

PANAMA PIRATES 9 days

Itinerary:



Day 1: Arrival Panama City

Upon arrival in Panama City transfer to the hotel and time to relax from the flight.

Lodging: Double Tree by Hilton hotel

Day 2 : Panama City Tour (B)

After breakfast in the morning start your Panama City tour with a visit to 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 back to the late 1600's. Casco Viejo is Panama City's most charismatic neighborhood and home of the monuments of Ferdinand de Lesseps.

Lodging: Double Tree by Hilton hotel

Day 3: Panama Canal Tour (B)

Early in the morning transfer to Causeway to begin your Partial Transit of the Panama Canal. Admire the Bay of Panama and Panama City's splendid skyline and the Bridge of the Americas. You transit the Miraflores Locks where the vessel ascends 54 feet in two distinct steps. Then enter Miraflores Lake, which is a small artificial body of fresh water that separates Pedro Miguel from the Miraflores Locks. Next, the vessel enters Pedro Miguel Locks, which is one of the two sets of locks on the Pacific side, and here the vessel is raised 27 feet to get into the Gatun Lake. Shortly after you go under the Centennial Bridge, making your way to the Gatun Lake, which was formed by erecting the Gatun Dam across the Chagres River. After reaching the Gamboa Dredging Division your Panama Canal tour comes to an end.

Lodging: Double Tree by Hilton hotel

Day 4 : Pirates Trail (B)

After breakfast transfer to the city of Colon, where you have the opportunity to visit the Agua Clara Visitors Center and be amazed by the panoramic view of the Agua Clara Locks. It has the same concept of the Gatun Locks, but was reinvented to handle bigger cargo. Afterwards continue the screening room where you learn more about the construction and effort of several Panamanians of this modern engineering masterpiece. After passing through old military ground you arrive to Fort of San Lorenzo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, built at the mouth of the Chagres River. This Spanish bastion served to fortify and protect the river entrance to Las Cruces Trail that led to Panama City on the Pacific Ocean. This entrance was later used as the port of entry for gold diggers on their way to California during the second half of the 19th century. Here you travel through lush rainforest within the San Lorenzo National Park, where you might have the opportunity to see monkeys, Two and Three-toed sloths, coatimundis, toucans and other wildlife.

Lodging: Double Tree by Hilton hotel

Day 5 : Embera Indigenous Encounter (B)

After breakfast early in the morning transfer to El Corotú on the shores of Madden Lake. Here you board a motorized piragua (dugout canoe) and travel through dense jungle up the Chagres River to the indigenous village of Emberá Drua. The boat journey takes you through the 320,000-acre Chagres National Park, which is the largest of the National Parks protecting the Panama Canal Watershed. Along the Chagres River, you may be able to spot the Little Blue and Green Heron, Great Egret, Anhinga, Neotropical Cormorant, Amazon, Ringed, and Green Kingfishers, along with Keel-billed Toucans and Ospreys flying above. Upon your arrival at the Emberá village, you are welcomed with traditional dancing and music. You learn about fascinating Emberá traditions and their close relationship with nature.

Lodging: Double Tree by Hilton hotel

Day 6 : Panama City - Chitre (B)

Today after breakfast transfer to your hotel in Chitré. Here you can experience the real culture and folklore of Panama, in close proximity to well-known beaches off the Azuero coastline.

Lodging: Cubita boutique resort & spa

Day 7 : Herrera Tour (B)

After breakfast get ready to experience the local industry on an exciting tour. Discover the manufacturing process of the traditional products of the Herrera Province: sugarcane, salt, clay and bread. See the production of two important local liquors: seco and rum, from the sugarcane plantations until its distillation and bottling. Also learn about the extraction of salt from the Pacific Ocean, visit the production of handmade clay pottery and get to know how the famous La Arena bread is baked. Lunch is served at “Fonda”, a local restaurant where you are able to taste traditional snacks and dishes from the Azuero Peninsula. In the afternoon you visit a lady that has dedicated all her life to handcraft the Pollera, the typical dress of the Panamanian women, considered by many one of the most beautiful costumes in the world.

Lodging: Cubita boutique resort & spa

Day 8 : Chitre - Panama City (B)

Today after breakfast transfer to Panama City. Upon arrival enjoy time to stroll around on your own and get to know this beautiful city more. There are countless shops, cafes and restaurants to discover or venture into one of the many museums.

Lodging: Double Tree by Hilton hotel

Day 9: Panama City Departure (B)

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your international return flight

