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CRYSTAL SYMPHONY

Crystal Cruises has consistently been voted the **World's Best Large Cruise Line** by the annually polled readers of *Travel + Leisure* magazine. In 2009, the most recent survey commended the line with this prestigious distinction for an **unprecedented 14th consecutive year!**

The **Crystal Symphony** is lavishly appointed with your comfort in mind. Its many amenities have been further enhanced by personalized services and thoughtful details. Work out in the gym where the fitness director will guide you with gentle instruction. Relax with a massage in the European Spa and Salon. Shave a few strokes off your game with pointers from the golf pro. In the evening, savor fine international cuisine in the Crystal Dining Room or at two specialty restaurants: Italian-themed **Prego** or master chef Nobuyuki "Nobu" Matsuhisa's epicurean expression, **Silk Road**. Afterward, entertainment venues offer string quartets, Big Band and jazz, Broadway-style productions, dancing and the Crystal Casino.

Elegant staterooms are furnished with contemporary features such as a television with DVD player, direct-dial telephone, cabin safe and laptop data port.

The **Crystal Symphony** promises more than just a cruise—it elevates your travel experience with the refined luxury of individual attention!

Unprecedented Opportunity



• Experience the **"World's Best Large Cruise Line"** at incredible savings.

• Take advantage of this first-time **better than!**
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• Fly from selected cities for **FREE**.

• Receive **\$1,000 per couple shipboard credit** redeemable for excursions, tipping, shops, spa and on board lounges.



Quality



CREATIVE LEARNING INSTITUTE

Design a cruise experience around your own interests. Enrich your mind, body and spirit with complimentary classes offered at the **Creative Learning Institute**, the most innovative hands-on instruction program at sea.

Arts & Entertainment: Try your hand at Asian woodblock printing, calligraphy, creative writing or fashion design. Brush up on your piano playing or study a foreign language.

Business & Technology: Attend the **Computer University@Sea** to explore digital photo finishing or Web page design. Study estate

planning and real estate appraisal.

Lifestyle: Discover the techniques of feng shui, needlepoint or working with a contractor.

Wellness: Learn about alternative medicine, CPR, nutrition, memory fitness and skin care. Dance the tango or do tai chi.

Wine & Food: Indulge in the appreciation of cheese, caviar, chocolate, sushi, tea and wine.

NOTE: The topics above are a brief listing of many classes and workshops. Not all subjects are offered on every cruise.



Left: Windmill, Aruba

Below: Keel-billed toucan, Panama



Dear Alumni and Friends,

We invite you to join us for a passage to the beautiful Caribbean on our spectacular ***Cruise the Panama Canal*** program. You will get an up-close look of one of the world's greatest engineering feats and enjoy days of cobalt-blue skies and warm breezes as you explore the islands of Tortola, St. Barths, St. Martin and Aruba.

Enjoy the worry-free convenience and value of group travel while tailoring your experience as you want it. You can make your 11-night cruise as active or as relaxing as you desire by selecting the excursions and activities that appeal to you.

Aboard the luxurious ***Crystal Symphony***, you'll share an unforgettable journey with like-minded travelers through waters once traveled by Spanish conquistadors, English explorers and French freebooters.

Discover why Crystal Cruises repeatedly earns top marks for its exceptional service, luxurious accommodations and fastidious attention to every detail. If you find that 11 nights aren't enough, you can **tailor your trip** with add-ons and extensions. You provide the dream and we will make it a reality!

This program will fill quickly, so don't be disappointed. **Make your reservation today!**

Sincerely,

Spencer Chenier
Acting Director
Department of Alumni Relations
Howard University

P.S. With Crystal Cruises' new *As You Wish* promotion, you'll receive \$1,000 per couple in shipboard credits to spend any way you wish! Indulge in spa treatments, fine wines, a Vintage Room experience with your friends, gratuities for your favorite waiter, something special from the boutiques or even a Crystal shore excursion. The choices — all of them — are yours.

