



# The Grapevine

Tokay SIR Branch 145 Newsletter

*A non-profit social organization for men*



## Big Sir MARCH 2024 Remarks

Hello Members

We are finishing the first quarter of the year 2024, oh how time flies when we are having fun.

I would like to address the cost of lunch and its menu. We are striving to get the best deal for our buck. I've been looking for a place that we feel can accommodate our group with space, service, quality of food, and an economical fee. I've heard of several places from our members that I will explore. I totally understand that \$26.00 for lunch can be an expensive item that some of us cannot afford.

I will present you with a place that we can change to that I and the BEC feel we all can enjoy. Most likely, we will do this during our March meeting. Therefore, I ask of ALL the members to please attend this meeting as we will discuss this subject, and act on it, so we can plan moving ASAP. Your input is valuable, so please attend and let your voice be heard. Meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 11:00, at Elkhorn CC., be there. Please RSVP to me via text or email, so we have a count.

I would like to invite you to buy the picnic tickets that will be on sale March 12, 2024. We will have great food, games, raffle, and super great prizes. Buy your tickets before we sell out!!!!!!!

Regards,

Juan G Ochoa, Big SIR Chapter 145

209-481-5325 [jgochoa@icloud.com](mailto:jgochoa@icloud.com)

### 2024 ANNUAL DUES

Annual Dues of \$20 per member are due and may be paid at the next Meeting.

If not attending,  
please mail a check to:

**Joe Stephens**  
P.O. Box 114, Clements, CA 95227

## MARCH 2024



### March Speaker Ron Russell

Ron is one of our members who will be speaking on cybersecurity.



February Speaker: Bill Rutherford



# Activities

## March Wine Appreciation

March 28th 6:00pm

Hosted by Dave & Mary Dias

RSVP [marydias214@gmail.com](mailto:marydias214@gmail.com)

We will be serving  
lasagna,  
Caesar salad  
& bread



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

## MARCH

Tony Canton jr  
David Mattheis  
Roger McCormick  
Ronald Mettler  
Roger Sperring  
Matt Nomura  
Richard Handel  
George Roxson



## Branch 145 - Annual Picnic

May 14, 2024 – 10:30am thru 1:30pm

Micke Grove – Delta Shutter

Menu: Tacos (beef, chicken, pork),  
taco salad, beans, rice, ice cream,  
sodas & water

\$20 per person –

Members & Guests

*Ticket Sales – March SIR  
Meeting*

ATTENTION...  
LUNCH

has increased to \$26!

**Monthly Financial Report**  
**SIR Branch 1458**  
 Tuesday, February 13, 2024

<b>Starting Bank Balance</b>	\$ 3,453.35
<b>Income</b>	
Lunch receipts	\$ 784.00
Raffle Pot	\$ 28.00
Annual Dues Received	<u>\$ 260.00</u>
	\$ 1,072.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Jan. Newsletter	\$ 114.70
Feb. Newsletter	\$ 117.20
Parks & Recreation (Annual picnic)	\$ 435.00
SIR State Treasurer (Assessment fees)	\$ 220.00
Lunch Deserts (two months)	\$ 39.96
Lunch Expense	<u>\$ 754.00</u>
	\$ 1,680.86
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$ (690.86)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$ 2,844.49

*Joe Stephens*  
 SIR Branch #145 Treasurer  
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Membership Report February 2024

Membership in attendance:	29
Guest in attendance:	0
Percentage of active members in attendance	33%
Total active members:	88
Members Added:	0
Members Reinstated:	0
Members Dropped	0
Members Resigned	0

*Stephen Hellmer-Membership Chairman*

**BEC Officers SIR Branch 145**

Juan G Ochoa, Big Sir	209-481-5325	<a href="mailto:jgochoa@icloud.com">jgochoa@icloud.com</a>
Stephen Hellmer, Membership	209-242-4607	<a href="mailto:shellmer@comcast.net">shellmer@comcast.net</a>
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Mark Wahlman Past Big Sir	209-327-7335	<a href="mailto:mwahlman@comcast.net">mwahlman@comcast.net</a>

## SIR Branch #145 Lunch Survey

***Attention! For answering the survey, and turning it in at the meeting, or giving it to Juan Ochoa at the golf tournament in Davis, we will select two names for a free lunch each to be used at any monthly meeting other than Christmas dinner.***

Your branch leadership is committed to providing you with the best monthly lunch experience possible, so we welcome your comments. Please fill out the questionnaire below and return it by our March 2024 luncheon. Thank you!

