



**ARRANGED BY ALAMO WORLD TRAVEL
FOR THE SUNNYVALE SENIORS**



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PANAMA CANAL



DECEMBER 8-22, 2014

Aboard the M/S Amsterdam

PORTS OF CALL:

**Puerto Vallarta, Huatulco, Puerto Quetzal,
Puerto Corinto, Puerto Caldera, Panama Canal,
Cartagena, Ft. Lauderdale**



The Panama Canal is a man-made waterway linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans across the narrow Central American isthmus. Construction was riddled with missteps and frustrations, but its eventual success became one of the greatest engineering feats in history. The first passage occurred in 1914, and the canal is an important shipping route still used today. This year 2014 celebrates the centennial of the opening of one of the most celebrated man-made projects.



The price for this 14 night trip depends on the cabin you choose- see page three of this flyer. A **\$600 deposit** is required and includes trip insurance. There is a **Feb. 28, 2014 DEPOSIT DEADLINE** to earn the following generous shipboard credit: **\$87 pp for inside cabin, \$137 pp for outside cabin, \$187 pp for veranda suites**. There are also significant savings for 3rd and 4th person(s) in a cabin. **Final payment is due August 25, 2014.**

The City of Sunnyvale encourages persons with disabilities to participate in our recreation programs. We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations, please let us know when you register; TDD (408) 730-7501

Tour Includes:

- * **Airport transfers from Sunnyvale Senior Center to San Jose Airport**
 - * **Airfare San Diego, returning from Ft. Lauderdale or Miami**
 - * **14-Night PANAMA CANAL CRUISE aboard the M/S AMSTERDAM**
 - * **Activities and entertainment on ship and 42 meals**
 - * **Trip Insurance for each passenger based on cabin selection**
 - * **Taxes and tips on all included features (Excluding shipboard gratuities)**
 - * **Baggage handling (excluding airline baggage fee) for one suitcase per person**
- For bookings prior to 2/28, \$87 p/p shipboard credit inside cabins,
\$137 pp outside cabins and \$187 pp veranda suites**

PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

DAY 1

SAN DIEGO

Transfer to the San Jose Airport for your flight to **SAN DIEGO** where you will board the M/S Amsterdam.

DAY 2

AT SEA

DAY 3

AT SEA

DAY 4

PUERTO VALLARTA

Puerto Vallarta is squeezed into the thin space between Banderas Bay and the verdant folds of the Sierra Madre. It's no longer the well-kept secret of the artists, writers and Hollywood stars who first "discovered" it in the 1960s, but "PV" (as it is affectionately known) still retains the essence of the fishing village it once was. Viejo Vallarta, the old town, is a mix of red-tiled buildings, cobbled streets, chic shops and busy open markets.

DAY 5

AT SEA

DAY 6

HUATULCO

Everything you ever wanted in a seaside resort: warm sun, sandy beaches and nine beautiful bays rimmed in every shade of blue. Nearby: low-growth caducifolia jungles teeming with birdlife and the nesting grounds of endangered sea turtles. Huatulco's importance early on was a result of its strategic location on the trading route between rival ethnic territories. In 1537, with the arrival of Spanish merchant vessels, Huatulco became an important port for goods traded between Mexico City, Central America and New Spain. Cortez used Huatulco as his base for trade and exploration.

DAY 7

PUERTO QUETZAL

Once the center of the impressive ancient Mayan civilization, Guatemala was conquered by Spanish conquistador Pedro de Alvarado in 1524. During the second half of the 20th century, it experienced a variety of military and civilian governments as well as a 36-year guerrilla war. These issues have now faded into the past and today Guatemala is a thriving democracy with many varying landscapes, activities and historical venues waiting to be discovered.

DAY 8

PUERTO CORINTO

Puerto Corinto is a small town on the northwest coast of Nicaragua – a region bounded by great lakes to the south, Honduras to the north, and a concatenation of volcanic peaks to the east. The peaks demarcate an area of pristine beaches, fields of sugar cane, and lush mangrove forests. In Corinto, cruise visitors can stroll along the Costa Azul for a view of the bay and its islands. In nearby Chinandega, discover Mayan artifacts at the archeological museum. Farther afield explore the ruins of León Viejo, excavated from centuries of volcanic debris.

DAY 9

PUERTO CALDERA

The city of Puerto Caldera, on Costa Rica's Pacific coast, has a number of national parks within easy reach for cruise visitors. Just to the south, Carara is a mecca for birders, especially those chasing the scarlet macaw. Poas Volcano is inland, and rises to nearly 9,000 feet. See it before it blows again. Barra Honda contains a series of limestone caves. Palo Verde preserves one of the last tropical dry rainforests in Central America. Arenal has the most active volcano in the country. Tapanti contains species of orchids discovered only in 2009. Grab your hiking boots and a pair of binoculars. It's all a feast, wherever you go.

DAY 10

AT SEA

DAY 11**PANAMA CANAL**

The narrow isthmus separating the Atlantic from the Pacific Ocean had a colorful and turbulent history long before Ferdinand de Lesseps first dreamed of building a transcontinental canal. Spanish conquistadors hauled Incan gold through the dense rainforest to ports on the Atlantic. English freebooters sought to ransack those ports and attack the treasure ships that sailed from Portobelo. And 49ers braved mosquitoes and yellow fever to get to the California gold fields.

DAY 12**CARTEGENA**

One of the more interesting cities on your itinerary steeped in history. This was the transit port for all the wealth Spain derived from South America. The famous "Old City" is comprised of 12 square blocks filled with attractions, boutiques and restaurants.

DAY 13**AT SEA****DAY 14****AT SEA****DAY 15****FT. LAUDERDALE**

Disembark your ship and transfer to the airport for your flight back home!

A PASSPORT THAT DOESN'T EXPIRE UNTIL JUNE 23, 2015 IS REQUIRED!

MS AMSTERDAM® ACCOMMODATIONS

All spacious staterooms are designed with your enjoyment in mind. Each room includes a refrigerator, TV, hair dryer, a personal safe, and plush European-style duvets with luxury 100% Egyptian cotton bed linens. Plus, the following amenities for the category of your choice:

**INTERIOR**

Approximately 182 square feet.

Features two twins beds that make up into a queen-sized bed. Other amenities include a refrigerator, TV, closet and bathroom with shower.

L Main Deck **\$3645 PP DBL \$5025^{PP} SGL**

**OCEANVIEW**

Approximately 182 square feet.

All the amenities of an interior stateroom, plus it features a picture window, providing added ambience and memorable views.

FF Dolphin Decks **\$4065 PP DBL \$5420 PP SGL**

E Dolphin & Main Decks **\$4185 PP DBL \$5625 PP SGL**

**VERANDAH SUITE**

Approximately 292 square feet including balcony.

This stateroom offers a balcony with patio furniture. Other amenities include a spacious closet, desk and bathroom with shower.

B Verandah Deck **\$5725^{PP} DBL \$9605 PP SGL**

A Verandah Deck **\$5825^{PP} DBL**

**CABINS ARE LIMITED IN EACH CATEGORY AND ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS.
RATES FOR 3RD AND 4TH PERSON IN CABIN UPON REQUEST**