# AN EXPERIENTAL JOURNEY

SAN LORENZO FORT, GATUN LAKE, CHAGRES RIVER



The Experience



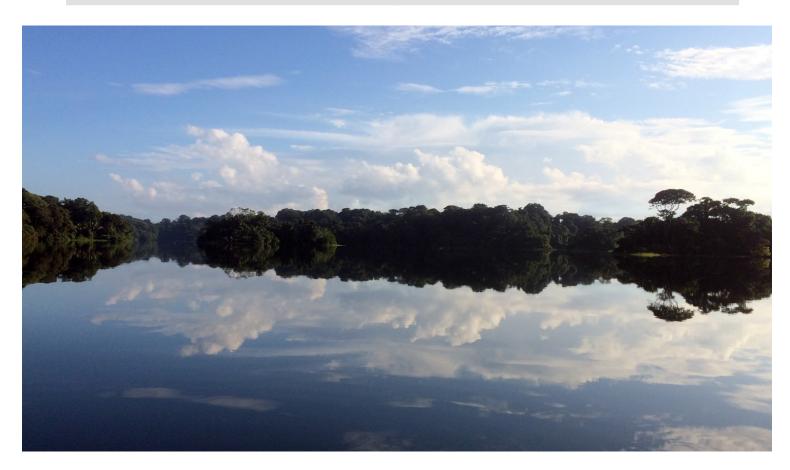
Experience the culture, the wildlife while you sail along the historic Chagres River and above the petrified forest of the **Gatun Lake**.





# The Highlights

## Gatun Lake



Surrounded by the exuberant rain forest, the Gatun Lake was at some point the largest artificial lake of the world. Fed by the Chagres River this 415 sq. kilometer lake, makes possible the Panama Canal operation.

While navigating the lake, the upper part of chopped and petrified trees can still be seen in the water. The scenery is amazing...the contrast between the water, the rainforest, and the fauna: tropical birds, monkeys, crocodiles, and a vast number of exotic animals. The jungle sounds will be your orchestra while traversing the Gatun Lake





### **Chagres River**



The ancient fluvial route of *Las Cruces Trail*. Since the discovery of Cristopher Columbus back in 1501, the Chagres River became a strategic waterway for "Las Cruces Trail". A silent witness to Spaniard pursuit of gold, a key point of Pirate stories and the easiest way to tranship between South America and Europe. A path rich in wildlife, culture and birdwatching.

The Chagres River is the main source of water of the Gatun Lake which makes possible for the Panama Canal to operate. This river is a silent witness to how Panama played a key role in the colonization of Latin America





## San Lorenzo Fort



Set on a cliff overlooking the river mouth of Chagres, this fortress was constructed between 1598 and 1601 for the main purpose of protecting the Spanish ships which exited the Chagres River in order to sail back to Europe. In 1670 Pirate Joseph Bradley took the fortress with the help of a plan crafted by famous Pirate Henry Morgan. One year later Morgan entered into the river in order to reach the First City of Panama. San Lorenzo's Fortress is a silent witness to how Panama was key for the colonization of Latin America and the magic stories of battles between Spaniards and Pirates





# **Experience Map**



# **Experience Brief Description**

#### Day 1 Acqua Xplore / Gatun Lake / Embera Tribe / Chagres River

- Ground transportation from Panama City to Acqua Xplore
- Departure from dock on board Xplore Pontoon
- Scenic navigation in the Gatun Lake
- Guided visit to Embera Tribe
- Typical lunch will be serve at site
- Transfer to board the Catamaran Xplore
- Sailing the Chagres River
- Dinner and overnight on board

#### Day 2 San Lorenzo Fort

- Breakfast on board
- Disembarkation at Fort San Lorenzo for a walk through history (guided)
- Easy walk from San Lorenzo Fort dock to board Xplore Catamaran
- Transfer to board Catamaran Xplore
- Lunch on board
- Ground transportation from San Lorenzo Fort 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

- All ground transportation from/ to Panama City
- Guided\* (English and/or Spanish)
- Visit to San Lorenzo Fort, Embera Tribe
- Snacks and lunch
- Soft beverages and beer
- Accommodation on board Catamaran Xplore
- All meals included
- 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%
- Alcoholic beverages

## **Important Notes**

- Minimum Number of Guests for bookings: 2 adults
- Maximum Number of Guests: 8, including children
- Please consider Panama City Transfer. Estimated time: 1.5 2 hours
- Suggested age for this experience: 6 years old and up

# **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.

Transportation to/from Panama City in the Canal Railway Includes ground transportation to/from railway station.

