

IODP RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION EXPEDITION 345 – HESS DEEP

Ship arrives: PUNTARENAS, COSTA RICA: 11 DECEMBER 2012

Ship departs: PUNTARENAS, COSTA RICA: * 18 DECEMBER 2012

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

All Science party to arrive in San Jose, Costa Rica no later than: * 12 DECEMBER 2012

Ground transportation for scientists will depart at 12:00 p.m. from the Holiday Inn in San Jose, Costa Rica directly to the ship on 13 December. Expedition science meetings will begin on 14 December.

* A later arrival date must be cleared with the IODP Staff Scientist, as the ship sails when ready.
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PORT AGENT – PUNTARENAS, COSTA RICA

ARMADA DE NAVEGACION SA
ALE JANDRO VARGAS
OFICENTRO LA VIRGEN NO.2, EDIFICIO 2, PISO 3
PAVAS COSTA RICA
PH: 506-252-2555

**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

DISSEMBARKATION IN BALBOA, PANAMA

Scientists disembark vessel via Water Taxi to BALBOA, PANAMA: 12 FEBRUARY 2013

Scientists depart home from PANAMA CITY, PANAMA: NO EARLIER THAN - 13 FEBRUARY 2013

IODP HOTELS:

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA – HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, 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.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Hotel's cancellation policy is 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>

PUNTARENAS, COSTA RICA - (only for those working at the port call)

DOUBLETREE RESORT – All inclusive, El Roble, Puntarenas, Costa Rica 5400. PH:506-2-663-0808. Room rate is USD129.00 – Single room/\$20 additional per night for double plus, Bellman charge - \$4.00 per person roundtrip. Maid Service - \$2.00 per room per night. **Full room nights will be charged upon submission of the rooming list – 05 November 2012.** Internet access - \$10.00 per daily connection.

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

<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/costa-rica/doubletree-resort-by-hilton-hotel-central-pacific-costa-rica-JAPCRDT/index.html>

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

BALBOA, PANAMA - *Intercontinental Miramar* – Balboa Ave. PH: 011-5-07-2068888, Fax: 011-5-07-2234891. Room rates are \$158 Single/\$178.00 Doubl. Rates include 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 will be charged 30 days prior to arrival.**

Cancellations:

Hotel's cancellation policy is 7 – 10 days, one night accommodation. Within 7 days, full extent of reserved stay.

Modifications:

- Individual guests may modify their reservations by arrival date, length of stay and departure date, without penalty, up to 30 days prior to arrival.
- 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>

GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

For Scientists: IODP will be arranging ground transportation that will depart the Holiday Inn Express in San Jose and go directly to the vessel in Puntarenas on 13 December; IODP will also provide transportation from vessel to hotel in Balboa, Panama.

VISAS: Costa Rica: <http://www.costarica-embassy.org/index.php?q=node/72>
 Panama: http://www.learn4good.com/travel/panama_visa.htm
 Transit via the U.S.: 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