# Ohio Funeral Directors Association The Magic of Panama February 7 ~ 13, 2017

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Imagine spending 6 nights in the warmth of Panama during the cold winter at home!

Stay in a 5 star resort on the beach near the Panama Canal,

watching the locks in operation!

Relax on the beach or take some of the most
interesting tours imaginable... History, Jungle, Beach...

what more can you want!!!



The most cosmopolitan capital in <u>Central America</u>, <u>Panama City</u> is both vibrant metropolis and gateway to tropical escapes. Many worlds coexist here. Welcoming both east and west, Panama is a regional hub of trade and immigration. The resulting cultural cocktail forges a refreshing 'anything goes' attitude, more dynamic and fluid than its neighbors.

So much to admire - - the canal, or explore lush rainforests of howler monkeys, toucans and sloths.



#### THE WESTIN PLAYA BONITA PANAMA

The Westin Playa Bonita Panama boasts four breathtaking beachfront pools providing a sun-baked escape overlooking the Pacific Ocean and a private white sand beach. Watch the ship traffic sailing into the Panama Canal from your balcony. Every day the resort hosts activities ranging from salsa lessons to kayaking to beach volleyball. Personal touches and thoughtful services go a long way in ensuring you have a relaxing, fun, and memorable stay.

Beachfront Swimming Pools - With four freshwater swimming pools that seem to flow in to the Pacific, guests can take a refreshing dip, or relax poolside in a cabana with a tropical cocktail.

Playa Bonita Beach - Recline in a lounge chair with a tropical beverage and drink in ocean views on Playa Bonita, just steps from the resort's pool area. This private beach for hotel guests features lounge chairs, beach cabanas, and bar service during specified hours.

Deluxe Rooms - Large sliding doors open onto a private furnished balcony that overlooks the ocean and the beach in front of the hotel - the perfect spot for enjoying your morning coffee and cool ocean breezes. Decorated in a minimalist design of crisp white linens, warm wood furnishings with basket-weave details, and pale beige ceramic floors, these rooms' interiors inspire relaxation the moment you arrive. Enjoy relaxed productivity at a workspace equipped with High Speed Internet Access, or recline in a chair and watch the 40-inch LCD TV with a drink from the refreshment center. Experience an enhanced slumber in our Westin Heavenly® Bed, a combination of lush linens, down blankets, a pillow-top mattress, and a generous assortment of pillows. The Heavenly® Bed is available as a king or two doubles.









#### **Included Tour**

**Old Panama City and Miraflores Locks Tour** - Duration: 4 -5 hours aprox.

During this tour, participants will have the opportunity to visit the most interesting places of the city, like: the oldest sector of modern Panama City (the Casco Antiguo), founded in 1673, it is known as the Casco Viejo. This beautiful little area has several attractions that tourist shouldn't miss and can easily cover in a walking tour of a few hours. A monument to the French entrepreneurs who began the Panama Canal stands at the bay side end of the Casco Viejo. This classic experience brings you to the very best that Panama has to offer: The Panama Canal. Participants will be able to witness the magnificent Miraflores Locks and most probably, its operation. An expert canal guide will take us back in time to be part of it. What a wonderful way to experience this magnificent architectural masterpiece and to have a breath taking view of the 8th wonder of the World



# Rate per person: \$1,998.00 Double Occupancy / \$2,598.00 Single

Insurance per person: \$115.00 Double / \$172.00 Single

#### **Tour Features**

- Roundtrip airfare to Panama City
- Transfers to/from airport to hotel
- Six nights accommodations at the Deluxe Westin Playa Bonita
- Six breakfasts
- Cocktail Reception and Farwell Dinner
- Old Panama City and Miraflores Locks Tour
- Gratuities on included features
- Taxes and Resort Fees at hotel
- · Luggage Handling at airports and hotels

#### **Not Included**

- Baggage handling fees imposed by airlines
- CEU Registration Fees
- Meals not included in itinerary
- Incidentals at hotels
- Optional Touring activities
- Optional Insurance
- Items of a Personal Nature

#### **CEU Registration Fees:**

\$150.00 Seminar fee per meeting attendee for tour participants
\$300.00 Seminar fee per meeting attendee for non-tour participants
(not registered with World of Travel for air/land package).