"Panama was made so small so that it could be carried in the heart."

~ Ricardo Miró,

Panamanian statesman
and poet, 1883-1940,

Patria (1909)

"A finer body of men has never been gathered by any nation than the men who have done the work of building the Panama Canal; the conditions under which they have lived and have done their work have been better than in any similar work ever undertaken in the tropics; they have all felt an eager pride in their work; and they have made not only America but the whole world their debtors by what they have accomplished."

~ Theodore Roosevelt,

26th president of the
United States, 1901-1909



Serenity



Service

Elegance



AIR/SEA PROGRAM

- **FREE** air to **Miami, Florida**, with a return from **Caldera, Costa Rica**, from select North American gateway cities.
- All transfers and baggage handling between airports and piers on days of embarkation/disembarkation for Air/Sea passengers.

INCLUDED FEATURES

- Set sail from **Miami** for **11 nights** aboard the Six-Star ***Crystal Symphony***. Cruise the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and the Caribbean Sea. Your ports of call include **Tortola**, British Virgin Islands; **St. Barths** and **St. Martin**, French West Indies; and **Aruba**, Kingdom of the Netherlands, before disembarking in **Caldera, Costa Rica**.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in your planning.
- Deluxe travel wallet.

SPECIAL CRYSTAL FEATURES

- Attend many festive parties—exclusive **AHI Welcome and Farewell Receptions**; Captain's **Welcome Aboard and Farewell Receptions**; and Crystal's **Society Member** parties.
- Experience dining aboard Crystal Cruises, featuring all meals.
 - Superb gourmet cuisine served daily in the ***Crystal Dining Room***.
 - **Complimentary 24-hour room service** in your cabin or on your verandah, including breakfast, lunch, snacks or even a seven-course dinner.
 - Meals served on deck featuring specialties of the world.
 - Free ice cream bar daily.
 - Two alternative restaurants available at no additional charge.
- Enjoy many included extras.
 - **Complimentary beverages** for all non-alcoholic drinks.
 - **Umbrellas** in all cabins.
 - **Free motor coach shuttle service** to the town center in every port.
 - Deluxe **stateroom amenities** feature color television with DVD player, private bath with tub/shower, marble counter tops, sitting area, security safe, direct-dial telephone and refrigerator.
 - Gala entertainment presented nightly—the best on the seven seas.



reat yourself to an unforgettable cruise experience aboard the Six-Star *Crystal Symphony*. Soak up the warmth of sapphire waters and sunshine on the tropical beaches of Tortola and St. Barths. In the Caribbean Sea, discover the charm of Dutch culture in Aruba and the French ambience of St. Martin. Then, chart a course for the storied Panama Canal. As you transit its locks, marvel at this magnificent feat of engineering and the idyllic landscapes that line its banks. Along the way, you'll be pampered in luxury with the superlative services of a doting crew. Discover the hospitality that has earned Crystal Cruises a worldwide reputation for excellence!

MIAMI

Florida

In the early 1900s, Miami was nicknamed the *Magic City* because it seemed to have sprung into a metropolis from the beaches of Biscayne Bay. Today, this glitzy urban playground is also regarded as the *Gateway to Latin America*.

TORTOLA

British Virgin Islands

The largest island and capital of the BVI, Tortola was named for the Spanish word for "turtledove." This is the ultimate Caribbean paradise for nature lovers, sun-seekers and water sports enthusiasts. Translucent water sparkles over emerald reefs and palm-



St. Martin



Tortola

fringed foliage frames secluded white sand beaches. Mount Sage National Park's rain forest is home to the highest peak in all the Virgin Islands at 1,716 feet (523 meters). Bustling Road Town, nestled in a scenic natural harbor, is the center of island life.

