

Where in the World Is Mrs. Waffenschmidt? # 16



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I'm sailing on a ship through what is a truly amazing feat of engineering. The French began construction of it in 1880. The United States took over construction and completed the man-made waterway in 1914. Workers used dredges and steam shovels to remove rock and earth. They also had to cut through dense jungles, hills, and swamps. But those weren't the only difficulties they faced. The area where this landmark was constructed was infested with mosquitoes that carried tropical diseases such as malaria and yellow fever. Today, this waterway carries about 35 ships a day. It saves those ships from traveling more than 7,800 miles around Cape Horn at the southern tip of South America. This famous man-made wonder is about 51 miles long and has three sets of locks (water-filled chambers), which raise and lower ships through the waters. Ships pay a toll each time they pass through. The toll is based on their size and weight. The boat captain told me that a man named Richard Halliburton swam the waterway in 1928. Based on his size and weight, Halliburton was charged a toll of 36 cents! In 1999, the United States gave control of this waterway to the country in which it is found.

Can you name the place I am visiting? Where in the world is this place found?

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