SEMINAR ONLY. Fee is for meetings only and does not include social functions.



## **Optional Tours and Activities in Panama**

#### PANAMA CANAL PARTIAL TRANSIT

\$199.00 per person



In the morning, take the tour bus which will transport you to the Gamboa area, where the trip starts. This transfer will take 45 minutes. Then you board the ship and you will be transiting the Gaillard Cut (Corte Culebra), this area is one of the most important attractions of the trip because it's full of history. Then you will cross under the Centennial Bridge (Puente Centenario) and that is when you will be on the way to transit Pedro Miguel Locks. Also, you will witness the works being done for the Canal expansion project. When entering Pedro Miguel Locks you will experience a drop of 9 meters in one step and find the Miraflores Lake, an artificial lake that

connects Pedro Miguel Locks with and Miraflores Locks. Now you will enter the last set of locks called Miraflores Locks in the Pacific Ocean where you will be lowered 18 meters in two different steps. You will be sailing the Pacific Ocean on the way to the disembarkation point at Amador Causeway but before that, you will be passing under the Bridge of the Americas (Puente de Las Americas). You will be in the Panama Bay and that is the end of this unique trip.

Duration: 6 hours aprox.

#### TRAIN RIDE ALONG PANAMA CANAL WITH HISTORIC PORTOBELO TOUR \$16

\$169.00 per person



You will take the train and enjoy the view along the Panama Canal to Colon. Once you turn off the main road between Panama City and Colon and head towards Portobelo, you will enter a green landscape with dramatic hills where the "campesinos" (Spanish for farmers) ride their horses and tend their cattle. Portobelo is a sleepy bay side town full of colonial history where you will feel transported back in time. Here, you will encounter no less than 5 colonial fortifications where the canons are still pointing their mouths towards the bay they once

protected. Portobelo is also home to the statue of the Black Christ, which according to the legend possesses divine powers, that has several times prevented the statue from being removed from here. Other monuments of interest are: The Custom House (counting house) built in 1640 and the Hospital Chapel built in the year 1597.

Duration: 8 – 9 hours aprox.

#### El Valle De Anton

\$119.00 per person

Two hours' drive through the rural villages and rolling green hills west of Panama City is the picturesque town of El Valle, nestled in the crater of a giant extinct volcano. You will visit beautiful waterfalls framed by dense jungle in Chorro El Macho, marvel at the abundance of native tropical animals, birds and flora at the Níspero



Botanical Gardens & Zoo and try to solve the riddle of the pre—Columbian petro glyphs at La Piedra Pintada, which to this date no archeologist has been able to explain. The Chorro Macho Trail is an easy, short loop across several bridges and through some spectacular mature rainforest. The beautiful and impressive Chorro Macho waterfall is a major attraction on this trail, so don't forget your camera! After the tour, enjoy a delicious meal at a local restaurant, and last, but by no means least, a visit to the famed Sunday handicraft market to which the Indigenous artisans bring their wares.

Duration: 8 hours aprox.

# February 13 and 14, 2017 2 Nights Post Option in the Rainforest GAMBOA

Additional Rate per person **\$649.00** double occupancy / **\$899.00** single

Additional optional insurance per person \$57.00 double occupancy / \$70.00 single

Gamboa Rainforest Resort is located in Gamboa, Panama, approximately one hour from Tocumen International Airport and 30 minutes from Panama City. Gamboa is a small town in the Republic of Panama. It was one of a handful of permanent Canal Zone townships, built to house employees of the Panama Canal and their dependents. The name Gamboa is the name of a tree of the quince family.