ST. BARTHS

French West Indies

From its picture-postcard harbor to a ring of 20 spectacular beaches, many Caribbean connoisseurs consider this beautiful little island to be the closest thing to heaven on earth. Rolling hills, quaint villages and sweeping valleys are surrounded by clear



Above right: Ox cart wheel, Costa Rica

Right: Traditional Costa Rican attire, Caldera





Duty-free shopping, Oranjestad, Aruba

waters, coral reefs and blue-green lagoons. A favorite retreat for the rich and famous, St. Barthélemy (St. Barths) is renowned for its natural beauty, delicious cuisine, chic boutiques and relaxed ambience.

ST. MARTIN

French West Indies

Located on an island shared by France and the Netherlands, St. Martin forms the French side of the island. Its bustling capital, Marigot, is a city of contrasts, where local markets selling coconuts, spices and the catch of the day coexist peacefully with luxury boutiques selling fine merchandise, and colorful Creole architecture houses restaurants and cafés that can tempt the most discerning palate. It is also an ideal gateway to the best of St. Martin, from white sand beaches to historic landmarks on windswept hills.

ARUBA

Kingdom of the Netherlands

Cruise into Aruba and discover gold mined not from underground but streaming from an azure Caribbean sky overhead. Bask in the sun's gilded rays on one of the island's



pristine beaches, or stroll along a craggy landscape and the rolling mounds of majestic sand dunes. In Oranjestad, Aruba's capital city, explore charming streets lined with nostalgic Dutch-style buildings and take advantage of duty-free shopping.



CALDERA

Costa Rica

Discover the lush rain forest terrain of Costa Rica. Travel through a verdant, pristine countryside abundant with mountains and valleys, thick jungles

and cultivated plantations. The ecological fascinations of Costa Rica are nature's majesty on splendid display.

NOTE: Ports are subject to change due to operational conditions.

OPTIONAL TWO-NIGHT POST-CRUISE EXTENSION IN COSTA RICA

Explore the sunny splendor of Costa Rica during this optional extension to enhance your overall trip experience. Enjoy luxury hotel accommodations, a daily buffet breakfast, concierge service, the services of an AHI Travel Director, an excursion to a coffee plantation and orchid garden, transfers between ship/hotel and hotel/airport* and baggage handling.

*Provided for Air/Sea Program passengers only.





Left:
Construction
of canal locks,
1913

In oval:
Building the
Panama Canal



The Panama Canal

Sixteenth-century Spanish explorers hoped to find a shortcut from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean via a canal at the Isthmus of Panama.

Balboa conceived the possibility in 1513, but the prospect of sculpting such a waterway was daunting and was eventually forgotten. Finally, 350 years later, Ferdinand de Lesseps unsuccessfully attempted to build a canal as he had done at Suez. Disease, scandal, rain, corruption and the jungle took their toll. An estimated 16,000-20,000 workers died.

By 1900, only the United States had the resources to take on the huge task. Theodore Roosevelt was committed to it, and once the treaty was signed, he started the herculean project that tested more than 35,000 men.

Col. George Washington Goethals of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began construction in 1902 with unprecedented speed. Working conditions were devastating; tropical diseases threatened lives and temperatures often rose to 130°F. In 1904, Col. William Gorgas undertook a sanitation campaign that wiped out yellow fever and reduced outbreaks of malaria and bubonic plague.

The work continued and the world's largest artificial lake at that time, Gatun, was created. A winding, eight-mile channel called the "Gaillard Cut" was hewed through the Continental Divide. Six massive locks were built to raise and lower giant ships to a height of 85 feet. To this day, it remains a remarkable engineering feat.

In the 1970s, the United States and Panama agreed that the canal ownership would revert to Panama on December 31, 1999.

This narrow ribbon of bright water cutting through distant green hills remains a marvel. Passage through the canal—from the mighty waters of the Atlantic and Caribbean to the wide, placid Pacific—is an unforgettable experience!



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Real InterContinental Costa Rica

Offering full amenities, this deluxe hotel located in the suburb of Escazú is within walking distance of the largest shopping complex in the area and is minutes from downtown San José.