I prefer to have our monthly luncheon at: (please number in order of preference).

- \_\_\_\_\_ Elkhorn Golf Course
- \_\_\_\_\_ Casa Flores Mexican in Lodi
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lodi Bowling Lounge & Bar
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

The main reason I prefer not to attend the SIR monthly lunch is: (Please check all that apply).

- Too expensive
- Transportation issues
- Not interested
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

The most that I would be willing to pay for lunch is:

- \$10 - \$15
- \$20 - \$30
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

I usually attend the SIR luncheons:

- Every month
- 1-3 times per year
- 4-6 times per year
- 7-10 times per year
- Picnic only
- Christmas Dinner Only

Name: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ SIR # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)



**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED MEN**  
**LODI BRANCH #145**  
1729 Zinfandel Drive  
LODI, CA 95242

## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### 2024 OFFICERS

**BIG SIR**  
Juan Ochoa 481-5825  
**LITTLE SIR**  
Felix Moran 609-4084  
**SECRETARY**  
Anthony Moles 369-8182  
**ASST. SECRETARY**  
  
**TREASURER**  
Joe Stephens 992-1020  
**ASST. TREASURER**

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John Coakley 914-9830  
Mike Lynn 224-6115  
Bill Rutherford 916-776-9222  
Paul Wright 480-235-6923

**Area State Representative** Richard Provost

#### **2024 Committee Chairman**

**ACTIVITIES**  
Paul Wright 480-235-6923  
**ANECDOTALIST**  
Ron Russell 712-6200  
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Stephen Helmer 242-4607  
**AUDITOR**  
Replacement TBA  
**BULLETIN EDITOR**  
Big Sir

