



THE CARIBBEAN SIDE OF PORTOBELO AND THE CHAGRES RIVER

PORTOBELO, CHAGRES RIVER, SAN LORENZO FORT, MONKEY'S TRAIL

4D/3N

Suggested age: 6 years and up

The Experience



Set sail from the **Portobelo** Bay, revel in a water-level view of wildlife: sailing, snorkeling, kayaking or just admiring the scenery from the bow. Savor white sandy deserted beaches, sail along hidden treasures revealing remote destinations along the **Caribbean** coast. Delve into the magnificent scenery sailing along the **Chagres River**, the living connection between two oceans.





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



Gatun Lake



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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



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 traded 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



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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



Experience Map



Experience Brief Description

Day 1 Portobelo

- Ground transportation from Panama City to Portobelo
- Arrival to dock for transfer to board the Catamaran Xplore
- Catamaran sailing from Portobelo to San Lorenzo Fort
- Enjoy two Caribbean secluded beaches
- Snacks on board
- Lunch on board
- Overnight on board Catamaran Xplore

Day 2 San Lorenzo Fort

- Breakfast on board
- Lunch on board
- Arrival to San Lorenzo Fort
- Disembark for a walk through history at San Lorenzo Fort (guided)
- Dinner on board
- Overnight on board

Day 3 Chagres River

- Breakfast on board
- Sailing along the Chagres River
- Lunch on board
- Transfer for an E-Bike ride along the Monkey's Trail to Shelter Bay (moderate level, optional activity)
- Transfer to hotel in Panama City
- Dinner
- Overnight in selected hotel in Panama

Day 4 Panama City

- Breakfast at hotel
- Ground transportation from hotel to airport



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 accommodations included
- Two Caribbean secluded beaches sailing from Portobelo to the Chagres River
- Guided* visits (English/Spanish): San Lorenzo Fort, Chagres River sailing, Portobelo Bay
- All meals included
- All ground/water transportation included
- Snacks on board Catamaran Xplore
- 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)
- 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.

Overnight at El Otro Lado Private Retreat
Includes breakfast, dinner and ground transportation to Panama City.