Gamboa is located on a sharp bend of the Chagres River at the point which feeds Lake Gatun. Just south



of Gamboa, Lake Gatun and the Chagres meet the Culebra Cut (Gaillard Cut) where the Canal cuts through the Continental Divide. Thus, though Gamboa is closer to the Pacific side of Panama, its watershed is on the Atlantic side. A single lane iron and wood bridge crosses the Chagres and is the only road access to Gamboa. This bridge is still in use today. Vehicles waiting to pass over the bridge must wait for a stoplight to enter the bridge, since it is only capable of providing space for one lane of traffic at a time. In December 2010 this bridge was the site of massive flooding and huge floating islands passing under the bridge, with trees violently hitting it, which led to the temporary closure of the Panama Canal.



Escaping into the lush embrace of Panama's Soberania National Park Rainforest sweeps you to a stunning sanctuary of privacy, luxury and solitude. You've arrived at Gamboa Rainforest Resort, one of the most unique resorts located directly on the Panama Canal.



Your experience begins with Gamboa Rainforest Resort's unmatched amenities – an unparalleled collection of leisure pursuits designed to inspire every sense.164 beautifully designed rooms and suites with private balconies and hammocks. A meticulously landscaped pool and waterfall surrounded by designer chaise lounges. Exhilarating eco-tours and adventures, like zip lining, night safaris, kayaking across the Panama Canal and more. The Sensory Spa by Clarins at Gamboa Rainforest Resort, where you replenish the body and nourish the soul with an indulgent treatment. Exotic cuisine prepared by a renowned team of chefs.

Distinctive, enchanting and inspiring, Gamboa Rainforest Resort brings you Panama as it was meant to be discovered.

#### Includes:

- Two nights hotel stay with breakfast
- Rainforest Experience Tour
- Transfers
- One special dinner



#### **Included Tour**

#### THE RAINFOREST EXPERIENCE



You will be taking a boat tour through the Panama Canal into secret waterways to find hidden islands where Capuchin and Howler monkeys can be seen leaping in the trees above. Occasionally, they become curious of visitors and venture down to take a closer look. This Panama Canal tour provides a unique opportunity for viewing wild monkeys in their natural habitat. Other animals you might spot on this tour includes Two and Three toed Sloths, Crocodiles, and turtles that are native to Gatun Lake. The boat ride passes through the Panama Canal, giving you the chance to spot huge container ships during their passage across the world. After this tour you will experience the

verdant rainforest of Gamboa from within, ascending some 280 feet from the shadowy forest floor, through the dense undergrowth and up to the sun drenched canopy with its thousand shades of green that are only interrupted by the vibrant colours of flowering trees. Colourful birds and butterflies are abundant here, and you might also encounter sloth or white-faced capuchin monkeys and hear the howler monkey cry out in the distance. Once at the top, you will have the opportunity to climb our observation tower (also accessible for wheelchairs) from where you will have uninterrupted views of the vast rainforest of Soberania National Park while at the same time watch the giant cargo ships manoeuvre through the Galliard Cut (the narrowest part of the Panama Canal). Throughout this adventure in the jungle our well—trained guides will be at hand to explain and enhance your encounters.

Duration: 6 hours aprox.

## **Optional Tour**

#### **EMBERA INDIGENOUS VILLAGE VISIT**

\$119.00 per person

The adventure begins with a 10 minutes ride up the river in dugout canoes, the Embera traditional hand carved boats. Upon arrival at the village you will be taken back in time as you are immersed in the ancient



Embera cultural dances and music that have not changed much since Columbus arrived in the 1500's. The Indians will invite visitors to explore the area's abundant variety of birds and wildlife during a trek that takes you through the untouched jungle and past sparkling waterfalls. The Embera women are known as one of the world's finest basket makers, and you will be able to watch them create these beautiful objects made out of palm leaves and dyed with natural dyes. You can also have your body painted with the natural fruit dye called Jagua, used by the Indians for body decorations as well as for its healthgiving properties. Before returning back to civilization, the Indians will offer us a traditional meal of fresh fish and plantains and you will have an opportunity to purchase some of their beautiful handicraft.