**BULLETIN PUBLISHER**  
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Howard Ferguson 712-1679  
**GREETER**

#### **RECOGNITION**

**GOLF**  
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Mike Lynn 224-6115

**HISTORIAN**  
(open)  
**MEMBERSHIP RECORDS**  
Stephen Helmer 242-4607

#### **NOMINATING**

#### **PICNIC**

**PHOTOGRAPHER**  
Paul Wright 480-235-6923  
**PROGRAM**  
Felix Moran 609-4084  
Tom Pratt 916-622-4791

**PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN**  
Big Sir

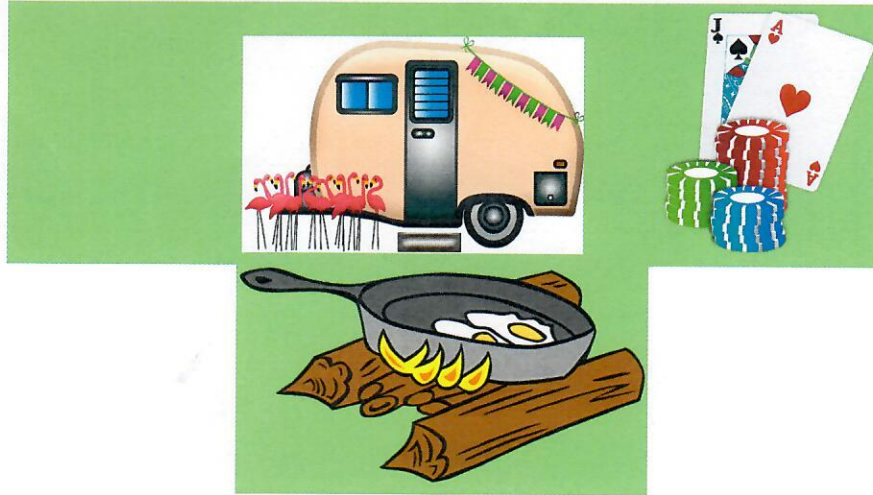
#### **SARGENT AT ARMS**

**SONG LEADER**  
Paul Reiner 366-1811

#### **PHOTOGRAPHER**

#### **TRAVEL & TOURS**

**PAST BIG SIR**  
Ruben Moser 1988-1989  
Al Baerwald 1990  
Bill Owen 1991  
Al Cooper 1992  
Earl Klapstein 1993  
Dave Stennick 1994  
Gus Armendariz 1995  
Jerry Kirsten 1996  
Bob McCaffrey 1997  
Tom Bandelin 1998  
Frank Garcia 1999  
Bob Handel 2000  
John Korphage (18) 2000-2001  
Jack Jackson 2001  
Bill Dauer 2002  
Ron Westerterp 2003  
Dave Hinchman 2004-2005  
Paul Reiner 2006  
Neal W. Welsh 2007  
John Mendonca 2008  
Bill Shankles 2009  
George Cameron 2010  
Richard Baines 2011-2012  
Al Furr 2013  
Chuck Bennett 2014-2015  
Jack Johnson 2016  
Bob Gorbet 2017  
Phil Schrock 2018  
Paul Wright 2019-2021  
Mark Walhman 2022-2023



2024

## BLACK OAKS CASINO RV PARK

April 28 - MAY 3

Sunday	4/28	ARRIVAL MEAL DECISIONS TO BE MADE FOR WEEK
Monday	4/29	ACTIVITIES: BOCCE BALL, CORN HOLE, CARD GAMES
Tuesday	4/30	
Wednesday	5/1	
Thursday	5/2	DINNER CASINO RESTAURANT
Friday	5/3	DRIVE HOME SAFELY

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### Sign Up Procedure

1. Call Black Oaks RV Park for reservation 1-877-747-8777
2. **IMPORTANT** Let them know you are with KEN KAJIOKA group
3. Call or text Ken Kajioka after registering. 209 602-8351  
Reservation will ask for a credit card # but will not be charged

**IMPORTANT: RESERVATIONS ARE FILLING UP FAST!**

## **11 NIGHT INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE ABOARD THE CROWN PRINCESS**

**SAILING ROUND-TRIP SAN FRANCISCO,  
MAY 26-JUNE 6, 2024**

### **PORTS OF CALL**

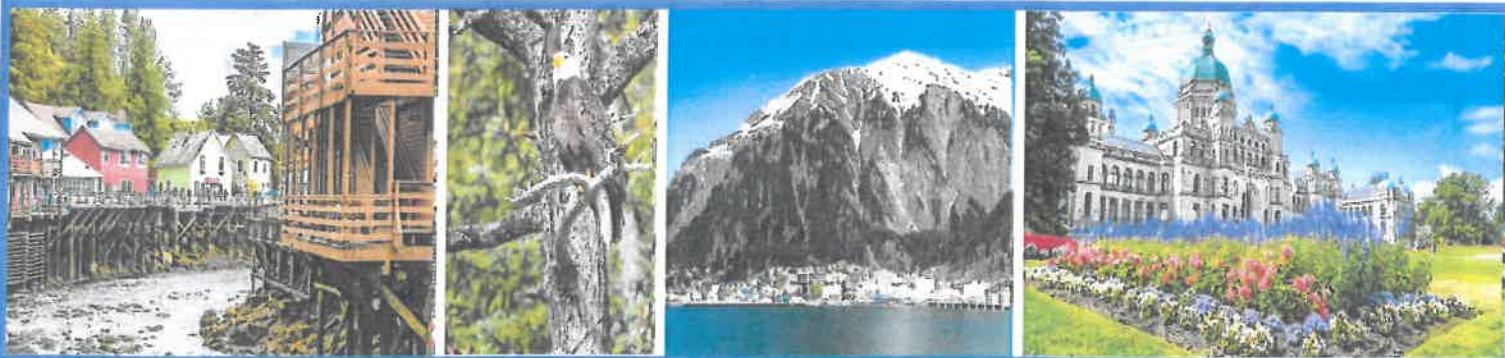
**Ketchikan, Alaska, Juneau, Skagway, Endicott Arm and Dawes Glacier  
(Scenic Cruising Alaska) and Victoria, Canada**

### **THE CROWN PRINCESS**



**ESCORTED BY JOHN CARDOZA (209) 483-7722 cell**

**\*\*Add the Princess Plus Package for \$660 per person  
Includes: Beverage package, WiFi, Crew appreciation, Premium  
desserts (2 per day), Fitness classes (2 per cruise) and unlimited Juice Bar\*\***



## Preliminary Itinerary

**Sunday, May 26, 2024: Board the Crown Princess**

**Set Sail at 4:00PM**

Transfer to the pier in San Francisco to embark and start your 11-night cruise to Alaska on the Crown Princess!

