

Guía de la Colección Álbum de Fotografías del SS Statendam de las Indias Occidentales

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Abstracto: La colección consiste en un álbum de fotografías promoviendo los viajes de crucero de la compañía Holland América a las Indias Occidentales en 1937. Las fotografías fueron tomadas por el fotógrafo Robert Smith Mathews, con texto narrativo escrito por su hermano, Richard B. Mathews.

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Nota biográfica y/o histórica

El SS Statendam fue construido por la compañía Harland y Wolff en Bélgica, para remplazar al segundo SS Statendam, que se hundió durante la Primera Guerra Mundial. El buque navegó regularmente entre 1929 y 1940, cuando fue llamado a regresar a los Países Bajos debido a la amenaza inminente de la Segunda Guerra Mundial. El SS Statendam se incendió el 11 de mayo de 1940 durante la invasión de Alemania-Nazi a los Países Bajos, y los daños causados por el fuego fueron catastróficos; el buque fue declarado pérdida total. Robert Mathews (1903-1972), trabajó frecuentemente para los cruceros de la línea Holland América, principalmente entre 1930 y 1939 según información recopilada de registros de aduana en donde aparece su firma. Sus fotografías se publicaron en panfletos, álbumes de promoción, y anuncios para la compañía. Su hermano, Richard Mathews (1901-), viajó muy frecuentemente y aunque estaba inscrito como residente de Nueva York, principalmente vivía a bordo. La familia de los hermanos Mathews era oriunda de Toronto, Ontario, Canadá, pero vivían muy a menudo tanto en Búfalo como en Nueva York. John Mathews, el hermano menor, fue editor del periódico "Detroit Free Press" en Michigan.

Importancia y Contenido

El Álbum de Fotografías del SS Statendam de las Indias Occidentales de 1937, es de 13 ¼" x 11" de tamaño, de tejido acanalado azul. El álbum está encuadernado con tornillos de bronce en el borde con el título, en dorado metálico, en la portada, y contiene [48] hojas, con nueve carteles que describen las escalas del crucero, [32] fotografías de gelatina de plata en color sepia de tamaño 8" x 10", las cuales están rotuladas con título y número de negativo. Este álbum era un álbum con motivo de promoción y recordatorio de los viajes del crucero SS Statendam de la línea Holland América con paradas en Cuba, Islas Vírgenes, Martinica, Trinidad, Venezuela, Curazao, Colombia, el Canal de Panamá, y Jamaica. El álbum documenta un viaje a las Indias Occidentales del SS Statendam en 1937 con fotografías de Robert Mathews y texto por su hermano, Richard Mathews, el cual describe las paradas en los distintos puertos de una manera vívida y detallada. El álbum comienza con una fotografía de un barco de la nave lleno de pasajeros con destino a puerto, seguida por fotografía del Castillo del Morro, el Palacio Presidencial, la playa pública La Playa, en la Habana, y una foto de un "Atardecer Tropical". Otras fotografías incluyen a un joven montado en un burro en las Islas Vírgenes; la montaña Pelé y el mercado en San Pedro, Martinica; una fotografía excepcional de una mujer echando agua en un vaso de una jarra de agua montada en su cabeza, y un molino de vientos en Trinidad; una foto del paisaje agreste de Venezuela, incluyendo fotografías de La Guayra y Caracas; barcos de vela y el mercado en Curazao, y fotografías de Jamaica, El Canal de Panamá, Cartagena, y Colombia.

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Inventario

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1	"Martinique Card - Scene of the great volcanic mountain Pelé, and birthplace of the Empress Josephine, first wife of Napoleon Bonaparte, Martinique is among the most famous of the West Indian Islands. Fort de France is the leading port, a town with the atmosphere of the Cote d' Azur, with its lovely marble statue of the Empress Josephine, surrounded by lofty Royal Palms. A favorite drive from Fort de France leads through tropical trails to St.

	Pierre, the Pompeii of the West Indies, a once charming city that was almost totally destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Pelé in May 1902. Here there is a remarkable view of the towering volcanic peak, and an opportunity to explore the ruins of old St. Pierre, which was once the gayest town in the West Indies, a Paris in miniature."
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1	Curaçao Card - "Dutch West Indies - Busy Curaçao, the humming heart of trade in the West Indies, is a Dutch possession lying off the northern coast of Venezuela. Willemstad, the chief town, is as Dutch as Edam cheese, with its picturesque streets and spick-and-span houses all neat in a row. Curaçao is a great favorite with cruise travelers to the West Indies as a shopping center. Perfumes, silks, and fine liqueurs are all sold here at low prices, and the pontoon bridge, the old Spanish fort and the broad pleasant bay, form a lasting memory of picturesque Curaçao". Text by Richard B. Mathews, photographed by Robert S. Mathews."
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	buccaneers seemed to swagger down the narrow alleys. Photographs by Robert S. Mathews; text by Richard B. Mathews."
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