

July 1, 2021

No International Airfare Included - No International airfare is included. This quote is a land package. Ask your Travel Professional if you would like to add International flight options.

Meet & Greet at Tocumen Int'l Airport - After clearing customs exit the door on the right that leads to the sidewalk. You will be met by a representative of Ancon Tours, who will be holding a sign with your name on it. They will present you with all your vouchers and assist you with your luggage.

Transfer from Tocumen Airport - to Portobelo (2-3pax) - You will be picked up upon arrival and privately transferred approximately 2.5 hours across the Isthmus to Portobelo on the Caribbean side.

DESTINATION: Colón is a sea port city on the Caribbean Sea coast of Panama. Much of the city was burned during a Colombian civil war in 1885, and again in an accidental fire in 1915. In 1900 the population was some 3,000 people. It grew significantly with the building of the Panama Canal, and was 31,203 in 1920. In 1948 Colón was made a Free Trade Zone.

Visiting the historical monuments is a must in Portobelo; in 1980 the whole colonial structure, including the sea fort, was declared a World Cultural Heritage Monument by UNESCO. Due to its past as an international port, it has received the influence of many different cultures, which are reflected in its famous festivals and celebrations, like the Black Christ of Portobelo.

ACCOMMODATIONS: El Otro Lado Hotel | Casa Grande

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New Portobelo Jungle Trail - In 1904 during the construction of the Panama Canal, a temporary settlement known as New Portobelo was built where El Otro Lado now resides. The settlement was evacuated in 1914 and during this 80 years nature retook its territory leaving no trace of this settlement with the exception of our private historical Dam. Take a walk deep in the jungle surrounding this magnificent lake.

Difficulty: Beginner

Paddle Boats in Barrage Lake - In 1904 during the construction of the Panama Canal, a temporary settlement known as New Portobelo was built where El Otro Lado now resides. The settlement was evacuated in 1914 and during this 80 years nature retook its territory leaving no trace of this settlement with the exception of our private historical Dam. Enjoy the peace and quiet as you ride in the paddle boats through this century old barrage lake.

Campfire Under the Stars - Let the magic of the Portobelo bay night sky embrace you, while enjoying a cup of hot chocolate, the best town stories and fluffy marshmallows.

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Meals: Breakfast

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Power Hike up the Forts - We believe that El Otro Lado is the perfect place to recharge and refresh our senses. Join us in our power hike up our neighboring forts: San Fernando and San Fernandito. You will have a good workout and enjoy the best view of the whole bay.

Difficulty: Moderate/Intermediate

Movie Night at Casa Grande - Let yourself be surrounded by blankets, popcorn and our collection of select movies projected in the coziest space of the owner house.

ACCOMMODATIONS: El Otro Lado Hotel | Casa Grande

Meals: Breakfast

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Transfer from Portobelo with Panama Canal Tour en route – to Panama City (2-3pax) - Pick up in Portobelo at EOL private dock by your Ancon Expeditions guide. The transfer is approx. 75 mins to Colon.

Unlike the viewpoints at Gatun and Miraflores, this new visitor center has a more ecological design, being built in the middle of the jungle area next to the new Agua Clara Locks on the Atlantic side, inaugurated on June 26, 2016. The US\$5.25 billion project included, among other tasks, dredging works on both ends of the canal and the route itself in order to increase water depth and the straightening of bends along the route that will allow larger ships to transit through the canal. The most important aspect of the project, however, was the building of two new sets of locks, one at each terminus of the canal, which will increase the waterway's capacity to move cargo from one ocean to the other by 50% within the next 15 years and will allow the passage of bigger ships (almost 3 times the capacity of the largest size vessels that can cross the old locks. The new locks accommodate neopanamax ships that can carry up to 14,000 containers. A ship with this capacity pays approximately US\$850,000.00 in toll fees to cross the Panama Canal. The new locks were designed to reuse up to 60% of the fresh water that would flow into the ocean by using recycling water basins.

Then, continue to Albrook Airport for your domestic flight.

Domestic Air from Panama City - to David - TBC Domestic flight from Panama City to David (flight schedule opens approx. 3-4 months prior).