**Monday, May 27:**

**AT SEA**

**Tuesday, May 28:**

**AT SEA**

**Wednesday, May 29: Ketchikan, Alaska**

**7:00AM to 2:00PM**

Ketchikan, Alaska, is the site of an ancient Tlingit fish camp and was a supply town during the gold rush. Ketchikan is about 3 mi/5 km long but only a couple of blocks deep. Located on the southwest shore of Revillagigedo Island, it's the first port of call into Alaska, hence its nickname, The First City. Ketchikan is considered an Alaska Native cultural center for the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian tribes, as well as a sportfishing mecca. The town generally gets more than 150 in/388 cm of rain annually, but don't let the liquid sunshine (as residents prefer to call it) keep you inside—Ketchikan is worth exploring in any kind of weather.

**Thursday, May 30: Juneau, Alaska**

**8:00AM to 9:00PM**

Juneau, Alaska, enjoys a majestic setting in a narrow fjord with Mount Juneau and Mount Roberts towering above it. To the east is the vast expanse of glacial ice known as the Juneau Icefield, and to the west are the wilderness islands of the Inside Passage. Because of the natural beauty that surrounds the city—as well as its gold-rush-era buildings and many shops—this state capital is a popular tourist destination. In fact, Juneau is visited by more cruise ships than any other port in Alaska.

**Friday, May 31: Skagway, Alaska**

**7:00AM to 8:30PM**

Located at the northern end of the Inside Passage, Skagway, Alaska, emerged in the late 1890s as a makeshift gold-rush town of tents and shacks with a population of 8,000-10,000 adventurers who arrived by boat with supplies for the hellish trek overland to the Yukon gold fields. Of course, the town had its temptations, too: painted ladies, gambling houses and 80 saloons. A famous person from that time is Jefferson R. "Soapy" Smith, a con artist who ran Skagway and swindled new arrivals out of their savings. (He was killed in a shoot-out in 1898.) Today, Skagway's rushers arrive on cruise ships. Besides Juneau, Skagway is the most popular port in southeast Alaska. The town has become something of a gold-rush theme park: Much of Skagway has been painstakingly restored and designated as the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park.

**Saturday, June 1: Endicott Arm and Dawes Glacier (Scenic Cruising), Alaska**

**6:00AM to 11:00AM**

Dawes Glacier lies 30 miles at the end of Endicott Arm nestled within the Coast Mountain Range. With numerous icebergs formed as the glacier calves pieces into Endicott's waters, visitors will have the opportunity to see black and brown bears, mountain goats, sitka deer, eagles, wolves, sea lions and harbor seals.

**Sunday, June 2:**

**AT SEA**

**Monday, June 3: Victoria, Canada**

**9:00AM to 10:00PM**

Although Victoria is in British Columbia, it feels more like England than Canada. The city was founded in the 1800s as a Hudson Bay Co. trading post and outpost of the British Empire, populated by settlers attracted to its mild climate. Historic Victoria boasts several grand buildings, lots of shops, and aesthetic touches reflecting its English heritage. Today, part of the city's charm comes from old-world traditions juxtaposed with new-world experiences. Victoria is also a modern, prosperous provincial capital with a diversified economy. The education, tourism and technology sectors are strong, and specialty farming has burgeoned in the nearby Saanich Peninsula and up-island Cowichan Valley. The result is a city with an international reputation for good restaurants and a penchant for outdoor activities such as whale-watching, sea kayaking, sailing and cycling. For a city of its size and scale, Victoria has an energetic, eclectic buzz. And it's only a short ferry ride or flight away from Vancouver.

**Tuesday, June 4:**

**AT SEA**

**Wednesday, June 5:**

**AT SEA**

**Thursday, June 6: San Francisco, CA**

**7:00AM**

Welcome home! Disembark the Crown Princess. We hope you had a wonderful time in beautiful Alaska!





