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MARGARET D. LOWMAN (FN '97)

THE EXPLORERS CLUB

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# JUNGLE RIVERS & TROPICAL ISLANDS

Treasures of “Undiscovered” South America  
& the Southern Caribbean



Aboard the All-Suite, 50-Cabin *Clelia II*  
March 27 - April 11, 2011



Dear Traveler,

Kaieteur Falls, in Guyana, is the world's tallest single-drop waterfall. At 741 feet, more than five times the height of Niagara Falls, it is a thunderous curtain of water as tall as a 70-story skyscraper, and it roars down within a cavernous gorge surrounded by some of the most pristine rain forests on Earth. As the mists of the Falls dampen your face, you will spy the brilliant orange cock-of-the-rock, as well as tiny golden frogs sheltering within giant bromeliads, and you will look out over a panorama of dense, rich, virgin South American jungle stretching to the horizon—and far, far beyond. Kaieteur is not exactly a typical tourist destination. The only mark of human civilization there is a small airstrip, and it handles no more than two planeloads of adventurers each week.

Fantastic Kaieteur Falls is only one of the many sites that you will admire on this **unique and unusual voyage from Brazil to the Netherlands Antilles** in the company of **Explorers Club lecturer and host Margaret (Meg) Lowman**. Starting in São Luís, one of Brazil's most historic cities and a UNESCO World Heritage site, cruise to rarely visited ports including **Paramaribo**, the colorful and quaint capital of Suriname, and **Georgetown**, the multicultural capital of Guyana. Sailing along the northeast coast of South America, enter the **Orinoco River**, one of South America's largest river systems, where you will spend four days. Using the ship's fleet of Zodiacs (versatile inflatable boats), you will explore the river's tributaries and marvel at the dense network of flora and fauna—10,000 species of orchids, pink dolphins, rainbow-colored toucans, howler monkeys, and other wildlife roaming from the branches of Kapok trees. Before ending the cruise in lovely **Curaçao**, visit two of the most interesting islands in the southern Caribbean, **Tobago** and **Trinidad**, known for their rich wildlife.

You will **discover this unspoiled world in safety and comfort aboard the *Clelia II***, one of the most elegant small expedition cruise ships, **with only 50 cabins (all suites)**. Your Explorers Club lecturer and host, Meg Lowman, is one of the world's leading experts in tropical rainforest ecology and has pioneered the science of tree canopy ecology. Meg is part of a **team of onboard naturalists and other experts** who enjoy sharing their knowledge and experiences with travelers through illustrated talks, informal discussions, and on excursions.

Please join Meg Lowman for a memorable adventure to a singularly beautiful part of the world.

Sincerely,

Lorie Karnath (FI '89)  
President  
The Explorers Club\*

P.S. *Clelia II* has only 50 suites and this program is co-sponsored by several other organizations, so I encourage you to contact the EC Travelers office today at **(800) 856-8951** or **ect@studytours.org** for your choice of cabin.

*Cover: Kaieteur Falls in Guyana  
This page: Scarlet Ibis in flight*

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## EXPLORERS CLUB LECTURER AND HOST

**Margaret D. Lowman** (FN '97), Ph.D., is one of the world's leading experts in tropical rainforest ecology, and has pioneered the science of canopy ecology. Known as "Canopy Meg" ([www.canopymeg.com](http://www.canopymeg.com)), for over 30 years she has designed hot-air balloons and walkways for treetop exploration to solve mysteries in the world's forests, especially insect pests and ecosystem health. Meg is Director of the Nature Research Center at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, and Research Professor at North Carolina State University. She uses her canopy adventures as a "hook" to inspire forest conservation and education, and her passion for science has led her into leadership roles to promote forest conservation. Meg serves on the Board of Directors of The Explorers Club and is Executive Director of TREE Foundation, and she frequently speaks about her science adventures to groups ranging from elementary classes to corporate executives.