Duration: 7 ½ - 8 hours aprox.

<u>Documentation:</u> <u>Passports are Required</u> - Passport applications are available at your local post office. Please allow 1-3 months to obtain a passport. Your name must appear on your airline ticket exactly as it appears on your passport. TSA (Transportation Security Administration) can deny boarding if they do not match exactly. Please forward a copy of your passport to World of Travel, when available.

**<u>Deposit and Final Payment</u>**: An initial deposit of \$500.00 per person with the optional insurance plus the CEU fee is due at time of booking. Final payment is due on or before November 8, 2016.

<u>Cancellation</u>: Cancellations made after initial deposit will be subject to a cancellation handling fee of \$100.00 per person. Cancellations made after November 8th, 2016 are nonrefundable.

<u>Travel Insurance</u>: The Travel Insured Group Deluxe travel protection plan is available for your purchase. The schedule of insurance coverage and the other services are listed below. The pre-existing medical condition exclusion will be waived if the protection plan is purchased prior to or with final trip payment, for the full non-refundable trip cost, the booking for the trip is the first and only booking for this travel period and you are not disabled from travel at the time you purchase the travel insurance.

- Trip Cancellation Trip Cost\*
- Trip Interruption\*\* 150% of Trip Cost\*
- Trip Delay 6 hours \$750 (\$150/day)
- Baggage/Personal Effects \$1,500
- Baggage Delay 24 hours \$400
- Accident & Sickness Medical Expense \$50,000
- Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation \$250,000
- Accidental Death & Dismemberment \$25,000
- Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services Included

Schedule of insurance coverage and other services

- \*Up to the lesser of the Trip Cost paid or the limit of Coverage for which benefits are requested and the appropriate plan cost has been paid. Maximum limit of \$10,000
- \*\*150% of Trip Cost paid up to a maximum of \$10,000 for the unused portion of Your Trip and the transportation cost to re-join the Trip or return home.

Should it become necessary for you to cancel or interrupt your trip due to a covered reason as stated in your Certificate of Insurance a claim will be filed with Travel Insured International.

Note: World of Travel must be contacted for a State specific Certificate of Insurance if you reside in: GA, KS, LA, MN, OR, SD, TX, UT or WA.

NOTE: World of Travel will not make any representations about what conditions or occurrences the Travel Insured policy will cover, which will be provided to each participant. It is the traveler's responsibility to review the full policy (Certificate of Insurance). Should you have any questions regarding coverage in the Travel Insured policy, please call TRAVEL INSURED at 800-243-3174 and reference plan GROUP DELUXE PROTECTION PLAN # 49517 for clarification.

<u>Travel/Health Policy:</u> It is required that persons needing assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for providing that assistance. Neither World of Travel nor its suppliers may assist with medications, wheelchairs, or physically lift persons onto transportation vehicles. Travelers having special needs must notify World of Travel when they make their reservations.

<u>Liability / Responsibility:</u> World of Travel / Ohio Funeral Directors Association acts only as an agent for tour members in making arrangements of accommodations, meals, excursions, sightseeing, transportation and other services. WOT / OFDA will not be held liable for any claims for errors or default by the Vendors, Suppliers or Contractors (VSC). WOT / OFDA are not responsible to any person or entity for any damage or injury arising out of the conduct or failure to act of any of the VSC. Any costs involved in delays due to "Acts of God" or weather will be the responsibility of the individual passenger, not the VSC. WOT / OSFD are not responsible for any loss or damages of personal property or for injuries, expenses, or damages whatsoever incurred or claimed by participants including but not limited to losses due to "Acts of God". WOT / OFDA reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary or cancel a tour at its discretion and a refund of money paid will release WOT / OFDA from any further obligation. WOT / OFDA reserves the right to refuse passage to any participant if deemed that the person's health is such that it would create a problem in how the tour is conducted.

## **OFDA REGISTRATION FORM**

# The Magic of Panama

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