## Tour Features:

- \*Transfers from Turlock/Modesto to the pier in San Francisco ROUND-TRIP
- \*11 Night round-trip Inside Passage cruise aboard the Crown Princess
- \*All taxes including Port taxes

## STATEROOMS AND PRICES

### OCEANVIEW STATEROOM -CATEGORY OB



Approx. 179 sq. ft.  
A spacious picture window for memorable views  
Comfortable queen or two twin beds  
Refrigerator.  
Flat-panel television  
Private bathroom with shower  
100% cotton, high-thread count linens  
Complimentary 24-hour room service  
Spacious closet  
Desk with chair  
Hair dryer & bathroom amenities  
Digital security safe

Price per person double: \$2590  
Single occupancy: \$4795

### BALCONY STATEROOM -CATEGORY BB



Approx. 214 to 222 sq. ft., including balcony  
Balcony with 2 chairs and table  
Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors  
Comfortable queen or two twin beds  
Refrigerator.  
Flat-panel television  
Private bathroom with shower  
100% cotton, high-thread count linens  
Complimentary 24-hour room service  
Spacious closet  
Desk with chair  
Hair dryer & bathroom amenities  
Digital security safe

Price per person double: \$2855  
Single occupancy: \$5325

### MINI-SUITE -CATEGORY MB



Approximately 323 sq. ft., including balcony  
Balcony with 2-4 chairs, table and ottoman  
Bathroom tub and massage shower head  
Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors  
Separate sitting area with sofa bed & coffee table  
Complimentary welcome glass of bubbly on embarkation day  
Luxury mattress topper and pillows  
Two flat-panel televisions  
Comfortable queen or two twin beds  
Refrigerator  
100% cotton, high-thread count linens  
Complimentary 24-hour room service  
Spacious closet  
Desk with chair  
Hair dryer & bathroom amenities  
Digital security safe

Price per person double: \$3322  
Single occupancy: \$6259

**ADD THE PRINCESS PLUS PACKAGE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$660 PER PERSON!  
INCLUDES BEVERAGE PACKAGE (DRINKS UP TO \$15 EACH), WI-FI, CREW APPRECIATION,  
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2. **A VALID PASSPORT GOOD FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER THE TOUR RETURN IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TRIP**
3. Prices are based on current tariffs as of 7/1/2023.
4. Changes in itinerary may be made as deemed necessary by the tour company, tour escort or cruise line.
5. There will be no refunds for any unused portion due to early departure from the tour or non-participation in a tour activity. (Including Transfers)
6. Deviation request subject to a minimum of \$100 per person non-refundable service fee.
7. \$35 pp Document fee will be added at time of final payment
8. **A \$100 pp non-refundable administrative fee is included in your deposit.**
9. Final payment due: **JANUARY 31, 2024**



Make checks payable to: **ALAMO WORLD TRAVEL & TOURS TRUST ACCT.**

Mail payments to: **JOHN CARDOZA, (2930 Geer Rd. Suite 194, Turlock, CA 95382)**

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**May 26-June 6, 2024**

**Final payment January 31, 2024**

**Make checks payable to: Alamo WorldTravel & ToursTrust Acct**

**Mail to: JOHN CARDOZA: 2930 GEER RD. SUITE 194, TURLOCK, CA 95382, 209-483-7722**

Find deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 pp) for \_\_\_\_\_ people. Please add (\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ persons Travel Protection at \$285 pp outside and balcony and \$350 pp mini-suite cabins. Single rates: \$425 for outside, \$475 for balcony and \$535 for mini-suites

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING WITH NAMES EXACTLY AS SHOWN ON PASSPORT**

Legal Name on Passport: _____	Legal Name on Passport: _____
Nickname for Badge: _____	Nickname for Badge: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____	Phone: (____) _____
Age & Birthdate: _____	Age & Birthdate: _____
E-Mail Address: _____	E-Mail Address: _____
Emergency Contact Person: _____	Emergency Contact Person: _____
Emergency Phone: (____) _____	Emergency Phone: (____) _____
Special Diet / Mobility Concerns: _____	Special Diet / Mobility Concerns: _____
Airline Mileage Membership # / Known Traveler # : _____	Airline Mileage Membership # / Known Traveler # : _____

**Bedding:**  Twin  Queen.

<b>OCEAN VIEW</b>	<b>BALCONY</b>	<b>MINI- SUITE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> OB \$2590 PP DBL	<input type="checkbox"/> BB \$2855 PP DBL	<input type="checkbox"/> MB \$3322 PP DBL
<input type="checkbox"/> OB \$4795 SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> BB \$5325 SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> MB \$6259 SINGLE

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\_\_\_\_ I do not want group insurance. \_\_\_\_ Yes, include group insurance with my full payment (see prices above)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD**

