *Sea Cloud II* in Puerto Caldera and spend the next day exploring beautiful Isla de Cano's renowned marine reserve and Pre-Columbian cemetery before heading to spectacular and remote Drake Bay. Be on the lookout for tapirs and quetzals on a walk with a naturalist guide through the incredible Corcovado National Park.

Travel to Panama and stop at Isla de Coiba with its amazing array of coral and fish. In Panama City, tour the Old City, the first Spanish settlement on the Pacific Ocean; then visit the Frank Gehry-designed Bridge of Life Museum. Time spent at the Miraflores Locks Visitor's Center will prepare you for your own transit through the three sets of locks of the 48-mile-long Panama Canal, one of the seven wonders of the modern world. Tender ashore at the densely forested archipelago of Bocas del Toro for a visit to a private botanic garden. Disembark *Sea Cloud II* in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica. On a scenic drive returning to San José, stop for a nature walk in the Veragua Rain Forest.

This voyage offers a rare opportunity to experience the flora and fauna of Latin America while savoring the ambiance of a classic sailing ship and transiting the Panama Canal. We are joined by members of the Association of Yale Alumni and the Harvard Alumni Association.



Life aboard the magnificent *Sea Cloud II*, a favorite of Colonial Williamsburg travelers, has no comparison. Her friendly staff, luxurious staterooms, and fine dining create an ambiance of relaxed elegance. We hope to welcome you aboard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Forrest".

Forrest Williamson  
Director  
Colonial Williamsburg Cultural Expeditions

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photo by Janey 79

*Sculpture of a butterfly, Pre-Columbian Gold Museum, San José.*

### MIAMI | SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

**Sunday, January 29** Depart on a morning flight to San José. Upon arrival, transfer to the deluxe San José Marriott. The afternoon is at leisure. In the evening, gather for an after-hours visit and welcome dinner at the Pre-Columbian Gold Museum.

### SAN JOSE | SAN RAMON | PUERTO CALDERA, COSTA RICA | SEA CLOUD II

**Monday, January 30** After breakfast, drive to San Ramon and the El Silencio del Los Angeles Cloud Forest Reserve, where you will see some of its 2,500 species of plants, including 400 varieties of orchids. You may spot exotic wildlife such as the quetzal, two-toed sloth, and motmot bird. Following lunch, continue to Puerto Caldera where the elegant *Sea Cloud II* awaits. Enjoy a champagne toast as the ship sets sail in the early evening.

### ISLA DE CANO | DRAKE BAY, COSTA RICA

**Tuesday, January 31** Following a morning at sea, arrive this afternoon at Isla de Cano, a small island with a renowned marine reserve and a site of archaeological importance. You can snorkel to see sea turtles, dolphins, stingrays, and tuna, as well

as some gorgeous coral reefs; or explore the small town of San Pedrillo on your own. Also of note is a Pre-Columbian cemetery with many lithic spheres, all perfectly rounded and handcarved. In the late afternoon *Sea Cloud II* sails the short distance to the spectacular and remote Drake Bay, sited by Sir Francis Drake in 1579. In the early evening, enjoy a barbeque dinner on deck. The ship remains anchored overnight.



photo by Scott Ableman

*Wild orchids, Costa Rica.*

### DRAKE BAY | CORCOVADO NATIONAL PARK, COSTA RICA

**Wednesday, February 1** This morning explore the incredible Corcovado National Park. Mostly undisturbed because of its isolated location, the park is home to scarlet macaws, quetzals, red-eyed tree frogs, and tapirs. Corcovado comprises 13 major



*Isla de Cano.*



*Waterfall in Corcovado National Park.*

ecosystems, including mangrove, palm grove, montane forest, lagoon, and primary lowland rain forest. After naturalist guides lead you on a walk through the interior, enjoy lunch on board *Sea Cloud II*. In the afternoon, tender ashore to one of Drake Bay's pristine beaches for a swim.