Meg's numerous awards include The Explorers Club's Lowell Thomas Medal for discoveries in the canopy, and the Margaret Douglas Medal from Garden Club of America. Carolyn Shoemaker of the US Department of the Interior named an asteroid after her. Meg has authored over 100 peer-reviewed scientific publications and six books. Her autobiography, *Life in the Treetops*, received a cover review in the *New York Times* Sunday Book Review. She has studied Amazonian forest canopies extensively, and has been featured on television specials with National Geographic, Reading Rainbow, and The Jason Expedition (for children). Reflecting her love for linking kids to nature, Meg's personal mantra is *no child left indoors*.

## ADDITIONAL ONBOARD LECTURERS

**Charles J. Cole** is a Curator Emeritus and former Curator-in-Charge of Herpetology at the American Museum of Natural History. His research concerns evolutionary genetics, reproductive biology, and ecology of reptiles and amphibians. A member of the Museum's Scientific Staff since 1969, **Carol R. Townsend** assisted with research, helped maintain the Herpetology library, and taught classes for the Education Department. Together, this husband and wife team traveled extensively in remote sites in Suriname, Guyana, Venezuela, and Trinidad in order to collect reptiles and amphibians. For this expedition, their lectures will describe Charles' research, conservation-oriented biodiversity work in poorly known areas of the tropics, and the adventures of working in remote field camps.

*All lecturers are subject to change.*

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## ABOUT THE EXPLORERS CLUB®

Founded in 1904, the world famous Explorers Club is a multi-disciplinary professional society dedicated to the advancement of field research and scientific exploration. Members include the most famous explorers, scientists, and conservationists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Explorers Club Travelers is an educational program of The Explorers Club that invites the public to join distinguished explorers and scientists on educational tours to remote areas, focusing on natural and cultural history. Each participant on an Explorers Club Travelers program receives a complimentary one-year Friend Membership in The Explorers Club, which brings with it a subscription to The Explorers Club *Log* and *Journal*, and invitations to special Club events, including the gala Annual Dinner.



## ITINERARY

*Sunday, March 27, 2011* **FLY FROM USA**

*Monday, March 28* **SÃO LUIS, Brazil | EMBARK**  
 Arrive in São Luis and embark *Clelia II*. Overnight aboard ship docked in São Luis. (D)

*Tuesday, March 29* **SÃO LUIS**  
 A UNESCO World Heritage site, São Luis is beautifully situated on an island between two rivers and notable for its colonial architecture. Explore the city's historic center, visiting the Cathedral da Se, Leoes Palace, Artur Azevedo Theater, and other landmarks. (B, L, D)

*Wednesday, March 30 & Thursday, March 31* **AT SEA** (B, L, D)

*Friday, April 1* **PARAMARIBO, Suriname**  
 A Dutch colony from the 16<sup>th</sup> century until 1975, Suriname is known for its multicultural societies that combine settlers from Europe, Asia, and Africa. Located eight miles up the Suriname River, Paramaribo, the country's capital, is known for its beautiful 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-century buildings, such as the Governor's

Mansion. Fort Zeelandia, guarding the Suriname River, now houses the Suriname Museum and a colorful market. (B, L, D)

*Saturday, April 2* **GEORGETOWN, Guyana**  
 Arrive in Georgetown, Guyana's capital on the Demerara River, with its stilted wooden houses and tree-lined streets. Evidence of the Old Dutch colonial period is still apparent today in the city's architecture. See the Gothic-style City Hall and St. George's Anglican Cathedral. Also visit the National Museum and Botanical Gardens. Overnight aboard ship docked in Georgetown. (B, L, D)

*Sunday, April 3* **GEORGETOWN | KAIETEUR NATIONAL PARK | GEORGETOWN**  
 An air excursion will take us to one of South America's treasures: the seldom-visited Kaieteur National Park. The centerpiece of the park is Kaieteur Falls. Framed by lush and unspoiled rain forest, the falls have a free fall over 700 feet, five times the height of Niagara. The rain forest supports a large variety of plant and animal life,

