

Ship arrives: **BALBOA, PANAMA**: 23 OCTOBER 2012

Ship departs: **BALBOA, PANAMA** \*25 OCTOBER 2011

*\*The ship will leave when port activities are completed and its departure cannot be postponed to accommodate late arrivals.*

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**All Science party to arrive in Panama (Panama City) no later than: 22 OCTOBER 2012**

**Ground transportation will be arranged on 23 October from the IODP hotel to the ship.**

All members of the science party are expected to board the ship by **10:00 a.m.** on the above date. A later arrival date must be cleared with the USIO Expedition Project Manager, as the ship sails when ready.

**PORT AGENT – PANAMA**  
**C. FERNIE AND CO.**  
**WILLIAMSON PLACE, BLDG 798X**  
**LA BOCA, BALBOA**  
**REP. OF PANAMA**  
**CONTACT: GERALD BODDEN**  
**PHONE: 507 06614 0555**

Contact: Robert Mitchell – IODP Marine Logistics Coordinator  
 (Contact during port call through agent or hotel front desk.)

***DO NOT SHIP FREIGHT TO PORT AGENT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! FOR ASSISTANCE WITH SHIPPING, PLEASE CONTACT MR. SANDY DILLARD - PH: (979)845-5780 OR EMAIL: [dillard@iodp.tamu.edu](mailto:dillard@iodp.tamu.edu)***

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**DISEMBARKATION IN PUNTARENAS, COSTA RICA**

Scientists disembark in **PUNTARENAS, COSTA RICA**: 11 DECEMBER 2012

Scientists depart home from **SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA**: 12 DECEMBER 2012

**Science party transfer arranged by IODP directly from the ship in Puntarenas to hotel in San Jose: 11 DECEMBER**

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**IODP HOTEL – PANAMA**

Intercontinental Miramar – Balboa Ave. PH: 011-5-07-2068888, Fax: 011-5-07-2234891. Room rates are \$158 Single/\$178.00 Double and includes breakfast and Internet access. Local taxes (10% ITBMS) included in room rate. Daily maid service gratuity - \$2 per day and a Bellmen charge of \$4.00 round trip. There is no Resort Fee and No parking fee. Full payment of room night's (Room and tax) will be charged 30 days prior to arrival.

**Cancellations:**

Individual guests may cancel reservations without penalty up to 28 September. After this date, a penalty equivalent to the number of nights reserved will apply.

**Modifications:**

- Individual guests may modify their reservations by arrival date, length of stay and departure date, without penalty, up to 28 September 2012.
- There will be a USD\$50.00 for each modification to the reservations between 7 days and 30 days prior to arrival.
- There will be a USD\$100.00 for each modification to the reservations between 3 days and 7 days prior to arrival.
- No changes in the reservations (including early check outs or late arrivals) will be allowed 3 days prior to arrival, or after the client has checked in. 100% of the original dates will be charged, plus any other additional dates in the event of early arrivals or extended departures.

**No Shows:**

- In the event of No-Show, the Hotel will charge the full extent of the reserved stay. Exceptions will be made for travel emergency related to airlines, in which event each individual participant or the

Client will be responsible for notifying the Hotel before 8:00 pm on the day of arrival.

- The Hotel does not guarantee the room for "No Show" for the dates following the date of the arrival in the reservation, unless notified by the individual client or the Client, before 8:00pm on the original day of arrival.

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental/en/gb/locations/panama>

Panama Tourist Information: <http://www.visitpanama.com/index.php?lang=en>

### **IODP HOTELS– COSTA RICA**

**PUNTARENAS – DOUBLETREE RESORT** – (Port Call Participants only), El Roble, Puntarenas, Costa Rica 5400. PH:506-2-663-0808 . Room rate is USD129.00 – Single room plus, Bellman charge - \$4.00 per person roundtrip. Maid Service - \$2.00 per room per night. Internet access - \$10.00 per daily connection. Full payment of room and tax will be charged upon receipt of the rooming list (05 October).

#### **CANCELLATIONS: Non-refundable after 05 November, 2012.**

Room rate includes the following:

- All meals served buffet style and show cooking at main restaurant
- One "A-la-Carte" dinner at one of the specialty restaurants for every 3 nights at the hotel. *Reservations are required*
- Snacks at Pool Snack Bar
- Unlimited national alcoholic beverages, soft drinks and juices at all hotel bars
- Wine served with lunch and dinner
- Fitness Center
- Non-motorized water sports according to scheduled activities at the beach
- Nightly entertainment program
- Midnight lounge
- Daily activities programmed at pool and beach area
- Kids and Teens Clubs
- Free Wi-Fi in lobby and bar
- Taxes and gratuities
- Concierge – tour desk
- Business Center

**SAN JOSE – HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS (IODP STAFF)**, 1000 Airport Boulevard, in front of Fiesta Casino, next to the Juan Santamaría International Airport. Alajuela, Costa Rica. PH: (506) 2443-0043 Room rate is \$112.00 plus, 13% tax. Credit card required for guarantee purposes only.

#### **CANCELLATIONS: - 72 Hours Prior to arrival.**

- Complimentary - Express Start Breakfast Bar
- Free airport shuttle - 24 hours and Express Check In service
- Free Unlimited International and local Calls
- Free High Speed Internet

<http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/san-jose/sjoap/hoteldetail>

**HAMPTON INN AIRPORT (SCIENCE PARTY)**, Hwy 1 Airport Blvd, Alajuela, 1017, Costa Rica. PH: 506-243-60000. Room rate is \$112.00 plus, 13 % tax. . Credit card required for guarantee purposes only.

#### **CANCELLATIONS: - 72 Hours prior to arrival.**

- Complimentary - Express Start Breakfast Bar
- Free airport shuttle - 24 hours and Express Check In service
- Free Unlimited International and local Calls
- Free High Speed Internet

<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/costa-rica/hampton-inn-and-suites-by-hilton-san-jose-airport-SJCAPHX/index.html>

Costa Rica Tourist Information: <http://www.visitcostarica.com/ict/paginas/home.asp?ididioma=2>

### **GROUND TRANSPORTATION:**

IODP will be arranging ground transportation between Intercontinental Hotel – ship and Puntarenas – Hotel in San Jose. More details will follow.

**VISAS:** Costa Rica: <http://www.costarica-embassy.org/index.php?q=node/72>

Panama: [http://www.learn4good.com/travel/panama\\_visa.htm](http://www.learn4good.com/travel/panama_visa.htm)

Transit via the U.S.: [http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types\\_4383.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_4383.html)

**PASSPORTS:** For entry into Costa Rica, a U.S. citizen must present a valid passport that will not expire for at least thirty days after arrival and a roundtrip/outbound ticket.

**LOCAL CURRENCY UNITS(S):** Costa Rica - Colon  
Panama - US Dollar