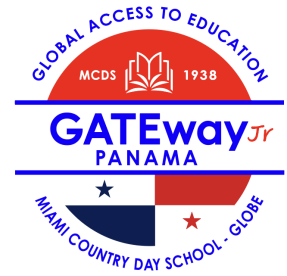


GATEway Jr Panamá
February 12-17, 2027
Classes of 2032 and 2033



Your Panamá Adventure Starts Here!

The best learning doesn't always happen in a classroom. Through GATEway Jr., students step into new cultures, discover new perspectives, and experience the world firsthand. From Panamá's rich traditions and natural beauty to its history, communities, and iconic canal, every day offers an opportunity to learn, connect, and grow. GATEway Jr. is more than a trip, it's an adventure designed to inspire curiosity, build confidence, and create unforgettable memories. Panamá is waiting. Let the journey begin!

Informational Zoom meeting: Thursday, September 3, 6:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 740 134 6087

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This year, we are thrilled to once again bring our 6th and 7th-grade GATEmates to Panamá! Known as the land bridge between two continents, Panamá offers the perfect blend of culture, history, nature, service, and adventure. Staying in the heart of historic Casco Viejo, our GATEmates will spend five unforgettable days exploring all this incredible country has to offer. We'll experience the Panama Canal in action, venture into the surrounding jungles to encounter monkeys and other wildlife, and connect with a local Indigenous community while learning about their traditions and participating in a meaningful service experience. Students will also sail the Pacific Ocean by catamaran, discover a nearby island, learn to prepare traditional Panamanian dishes and regional chocolate, and experience the country's colorful folklore, music, dance, and cuisine. From the jungle to the canal and the Pacific coast, GATEway Jr. Panamá is an unforgettable opportunity to experience a country where two worlds truly meet.

GATEway Jr. awaits!

Registration opens Friday, September 4 at 7:00 am

Website to register: globe.campbrainregistration.com

Program Highlights:

- **Casco Viejo Walking Tour:** Our hotel is in the heart of the old colonial town, and we will spend some time getting to know all about it! It's like going back in time - get ready!
- **Gatún Expedition and Emberá Tour:** Navigate the islands and jungles created from the making of the Panama Canal and, if you're lucky, come face to face with the local monkeys, sloths, and other animals that call this home. Getting to know the locals is an important part of any GATEway travel experience, but getting to know the indigenous community is a rare gift and one that we give to you!
- **Panama Cooking Class and Chocolate Making:** If you're a foodie, then these two activities are for you! Get to savor the taste of Panama with these two unique culinary experiences.
- **Cane Grinding & Quincha House Making - Service Day:** Spend some time getting dirty as we learn about the art of traditional home making... and help out a community in the meantime!



- **Panama Canal:** No visit to Panama would be complete without a stop at the Panama Canal. Our visit will be complemented by a special 3D movie narrated by Morgan Freeman, explaining the history and importance of this architectural marvel.

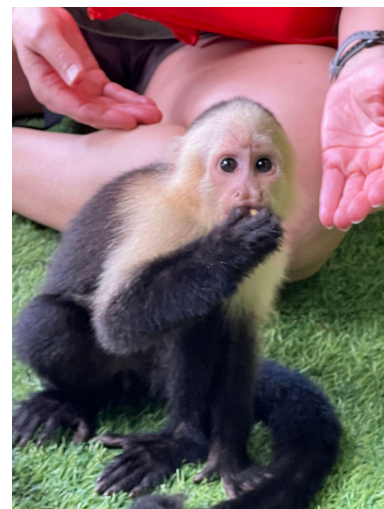
- **Taboga Island and Catamaran:** Sometimes you just need to relax and take it all in! That's what our day on the catamaran will be about as we navigate and enjoy Taboga Island right off the coast of Panama City.

Program Cost:

Fee: \$2,500 (\$500 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of enrollment)

Balance will be billed via CampBrain (installment options available)

- Fee includes: Round-trip airfare direct MIA to PTY on American Airlines, hotel accommodations in Panama City, all meals, all educational and cultural activities, all transportation, all entrance fees, 4 Miami Country Day School chaperones, and unforgettable memories!
- Not included: Students must secure a passport and visa (if applicable). Passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of travel. If it will not be, please renew early.
- Please note: A limited number of financial aid awards are available. Those eligible will hear directly from the Office of Enrollment and Tuition Assistance.
- **Maximum enrollment: 23** (first-come, first-served)



Refund Policy:

- Non-refundable deposit of \$500 at time of registration
- Time of enrollment - September 13: Full refund minus \$500 deposit
- September 14 - October 4: 75% refund minus \$500 deposit
- October 5 - November 1: 50% refund minus \$500 deposit
- November 2 - November 29: 25% refund minus \$500 deposit
- November 30 onward: Refunds will only be provided if a space can be filled. Penalties for airfare name changes will apply.

Please be prepared to have the student read and agree to the following statement:

"I understand that, as a member of GATEway, I will represent myself, my family, my school, and my country to the highest standards. I am choosing to go for the right reasons, and not to be on vacation with my friends. I am going to learn, to push myself out of my comfort zone, and to engage with other cultures. Those who finance my experience will be proud that they have invested in my global education. I understand that, if accepted and I do not uphold these expectations, I jeopardize continued and/or future participation."