In lieu of my credit card imprint, I hereby authorize Alamo World Travel & Tours to charge my \_\_\_\_ Visa, \_\_\_\_ Mastercard, \_\_\_\_ AMEX in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for payment of travel. Name as it appears on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Authorization code (last 3 digits displayed in signature area) \_\_\_\_\_ By my signature, I acknowledge and agree to the charges described hereon.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# 16 NIGHT PANAMA CANAL CRUISE ABOARD THE CORAL PRINCESS

**SAILING FROM  
SAN FRANCISCO TO FT. LAUDERDALE  
JANUARY 20-FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

## PORTS OF CALL

**Puerto Vallarta, Mexico/ Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala/ Puntarenas,  
Costa Rica/ Fuerto Amador, Panama/ Full Transit through the historic locks  
and Cartagena, Columbia**

## THE CORAL PRINCESS



**\*\*Add the Princess Plus Package for \$960 per person  
Includes: Beverage package, WiFi, Crew appreciation, Premium  
desserts (2 per day), Fitness classes (2 per cruise) and unlimited Juice Bar, 2 Casual  
Dining meals per guest, Room service delivery\*\***

**ESCORTED BY JOHN CARDOZA (209) 483-7722 cell**



## ITINERARY

<b>DAY 1:</b>	<b>SAN FRANCISCO PIER</b>
Transfer to the San Francisco Cruise Terminal to begin your cruise through the Panama Canal. <b>Depart at 4PM</b>	
<b>DAY 2:</b>	<b>AT SEA</b>
<b>DAY 3:</b>	<b>AT SEA</b>
<b>DAY 4:</b>	<b>AT SEA</b>
<b>DAY 5:</b>	<b>PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO</b>
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, masterfully plays the part of a remote tropical getaway, even as it grows into a larger city that's connected to the outside world by multinational chain stores and a steady stream of jets and cruise ships. Whitewashed walls and terra-cotta-tiled roofs are nestled along Banderas Bay, with the ornate crown of the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe serving as a focal point. The lush, green foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains to the east make for a beautiful and dramatic backdrop. Artists, architects, writers and chefs flourish in this rarified climate of tropical creativity. <b>8AM to 5PM</b>	
<b>DAY 6:</b>	<b>AT SEA</b>
<b>DAY 7:</b>	<b>AT SEA</b>
<b>DAY 8:</b>	<b>PUERTO QUETZAL, GUATEMALA</b>
Guatemala is located in the northern-most part of Central America and is one of the largest countries in this region. It boasts 37 volcanoes, a rich Mayan heritage, Lake Atitlan, and one of the best-preserved colonial cities in Antigua. Today Guatemala is a thriving democracy with many varying landscapes, activities and historical venues waiting to be discovered. <b>7AM to 6PM</b>	
<b>DAY 9:</b>	<b>AT SEA</b>
<b>DAY 10:</b>	<b>PUNTARENAS, COSTA RICA</b>
Puntarenas, Costa Rica, a small Pacific-coast city about 50 mi/80 km west of San Jose, is making a comeback as a port and resort town. Built at the tip of a long, narrow peninsula, Puntarenas (Spanish for "sandy point") is a good base from which to visit nearby national parks or the towns of Quepos or Jaco because of its central location on the west coast. <b>7AM to 7PM</b>	
<b>DAY 11:</b>	<b>AT SEA</b>
<b>DAY 12:</b>	<b>FUERTE AMADOR, PANAMA (FOR PANAMA CITY)</b>
Fuerte Amador, situated at the Pacific entrance to the Panama Canal, is a man-made peninsula extending out into the Pacific Ocean. The one-mile causeway was created by connecting four small islands with rocks excavated from the Panama Canal. There are several shops, restaurants, and other specialty stores centered around a large marina that serves as a tender dock. The causeway also affords a panoramic view of Panama City's impressive skyline and serves as the home for the Smithsonian Institute of Tropical Research. <b>7AM to 6PM</b>	
<b>DAY 13:</b>	<b>PANAMA CANAL FULL TRANSIT HISTORIC LOCKS</b>
It takes approximately eight hours to navigate the 50-mile waterway linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, allowing you to experience firsthand one of the engineering marvels of the 20th century. Completed in 1914, the canal marks the culmination of a dream born in 1513, when Balboa became the first European to cross the Isthmus of Panama and sight the Pacific. In 1880 Ferdinand de Lesseps and the French Canal company, builders of the Suez Canal, began construction in Panama, only to be defeated by disease, staggering cost overruns, and massive engineering problems. The French sold their claim and properties to the United States for \$40 million, a staggering loss of \$247 million on their investment. The United States began construction in 1904, completing the project in 10 years at a cost of \$387 million. Building the canal meant solving three problems: engineering, sanitation, and organization. The project, for example, required carving a channel through the Continental Divide and creating the then-largest man-made lake ever built, as well as defeating yellow fever and other tropical maladies. The United States oversaw the operation of the Panama Canal until December 31, 1999, when the Republic of Panama assumed responsibility for the canal's administration. The Panamanian government controls the canal through the Panama Canal Authority, an independent government agency created for the purpose of managing the canal. <b>PLEASE NOTE: Shore excursions will not be offered as the ship spends the majority of the day transiting the canal and its three sets of locks. 6AM to 4:30PM</b>	
<b>DAY 14:</b>	<b>CARTAGENA, COLUMBIA</b>
This modern and bustling city, seaport and commercial center still boasts much of its original Spanish colonial architecture. Explore this beautiful and historic city's walled Old Town. Its fortress walls, quaint, narrow streets and balconied houses are all vivid reminders of its former colonialists. The city's numerous monasteries, plazas and noble mansions are significant links to this region's grand past. <b>9AM to 4PM</b>	
<b>DAY 15:</b>	<b>AT SEA</b>
<b>DAY 16:</b>	<b>AT SEA</b>
<b>DAY 17:</b>	<b>FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA</b>
Arrive in Ft. Lauderdale this morning. Clear customs and transfer to the airport for your flight home. We hope you will be filled with memories of your wonderful Panama Canal cruise. <b>Arrive Ft. Lauderdale 7 AM</b>	

