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# PANAMA CANAL



**D**iscover the allure of the Caribbean during an unforgettable cruise aboard the Six-Star Crystal Serenity. Chart a course for the storied Panama Canal, which celebrates its centennial in 2014. As you transit its locks, marvel at the magnificent feat of engineering and the idyllic landscapes that line its banks. Along the way, visit exciting destinations and be pampered in luxurious accommodations by a skilled staff committed to exceptional service and fastidious attention to detail.



**Upper left:**

*Traversing the locks of the Panama Canal*

**Left:**

*Keen-billed Toucan, Panama*



*Key West*

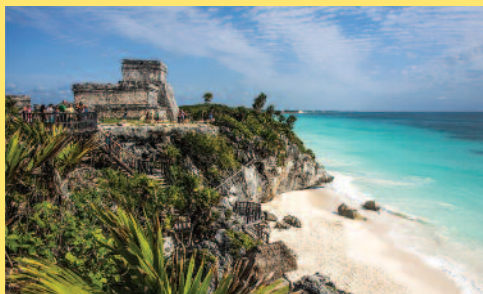
## KEY WEST | FLORIDA

Once the winter home of Ernest Hemingway and President Truman, Key West is now a stylish retreat for writers and artists. Its atmosphere is reminiscent of the Caribbean, yet it is the southernmost town of the continental United States. Take a stroll along Duval Street, from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, or explore the city's interesting art galleries and boutiques.

## COZUMEL | MEXICO

Located just 18 kilometres off the eastern coast of Mexico, Cozumel is the country's largest island and the veritable capital of Caribbean water sports. Relax and bask in the sun on pristine, palm-lined beaches, or snorkel amid intricate coral formations at nearby Palancar Reef. Explore San Miguel, a bustling town that boasts inviting shops and tempting restaurants. Off the island of Cozumel is Playa del Carmen, your gateway to the Mayan mysteries of the intriguing Yucatán.

*Mayan ruins*





*Dancers, Costa Maya*

### **COSTA MAYA | MEXICO**

Costa Maya is a haven of adventure, archaeology and sun-drenched beaches. Designed to resemble an ancient Mayan city, Costa Maya features three grand pavilions, where you can see folkloric shows, observe local artisans creating their works of art and witness eye-opening cultural and culinary events. Within easy reach of the port are ancient cities boasting impressive temples and fascinating archaeological sites.

### **BELIZE CITY | BELIZE**

Belize City unexpectedly offers some striking examples of Victorian architecture. Explore Victorian mansions that have been restored and converted into inns, museums, galleries and restaurants, and see how they mingle with British colonial gems as well as the oldest Anglican cathedral in Central America, St. John's Cathedral, to create an unmatched cityscape. Belize is also a stunning natural landscape thanks to the local efforts to protect Central American wildlife.

*Below: Dolphins, Roatan Island*



### **ROATAN ISLAND | HONDURAS**

On verdant Roatan Island, the expansive blue skies meet transparent turquoise waters, and white-sand beaches are edged by lush growths of palms. Engage in exhilarating water sports or tour the pristine coral reef in a glass-bottom boat, go into town to shop for island crafts or explore the gorgeous butterfly and floral gardens.

### **PUERTO LIMÓN | COSTA RICA**

Located on the Caribbean coast of Costa Rica, Limón has been an important hub of Costa Rica since the port was established in 1871. The construction of a railway to San José a few years later turned what was once a migrant fisherman's village into an important centre of commerce. The city was the birthplace of the now international United Fruit Company, and coffee, citrus, bananas and other agricultural products have long been the mainstay of the local economy.



*Banana plantation, Puerto Limón*



**Left:**  
*Construction  
of canal locks,  
1913*

**In oval:**  
*Building  
the Panama  
Canal*

## THE PANAMA CANAL: THE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE OCEANS

In the 16th century, when European explorers discovered the New World, it wasn't long before they raised hopes of finding a shortcut from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean to avoid the need to sail all the way around the southern tip of South America. Vasco Núñez de Balboa, who led the first expedition over the Isthmus of Panama, conceived the possibility of a man-made canal in 1513, but the prospect of sculpting such a waterway was preventatively daunting.

A number of explorers, politicians and engineers suggested construction plans throughout the years. Finally, in the 1880s, French developer Ferdinand de Lesseps made the first sustained attempt at sea level, as he had done at Suez. Poor planning, disease, rain, corruption and the jungle took their toll. An estimated 16,000-20,000 workers died, and the project was aborted in 1888.

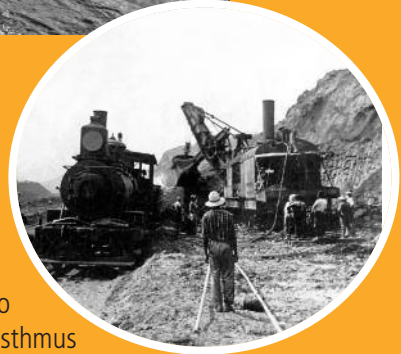
Only the United States had the resources to take on the huge task. Theodore Roosevelt ordered the purchase of the French equipment, and at the urging of engineer John Frank Stevens he decided to implement a lock system instead of building at sea level.

In 1904, construction began in earnest, but working conditions were devastating; tropical diseases threatened the workers' lives, and temperatures often rose to 54°C. Colonel William Gorgas led a sanitation campaign that wiped out yellow fever in the area and reduced outbreaks of malaria and bubonic plague. The work continued and the world's largest artificial lake at that time, Gatun, was created by damming the Chagras River. To link the lake to the Gulf of Panama, a winding, 12.8 kilometre channel called the Culebra Cut was hewed through the continental divide. On each end of the canal, three massive locks were built to raise and lower giant ships to a height of 26 metres above sea level.

The canal opened in 1914. To this day, it remains a remarkable engineering feat; at least 5% of the world's shipping traffic passes through the canal each year, including 70% of all cargo to and from the United States.

Panama gained control of the canal from the United States in 1999, and in 2007 the Panamanian government launched a seven-year project to update and improve the canal, doubling its capacity and adding a third shipping lane.

Traversing the canal — feeling the ship rise and descend as the locks are opened and shut while cruising through the narrow passage — is an unforgettable experience!





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- Day 4** Cozumel, Mexico
- Day 5** Costa Maya
- Day 6** Belize City, Belize
- Day 7** Roatán Island, Honduras
- Day 8** Cruise the Caribbean Sea
- Day 9** Puerto Limón, Costa Rica
- Day 10** Transit the Panama Canal
- Day 11** Cruise the Pacific Ocean
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*Top: Rain forest near San Jose*

*Above: Hand-painted Sarchi cart, Costa Rica*

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