

You are invited to join us on a 10-day choir journey!

# St. Gregory the Great Parish Choir

*Patrick Godon, Director of Music and Liturgy*

**March 7 - 16, 2019**

Panama City 🌿 Embera 🌿 Gamboa 🌿 Santa Clara 🌿 El Valle



# Panama



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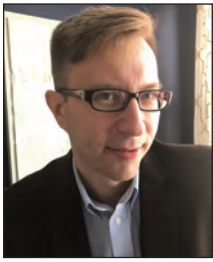
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### *Travel Package Inclusions*

- Round-trip economy class airfare via Copa Airlines from Chicago.
- U.S. Departure Tax; Customs User Fee; Security Tax and all Airport Taxes.
- Meeting and assistance upon departure from Chicago International Airport.
- Local modern deluxe motor-coach transportation, upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- Nine (9) nights accommodations in twin rooms with private facilities at first class hotels throughout.
- Buffet breakfast daily plus six (6) lunches and five (5) dinners.
- Full-time Tour Manager throughout the entire tour, including arrival and departure transfers.
- Sightseeing conducted by licensed, professional, English-speaking guides, as outlined in the itinerary.
- Entrance fees to all sights as noted in the itinerary.
- Portage of one piece of luggage, per person, at hotels.
- Coordination of all venues as noted in the itinerary.
- Travel documents, travel wallet, luggage tags, name badge and drawstring bag.

*Please refer to Terms & Conditions for items or additional costs not included in the package price.*



Dear Friends,

You are invited to join me and the St. Gregory the Great Parish Choir on a special trip to Panama! Our journey has been planned to include a full range of experiences.

We will have tours of the city, Old Town, and the Grand Canal. We will have a cultural immersion experience with a visit to Embera Village where a tribe of indigenous people will welcome us with traditional dances, music, songs and the opportunity to learn about their natural medicine. A highlight of the tour will be a visit to the Gamboa Rainforest and Gantun Lake where fascinating tropical wildlife abound! We will see El Chorro del Macho, the largest waterfall in the region, and El Nispero Zoo and Botanical Garden.

Our choir will have multiple opportunities to share their music. We will sing for Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Panama City among others. We will present concerts for the public and informal recitals when visiting local communities. And after a few full days of touring, we will have time to relax at an all-inclusive resort on a sprawling Panamanian beach along the serene Pacific Ocean.

I hope you will consider joining us on this unique Central American journey!

*Patrick Godon*

Director of Music and Liturgy

**Enrollment Form • St. Gregory the Great Choir • March 7 - 16, 2019 • Tour Code: 9480**

**Enrollment Deadline (\$350 deposit): June 20, 2018**

**2nd Payment Deadline (\$1,000): October 30, 2018**

**Final Payment Deadline (Balance due): January 1, 2019**

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Please print your name **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Title  Mr  Ms  Mrs  Rev  Bro  Sr  Deacon  Other \_\_\_\_\_

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile/Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship (if other than USA) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ M / F

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS (Standard hotel rooms provide two twin beds. Married couples may request a double bed. Single rooms are limited and subject to confirmation. Please select one below.)

- I have a traveling companion and would like to room with (name): \_\_\_\_\_
- My spouse and I are requesting a double bed (Rooms with double beds are limited and are subject to confirmation.)
- I am requesting a roommate. I understand a single room may be assigned (plus an additional \$1,095.00) if a roommate is not available.
- I am requesting a single room. If confirmed a single supplement of \$1,095.00 will apply to total tour cost.

TOUR COSTS AND PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT (Please select one)

**Estimated All-Inclusive Package Pricing\*** (Includes round-trip airfare from Chicago)

- I am submitting all payments by check to receive the cash discounted package price of \$3,100.00\* per person, sharing a twin room
- I am paying with a credit or debit card. The all-inclusive package price is \$3,200.00\* per person, sharing a twin room

DEPOSIT AND OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE (Please select one. See Terms & Conditions for Peter's Way Tours' cancellation policy and travel insurance details.)

Please be advised: Insurance may be purchased up until the final payment deadline. However, pre-existing conditions are covered ONLY when the insurance premium is paid with the tour deposit. The "Cancel For Any Reason" upgrade may only be purchased at the time of enrollment with your deposit. All insurance payments are non-refundable.