Each passenger is entitled to carry 14 Kilos or 30.8 LBS on flights within the Panamanian territory. Please do not place high value items, fragile, electronics (computers, phones, cameras, camcorders, etc.) in the checked in baggage. You must store these items in your carry on or hand luggage.

Charge for excess baggage:

A 2% of the published fare (about 2 US D per Kilo) will be charged for every kilo of excess baggage. Any excess baggage is accepted on a condition and subject to available space inside the aircraft. If there is available space, your baggage will be on the same flight, otherwise it will be sent on the next available flight.

Transfer from David Airport - to Isla Palenque - You will be picked up upon arrival and privately transferred the 1 hour to Boca Chica. From there it is a 15 min. boat transfer to Isla Palenque.

Rum 101 - Nothing tastes quite as satisfying as a rum drink at the end of a perfect day in the tropics. And it's even more enjoyable when you can appreciate its magic. Where does rum come from? What makes a rum light or dark, sweet or smooth? How do rums change with age? Answer all of these questions and more as you sip your way through a fine selection of French, English, and Spanish rums, all carefully curated by our very own master rum connoisseur.

DESTINATION: Chiriquí is a province in western Panama bordering Costa Rica and the Pacific Ocean. In the northern Chiriquí Highlands is Parque Nacional Volcán Barú, named for a volcano that's Panama's highest peak.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Isla Palenque | Beachfront Casita

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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Hike to Punta Ballena - The magnificent spray of the blowhole at Punta Ballena glimmers in the distance from the idyllic Playa Palenque, calling you to the island's westernmost point which conceals this natural wonder. To witness the blowhole up close, duck into the jungle to climb a gently sloping path that runs through old-growth forest and alongside a lagoon humming with birds and butterflies. You'll emerge atop a bluff to be greeted by a spectacular vista of the Gulf of Chiriqui, with the blowhole erupting from the rocks below, showering you with its cool, refreshing mist. Tide dependent.

Difficulty level: Medium to Hard

Cooking Class - Join our chefs behind the scenes for an introduction to the fine, flavorsome art of Panamanian cooking. Prepare to roll your sleeves up and get stuck in as you learn how to rustle up any one of our nation's favorite dishes from crunchy empanadas to tangy ceviche. Got a particular Panamanian snack in mind? Ask us and we'll see what we can do.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Isla Palenque | Beachfront Casita

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Kayak: Las Pinalitas - Isla Palenque's Northeast coast features two islets that shelter one of the island's most enchanting natural attractions: a shallow sand-bottomed cave, home to a tiny species of insectivorous bat. Take an invigorating journey by kayak along our rocky coast to explore this incredible part of the island.

Difficulty level: Easy to Medium

Dance Class - Swap your sandals for some dancing shoes and learn to sway like the locals. Hip shake to salsa, swing to meringue, or flow to the oh-so Latin beats of bachata - whatever your rhythm, we'll help you pick up the essential steps so you can impress on any Panamanian dance floor. Novice to pros welcome.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Isla Palenque | Beachfront Casita

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Transfer from Isla Palenque - to David Airport - You will be transferred 15 mins by boat to Boca Chica and an additional 1 hour land transfer to David Airport.

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Miraflores Locks Tour - You will pay a visit to the Miraflores Locks at the Panama Canal to see the daily operations of the waterway. While there you will see the 3D IMAX feature "A Land Divided – A World United" narrated by Morgan Freeman.

You will have lunch at a local restaurant.

Meals: Lunch

Casco Viejo Tour - This tour explores 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 attempted to construct the canal lived in the area. Enjoy as artisanal chocolate tasting as part of your exploration.

DESTINATION: Besides being the central hub for tours going anywhere in the country, Panama City is a fascinating tourist destination in itself. It is also Central America's most attractive Capital City and a curious blend of old Spain, modern America and the bazaar atmosphere of the East. Best known for the Panama Canal - "The Eighth Wonder of the World," this lively Latin American city also borders one of Central America's richest rain forests. combination of the historic and the ultra-modern and it is also one of the safest cities in the Americas.

ACCOMMODATIONS: La Concordia Boutique Hotel | Santa Ana Deluxe

Meals: Breakfast

July 8, 2021

Transfer from Panama City - to Tocumen Int'l Airport (2-3pax) - You will be privately transferred to the Tocumen International Airport.