

## Enduring Earth Annual Meeting – Field Trip Schedule for Participants

Friday, March 20

Soberanía National Park and Panama Canal Rainforest Boat Adventure



### Schedule

- 7:00 am: An Ancon Expeditions of Panama naturalist guide will meet you in the Hyatt Regency Hotel lobby.
- After leaving the city, a 45-minute drive takes you into the Panama Canal watershed, where protected lowland rainforest surrounds the historic Canal Zone—one of the most biodiverse regions in the country.
- 7:45–8:00 am: Arrive at Soberanía National Park’s Rainforest Discovery Center.
- 10:30 am–1:00 pm: Panama Canal Rainforest Boat Adventure on Gatun Lake.
- 2:00 pm: Arrive back at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

### Soberanía National Park

The morning is dedicated to exploring Soberanía National Park, beginning with a guided walk along the renowned Pipeline Road and continuing to the Rainforest Discovery Center. You will follow a network of forest trails at an unhurried pace, with ample time for wildlife observation and photography. From the canopy observation tower, you may spot toucans, parrots, trogons, and other bird species, as well as monkeys moving through the upper levels of the forest. Your guide will share insights in Spanish and English, as needed, about the park’s ecosystems, its importance as a biological corridor, and its role in protecting the freshwater resources that sustain the Panama Canal.

### Panama Canal Rainforest Boat Adventure

Next, you will board a covered expedition boat on Gatun Lake, a vast freshwater lake created as part of the Panama Canal system. The cruise explores sheltered coves and rainforest-covered islands that support a remarkable concentration of wildlife. You may see several species of monkeys, sloths, crocodiles, and a wide variety of birds along the shoreline. At the same time, large cargo ships transiting the Panama Canal may pass in the distance, offering a striking contrast between pristine rainforest and one of the world’s most significant engineering achievements. Enjoy a picnic lunch on board before returning to Gamboa in the early afternoon, where your guide will meet you for the transfer back to your hotel in Panama City.