### AT SEA

**Thursday, February 2** During an idyllic day at sea, watch as the ship's crew trims the sails by hand, attend a lecture, or relax on deck with a good book as *Sea Cloud II* wends her way to Panama.

### ISLA DE COIBA, PANAMA

**Friday, February 3** Tender ashore this morning to the Isla de Coiba, home to Coiba National Park, the largest marine reserve in Panama and a World Heritage Site. Swim or snorkel from the white sand beach at Granita del Oro, with its calm waters and an amazing array of coral and fish.

### PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

**Saturday, February 4** Arrive today in Balboa, the port for Panama City. On an architectural tour of "Casco Viejo," the first Spanish settlement on the Pacific Ocean, see the Plaza de la Catedral, Palacio de las Garzas, and Las Bóvedas. Then visit the Frank Gehry-designed Bridge of Life Museum, which showcases the biodiversity of the Isthmus of Panama. Continue to the Miraflores Locks Visitor's Center, for an overview of the Panama



*Marine life, Coiba National Park.*



*Centennial Bridge and the Culebra Cut, Panama Canal.*

Canal's history and operations, and if the timing is right, an up-close look at a ship rising through the two-stage lock. *Sea Cloud II* remains in port overnight.

### TRANSIT THE PANAMA CANAL | COLON, PANAMA

**Sunday, February 5** Today is dedicated to your passage through the man-made lakes and three sets of locks that comprise the 48-mile-long Panama Canal. In the early evening, arrive in Colón, located on the Caribbean Sea.



photo by Christine Fournier

*An island in the Bocas del Toro Archipelago.*

### BOCAS DEL TORO, PANAMA

**Monday, February 6** The Archipiélago de Bocas del Toro consists of six densely forested islands, scores of uninhabited islets and Parque Nacional Marino Isla Bastimentos. Tender ashore this afternoon to visit a private botanic garden, where the owner will greet you. There will be time at leisure to through the quaint town or to swim and snorkel from one of the beaches.

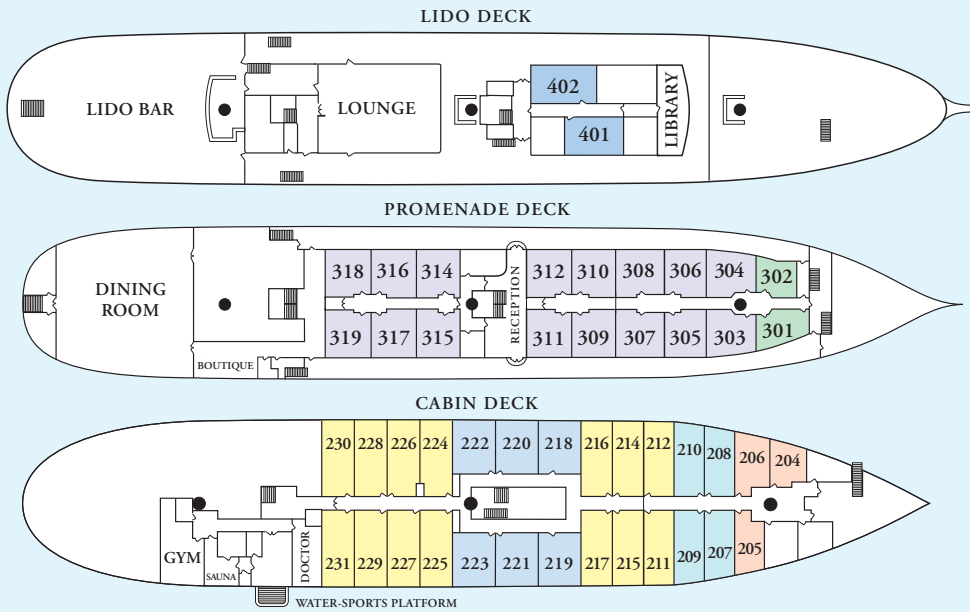
### PUERTO LIMON | SAN JOSE

**Tuesday, February 7** Disembark *Sea Cloud II* this morning in Puerto Limon. On a scenic drive returning to San José, stop at Veragua Rain Forest to visit the research center and take a nature walk before lunch. Arrive in time for dinner at the San José Marriott, where overnight accommodations are arranged.

