# A HIGHLIGHTS OF PORTOBELO AND SAN BLAS

SAN BLAS, PORTOBELO, CASCO ANTIGUO



The Experience



A perfect mix between the sounds of nature -birds, monkeys, dolphins-, local music and hidden beaches. The journey begins discovering Casco Antiguo in Panama City and heading to the Caribbean side of Panama to Portobelo and the Archipelago of San Blas.







## **The Highlights**

Casco Antiguo



Founded in 1519, Panama City became the starting point of important expeditions, like the one, which led to the conquering of the Inca Empire in Peru. Located between the rainforests and the Pacific Ocean, Panama is a vibrant city, which combines the 17<sup>th</sup> largest sky scrapes line in the world with the colorful warm old colonial city





#### San Blas Archipelago



The Archipelago of San Blas is conformed of 300 islands with coral reef formations in the Caribbean Sea of Panama. Most of them are inhabited and accessible only by sea. Pristine paradisiac turquoise waters are home to curious and colorful marine creatures –dolphins, colorful fish, sea turtles- will escort you along the crystal waters of the Caribbean Sea. The experience of joining the Guna Yala's way of living will take you back in time, they have kept their culture intact. Sailing San Blas an exhilarating experience.

Visit the island where his body was committed to the sea near an island which bears his name fantastic tropical rainforest and witness its exuberant wildlife





### Caribbean Sea



The **aquamarine shallow waters** of the Caribbean Sea will welcome explorers in a colorful journey with **marine creatures and coral reef formations**. The mixture between white sand and the living sounds of the rainforest is the perfect scenery to play and enjoy with curated flexible activities for everyone: a secluded **beach, snorkeling, kayaking, swimming or just relaxing on board**.





#### Portobelo



Probably named by Christopher Columbus as "Beautiful Port" in 1502 Portobelo became the main point for the trade of Spaniard ships between Europe and Central and South America, which were laden with the gold of the Incas and Aztecs after these treasures crossed the Isthmus from the Pacific Coast. Because of this, Portobelo became the target of attacks by Pirates like Sir Francis Drake. Portobelo has a rich culture since it is home to the Congo Culture, in the past slaves were trade here. Now-a-days this culture has become a very interesting mixture of two worlds





# **Experience Map**



## **Experience Brief Description**

## Day 1 Casco Antiguo

- Transfer from airport to hotel in Panama City
- Lunch at hotel
- Discovering the Caso Antiguo (Guided)
- Dinner
- Overnight at selected hotel in Panama City e

#### Day 2 San Blas

- Transfer from airport or hotel in Panama City to Albrook (includes small plane ticket) for flight to El Porvenir.
- Transfer to board Catamaran Xplore
- Arrival to San Blas Archipelago
- Lunch and diner on board
- Overnight on board Catamaran Xplore

#### Day 3 San Blas

- Breakfast on board
- Sailing the San Blas Archipelago
- Time at leisure at nearby isolated islands
- Lunch and dinner on board

#### Day 4 Portobelo

- Breakfast on board
- Sailing from el Porvenir to Portobelo
- Lunch on board
- Transfer to El Otro Lado Private Retreat for check in
- Dinner with glass of wine
- Baile Congo Performance





## Day 5 Portobelo

- Breakfast at hotel
- Time at leisure at hotel
- Optional included activity: Artworkshop
- Lunch at El Otro Lado Private Retreat
- Ground transportation to Panama City

## **Flexible Optional Activities Included**



Flexible optional activities are available in all Xplore Experiences, you can choose the one of your preference eg. Kayak or wildlife observation

#### Includes

- Includes air small plane ticket from Panama City to Albrook (small plane ticket included)
- Entrance fees to San Blas are included
- All ground/water transportation included
- Accommodation on board Catamaran Xplore included
- All meals included
- Snacks on board Catamaran Xplore
- Soft beverages and beer on board Catamaran Xplore
- Equipment (safety vests, snorkeling gear, kayaks, fishing gear)
- 1 bottle of wine per cabin
- \*Other languages upon request additional charges may apply

## Not Included

- Not specified services
- · Gratuities, laundry or valet services, gifts and additional items
- ITBMS taxes 7%
- Air tickets
- Alcoholic beverages
- Wet suits available for additional fee





## **Important Notes**

- Minimum Number of Guests for bookings: 2 adults
- Maximum Number of Guests: 8, including children
- Suggested age for this experience: 6 years old and up
- Itinerary and activities are subject to change without previous notice.

## **Additional Services Upon Request**

Overnight on board Catarmarn Xplore Chagres River. Maximum capacity: 8 guests. Includes breakfast, dinner, 1 bottle of wine per cabin, all soft beverages.

