Daylight Transit through the Panama Canal
Luxury Small Ship
100% Ocean-View Staterooms
All Shore Excursions Included

aboard the
Exclusively Chartered,
Five-Star Small Sailing Ship
WIND STAR

February 8 to 16, 2019

The University of North Carolina General Alumni Association
Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends:

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends on a voyage from the Pacific to the Atlantic through one of the greatest man-made wonders of the world, the ingenious Panama Canal—a true engineering marvel. Having celebrated its centennial anniversary just four years ago, and recently completed an expansion that doubled its capacity, this 50-mile passage through the narrow isthmus of Panama continues to amaze even today’s most veteran traveler. During a specially arranged and narrated daylight transit, experience firsthand the locks that raise and lower oceangoing vessels 85 feet, using only gravity to accomplish in hours what would have taken a three-week circumnavigation of South America in years gone by.

This journey of a lifetime also features the planet’s most pristine ecosystems in the rainforests, islands and archipelagos of Panama and Costa Rica during the best time of year. On this comprehensive itinerary, explore the heart of Panama City’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated Casco Antiguo—the city’s old town—and tour acclaimed architect Frank Gehry’s only design in Latin America, Panama City’s Biodiversity Museum. Visit the stunning and biodiverse Manuel Antonio National Park, where expert naturalists will lead you on a trail walk through a “Living Eden” of rare endemic species, including the scarlet macaw and resplendent quetzal.

Enjoy a Five-Star, small-ship experience under the billowing white sails of the exclusively chartered, 74-Stateroom WIND STAR. This elegant and intimate yacht calls on small ports inaccessible to larger vessels and provides Five-Star amenities, including all shipboard gratuities and complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages as you sail the storied and scenic waterways of Costa Rica and Panama.

Space is limited for this travel opportunity and excellent value, so book now!

Yours at Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert ’70
President
The University of North Carolina
General Alumni Association

Cover photo: Cruise from the Pacific to the Atlantic during your daylight passage through the Panama Canal, hailed as one of the 20th century’s greatest achievements in engineering and a monument to the ingenuity and tenacity of mankind.
Called the “coast of riches” by the Spanish conquistadors who sought to colonize it following Columbus’s arrival in 1502, Costa Rica offers diverse and fascinating riches, from its impossibly fertile landscapes to the perseverant culture of its indigenous people. More than 25 percent of this captivating country is a national park, wildlife refuge or protected rainforest, earning Costa Rica the distinction of the greenest country in the world and the leading destination for eco-tourism. Explore lush rainforests, stroll coral-fringed beaches and encounter a vivid array of wildlife, including howler monkeys, colorful tree frogs and 600 species of non-migratory birds. The national motto of Costa Rica is “Pura vida!” which translates to “pure life”; it is expressed in the proud and welcoming faces of the ticos (Costa Rican natives), the passionate biologists captivated by the flourishing rare and endemic species, and the spectacularly vivacious landscape itself.

San José, Costa Rica
In the heart of the fertile Valle Central, Costa Rica’s dynamic capital city of San José possesses an eclectic mix of museums, landscaped parks, lively cafés and art galleries and an interesting fusion of architectural styles including Spanish Colonial, Moorish and Modernist.

Visit the National Theater, a regal Baroque edifice modeled on Milan’s La Scala, with marble staircases, gilded statues and red velvet carpeting, and peruse the National Museum’s impressive pre-Columbian Central American artifacts, stonework, gold jewelry and statuettes.

Manuel Antonio National Park
Experience an unparalleled diversity of wildlife in this lush tropical haven, a captivating combination of rainforest, beach and coral reef, home to more than 100 species of mammals, almost 200 species of birds and various reptiles and amphibians.

Itinerary

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Panama Post-Program Option
Departure flight-time permitting

Photo this page: In only three square miles, Costa Rica’s Manuel Antonio National Park showcases an abundance of natural wonders among its sandy beaches, low-lying marshes and mature tropical forests.
During a guided walk through this protected “Living Eden,” expert naturalists will help you spot colorful toucans, screeching howler monkeys, camouflaged iguanas, squirrel monkeys, two- and three-toed sloths and rare and endangered species such as the scarlet macaw.

**Casa Orquídeas**
The secluded natural wonderland of Golfo Dulce, bordering the Piedras Blancas National Park, was declared “one of the most biologically intense places on earth,” home to primary old-growth rainforest, tropical gardens and beaches. In nearby Casa Orquídeas, a stunning, maze-like botanical garden of over 100 species of orchids, bromeliads, heliconias and edible plants, look for colorful toucans, scarlet macaws and jewel-hued hummingbirds.

