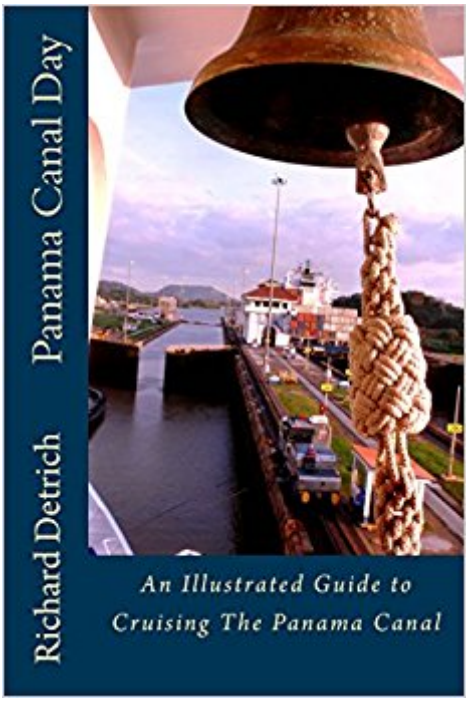
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Panama Canal Day: An Illustrated Guide To Cruising The Panama Canal



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Synopsis

Cruise ship lecturer and Panama resident, Richard Detrich, tells you what you need to know to get the most out of your passage through the Panama Canal. The more you know in advance, the better you will enjoy your day in the Panama Canal. Ã¢â ¬Â¢ HereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s the history and background of the creation of the Panama Canal and the information about the Canal expansion, right up to today. Ã¢â ¬Â¢ HereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s the story of the Republic of Panama, its sometimes confused and tumultuous relationship with the United States, what Panama is like today, and why it is one of the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s booming economies. Ã¢â ¬Â¢ HereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s information about the types of Panama cruise itineraries, what to look for, and what to expect, and how to get the best deal. Ã¢â ¬Â¢ HereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s information, and pictures, of the shore excursions available in Panama, both with the cruise line and independently. Ã¢â ¬Â¢ HereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s a guide what to look for as you experience your own Canal Day. Detrich says, Ã¢â ¬Å“When we owned travel agencies, we always gave clients who booked Panama Canal cruises a copy of David McCulloughÃ¢â ¬â„¢s definitive Panama Canal book, THE PATH BETWEEN THE SEAS: THE CREATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL 1870-1914. It took me a while to realize that, although it is the definitive story of the Canal, it is also a long and heavily footnoted historical tome, so in many cases folks just stuck it on their book shelf. I had a captain once tell me, Ã¢â ¬Å“Richard, IÃ¢â ¬â„¢m trying to read it, but I keep falling asleep.Ã¢â ¬Â• I told him to stick with it and once he got through the first 150 pages, heÃ¢â ¬â„¢d be hooked Ã¢â ¬Â¦ and he was. Ã¢â ¬Å“But since 1914, over a million ships have passed through the Canal, the Canal Zone has ceased to exist, and the Canal has been returned to the people of Panama. The Canal is being massively expanded, and even while the expansion is being completed, engineers of the Canal de PanamÃƒÂ¡ are beginning plans for yet another expansion that will be able to accommodate the newest and largest class of container ships yet, ships that carry over 18,000 containers. Ã¢â ¬Å“While lecturing on ships transiting the Canal, I realized that there was a need for a simpler and more current book, a book written for cruise passengers that included information about the Panama as information about the Canal. I wanted to write a book that would be helpful to folks planning a Panama Canal trip, as well as serve as a guide during the voyage. Detrich recalls the time, Ã¢â ¬Å“I had just completed a lecture in the show lounge on a ship scheduled to transit the Canal. After the talk, as I walked out of the lounge, I was behind two ladies, both in their early 60s, and I overhead one say to the other, Ã¢â ¬Ëœ I didnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t know the Canal was man made.Ã¢â ¬â„¢ Here these gals were, taking the Ã¢â ¬Ëœbucket list,Ã¢â ¬â„¢ trip-of-a-lifetime through one of the great wonders of the world, and they didnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t have a clue!Ã¢â ¬Â• A good trip has three memorable parts: anticipating and

planning, taking the trip, and reliving the experience when you get home. PANAMA CANAL DAY: AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO CRUISING THE PANAMA CANAL will help you understand the history of Panama and its Canal, let you know what to expect, and, if you have a port call in Panama, know what there is to see and do. Lavishly illustrated with both historical photographs and actual photos of the ship in the Canal, including behind the scenes shots of Canal Day on the bridge, PANAMA CANAL DAY: AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO CRUISING THE PANAMA CANAL will help you anticipate the adventure of your own Canal Day. .

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Customer Reviews

Richard Detrich enjoyed a varied career as a pastor and business man before retiring early and moving from Southern California to Panama. Detrich lives on a coffee farm outside Boquete, Chiriqui. Hooked on travel since student days, Detrich lectures on ships around the world including for Princess, Holland America, Celebrity, Crystal, Pearl, and Silversea. He has lectured on 286 different ports around the world and frequently lectures and provides commentary during Panama Canal Cruises. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Great book to read when you are preparing for a cruise through the Panama Canal.There are so many interesting facts in this book to help make your transit through the Canal an enjoyable event.Once I started reading the book, I looked forward to the next chapter.It is difficult to believe that this engineering feat was actually accomplished 100 years ago without the technology of today.A must book to have to prepare you for your cruise!

This is an informative and useful book for those of us planning a trip to the Canal.The history of the canal is particularly interesting and well presented.It needs a sharp pencil editor to eliminate some repetition of text and use of colloquialexpressions.

Loved reading this book, we are planning a cruise in November. Lots of good info, especially about some of the shore excursions. But I want to do 2 of them! I'm a fabric artist and want to go to the village, but we are only doing the partial transit, so have booked the complete transit on tour boat. Guess I'll have to come back! :). Thanks for all your insite!

Take a nice Holland America cruise through the Canal . . . and take this with you. . . very interesting!

Excellent reading - well written and informative

Did not finish. I didn't buy this book for history I thought it was an hour by hour account.

Great prep for going through the canal.

The editing is awful...so bad that I found it frustrating to read and finally closed the book never to open it again. The author does not seem to respect the reader.

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