



## UPDATE # 1 – November 8, 2013

- The **deposit** for all bookings is 10% of the Cruise rate by **December 15, 2013**.
- **Final payment for the cruise is due on January 15, 2014**.

Bookings for the UWI Open Campus ScholarShip cruise may be made directly by contacting the Sales Department of the Viajes Dumbo Company in the Dominican Republic as follows:

Tel. [809.562.4949](tel:809.562.4949)

Fax. [809.566.5261](tel:809.566.5261)

Email. [Sales@viajesdumbo.com](mailto:Sales@viajesdumbo.com)

Please remember to put "**The UWI Open Campus ScholarShip Cruise 2014**" in the subject line in your email.

Viajes Dumbo is the official travel booking agency for Princess Cruises in the Caribbean.

**A ScholarShip Cruise and Learn Facebook page** has also been prepared for interested persons to book directly with our official booking company, Viajes Dumbo, at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/UWI-Open-Campus-Scholar-Ship-Adventure#!/pages/UWI-Open-Campus-Scholar-Ship-Adventure/712492478762516>

**\*Bookings and payments for the Open Campus components of the packages can be made after guests have completed their cruise booking.\***

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## THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

We hope that you and your friends and families have decided to join us on this once-in-a-lifetime cruise and learn adventure from April 6 to 17, 2014 to visit some of our northern Caribbean and Central and South American neighbours through the historic Panama Canal.

For those of you who know the region well, you will see it through new eyes. For those of you who live outside of the region, it will be a voyage of discovery.

The Planning Committee for the UWI Open Campus ScholarShip Adventure has been moving steadily with finalising unique and exciting in-country activities for you that will truly make this a Caribbean journey of a lifetime. We are currently working to organise the services regional scholars, culturalists and celebrities who will engage us on-board and in-country in a wonderful exploration of the long-standing and storied relationship between the Caribbean and several of our Latin American neighbours. An extra-special treat of the cruise is a visit to the Panama Canal, currently in the news as it expands to accommodate world trade.

We have posted the UWI Open Campus component of the packages on our website ([www.open.uwi.edu/adventures](http://www.open.uwi.edu/adventures)) and we encourage you to check it regularly for updates. You will also receive updates at your email address.

For your guidance and information, **here are some things to know before you go:**

(1) **Book airline seats early** - The Easter season is a very busy time for the airlines, so it is important to make airline reservations early, to avoid any disappointment. The ship sets sail from Fort Lauderdale at 4:00 p.m. on April 6, 2014 and returns to that port at 7:00 a.m. on April 17, 2014. You can book your flights with that schedule in mind. If you require hotel accommodation, you should also make those bookings early. We are currently checking out if passengers can embark on the cruise at different ports and we will let you know for sure soon.

(2) **Visas** - Passengers are responsible for ensuring that they have the required visas to travel to the countries on the itinerary, i.e. The USA, Jamaica, Panama, Costa Rica, Columbia and Aruba. You should check with your travel agents or the relevant diplomatic offices for information. If you wish to have a letter from us to support your visa application, please send your request to [scholarshipcruise@open.uwi.edu](mailto:scholarshipcruise@open.uwi.edu) or [marketing@open.uwi.edu](mailto:marketing@open.uwi.edu).

(3) **Package Options** - We offer two (2) package options:

*Option 1* - the cruise PLUS the cocktail reception and the on-board lectures at an additional cost of US\$300.00 per person;

*Option 2* - the cruise PLUS the full Open Campus package comprised of the cocktail reception, on-board lectures and the customised in-country activities at an additional cost of US\$400.00 per person.

In each instance, it will be necessary to first book the cruise online through our General Sales Agent (GSA), Viajas Dumbo, the official travel booking agency for Princess Cruises in the Caribbean. Their booking page will soon be conveniently available as a dedicated Facebook page for direct bookings.

But you may book the cruise with them now as follows:

“The UWI Open Campus ScholarShip Cruise & Learn Adventure”

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If you wish to participate in either of the **Open Campus components** of the packages, you must indicate this where requested on the website and an Open Campus representative will contact you to assist with arrangements to book and pay for that component.

(4) **Embarking at a port other than Fort Lauderdale** - It is possible to make a request, through the GSA, to embark the cruise at a port other than Fort Lauderdale. However, there are conditionalities which you will have to sign off on.

(5) **Deadline for payment – You should book the cruise as soon as possible.** The 10% deposit is due by **December 15, 2013**. The deadline for FULL payment is **January 15, 2014**. When you make a booking, the GSA will give you about two weeks to pay your special reduced deposit. If you miss the **January 15, 2014** deadline, you risk cancellation of your booking.

We hope that this information is helpful to you. Please feel free to contact me at [scholarshipcruise@open.uwi.edu](mailto:scholarshipcruise@open.uwi.edu) or [marketing@open.uwi.edu](mailto:marketing@open.uwi.edu) should you have any questions or require further information.

We look forward to having you, your families and friends join us on this wonderful voyage of enrichment, fun, engagement and discovery.

Warm regards,

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