

Dear Garden Friends:

We invite you to a fabulous opportunity to combine garden touring with a cruise through the Panama Canal! Enjoy a four-day Southern California tour - Sagers Garden Travelers Style - and then cruise aboard the fabulous Royal Caribbean, *Legend of the Seas* for the next 14 days.

Our Southern California visit includes man-made and natural gardens, history, art and wildlife! Visit Huntington to see the finest garden in the Western United States and a superb display of world-famous art. Visit Mission San Juan Capistrano, established by the Catholic Fathers while the Colonies were battling Europe for Independence. See a naturalistic extravaganza of plants the wildlife like it at the San Diego Animal Park! Browse the beautiful gardens of Balboa Park.

After all these adventures, board the [Legend of the Seas](#) for even more! Discover new lands, new sights and expanded horizons from the pampered comfort of your luxury cruise ship.

For a synopsis of the sights you'll see in this fabulous vacation trip, read on! (Click on underlined tour information to link to websites with more details.)

Day 1

Fly to Southern California and spend the afternoon in the crown jewel of gardens in the Western United States. Henry Huntington had three passions – art, books, and gardens. He amassed fabulous collections of each at the 150-acre **Huntington Library and Gardens**.

Huntington's 10-acre Desert Garden is unparalleled in the U.S. with 4000 species on display.

The Japanese Garden has incredible tranquil beauty with ponds reflecting junipers and the moon bridge. The 12-acre Chinese Garden is the largest outside China. Walk the paths of the renowned Desert, Japanese, Australian, Jungle and many other outstanding collections in 12 garden rooms.

If you can pull yourself away from the fabulous botanical gardens, you'll find a dazzling art collection in the Huntington Art Gallery. See works like "Pinky," Gainsborough's "Blue Boy," and major works of Constable, Turner, Reynolds and Lawrence. See

outstanding collections of porcelains, tapestries, miniatures, and sculptures.

Huntington's library collections include works from the Middle Ages to 1850 including a Gutenberg Bible, Shakespeare's first folio and drafts of the Magna Carta and Constitution.

Day 2

Start your morning at **Sherman Library and Gardens**, a museum of living plants from rugged desert plants to exotic tropical vegetation. They are displayed in immaculate gardens, patios and conservatories linked together by wide brick walkways, beds blooming with seasonal flowers and bubbling tile fountains.

Walk the paths of **Mission San Juan Capistrano**. The Catholic Fathers founded this mission to bring Christianity to the natives as the Colonies on the east coast launched a war to gain Independence from Europe. The Chapel, "Serra's Chapel" is the oldest building in California still in use. This mission has been immortalized in literature, art and on film perhaps more than any other mission. Today the mission serves as a museum with the Serra Chapel serving as a chapel for the mission parish.

Day 3

Ride the railway or stroll the trail through the fabulous **San Diego Wild Animal Park**. This fascinating, don't-miss attraction is like taking a safari to some of the world's most exotic habitats.

The Park features lush botanical displays that garden enthusiasts find irresistible – even without the animals. Enjoy 3000 species of exotic plants on 2200 acres. You'll feel like you've left this hemisphere seeing wild animals thriving in these vast natural habitats

Roam among cycads, tropical plants, flowering trees, cacti, bromeliads, acacias, and wildflowers in the deep canyons, and sunny hillsides of the **San Diego Botanic Garden**.

Stroll through the sunny walled garden, subtropical fruit garden, herb garden, and desert gardens. The plants of Australia, South Africa, Southern California, Mexico and Central America will be resplendent in their Southern California glory.

Day 4

Visit **Balboa Park** home to culture, museums and wonderful gardens. Enjoy the Japanese Friendship Garden with an exhibit house, koi pond, traditional sand and stone garden and an observation deck overlooking the canyon.



Cruise Itinerary: Board the newly renovated *Legend of the Seas*. Get more cruise and ship details at www.royalcaribbean.com. Navigate, or click this link, to the [Eastbound Panama Canal Cruise](#) scheduled for April 14-29, 2015.

Wed (Apr 15) Cruising

Thur (Apr 16) [Cabo San Lucas, Mexico](#) - Once referred to as the "millionaire's sandbox," Cabo San Lucas is Mexico's jewel resort at the very tip of the Baja Peninsula. Its remote location and unspoiled beauty make this a seaside paradise.

Fri (Apr 17) [Puerto Vallarta, Mexico](#) This once-sleepy fishing village became a popular resort after *The Night of the Iguana* was filmed here in 1964. Nestled on the 28-mile curve of Banderas Bay, Puerto Vallarta has steadfastly held on to its character. Red tile roofs and rows of balconies, spilling over with colorful bougainvillea, still line its cobblestone streets. A pleasure for both the eye and the camera.