Reserve your Panama Canal cruise today!

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Trip #: 1-19693 PSR: _____

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Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

(1) _____
Title First Middle Last Class Year

(2) _____
Title First Middle Last Class Year

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Home: (_____) _____

Office: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Yes, please e-mail me information about special travel opportunities.

Sharing with _____ (Form sent separately.)

Name(s) you would like on your name badge(s):

(1) _____

(2) _____

Optional Two-Night Post-Cruise Extension in San José, Costa Rica

Please make _____ reservations for me (us) on the San José Optional Post-Cruise extension.

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Cruise Program

- I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.
- Please call me/us to discuss my/our air options.

Cabin category requested: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Bedding Request: Twin Queen

Dinner seating requested: 6:15 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

Note: Request for seating must be made at time of booking.

Table size requested: 2 4 6 or 8.

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional cost (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Air/Cruise Program

I/we reserve the Cruise Program and request the Air Program to Miami, Florida, with return from San José, Costa Rica, to depart from:

Departure City

Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by November 25, 2010 (90 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. **Credit cards cannot be accepted for final payment.**

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 per person required) to reserve _____ place(s).

- Accept my check made payable to **AHI International**.
- Charge my deposit to: MasterCard Visa

Card # _____

Expires _____ / _____

(Signature as it appears on credit card)

Please note: Any payment to AHI International constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein, including but not limited to the Cancellation terms.

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Category/Deck/Description	Crystal Cruises Brochure Fares	<i>better than!</i> 2-FOR-1 Alumni Fares (Per Person)
E 7/8 Deluxe Stateroom <i>Picture window, limited or extremely limited view, queen size bed or twin beds, seating area, full bathtub/shower combination.</i>	\$7,690	\$3,795
D 5 Deluxe Stateroom <i>Large picture window, queen size bed or twin beds, seating area, full bathtub/shower combination.</i>	\$8,820	\$4,395
C 7 Deluxe Stateroom <i>Large picture window, queen size bed or twin beds, seating area, full bathtub/shower combination.</i>	\$9,270	\$4,585
B 8 Deluxe Stateroom <i>Private verandah, queen size bed or twin beds, seating area, full bathtub/shower combination.</i>	\$11,260	\$5,580
A 9 Deluxe Stateroom <i>Private verandah, queen size bed or twin beds, seating area, full bathtub/shower combination.</i>	\$11,770	\$5,835
PH 10 Penthouse <i>Large private verandah, spacious living area, queen size bed or twin beds, full Jacuzzi- bathtub, separate shower, walk-in closet and personal butler service.</i>	\$19,140	\$9,520
PS 10 Penthouse Suite <i>Large private verandah, sizeable living space, picture window view, large bedroom, queen size bed or twin beds, full Jacuzzi- bathtub, separate shower, walk-in closet and personal butler service.</i>	\$24,460	\$12,195

All cabins have remote TV & DVD, refrigerator and security safe.

*Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include free air from select gateway cities. Single prices available upon request. **Port charges are an additional \$375 per person.** A \$700 per person reduction will be applied for passengers arranging their own air.*

ITINERARY

- Day 1 Depart Gateway City / Arrive Miami / Embark *Crystal Symphony*
- Day 2 Cruise the Atlantic Ocean
- Day 3 Cruise the Atlantic Ocean
- Day 4 Tortola, British Virgin Islands
- Day 5 St. Barths, French West Indies
- Day 6 St. Martin, French West Indies
- Day 7 Cruise the Caribbean Sea
- Day 8 Aruba, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Day 9 Cruise the Caribbean Sea
- Day 10 Transit the Panama Canal
- Day 11 Cruise the Pacific Ocean
- Day 12 Caldera / Disembark *Crystal Symphony* / Return to Gateway City

NOTE: Program itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.