### SAN JOSE | MIAMI

**Wednesday, February 8** Depart on a morning flight to Miami. ■

## SEA CLOUD II ■ DECK PLAN



Owner's Suite (top) and a Deluxe Cabin on Main Deck (above).

### LAND / CRUISE RATES (Per Person, Double Occupancy)

Cabins	Decks	Rates
Cabins 204 to 206 State Rooms. Upper/lower twin berths, shower. Available for single occupancy at \$8,120.	Cabin Deck	\$6,495
Cabins 207 to 210 Superior Cabins. Twin beds, shower. Available for single occupancy at \$10,395.	Cabin Deck	\$7,495
Cabins 211 to 217 & 224 to 231 Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower.	Cabin Deck	\$8,295
Cabins 218 to 223 Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower.	Cabin Deck	\$8,995
Cabins 301 & 302 Deluxe Cabins. Twin beds, shower.	Promenade Deck	\$9,295
Cabins 303 to 319 Junior Suites. Twin beds, bathtub with shower.	Promenade Deck	\$9,995
Cabins 401 & 402 Owner's Suites. Queen-size bed, bathtub and separate shower. <i>Additional singles will be calculated at a supplement ranging from 30 to 100 percent of the cruise rate.</i>	Lido Deck	\$10,995

### Rates Include

- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Eight nights cabin accommodations aboard *Sea Cloud II*
- Two nights hotel accommodations at the San José Marriott
- All meals during the cruise, wine with lunches and dinners; breakfast daily, two lunches, and two dinners on land portion
- Escorted sightseeing by motorcoach and entrance fees for visits
- Airport / hotel / pier group transfers and portorage
- Taxes and service; gratuities to guides and drivers

**Not Included in Rates** International airfare; passport fees; customary shipboard gratuities; alcoholic beverages other than wine at lunches and dinners during the cruise; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on group flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

## COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG FOUNDATION | RESERVATION APPLICATION

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To reserve a place, please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$2,500 per person (of which \$350 is non-refundable for administrative fees). Deposit and final payment are payable, by check or credit card, to *Colonial Williamsburg Foundation*. Mail to: Colonial Williamsburg Cultural Expeditions, Post Office Box 1776, Williamsburg, VA 23187-1776.

#### Accommodations

*Sea Cloud II* Cabin Preference 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
On-Shore Hotel Room Preference  Double  Twin  Single  
I wish to share a room/cabin with \_\_\_\_\_

#### Form of Payment

- Enclosed is my check (payable to *Colonial Williamsburg Foundation*).
- Credit card

NAME IN FULL AS ON PASSPORT \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME AS ON CREDIT CARD \_\_\_\_\_ 3- OR 4-DIGIT SECURITY CODE \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Each participant must sign below. I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this program. I/We agree to full payment, by check or credit card, 120 days prior to departure.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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*From the top: Sea turtle at Isla de Cano, a baby two-toed sloth, red-eyed tree frog, and a scarlet macaw in Corcovado National Park.*

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**AIRFARE** Academic Arrangements Abroad (AAA) will be pleased to assist with air travel arrangements. A specially negotiated APEX Economy Class non-refundable group airfare will be offered. Business Class will be quoted on an individual basis. A fee of \$75 per person will be charged for any reservations other than the group flight schedule; private transfers can be arranged at a supplemental cost. To redeem your frequent flyer mileage, please contact the airline directly. Please note that AAA can only assist in rebooking flights on those air reservations booked directly by AAA.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE** A deposit of \$2,500 per person, payable to Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, of which \$350 is non-refundable for administrative fees, is required with the reservation application. Mail to: Colonial Williamsburg Cultural Expeditions, Post Office Box 1776, Williamsburg, VA 23187-1776. Final payment, by check or credit card, must be received 120 days prior to departure.