Sat (Apr 18) Cruising

Sun (Apr 19) Cruising

Mon (Apr 20) [Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala](#) - Guatemala's largest Pacific Ocean port is also the gateway to some of the most fascinating and beautiful sightseeing in the country. Head north, through plantations where the air is perfumed with sugar cane and coffee, across mountain ridges overlooking beautiful Lake Atitlan. Or take a full-day tour from the coast. Cruise past volcano-guarded mountains, to the charming colonial capital of Antigua, where cobblestone streets and period architecture evoke the area's age-old Spanish colonial heritage.

Tue (Apr 21) Cruising

Wed (Apr 22) [Puntarenas, Costa Rica](#) - Tiny Puntarenas, on the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica, is situated between the volcanic beaches of the Golfo de Nicoya and some of the country's highest mountain peaks. Within a half-hour's drive from the port, tropical jungles give up their secrets to the casual observer.

Trees flash with color as macaws, toucans and parakeets take flight, and howler monkeys scream in the distance. In the capital city of San Jose, you'll find museums, theaters and shops.

Thur (Apr 23) Cruising

Fri (Apr 24) [Panama Canal \(Cruising Canal\)](#) -The canal is both an engineering marvel and one of the most significant waterways on earth. Stretching 50 miles from Panama City on the Pacific side to Colón on the Atlantic side, it provides passage for over 12,000 ocean-going vessels per year. Seeing your ship nudge its way through the narrow canal, with vast tracks of virgin jungle on both sides, is an unforgettable sight. Sure, it may take only a day to cruise the canal but the memory will last a lifetime.

Sat (Apr 25) [Colon Panama](#) - As the capital of Colón Province on Panama's central Caribbean coast, Colón lies at the very heart of the country's rich history and innovation. This important port town is less than an hour's drive from Panama's most historical attractions, so it's easy to fit in visits to sites like the Panama Railroad, Gatun Locks, and old Spanish fortress Fort San Lorenzo. And of course, crystal blue waters and pure white sand are always a sweet setting!

Sun (Apr 26) [Cartagena, Columbia](#) - Cobble streets, balconies with blooming bougainvillea, and pastel plazas make Cartagena one of Latin America's most photogenic cities. But it's not just another pretty seaport. Founded in 1533, this Spanish-Colonial city is steeped in history. Its location made it a popular port for plunderers and pirates. Today thrill-seekers will find a perfect mix of old and new with a twist of island attitude.

Mon (Apr 27) Cruising

Tue (Apr 28) Cruising

Wed (Apr 29) Disembark from Caribbean Cruise Ship Visit tour sites if time before our flight allows. Then relax after a delightful garden tour / cruise adventure as you wing you way home to Salt Lake City.

More Details: Cruises through the Panama Canal fill early and quickly so we must act now. However, the airlines do not market tickets for next April until mid-June. To get cabins for everyone, we are pricing for the land/sea tour now and will add the airline ticketing when the airlines make them available. We

have selected large, upper, ocean view cabins in our pricing, but you have the option to choose a less expensive lower outside or inside stateroom. Balcony and suite cabins are already completely booked. Early booking can result in \$50 shipboard credit for each guest. As always you will find pricing information on the sign-up sheet.

We recommend the whole garden tour/cruise experience but guests can sign up for the activities in Southern California and return home after 4 days. Contact us for prices on this option and for other stateroom classes.

Don't wait to take advantage of this opportunity! Call now and make reservations for a wonderful tour!

Note: Passports will be required.

Your tour price includes luxury coach transportation, excellent hotel accommodations, two meals daily, tips, fees, taxes, luggage portorage, transfers, and admissions to California tour sites on this escorted land tour.

On the Cruise: The tour price includes staterooms, ocean transportation, most meals, tips, some beverages and most onboard entertainment. It does not include personal items such as shore and land excursions, specialty restaurant fees, some beverages, photographs, some service fees, medical services etc. Cruise shore land excursions can be added after the reservation process.

Airfare is not now included but can be added as fares become available.

About our tour company:

Tour Director Diane Sagers, is a veteran Advanced Master Gardener and veteran garden writer. She has organized and conducted tours in 40 states and 7 countries.

Gretchen Campbell, co-tour director, is a veteran Advanced Master Gardener and Horticulture Education Director at Thanksgiving Point Gardens in Lehi, Utah. Gretchen has assisted with many of our tours.



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Join Sagers Garden Travelers For The **California Garden/Panama Canal Adventure Tour**

Tour Highlights:

- Cruising through the Panama Canal
- Huntington Gardens
- Mission San Juan Capistrano
- San Diego Botanical Garden
- San Diego Wild Animal Park
- Balboa Park
- Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
- Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
- Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala
- Puntarenas, Costa Rica
- Colon, Panama
- Cartagena, Columbia



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