



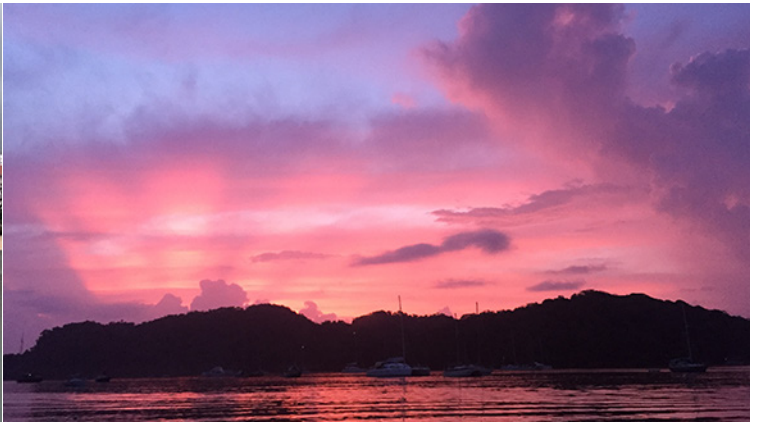
THE COMMERCIAL ROUTE OF PIRATES, CONQUERORS & PEOPLE

CASCO ANTIGUO, PANAMA LA VIEJA, AGUA CLARA LOCK GATES,
SAN LORENZO FORT, PORTOBELLO

3D/2N

Suggested age: 6 years and up

The Experience



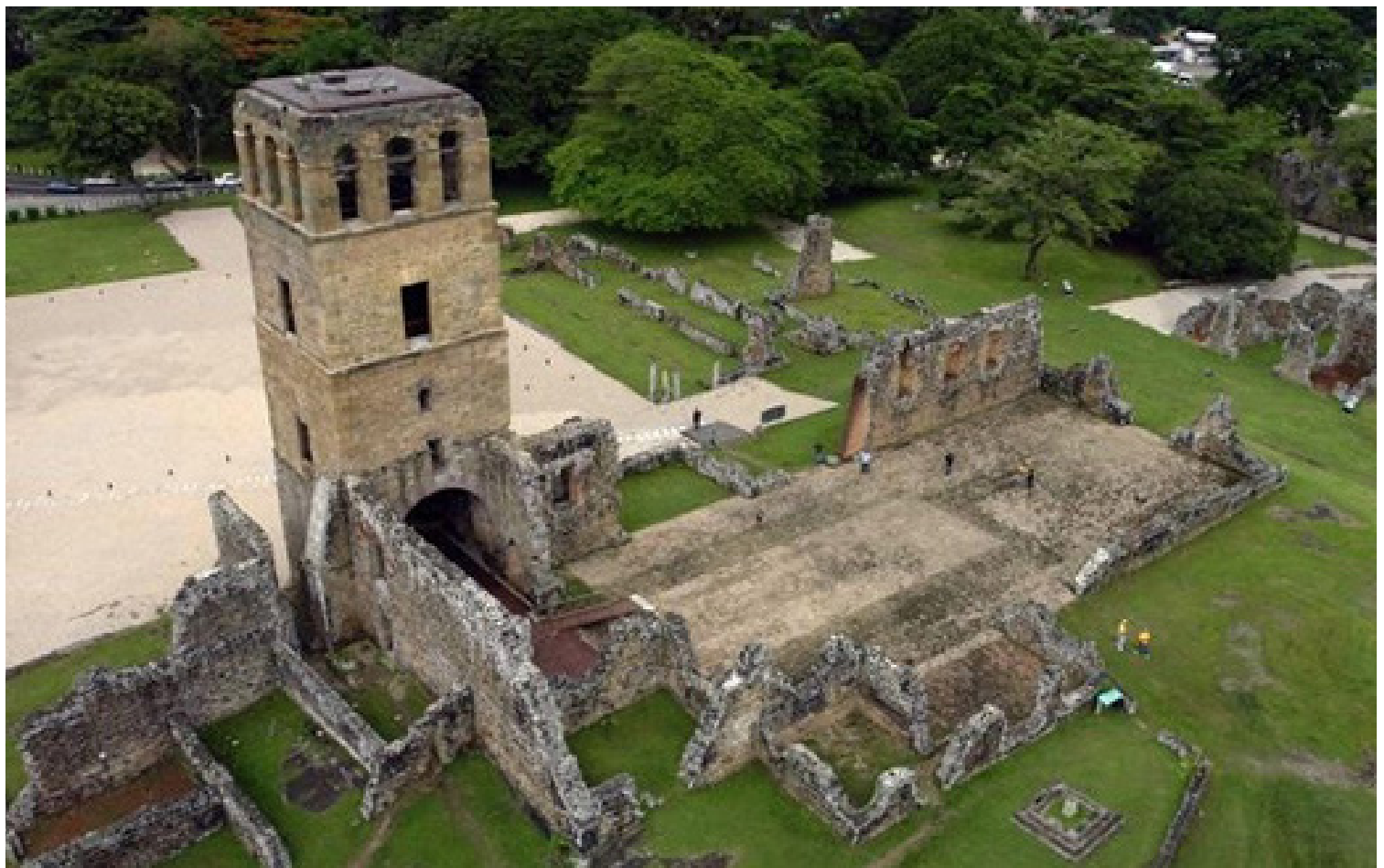
The commercial route of pirates, conquerors and people of the world journey begins a journey through origin to the present days. Encounter the glorious vestiges of ancient pirate and conquerors stories at **Casco Antiguo** and **Panama La Vieja**. Visit the new **Lock Gates of Agua Clara**, followed by an excursion to **San Lorenzo Fort**.





