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### TRIP DETAILS

7 days / 6 nts - Panama

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 2898

### ITINERARY IN BRIEF



PRICES FROM \$1,363

## Path less traveled

### Day 1: Welcome to Panama

Today at the appropriate time our representative will meet you at the Tocumen Airport to assist and transfer you to your hotel in Panama City. You will also receive an information kit. Check in and overnight at Hotel of your choice in Panama City.

(Included meals : N / A)

### Day 2: Panama Historical City & Canal Tour

During the half-day morning tour you will visit the ruins of Old Panama, climb up the Cathedral tower, visit the Old Panama Museum and then continue to Casco Viejo (the old city compound), which dates from the late 1600's. A bilingual guide will describe the events in history leading up to the eventual movement of the capital city to its present location. Casco Viejo is home to monuments to Ferdinand de Lesseps and other Frenchmen instrumental in the ill-fated attempt of the French to construct a canal through Panama.

The full day tour continues with a visit to the Miraflores Locks at the Panama Canal where large ships can be seen transiting the canal. Enjoy a presentation by the Panama Canal Authority on the history of the Panama Canal and marvel at the workings of this feat of human engineering. Lunch will be in a local restaurant. The tour then continues to the Panama Canal area, including the town of Balboa, formerly part of the Panama Canal Zone. You will stop at the folk art market at the old YMCA building. Late afternoon you will return to your hotel in Panama City. Optional: Lunch at the Miraflores Locks in the Panama Canal.

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

### Day 3: Choose an adventure today

-The Pirate Trail and the Panama Canal: Depart from the hotel and cross the Isthmus of Panama via the Trans-Isthmian Highway. Stop at Gatun to explore the locks and the lake.

Afterwards, cross the Panama Canal by drawbridge and keep going till Fort San Lorenzo. Constructed by the Spaniards in the 16th century, San Lorenzo was occupied by British pirates over the years due to its strategic location on the Chagres River.

Captain Henry Morgan's buccaneers took San Lorenzo after a bloody battle; eventually this set the stage for the most formidable pirate attack on the Spanish Main, the sack Panama City in 1671. Includes, Private transportation, historical guide, lunch in a local restaurant or picnic lunch, entrance fees to Gatún Locks Visitor Center and San Lorenzo National Park. Optional: Train Ride back to Panama City and visit and lunch at Portobello.

-Kayaking the Panama Canal. The ultimate in tranquility! Join us kayaking on the Gatún Lake starting from Gamboa, near the Soberania National Park, where you will pass through the Tropical Rainforest at a smooth pace, following the stream and possibly coming across some unique jungle birds, monkeys, sloths, and other tropical species of flora and fauna. Includes: private transportation, guide, picnic lunch, entrance fees. After the tour transfer to the Radisson Rainforest hotel or Gamboa Rainforest Resort for check in and overnight.

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

### Day 4: Partial Canal Transit

The Panama Canal Tour starts with an early morning pick-up at your hotel in Panama City for a short transfer to Flamenco Island, at the Causeway of Amador on the Pacific side of the canal.

You will first sail under the bridge of the Americas, which raises over 100 meters above sea level and reunites the land divided during construction of the canal forming another link in the Pan-American Highway. Lunch is served in buffet style.

The Panama Canal is 80 kilometers long from deep waters in the Pacific Ocean to deep waters in the Caribbean Sea. It was cut through the lowest and one of the narrowest saddles of the long mountainous Isthmus that joins North and South America. The original elevation was 95 meters above sea level where it crosses the Continental Divide. You will cross the two locks at the Pacific side: Miraflores and Pedro Miguel locks. Overnight at hotel of your choice.

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

**Day 5: Free day for optional tours (not included)**

Today the client can choose and do on their own the listed tours or relaxation at the Rainforest Radisson hotel.

Choose from different options as:

- El Valle mountain hiking tour or Hiking the Soberania National Park
- Boat tour Gatun Lake and wildlife observation
- The Chagres National Park and visit to the Embera community
- Canopy Adventure – Zip Line
- Golf Tours

**Day 6: Panama City – Miraflores Locks**

Transfer back to the city with a stop at Miraflores Locks where you can admire the full operation of the Panama Canal. Check in and overnight at hotel in the City. \*\* Entrance not included\*\*

(included meals: Breakfast)

**Day 7: Departure Panama**

At the appropriate time, transfer to international airport for departure.

(Included meals: Breakfast)

Minimun 2 persons	Single	Double	Triple	Children 3 to 11
<a href="#">Miramar Intercontinental</a> #	\$3,640	\$2,344	\$2,000	\$467 *
<a href="#">De Ville</a>	\$2,912	\$1,968	--	\$379
<a href="#">Four Points Sheraton</a>	\$2,384	\$1,816	\$1,624	\$379
<a href="#">El Panama</a>	\$2,336	\$1,760	\$1,568	\$539 *
<a href="#">Riande Continental</a>	\$2,280	\$1,712	\$1,552	\$379
<a href="#">Country Inn &amp; Suites Panama Canal</a>	\$1,793	\$1,393	\$1,317	\$388
<a href="#">Soloy Hotel</a>	\$1,656	\$1,368	\$1,312	\$379

# Valid thru December 16, 2010

\* Prices are per person

**Included:**

- All Transfers
- The Tours indicates in the program
- Full Day City & Canal, Partial Canal Transit
- Meals indicates in the program (B.L.D.)
- Admissions
- English Speaking Guide
- Taxes

**Not included :**

- Optional tours
- International flights
- Tips to guides & drivers

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