**Isla Cébaco, Panama**
A winding coastline of rarely visited sandy beaches and towering palm trees front the dense rainforests that dominate Isla Cébaco, a gem in the sparkling Gulf of Montijo. Snorkel in its emerald waters, where schools of brilliantly colored fish, giant manta rays and four different species of turtles swim amid spectacular coral reefs.

**Panama City**
Arrive in Central America’s most attractive capital city, founded in 1519 by Spanish explorers and rebuilt in the late 17th century. Learn more about the operation of the Panama Canal’s locks in the adjacent Miraflores Locks Visitor Center. Nearby, the new Biodiversity Museum, designed by architect Frank Gehry of Guggenheim fame, showcases the ecological significance of Panama’s exotic flora and fauna.

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated “old quarter” of Casco Antiguo, a charming neighborhood replete with cobblestone streets and many architecturally significant historical edifices, including a 16th-century cathedral.

By special arrangement, cruise through the fascinating Panama Canal.
Panama Canal Expansion
A nine-year, multibillion-dollar undertaking created the first ever expansion of the Panama Canal. At the hilltop Agua Clara Visitor Center outside Colón, enjoy panoramic views of the new longer, wider locks and impressive Gatún Lake, the 166-square-mile artifical body of water created a century ago to feed the canal. (Agua Clara visit is departure flight-time permitting.)

Costa Rica’s Cultural and Natural Riches
Pre-Program Option
Experience a medley of Costa Rica’s diverse biospheres, from steamy hot springs to misty cloud forests. In view of towering Arenal Volcano, explore the lush rainforest along a series of suspended and fixed bridges. Tour historic San José, an organic chocolate workshop, an award-winning coffee estate and a traditional artisan town known for intricately hand-painted woodcrafts. Accommodations are for two nights in the hacienda-style COSTA RICA MARriott HOTEL SAN José and two nights in the ideally located HOTEL ROyal CORIN. Pre-Program pricing includes a credit for one night’s accommodations in San José and the San José city tour already included in the cost of the main program.

Dynamic Panama—The Renaissance of a City
Post-Program Option
An exploration of old and new, Panama is the perfect complement to “the crossroads of the Americas.” Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Panama Viejo to see the ruins of the oldest European settlement on the Pacific American coast, cruise the Gatún River to meet the indigenous Embera people and visit the fascinating Agua Clara Visitor Center. Spend two nights in the ideally located, deluxe BRISTOL PANAMA HOTEL. The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Surrounded by lush rainforest, Costa Rica’s imposing Arenal Volcano entered into a resting phase in 2010.
Seafaring in its Most Timeless Form
The intimate, four-masted WIND STAR offers an unforgettable Five-Star sailing experience—seafaring in its most traditional form. A harmonious alliance of nautical history and elegant style, this small ship is designed to sail from deep seas into narrow coves and secluded guls inaccessible to larger vessels, making it feel like your own private yacht.

With Our Compliments
A host of complimentary indulgences awaits you—flowers and fruit in your Stateroom to welcome you aboard, house wine with dinner, alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise and in your minibar, and 24-hour room service. And, shipboard gratuities are included.

World-Class Dining
Savor award-winning recipes and enjoy culinary demonstrations as part of an exclusive partnership with the James Beard Foundation of chefs. The elegant dining room serves contemporary international cuisine with house wine offerings, and you may enjoy breakfast and lunch in the indoor-outdoor restaurant or reserve a table for alfresco evening dining.

Only 74 Deluxe Staterooms
Each of the deluxe, ocean-view Staterooms features one queen bed or two twin beds (Owner’s Suite has a queen bed), a private granite-finished bathroom with shower, luxurious European linens and amenities, individual climate control, flat-screen television with DVD player, Wi-Fi access, safe, minibar, vanity table, hair dryer, plush robes and slippers.

Life on Board
Offering educational presentations, panoramic views, nightly entertainment and quiet retreat, the ship’s tastefully appointed public areas include a large lounge, two bars, library, spa, fitness center, boutique, casino, outdoor whirlpool, swimming pool and watersports marina with complimentary snorkeling equipment. There is no elevator on the ship.