*Squirrel monkey*



Credit: Luc Viatour

*Warao people on the Orinoco River*



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The Orinoco Delta



Lily pond in Guyana

including several endangered species. Return to Georgetown to re-board the ship. (B, L, D)

**Monday, April 4 - Thursday, April 7 ORINOCO RIVER, Venezuela**

Orinoco's delta is a complex ecosystem comprised of an intricate network of rivers, estuaries, and channels spanning some 10,000 square miles. As we cruise up the Orinoco, you will fall under the watchful eye of the jungle's residents—the Warao people, who live along the river in houses on stilts—and its keepers—macaws, trogons, horned screamers, and spider monkeys. *Clelia II*'s Zodiac boats will enable us to explore some of the shores and smaller tributaries along the river. (B, L, D)

**Friday, April 8 TOBAGO, Trinidad & Tobago**

Aboard private, glass-bottomed boats, cruise to the Buccoo Reef, where you will discover vibrantly hued angelfish, parrotfish, and other tropical species. Alternatively, enjoy an excursion where you will learn about the oldest protected forest in the Western world, the Tobago Forest Reserve. Our destination is Argyle Falls, a triad of waterfalls rushing into a pristine pool, and a secluded swimming paradise. (B, L, D)

**Saturday, April 9 PORT of SPAIN, Trinidad & Tobago**

From Port of Spain, Trinidad's capital, drive to the Asa Wright Nature Centre, home to a large number of bird species, including the white-bearded and golden-headed manikins, toucans, honeycreepers, and hummingbirds. Over 600 species of butterflies are also found here. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Caroni Swamp at dusk, when flocks of Scarlet Ibis fly in to roost. (B, L, D)

**Sunday, April 10 AT SEA (B, L, D)**

**Monday, April 11 CURAÇAO, Netherlands Antilles I DISEMBARK I FLY TO USA**

Arrive in Curaçao and transfer to the airport for return flights to the U.S. (B)

## PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- 14-night cruise aboard the all-suite, 50-cabin *Clelia II*
- Group flights between Georgetown and Kaieteur National Park
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Open bar aboard ship throughout the cruise
- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by EC lecturer and host Margaret D. Lowman as well as additional lecturers and naturalists
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Baggage handling and transfers abroad on the designated program arrival and departure dates
- Port and embarkation taxes
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare (except group flights as mentioned); visa and passport fees (if applicable); luggage and trip cancellation insurance; meals, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages other than those specified above; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel





Suite

# CLELIA II — ELEGANCE IN EXPEDITION CRUISING

In an era of mega cruise ships that carry thousands of passengers, the *Clelia II* is a delightful alternative. More like a private yacht than a cruise ship, *Clelia II* accommodates only 100 guests in 50 suites. *Clelia II*'s limited guest capacity, fine facilities, and distinctive style of operation attract like-minded travelers who return again and again to enjoy its custom-crafted itineraries and a style of cruising that is rarely found today. More than just a cruise, each voyage provides a comprehensive experience that reveals the singular aspects of the destinations. Aboard, a sense of community and a spirit of camaraderie prevail.

All of *Clelia II*'s suites face outside, providing views of the sea and landscape. Several have a private balcony. There are expansive open

deck areas and other facilities, including a gym, spa, library, beauty salon, two lounges, a sun deck with Jacuzzi, and an outdoor cafe. An elegant restaurant accommodates all guests in an open, unassigned seating. The cuisine is outstanding, and the overall service is efficient and friendly while unobtrusive. An elevator serves all decks. A resident physician attends a well-equipped infirmary.

Served by 65 seasoned officers and crew, *Clelia II* complies with the latest international safety regulations, including those of the U.S. Coast Guard, meets the requirements of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, and is outfitted with the most current navigational and communications technology.