## TOUR FEATURES

- \*\*Transfers from Turlock and Modesto to cruise terminal in San Francisco and airport back to Modesto and Turlock post cruise**
- \*\*Airfare from Ft. Lauderdale to Sacramento post cruise**
- \*\*16-Night PANAMA CANAL CRUISE aboard the CORAL PRINCESS including shipboard meals, entertainment and shipboard activities**
- \*\*Port Taxes**
- \*\*Transfers from the ship to airport post cruise**
- \*\*Baggage handling for one suitcase per person (excluding airline baggage fees)**

### STATEROOMS AND PRICES



### OCEANVIEW STATEROOM -CATEGORY OB

Approx. 146-206 sq. ft.  
A spacious picture window for memorable views  
Comfortable queen or two twin beds  
Refrigerator.  
Flat-panel television  
Private bathroom with shower  
100% cotton, high-thread count linens  
Spacious closet  
Desk with chair  
Hair dryer & bathroom amenities  
Digital security safe

Price per person double: \$4185  
Single occupancy: \$6965

### BALCONY STATEROOM -CATEGORY BB



Approx. 214 to 222 sq. ft., including balcony  
Balcony with 2 chairs and table  
Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors  
Comfortable queen or two twin beds  
Refrigerator.  
Flat-panel television  
Private bathroom with shower  
100% cotton, high-thread count linens  
Spacious closet  
Desk with chair  
Hair dryer & bathroom amenities  
Digital security safe

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Single occupancy: \$8435

### MINI-SUITE -CATEGORY MB



Approximately 323 sq. ft., including balcony  
Bathroom tub and massage shower head  
Balcony with 2-4 chairs, table and ottoman  
Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors  
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Complimentary welcome glass of bubbly on embarkation day  
Luxury mattress topper and pillows  
Two flat-panel televisions  
Comfortable queen or two twin beds  
Refrigerator  
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Complimentary 24-hour room service  
Spacious closet  
Desk with chair  
Hair dryer & bathroom amenities  
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Single occupancy: \$11125



**TOUR CONDITIONS**



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2. A **VALID PASSPORT GOOD FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER THE TOUR RETURN IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TRIP**
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9. Final payment due: **OCTOBER 1, 2024**



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Age & Birthdate: _____	Age & Birthdate: _____
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Emergency Phone: (_____) _____	Emergency Phone: (_____) _____
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