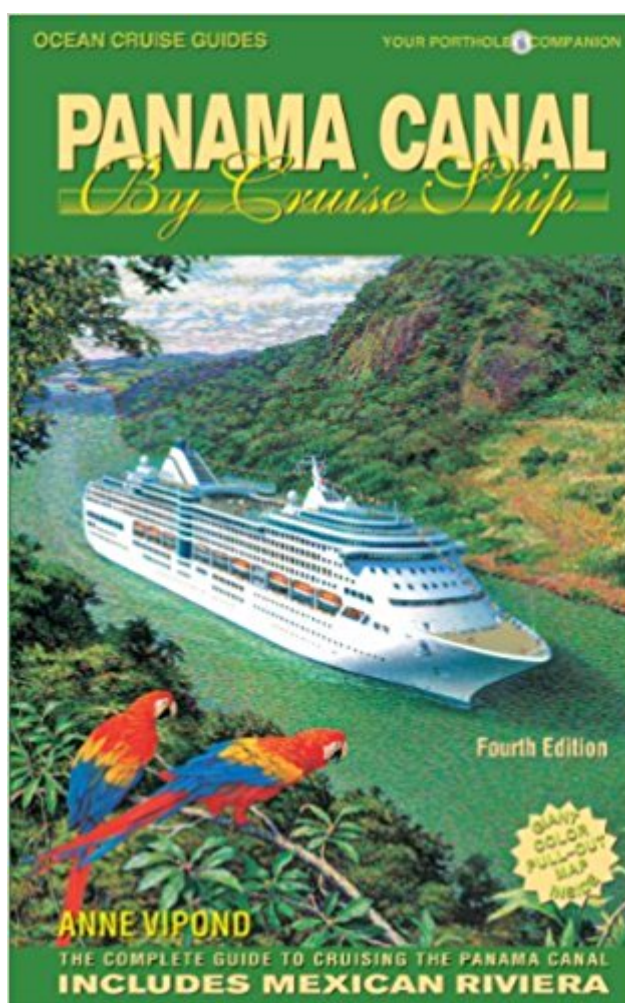


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# Panama Canal By Cruise Ship: The Complete Guide To Cruising The Panama Canal - 4th Edition



## Synopsis

One of the greatest peacetime epics of human endeavor, the creation of the Panama Canal captured, for decades, the world's imagination. Now a major cruise destination, the Canal was the 'moon launch' of its day, plunging France into near financial and political ruin before becoming the crowning achievement of America under President Theodore Roosevelt, ushering in an era of global trade and prosperity. Anne Vipond, author of several books on cruising, describes the engineering challenges faced and the personalities involved in this fascinating saga, and provides practical information to help passengers make the most of their time in port. Descriptions of each country, island and port of call are supported by in-depth research and detailed maps. Includes Florida, islands of the Caribbean, the Canal, Central America, Mexican Riviera and the West Coast ports.

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With her crisp writing and in-depth reporting, Anne Vipond has created a terrific series of guides. --Cruise Critic  
Covers the destinations with solid detail and from the cruiser's perspective. --Travel Weekly

Panama Canal By Cruise Ship is our newest book and includes the ports ships visit before and after their transit of this historic isthmus. Detail of home ports included. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I enjoyed reading the history of the Canal before we took our cruise several months ago, and the map alone is worth the price of the book. But if you've done much cruising at all, you might find the descriptions of the ports and the cruise experience to be somewhat boring, old news. I would have preferred a shorter publication that focused on the Canal, instead of all the rest of the filler.

Like others, I wanted to have a guide before taking a cruise through the Panama Canal. I was not surprised to see this same book in the ship's store, and in the hands of other passengers. LOTS of fascinating information, and educational history reading.

Although this is an older edition, it was still a great buy. For me it was worth saving the money to get the older edition, but if you want the latest info, you should get the current one. I like the fold out map and the well designed sections covering a lot of different areas of the trip.

This colorful text includes an excellent history of the canal, background on the canal today, information on the various stops most ships make in transit, and detailed information on side trips or excursions. An excellent, removable canal map is bound into the back of the book. There is also helpful information on the usual ship stops along the route.

I found the book to be the best available to give you information on this cruise. The sections on the Panama Canal were very interesting, including the building of the Panama Canal. This book also reviews ports that are visited by cruise ships from the eastern US coast to the western US coast, which I didn't realize when I purchased the book. I found some of those chapters helpful, but somewhat outdated. The sections on the Panama Canal were very interesting, including the fold out map, which is very handy when you cruise through the canal.

This book was not written by the Chamber of Commerce or a cruise line.. It tells you what you need to know to enjoy your trip to the max. When to go. What you should take along. What you can expect. What the side trips are like. The difference between a round trip visit and going all the way through. In short, everything to make you comfortable in making the trip.

At this stage of the game with Thorn-Tree travel forums and endless travel videos it is hard to find value in books with medium scope. I would still be reading everything I could find about Panama if

that was my one shining ambition but at the same time travel forums have supplanted books.

This book contains a lot of information about the Panama Canal. We love the enclosed full-size map. As with any informative reading material,, keep in mind that there may be date sensitive information that may no longer be in effect. We intend to take it along on our upcoming cruise and feel it will be well utilized on our trip.

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