**Please select one:**

- Enclosed is my \$350.00 deposit.** I am declining optional travel insurance.
- Enclosed is \$600.00** (\$350.00 deposit + \$250.00 travel insurance premium) I am purchasing travel insurance.
- Enclosed is \$715.00** (\$350.00 deposit + \$250.00 travel insurance premium + \$115.00 "Cancel For Any Reason" add-on) I am purchasing travel insurance plus the CFAR add-on. *The Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) insurance add-on allows you to cancel up to 2 days prior to departure for reimbursement of up to 80% of the package price. CFAR must be purchased at the time of enrollment. CFAR cannot be offered to New York State residents as per state law.*

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD AUTHORIZATION (Please select one)  VISA  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

By completing this credit card authorization section, you authorize Peter's Way Tours to initially charge the tour deposit (or full balance if you are enrolling past the final payment deadline) plus the total insurance cost to your credit/debit card.

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

*If the amount to be charged applies to more than one participant, please specify additional names.*

**I have read and accept all Terms & Conditions as outlined on this brochure.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent/Guardian signature is required for minors under 18 years of age.*

Please sign and send *one enrollment form per person* (with your deposit plus optional insurance costs) to:

**Mail to: Peter's Way Tours, 500 North Broadway, Suite 221, Jericho NY 11753 • Fax to: 516-605-1555 • Email to: peter@petersway.com**

\* Package pricing is estimated and subject to change until we have confirmed airline arrangements.

All package pricing is based on a minimum of 40 paying participants. If the group does not reach this number, price or programming may be adjusted.



## Tentative Flight Schedule & Daily Itinerary - *Unexpected circumstances may cause changes to the outlined itinerary.*

### Tentative Flight Schedule via Copa Airlines from Chicago O'Hare International Airport

(Subject to confirmation)

Date	Airline	Flight #	Departure City/Time	Arrival City/ Time
March 7	Copa	#236	Chicago ORD/7:45am	Panama City PTY/2:05pm
March 16	Copa	#235	Panama City PTY/6:45pm	Chicago ORD/11:55pm pm

Please Note: Flight itinerary subject to change without notice.



### **Day 1** March 7, Thursday: Welcome to Panama!

Depart Chicago O'Hare International Airport for our flight to Panama City. Complimentary beverages will be served in flight. Arrive at Panama City Airport, proceed through Passport Control, claim our luggage, and a Peter's Way Tour Manager will meet us as we exit from Customs. Board our comfortable motor coach and enjoy an orientation tour of this modern city, also known as the capital of Panama. Panama City is the largest city of Panama with over 1.5 million people in its metropolitan area. The city is the political and administrative center of the country, as well as a hub for banking and commerce. Check-in at Las Americas Golden Tower hotel. Independent dinner.

Overnight Las Americas Golden Tower hotel.

### **Day 2** March 8, Friday: City Tour | Panama Canal | Evening Sung Mass

Breakfast at the hotel. Board our motor coach for a panoramic city tour. En route to the Panama Canal, we will see Casco Antiguo, Causeway of Amador, preserved American military centers, Hospitals, Universities and Canal buildings. Arrive at the Panama Canal. The Panama Canal, Canal de Panamá, is an artificial 48-mile waterway in Panama that connects the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific Ocean. The canal cuts across the Isthmus of Panama and is a conduit for maritime trade. It takes 11+ hours to pass through the Panama Canal and The American Society of Civil Engineers has named the Panama Canal one of the seven wonders of the modern world. We will have the opportunity to see ships crossing the canal and visit the local Museum. Following our museum visit, we will enjoy lunch at Mi Ranchito restaurant. Return to hotel to freshen-up. **Evening sung Mass followed by 30-minute concert.** (Location TBD) Independent dinner. Overnight at Las Americas Golden Tower hotel. (B,L)

### **Day 3** March 9, Saturday: Embera Village

Breakfast at the hotel. The morning, board our motor coach for the 2-hour journey to Embera Village. The people of the village of Embera migrated about 50 years ago, seeking a better quality of life for themselves and their children. They have lived in this area for centuries, long before there were countries called Panamá and Colombia, and before the first Spanish explorer set foot in the new world. They settled in what is now the Chagres National Park and are within 1-2 hours from a city with modern medicine, supplies and secondary education for the children. Our culturally immersive visit will include traditional dances, music, songs and the opportunity to learn about their natural medicine - made from local resources. After spending time with the tribe, we will enjoy a typical Embera-style lunch including plantains, fresh fish and fruit. Return to our hotel to freshen-up before dinner. Dinner tonight will be at Las Tinajas Restaurant. Our meal will include typical Panamanian food complemented by a folkloric dancing show. Overnight at Las Americas Golden Tower hotel. (B,L,D)

### **Day 4** March 10, Sunday: Walking Tour of the Old Town | Evening Sung Mass and Concert at Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Church

