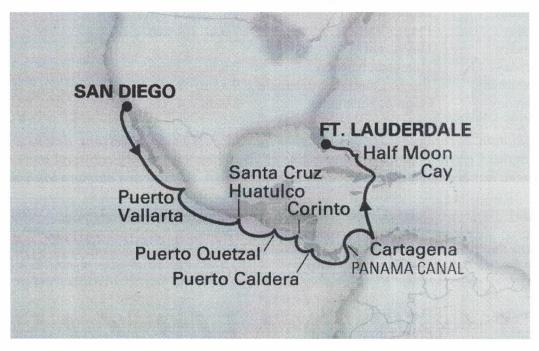
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# PANAMA CANAL



## January 2 - 18, 2019

Full-transit PANAMA CANAL plus Mexico; Guatemala; Nicaragua; Costa Rica; Cartagena, Colombia, and Half Moon Cay, Bahamas.

Starting at \$3854.76 per person double occupancy.

### **Trip Includes:**

Roundtrip transfer from DeKalb to Chicago Airport.

Pre-cruise night at San Diego Sheraton Hotel & Marina. Airfare from Chicago.

15-day cruise on the 1,432 passenger ms VOLENDAM.

Government taxes and fees.

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#### Your trip itinerary for the Panama Canal Cruise

January 02 Wednesday Transfer from DeKalb to Chicago for flight to San Diego California. On arrival,

transfer from the airport to the Sheraton Marina Hotel and Resort.

January 03 Thursday Transfer from hotel to pier, ms Volendam departs at 5 p.m.

January 04 Friday Day at sea
January 05 Saturday Day at sea

January 06 Sunday Puerto Vallarta, Mexico 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

January 07 Monday Day at sea

January 08 Tuesday Huatulco, Mexico 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. January 09 Wednesday Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Corinto, Nicaragua 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

As a travel destination, Nicaragua still remains below the radar for many Americans, despite a recent surge of media interest in this Central American country. One of the region's most politically and socially stable nations, Nicaragua has been billed as the next great spot for eco-, cultural and culinary tourism.

January 11 Friday Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Puntarenas on Costa Rica's Pacific Coast is nicely positioned within easy day-trip distance of a number of that country's national parks. The town, a busy working port on the surface, makes an ideal base from which travelers can venture out to explore the variety of this Central American country's outdoor attractions, from lush jungle destinations to pristine beaches along the Pacific.

January 12 Saturday Day at sea

January 13 Sunday Enter Panama Canal 5 a.m.

The town of Balboa stands at the Pacific end of one of the world's great engineering wonders, the Panama Canal. Long the administrative center of the Canal Zone, it was U.S. territory until the last day of the last century, when it was returned to Panama on December 31, 1999.

January 13 Sunday Cruising Panama Canal

While many think of the Panama Canal only as a remarkable manmade achievement, the area is also of interest to naturalists. Panama's rain forest suffered great biodiversity loss during the canal's construction, but today more than 100 species each of mammals and reptiles, as well as some 500 different birds, thrive in the nature reserves along the length of the canal.

January 13 Sunday Exit Panama Canal 7 p.m.

January 14 Monday Cartagena, Columbia 12 noon – 6 p.m.

Colombia declared independence in 1810, but there's plenty about its fifth-largest city that evokes old Spain, including the impressive fort of Castillo San Felipe de Barajas, and the wall that encloses the old town, one of the few intact structures of its kind in the Americas. Both were considered important enough to inscribe on UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites in 1984.

January 15 Tuesday Day at sea
January 16 Wednesday Day at sea

January 17 Thursday Half Moon Cay, Bahamas 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. January 18 Friday Fort Lauderdale, Florida Arrives 7 a.m.

Transfer to airport for flight to Chicago and transfer to DeKalb, Illinois.