FREE AIR FROM SELECT GATEWAY CITIES

Atlanta, GA	Houston, TX	Philadelphia, PA
Baltimore, MD	Los Angeles, CA	Phoenix, AZ
Boston, MA	Miami, FL	San Francisco, CA
Chicago, IL	Mpls/St. Paul, MN	Seattle, WA
Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX	New York, NY (JFK)	Tampa, FL
Denver, CO	Newark, NJ	Washington, D.C.
Detroit, MI	Orlando, FL	

\$199 AIR ADD-ONS FROM SELECT GATEWAY CITIES*

Albany, NY	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Omaha, NE
Albuquerque, NM	Greensboro, NC	Pittsburgh, PA
Austin, TX	Greenville, SC	Raleigh-Durham, NC
Billings, MT	Hartford, CT	Richmond, VA
Buffalo, NY	Indianapolis, IN	Salt Lake City, UT
Charlotte, NC	Las Vegas, NV	San Antonio, TX
Cincinnati, OH	Nashville, TN	San Diego, CA
Colorado Springs, CO	New Orleans, LA	Spokane, WA
Columbus, OH	Norfolk, VA	Tucson, AZ
Des Moines, IA	Oklahoma City, OK	West Palm Beach, FL

**Other add-on gateway cities and prices are available upon request.*

NOTE: Within 75 days of departure, Crystal's promotional air program is on a request basis and subject to availability. Crystal's promotional air program is based on capacity-controlled contracts, promotional or group fares. In the event that adequate air service is unavailable from any of the listed Air/Sea Gateway Cities, the client has the option of paying an additional fare for an alternate routing or air carrier or choosing another Air/Sea Gateway City.



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In AHI Travel's care, you can rely on:

- **An exceptional travel value.** It would be impossible for an independent traveler to arrange all these unique experiences, inclusions and services at a comparable price.
- **Unique access to local sites.** Take advantage of their 48 years of travel experience to gain preferred entrance to popular sites and to uncover the region's hidden treasures.
- **Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.** Benefit from the expertise of local guides who possess authoritative knowledge of the region and offer personal insight into the local culture.
- **Flexibility and customization.** Free time during the trip allows you to pursue your own interests. They will also help you tailor your dream trip with add-ons and extensions.
- **Safety and security.** In a country where you might not know the language or culture, their professional staff is on hand to ease your way and get you any help you need.



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NOT INCLUDED-Fees for passports and, if applicable, visas, entry/departure fees; personal gratuities; laundry and dry cleaning; excursions, wines, liquors, mineral waters and meals not mentioned in this brochure under included features; travel insurance; all items of a strictly personal nature.

MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL-The right is retained to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this trip who, in the opinion of AHI Travel is unfit for travel or whose physical or mental condition may constitute a danger to themselves or to others on the trip, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the unused services and accommodations be refunded. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, and who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance.

CRYSTAL AIR/SEA PROGRAM-CRYSTAL AIR/SEA PROGRAM offers round-trip flights from most major North American cities to and from the port of embarkation and debarkation. It also provides you with transfers to and from the ship at these ports. CRYSTAL CRUISES reserves the right to choose the air carrier, routing and city airport from each gateway city, as well as the right to substitute charter flights for scheduled service and vice versa. You have the option of providing your own air transportation.

CANCELLATION-In addition to airline cancellation penalties, all cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$250 per person cancellation fee. Cancellation from 44 - 15 days prior to departure will result in forfeiture of 50% of the entire cost of the trip per person. Cancellation from 14 days up to the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE. AN APPLICATION WILL BE SENT AFTER YOU RESERVE. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to AHI International Corporation.

BAGGAGE-Baggage restrictions vary according to the airline policy and the class of service flown. Details will be provided with your pre-departure information. Baggage allowances are subject to change by the carrier without notice. Excess baggage charges for additional or oversized/overweight pieces are expensive and not included in your trip price; plan your wardrobe accordingly. Transport of baggage and personal effects is at the owner's risk throughout the travel program.

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