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, we will have a waking tour of the Old Town where you can observe the various architectural styles that demonstrates the rich cultural heritage of the area. The main styles are: Spanish, because Panama was a Spanish colony; French, due to the fact that French and Italians who made the first at-tempted to construct the canal lived in the area. Over the last few years the Old Town has undergone a massive restoration to bring the buildings, monuments and promenades to their former glory. A must see! Independent lunch. Return to hotel to freshen-up. **This evening we will be transferred to Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Church to attend the 6:00pm. Mass, followed by**

**a Concert presentation by St. Gregory the Great Church Choir.** Independent Dinner.

Overnight at Las Americas Golden Tower hotel. (B)

### **Day 5** March 11, Monday: Gamboa Rainforest | Gatun Lake

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, board our motor coach for our visit to the Gamboa Rainforest. Enjoy a panoramic tour along the world famous Panama Canal. Our trip will take us into the Gatun Lake, a major part of the Panama Canal, where we will see and learn about the fascinating tropical wildlife of the lake and the surrounding forest. We will explore some of the islands formed after the creation of which was once the largest artificial lake in the world. With a little luck and with the help of our nature guide, we hope to see crocodiles, caimans, sloths, monkeys and a host of birds native to the area. (Water and soda included) Enjoy lunch "Los Lagartos" restaurant. Afterwards, return to our hotel to freshen up. **Evening sung Mass followed by 30-minute concert.** (Location TBD)

Overnight at Las Americas Golden Tower hotel. (B,L)

### **Day 6** March 12, Tuesday: Santa Clara

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we will be transferred to Santa Clara, to the Sheraton Bijao Beach Resort for check-in. Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the facilities. Independent lunch.

Dinner and overnight at the Sheraton Bijao Beach Resort. (B,D)

### **Day 7** March 13, Wednesday: El Valle

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we will be transferred to El Valle to enjoy a day of outdoor activities. When we reach El Valle, we will walk roughly 30 minutes from the center of town to visit El Chorro del Macho. It is the largest waterfall in the region with a drop of 70 meters, and features a natural lagoon. Afterwards, we will visit El Nispero Zoo and Botanical Garden. The Zoo is set in a beautiful backdrop deep in the heart of nature. Walking around the zoo you will find many different animals native to Panama and Latin America. From birds to tapirs, monkeys to horses, Nispero offers a wide variety of interesting animals for you to see up close. The most popular attraction of this zoo is the golden frog. The golden frog is an endangered toad that is not just native to Panama but specifically to the region of El Valle. After our visit to the zoo, we will explore the Thermal Springs, also known as Pozos Thermales. These thermal springs contain many minerals beneficial for circulation. Afterwards, we will enjoy a lunch at Triana restaurant. Return to the hotel. Dinner buffet at Sheraton Bijao Beach Resort.

Overnight at the Sheraton Bijao Beach Resort. (B,L,D)

### **Day 8** March 14, Thursday: Full Day at Leisure

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, enjoy a full day at leisure and enjoy the hotel activities. We suggest spending time in the pool and at the beach. Lunch and dinner buffet included. **Evening Prayer Service at the hotel.** Overnight at the Sheraton Bijao Beach Resort. (B,L,D)

### **Day 9** March 15, Friday: Full Day at Leisure

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, enjoy a full day at leisure and enjoy the hotel activities. We suggest spending time in the pool and at the beach. Lunch and dinner buffet included.

Overnight at the Sheraton Bijao Beach Resort. (B,L,D)

### **Day 10** March 16, Saturday: Return to the USA

Leisurely breakfast at the hotel. Late morning, we will be transferred to the airport for our return flight to the USA. (B)

**Acceptance of these Terms & Conditions, with signature on enrollment form, is required for participation in this tour.**

**PAYMENT:** Deposits and insurance payments will be accepted in the form of check, money order or debit/credit card. Peter's Way Tours reserves the right to increase package price or reduce services accordingly should there be an escalation in the Balboa valuation over the U.S. Dollar in excess of 3% from print date. If final payment is not received by the balance deadline, Peter's Way Tours reserves the right to cancel your reservation. If for any reason payment is received within 21 days of departure, a charge for express mailing of final documents will apply. A \$50.00 late payment fee and possible increase in airfare may apply for late payments. Personal checks will not be accepted within 30 days of departure. If the bank has returned a personal check, a \$25.00 processing fee will apply and subsequent payments must be made in the form of money order, certified bank check or debit/credit card.

**CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS:** From the time your deposit is received up to 130 days prior to departure, there is a \$250.00 nonrefundable cancellation fee per person. From 129 to 100 days prior to departure, there is a \$350.00 nonrefundable cancellation fee per person. From 99 days prior to departure up to the day of departure, there is a nonrefundable cancellation fee of 100% of all payments made per person including departure taxes & fuel surcharges, single supplement, deviation fees, travel insurance payments and any other costs incurred. Travel insurance is offered as protection for cancellations due to medical reasons such as illness or injury, please see TRAVEL INSURANCE. Travel insurance payments are nonrefundable upon receipt. Tour participation is nontransferable. Names cannot be transferred on reservations or airline tickets. Refund requests can only be honored when submitted in writing to Peter's Way Tours. All refund requests are subject to cancellation restrictions as set forth above. No refund will be made for any accommodations or services included in the tour that you do not use.

**LATE RESERVATIONS:** A \$25.00 fee and possible increase in airfare may apply for bookings received after the deposit deadline. All space is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed past the deposit deadline noted on brochure.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** All participants must have a valid passport. **U.S. Passports must be valid for at least three (3) months**, subsequent to return date. Special entry requirements for non-U.S. citizens may apply. Please consult the appropriate Consulate for current requirements. It is solely the passenger's responsibility to ensure that all documents needed are completed and current. Peter's Way Tours will not be held responsible for lack of current and valid entry documents, including passport.

**IMMUNIZATIONS:** All participants should be up to date on routine vaccinations before traveling. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot. Peter's Way Tours recommends that every traveler consult with their physician prior to traveling.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round trip economy class on **Copa Airlines from Chicago**. Flight itinerary and carrier may be subject to change. Departure taxes & fuel surcharges are estimated. They are determined solely by the airlines and are subject to increase prior to ticketing (approximately 30 days prior to departure). Additionally, if you purchase any connecting airfare and the group does not materialize, or you cancel your package for any reason, Peter's Way Tours will not be held responsible for cost of this airfare.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** Under group airline reservations/contracts, the airlines will provide a block of seats for the group. Individual requests for seating preferences can only be made at time of check-in. Peter's Way cannot submit seating preferences as we cannot guarantee that any or all requests will be honored. If you require specific seating as a condition of your travel, it is suggested that you book your airfare individually and purchase the land only package. Upgrades to premium economy, business class, or first class may be available but oftentimes airlines will not allow the upgrades until time of ticketing (approximately 30 days prior to departure). Group reservations may not be accessible online for advance check-in/boarding passes/seat assignments. Airline guidelines vary. Please contact our office for specific details.

**DEVIATIONS & ITINERARY CHANGES:** Peter's Way Tours is pleased to assist clients with changes in itineraries. All deviation requests must be submitted in writing at least 90 days prior to departure. Deviation fee will apply plus an airline change fee per person. Your routing and dates requested will determine if a difference in airfare will also apply. Not all carriers permit routing changes and/or deviations from the group itinerary. Please contact our office for detailed information.

**TRANSFERS AND PORTERAGE:** Round-trip airport transfers are included for passengers who purchase the full air and land package. Porterage of one piece of luggage throughout your tour at hotels is also included.

**ACCOMMODATIONS/SINGLE TRAVELERS:** Price per person is based on two persons sharing a hotel room with two twin beds with private facilities. Married couples may request a double bed, however, double beds are subject to availability. Triple rooms (two twin beds plus rollaway) may be requested, however, there is no discount for triple occupancy. Single rooms may be requested at time of booking. If confirmed, an **additional charge of \$1,095.00** will apply. We will make every effort to accommodate roommate requests, but we cannot guarantee double occupancy. If a single room must be assigned due to your roommate's cancellation, incompatibility or for any other reason (even at the last moment or while on tour), we must charge you the tour's single supplement or pro-rated amount.

**MEALS:** Buffet breakfast daily plus six (6) lunches and five (5) dinners.

**GRATUITIES & SERVICE CHARGES:** Gratuities to the tour manager/guide, and driver are not included in the package price and will be collected prior to departure. **\$80 will be added to each participant's final invoice to cover tips for the 10-day choir pilgrimage.** All service charges and local taxes as imposed by hotels are included in the program rate. Although service charges at the hotels are included, it is customary to leave \$1.00 per person for your waiter following dinner at the hotel and \$1.00 per person per day for housekeeping.