## CRUISE AND LAND RATES | PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**All accommodations aboard Clelia II are suites. They face outside, affording sea views, and include a bedroom with two twin-size beds that can convert to a queen-size bed, sitting area, mini-refrigerator, safe, spacious closets, climate control, telephone, TV, DVD/CD player, and bathroom with marble vanity, teak floor, shower, and other amenities.**

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	RATES
<b>E</b>	Deluxe suites on Ariadne and Leto Decks with windows and sitting area. 215 sq. ft. Suites *342-*345,*428,*429 *PARTIALLY OBSTRUCTED VIEW	\$7,995
<b>D</b>	Deluxe suites on Ariadne and Leto Decks with window and sitting area. 215 sq. ft. Suites 334-335, 433	\$8,995
<b>C</b>	Deluxe suites on Athena Deck with portholes and sitting area. 275 sq. ft. Suites 246-252	\$9,995
<b>B</b>	Deluxe suites on Ariadne Deck with windows and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 336-341	\$10,995
<b>A</b>	Deluxe suites on Leto Deck with window and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 420-427, 430-431	\$11,995
<b>AA</b>	Deluxe suites on Cleo Deck with forward windows and sitting area. 285 sq. ft. Suites 505-506	\$12,595
<b>VS</b>	Deluxe Veranda Suites on Cleo Deck with private balcony and sitting area. 245 sq. ft. Suites 507-519	\$13,595
<b>PHS</b>	Deluxe Penthouse Suites on Phoebe Deck with private balcony and sitting area. 260 sq. ft. Suites 601-604	\$14,995
<b>VS &amp; PHS suites are provided with private butler service and other exclusive amenities</b>		

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** A limited number of cabins have been designated for single travelers in Categories C - A at a supplement of \$2,495 to the per person, double occupancy rates indicated above. Singles in Categories AA, VS, and PHS are available at double the per person, double occupancy rates.



For further information about this travel program, please contact the Explorers Club Travelers at

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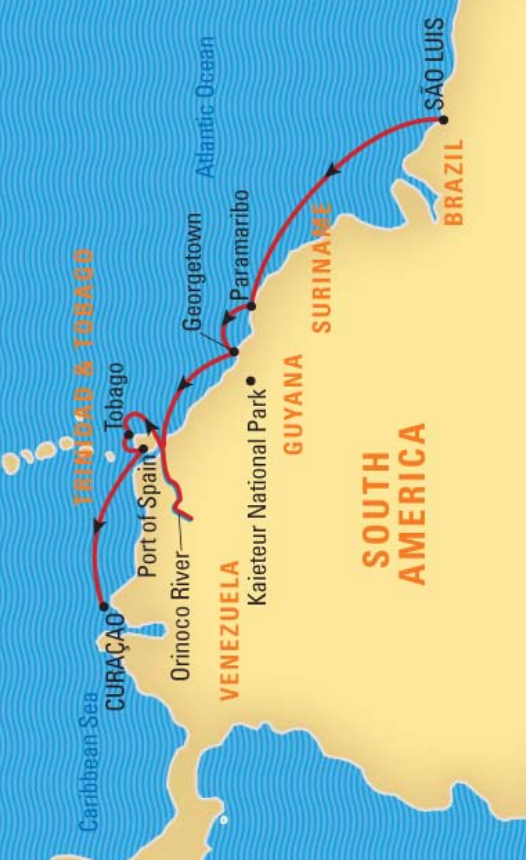
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## VOYAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise to a seldom-visited region of South America that offers magnificent attractions.
- Discover São Luis, one of Brazil's most beautiful colonial towns and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Explore spectacular Kaieteur Falls in the isolated and unspoiled rain forest of Guyana.
- Experience the multicultural and cosmopolitan atmosphere of Paramaribo and Georgetown.
- Spend four days exploring the wildlife-rich Orinoco River and its serpentine tributaries, one of South America's most complex ecosystems.
- Witness the abundant birdlife of Trinidad's Asa Wright Nature Centre and the colorful marine life of Tobago's Buccoo Reef.



*Perched Copper-rumped Hummingbird,  
Asa Wright Nature Centre, Trinidad*



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