**HEALTH** All participants must be in good health. This program involves walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs at monuments and other locations not handicapped accessible, and climbing in and out of various conveyances, including tenders. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. Please note *Sea Cloud II* does not have an elevator.

**INSURANCE** TRIP CANCELLATION / EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION / BAGGAGE / ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE PROTECTION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. CANCELLATION PENALTIES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. AAA will send you an insurance application upon receipt of deposit, although you may select any insurer of your choice.

**CHANGES IN ITINERARY & COSTS** The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (CWF) and AAA. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares, and currency exchange rates in effect at time of brochure printing and are subject to change without notice. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are at the expense of the individual.

**RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE** The participation of CWF is limited to educational sponsorship of the program described in this brochure (The Program). AAA acts only as an agent for the participant with respect to transportation, accommodations, and all other services, relating to The Program. AAA, CWF, and/or their agents assume no responsibility or liability for any act, error, or omission, or for any injury, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any aircraft, ship, train, bus, or other carrier, or through neglect or default of any subcontractor or other third party, which may be used wholly or in part in the performance of their duty to the participants of The Program. The passage ticket issued by the carrier is the sole contract between the participant and the carrier. Nor will AAA or CWF and/or their agents be responsible for loss, injury, damages, or expenses to persons or property, due to illness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, or other such causes in connection with The Program or anything beyond their reasonable control. AAA is not responsible for transportation or other program delays and changes, nor additional expenses or loss of time that may be incurred. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort or well-being of the participants, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary at any time, without notice to the participants, such alterations will be made without penalty to AAA or CWF. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the participants. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the participant at all times. CWF and AAA reserve the right to accept or decline any person as a participant at any time, or to require any participant to withdraw from The Program at their own expense when such an action is determined by AAA or CWF to be in the best interest of the participant's health and safety, or the general welfare of the other participants.

**CANCELLATION POLICY** AAA must strictly adhere to its cancellation policy to offset costs incurred prior to the commencement of The Program, which may include but are not limited to: advance payments to land operators; train charters; communication expenses; development/promotional expenses; and the loss of time that might have permitted resale of reserved space. All cancellations must be made in writing to the offices of Academic Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-3721, and are subject to a \$350 non-refundable administrative fee. All refunds are limited to amounts actually received by AAA and are the sole responsibility of AAA; CWF shall have no liability for refunds. At the time AAA receives written notification of cancellation, the following cancellation charges will apply: cancellations received between 120 and 91 days prior to departure, 20 percent of the program cost per person; those received between 90 and 61 days before departure, 50 percent of the program cost per person; no refunds will be given for cancellations received within 60 days of departure. No refunds are given for cancellation on or after the day of departure, or for unused portions of the tour, for any reason. Air cancellation charges, if any, will be assessed in accordance with airline regulations. All group fare tickets must be issued no less than 30 days prior to departure. NOTE: Neither AAA nor CWF shall be liable for any airline cancellation penalties incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket. In the case of a cancellation due to shortage of participants, AAA will attempt to notify all participants at least 45 days prior to departure. However, AAA reserves the right to cancel The Program prior to departure for any reason and, in such case, reimbursement of refundable costs of the trip by AAA shall constitute full settlement with the participant. In the unlikely event that a dispute arises between a participant and AAA or CWF, the following conditions will apply: (a) the dispute will be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in New York, NY; (b) the dispute will be governed by New York Law; (c) the maximum amount of recovery to which a participant shall be entitled under any and all circumstances will be the sum of all monies actually received from the participant by AAA. The participant agrees that this is a fair and reasonable limitation on the damages, of any sort whatsoever, that a participant may suffer. Upon payment of the deposit to AAA, the participant agrees to be bound by the above terms and conditions.





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