**TRAVELER HEALTH ADVISORY:** Passengers must ensure that they are medically and physically fit for travel and that such traveling will not endanger themselves or others. Most pilgrimages entail a lot of walking, stairs, hills, cobblestone roads and uneven pavement. Motor coaches are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. It is each passenger's responsibility to be aware of his or her own limitations. Peter's Way Tours must be advised if a person has a disability requiring assistance. Any passenger who requires special assistance must be accompanied by a travel companion who will provide proper help. Peter's Way Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate disabled passengers with special needs, but shall not be held responsible if we are unable to do so. Moreover, Peter's Way Tours is not responsible for the denial of services by any carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers.

**PHOTO RELEASE:** I grant Peter's Way Tours permission to use my, and/or my child's photograph, video, and electronic media publicly to promote this tour and future tours of its kind. I understand that the images and/or video may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and featured on social media platforms. I do this with full knowledge and consent and waive all claims for compensation for use, or for damages.

**DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY:** Peter's Way Tours is only acting as intermediary and agent for the suppliers identified on this, or any accompanying documents, in selling services, or in accepting reservations or bookings for services that are not directly supplied by Peter's Way Tours (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruises, etc.). Peter's Way Tours shall not be responsible for breach of contract, bankruptcy or any intentional or careless actions or omissions on the part of such suppliers, which result in any loss, damage, delay, or injury to any traveler, travel companions or group member. Peter's Way Tours shall not be held responsible for any changes made in the schedule of liturgies throughout the pilgrimage. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically written on the ticket, invoice or reservation itinerary, Peter's Way does not guarantee any supplier's rates, bookings or reservations. Peter's Way Tours shall not be responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses caused to any traveler in connection with terrorist activities, social or labor unrest, airline strikes, mechanical or construction difficulties, diseases, local laws, climatic conditions, abnormal conditions or developments, or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside Peter's Way Tours control. By embarking upon the trip, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved with such travel, whether expected or unexpected. The traveler is hereby warned of such risks and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage against them. Peter's Way Tours does not accept responsibility or liability for minors traveling on the tour. **A signed enrollment form by traveler and, if under 18 years of age, their guardian/parent, shall constitute consent to the above terms and conditions and an agreement on the traveler's part to convey the contents of this disclaimer to your travel companions and group members.**

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** It is strongly recommended that all participants purchase insurance when they travel since the tour operator is not responsible for non-refundable payments, damaged luggage or trip interruption. Peter's Way Tours offers an optional Passenger Travel Protection Plan. These benefits and services help insure the well being of the passenger while traveling worldwide. The insurance premium is based on total package price, including taxes, fuel surcharges, single supplements, deviation fees, late charges, etc. The insurance premium for total package prices from \$0 to \$1000.00 is \$100; \$1001.00 to \$2000.00 is \$175; \$2001.00 to \$3000.00 is \$225; \$3001.00 to \$4000.00 is \$250; \$4001.00 to \$5000.00 is \$275; and \$5001.00 and over is 6% of total package price. **If the insurance premium is included with your deposit, the passenger will be covered for pre-existing conditions.** However, the insurance plan can be purchased at any time thereafter, excluding coverage for pre-existing conditions, until final payment has been made. **Plan payments will not be accepted after final payment has been made. All plan payments are non-refundable.** If you choose to extend your stay or embark on a pre-tour program, travel insurance can be purchased for an additional \$4.00 per day. Additional coverage needs to be requested. The insurance plan will not automatically be extended. **The insurance plan will only cover pre-paid arrangements made through Peter's Way Tours.** Passengers who book their own airfare (Land Only passengers or those booking connecting flights to the group's departure gateway) are advised to purchase travel insurance covering their flights directly from the airline or from another travel insurance supplier. The Passenger Travel Protection Plan includes coverage for the following: trip cancellation/interruption/delay, accident/sickness medical expense, emergency medical evacuation/repatriation, lost baggage/personal effects, accidental death & dismemberment and 24-hour Emergency Travel Assistance Services. These benefits and services are provided by Travel Insured International. Upon claim approval, reimbursement is up to 100% of the non-refundable payments for your trip. Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) add-on can be purchased for the cost of your insurance premium plus an additional \$115.00. This includes reasons for cancellation not otherwise covered by the regular policy. You can cancel up to 2 days prior to departure and receive reimbursement of up to 80% of the non-refundable payments for your trip. Payment for CFAR must be included with your deposit at the time of enrollment. CFAR coverage cannot be offered to New York State residents as per state law. PLEASE NOTE: For complete details of coverage, terms, conditions, exclusions, and pre-existing conditions for the insurance protection provided, refer to the Description of Coverage, which you will receive with your travel documents. If you need further information, please call Travel Insured International at 866-684-0218 and ask for Customer Service. This travel insurance is underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ under policy number T-2508.