The Highlights

Panama La Vieja (Panama the Old)



The remaining part of the Old Panama City, a World Heritage Site since 1997. A settlement was founded on 1519 and it became the first permanent European settlement on the Pacific Ocean. In 1521, the settlement was promoted to the status of city by Charles V of Spain and since then it became a starting point for various expeditions to Peru and an important base from which gold and silver were sent to Spain. In 1671, pirate Henry Morgan attacked the city in his greed for treasures and the city was destroyed.



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 17th largest sky scrapes line in the world with the colorful warm old colonial city.



Lock Gates of Agua Clara



The new set of locks at the Panama Canal has doubled the capacity of the Canal, which construction started in 1904. Since its inauguration most of the ships that could not cross the old Canal, are currently navigating through this state of the art pathways that unites the Atlantic and the Pacific Ocean. The cost of the project is estimated about \$5 Billion Dollars. Currently approximately 14,600 ships cross the Canal of Panama generating over \$1 Billion to the country's economy.



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.



Monkey's Trail



Immerse into a fantastic tropical rainforest and witness its exuberant wildlife. Howler monkeys will let you know if it is going to start raining, you will listen to their warning miles away! Great place for birdwatching. This exciting trail that will take you from San Lorenzo Fort to Shelter Bay Marina will also deeply connect you to the wonders of nature.



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.



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



Experience Map



Experience Brief Description

Day 1 Panama City / Panama La Vieja / Casco Antiguo

- Pick up at the airport for transfer from airport to selected hotel in Panama City
- Check in at hotel in Panama City
- Ground transportation to Panama La Vieja for a guided walk (Panama the Old)
- Casco antiguo discovery
- Dinner
- Overnight at hotel in Panama City

Day 2 Agua Clara Lock Gates / Monkey's Trail / Portobelo

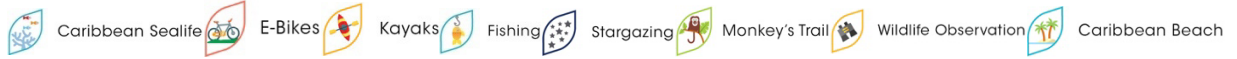
- Breakfast at hotel
- Ground transportation to Agua Clara Lock Gates Visitor's Center
- Guided walk to San Lorenzo Fort
- E-bike ride along the Monkey's Trail (optional activity)
- Lunch at Shelter Bay
- Ground transportation to Portobelo
- Check it at El Otro Lado Private Retreat
- Dinner and overnight at Hotel

Day 3 Portobelo

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to board the Catamaran Xplore
- Sailing from the Pirates point of view the Portobelo Bay
- Lunch on board Catamaran Xplore or picnic at the beach (depending on weather conditions)
- 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

- Guided visits: Casco Antiguo, Panama La Vieja, Agua Clara Lock Gates, San Lorenzo Fort
- Portobelo bay sailing, guided visit
- All meals included
- All ground/water transportation included
- Entrance fee to visits are included
- Night activity at Casco Antiguo will be confirmed prior to reservation
- Soft beverages and beer on board Catamaran Xplore
- Equipment (safety vests, snorkeling gear, kayaks, fishing gear)
- *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: 16, 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.

Overnight at El Otro Lado Private Retreat. Maximum capacity: 8 guests.
Includes breakfast, dinner, and transfer back to Panama City.