

# INSIDER'S VIEW OF PANAMA - BY PRIVATE CAR

8 Days/7 Nights FROM \$2,269 FRIDAY ARRIVALS



Sloth Eating Hibiscus Flower

## INCLUDING A PARTIAL TRANSIT OF THE PANAMA CANAL

(2) Panama City • (2) San Blas • (1) Panama City • (2) Gamboa



# - No. of Overnight Stays

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into the magic of Panama's diverse areas – Panama City, San Blas Islands, plus beach and rainforest areas
- Explore bustling Panama City from its colonial old center to its modern restaurants and cafés
- Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to traverse the Panama Canal
- Cruise through Pedro Miguel Locks, on to Miraflores Lake, and Miraflores Locks towards the Pacific Ocean
- Discover the natural beauty of the San Blas Islands and stay in an authentic eco-lodge
- Rest, relax, and bask blissfully on "Kuna Yala's" beaches and adventure along to some of the area's 365 islands
- See ships on their voyage through the famous Panama Canal Locks
- Journey to an Embera indigenous village and take in an authentic performance of tribal dances and drums
- Get a temporary body art sampling with traditional "jagua", a natural dye

**DAY 1 | FRI | PANAMA CITY** Welcome to Panama! Upon arrival at Tocumen International Airport you will be transferred to your hotel in Panama City for check-in. The remainder of the day is yours at leisure to explore and get to know the capital of Panama. Take some time to stroll the Old Town. Sample flavorful Panamanian cuisine in local restaurants. Sit for a spell and take in the ambiance at an open air café or enjoy some live music at one of the many bars. The options abound!

**DAY 2 | SAT | PANAMA CITY | PARTIAL TRANSIT OF THE CANAL** After breakfast this morning, embark on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to traverse the Panama Canal! Arrive by motor coach to Gamboa and board your ship, then enter the Panama Canal at the north end of Gaillard Cut, the narrowest section of the Canal. Travel the Cut on the way to Pedro Miguel Locks, next on to Miraflores Lake, and then to the final set of locks before reaching the Pacific Ocean. The vessel will disembark at Flamenco Marina. (B)

**DAY 3 | SUN PANAMA CITY | SAN BLAS ISLANDS** Rise and shine for an early morning pick-up and transfer to Albrook airport to board your flight to Playon Chico. Previously known as “Kuna Yala”, The San Blas Islands beckon! Get ready to enjoy a spectacular beach day today and a tour to nearby islands. Today you will check-in to eco-friendly Yandup Lodge, your home base for the next two nights of this exciting adventure in Panama. Venture along to discover nearby islands. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4 | MON | SAN BLAS ISLANDS** A day of blissful island and beach fun awaits today! This indigenous territory is made up of more than 365 islands northeast of Panama proper. Come along to visit beautiful beaches and take in the pristine natural beauty. Swim, snorkel, and dive the area's splendid waters. Taste authentic local recipes and abundant fresh seafood. Rest and relax amid the spectacular flora and fauna just steps from the breathtaking crystal blue sea and white sand beaches. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5 | TUE | SAN BLAS ISLANDS | PANAMA CITY** Board the 7:00 am flight to Panama City then enjoy breakfast followed by a visit to Miraflores Locks, where interactive exhibits explain the history and workings of the Canal, its rich rain forest and waterways, and for the “grand finale” see ships on their voyage through the famous Panama Canal Locks. Continue on to the “Casco Antiguo”, home of the 17th century Church of the Golden Altar, as well as old world ruins and restorations, and historical sites. (B,L)

**DAY 6 | WED | PANAMA CITY | GAMBOA** After breakfast, transfer from Panama City to the Gamboa Rainforest Resort. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. (B)

**DAY 7 | THU | GAMBOA** Early morning, depart to Chagres National Park where you step into a canoe and glide on to the Embera indigenous village. Discover their history and traditions, see a performance of tribal dances and drums, and savor a traditional lunch. Learn about their relationship with nature, shop handmade crafts, and have a body art experience with traditional “jagua”, a natural dye. Opt to walk up 600 meters for a swim at the waterfall. Later head back to your resort. (B,L)

**DAY 8 | FRI | GAMBOA | PANAMA CITY TO USA** After breakfast, you will be transferred to Tocumen International Airport for your international flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 7 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast, 4 lunches & 2 dinners
- All transfers, touring and sightseeing via shared services with English-speaking guides
- Partial Panama Canal Transit
- Visit Miraflores Locks and the Panama Canal
- Tour of Panama City including Casco Antiguo
- Visit the Embera Indigenous Village
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges



San Blas Island

## HOTELS/STARTING FROM PRICES VALID THRU APRIL 2020

<b>Travel in Style</b>	<b>Double</b> \$2,269	
<b>City</b>	<b>Nights</b>	<b>Hotels or similar (Type of room)</b>
Panama City	3	Crowne Plaza (Deluxe)
San Blas	2	Yandup Lodge (Overwater Lodge)
Gamboa	2	Gamboa Rainforest Resort (Garden View)
<b>Travel in Luxury</b>	<b>Double</b> \$4,429	
<b>City</b>	<b>Nights</b>	<b>Hotels or similar (Type of room)</b>
Panama City	3	Miramar Intercontinental (Deluxe)
San Blas	2	Yandup Lodge (Overwater Cabin)
Gamboa	2	Gamboa Rainforest Resort (Deluxe River View)

All rates are per person, based on double occupancy. Extra nights, single and triple occupancy available upon request. Rates are not valid during certain holidays and blackout periods.

Please call for special international airfares and domestic flights in Economy or Business Class.

Local departure taxes, local airport taxes, beverages, personal expenses and other items not mentioned above are not included.