

April 26th to May 14th 2022

Surprise!! From April 26th to May 14th, Bob & I cruised the *New Panama Canal* on the 'Caribbean Princess' of the Princess Cruise Lines! As always, we had a great time. As if that was not enough, The Cruise Line moved us up into a mini suite with balcony. It was nice having a sofa, and 2 TV's. The ship was not full, which is why this could happen. No complaints here!!

On May 5th, the Ship stopped at **Huatulco**. The next picture of Bob was taken there, with our ship, the Caribbean Princess, in the background.

Next stop was **Puntarenas** on May 6th. We took a boat tour here which was known for wild life, alligators especially.



We saw man alligators and birds. On the right I took a picture of cattle, which we did not expect to see.



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## The Panama Canal !!



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First picture to the left, we are entering the Canal with a ship ahead of us. The picture below, looking over the trees, you can see the Old Canal! In the 3rd picture, many of us are looking over the railing while our ship is pulling into the lock so the water level can be adjusted. Once again, in the upper right hand corner, the Old Canal can be seen. Now # 4 is a cool picture, because while we were outside on our balcony, we had the TV on inside and were able to see what was ahead of the ship!! So, what did I do - I took a picture of the TV screen, not that I had to tell you this!! You can see my reflection on the screen!!!! We did not go to the front of the ship because sooo many people were up ther abd we would not get a good view. It took all day to actually go completely through the Canal. Besides the man made canals, there were large bodies of water like Gatun Lake.

The final pictures are of us leaving the canal. The picture below shows what many of the land sections along our route looked like. The terraces were built to help prevent erosion.

The last picture was of our final diner on board with some new friends we met during the trip and had a wonderful time with. This was a great trip, it rained mainly at night, which was fine with us. We only scratched the surface with these two pages.