Award-Winning Service
With a ratio of one crew member for every 1.5 guests, you will enjoy personal and attentive service. There is a physician and medical facility on board.
Included Features

In San José, Costa Rica
◆ One night in the hacienda-style COSTA RICA MARriott HOTEL San José.
◆ American breakfast.
◆ Tour of San José, including visits to the National Theater and National Museum, with lunch.

Scenic transfer from San José to Puerto Caldera.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Sailing Ship Wind Star
◆ Seven-night cruise from Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica, to Colon, Panama.
◆ Five-Star, ocean-view accommodations.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary snorkeling equipment.
◆ Expert onboard naturalist guides to lead small group excursions.
◆ Excursion in stunning and biodiverse Manuel Antonio National Park with a naturalist-led trail walk through the protected rainforest.
◆ Specially arranged, onboard guitar performance by local Quepos musicians.
◆ Walking tour of the spectacular botanic gardens of Casa Orquídeas.
◆ Visit to pristine Isla Cébaco, with opportunities for swimming and snorkeling among colorful marine life.
◆ Tour of Panama City, highlighted by a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Casco Antiguo, the new Frank Gehry-designed Biodiversity Museum and the informative Panama Canal Miraflores Locks Museum.
◆ Daylight passage through the Panama Canal, accompanied by a historical narration. Transit times through the canal are controlled by the Panama Canal Authority and are subject to traffic conditions.
◆ Culinary demonstration by the ship’s chef.

Scenic transfer from Colón to Panama City.

Always Included
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English speaking local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to ship and hotel personnel, and local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship and in the hotel.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Stateroom and on excursions.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
During a daylight passage, experience firsthand the “greatest liberty man has ever taken with nature,” which cuts through the Great Continental Divide, spans 50 miles and took 33 years and 100,000 laborers to complete at a cost of $400 million. This historic engineering feat changed the world, opened new channels of international trade and allowed ships to travel between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in a fraction of the time it took to circumnavigate South America.

Marvel of Human Engineering
More than a Century of Passages

The 580-foot-long SS Kroonland was the largest passenger ship of its time to transit the Panama Canal in 1915.

CROSS SECTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL

After France’s failed attempt to build a sea-level canal here in the 19th century, and following the U.S. involvement in Panama’s independence, the project resumed under the watchful eye of President Theodore Roosevelt. When completed in 1914, the Panama Canal was considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. Now, more than a century later, the canal has undergone a $5.25 billion expansion to accommodate more than twice the cargo, maintaining its status as the “gateway to the world.”

Tens of thousands of workers labored and sacrificed to complete the largest engineering endeavor of the early 20th century.
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### Deposits can also be made by credit card.

Membership Requirement: Tour participants who are not members of the General Alumni Association must join the Association ($50 for singles, $60 for couples) to participate. Please pay by separate check made payable to the General Alumni Association and mail the check with this reservation form. I understand that reservations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. I accept the conditions as stated in this brochure and submit my reservation as indicated. I understand that the balance is due November 5, 2018. Please make my/our reservation(s), and have enclosed my checks for $________

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### Theater Box Office

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### THE PANAMA CANAL AND COSTA RICA RESERVATION FORM

I am requesting _____ reservation(s), and have enclosed my checks for $________ as deposit ($800 per person and $200 per person Costa Rica Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Panama Post-Program Option). Please make deposit checks payable to Gohagan & Company and mail with this form to General Alumni Association, The University of North Carolina, George Watts Hill Alumni Center, P.O. Box 660, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660, (877) 962-3980.

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### All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by November 5, 2018.

*Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

- Double occupancy (two twin beds)
- Double occupancy (one queen bed)
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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### Panama Post-Program Option

- Double at $1295 per person.
- Single at $1895 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).
CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 ($300 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $800 ($1200 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 61 through 94 days prior to departure, 70% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 60 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any administrative cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

TRIP INSURANCE: Optional insurance coverage is available for baggage, accident and trip cancellation/interruption. We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event the participant or Gohagan cancels a travel program in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. The GAA will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

RATES: Rates quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. On land and/or cruise programs, even after full payment, Gohagan reserves the right to increase the tour price in the event of any cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notice to the tour participant of such increases. On programs which include Gohagan purchased interstate or international air (which originates or returns to the United States), no increased costs will be passed on after final payment except for subsequently imposed governmental tax increases.

REGISTRATION: CST#: 20351886-40, WT#: 601 707 866, OST#: TA-0905. BINDING ARBITRATION: Any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning the trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, either according to the then existing Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Illinois law and will take place in Chicago, IL. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, the participant and Gohagan are waiving the right to a trial by jury.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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