



PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN ROUTE

PANAMA THE OLD, CASCO ANTIGUO, CHAGRES RIVER, AGUA CLARA LOCK GATES,
LAS CRUCES TRAIL, MONKEY'S TRAIL, DRAKE ISLAND, CARIBBEAN BEACH, PORTOBELO

6D/5N

Suggested age: 6 years and up

The Experience



Pursuing the ancient pathway, the revealing **Pirates of the Caribbean** experience will lead you to unexpected places, discover Las Cruces Trail route, fortresses and the Caribbean Sea from the Pirates point of view.

The revealing **Pirates of the Caribbean** experience begins at **Panama "La Vieja"**(Panama the Old town) following the commercial trade history "**Casco Antiguo**". The Pirates route will lead you to unexpected places such as the natural course of the **Chagres River**, the ancient fluvial route of **Las Cruces Trail**.



Then a visit to the new Lock Gates of **Agua Clara**, which is truly a show case of the living Panama Canal. Pursuing the ancient pathway, the quest will take you to San Lorenzo Fort. The tropical rainforest will welcome us along Monkey's Trail, ending in a scenic journey from the ocean – the pirates point of view - on board the Xplore Catamaran sailing the Caribbean Sea. Now is the time to relax at a secluded, seducing Caribbean beach where wilderness and sand combine in powerful surroundings. Exotically topping it off with Drake's Island.

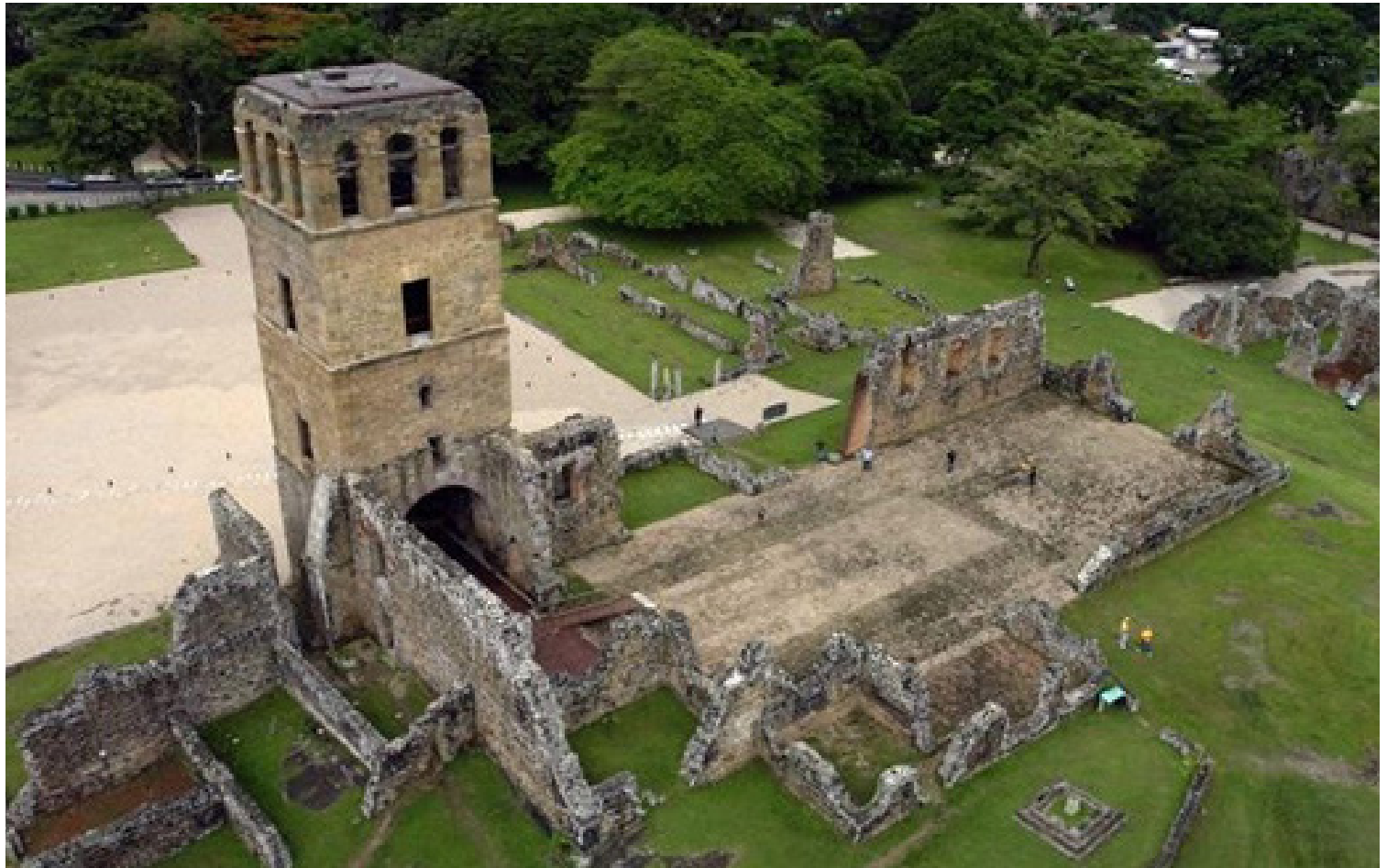
The Pirates of the Caribbean route will directly relive in Portobelo one of the most iconic sites. Art will come alive at El Otro Lado Private Retreat and its local art workshop. The Farahona crossing will extricate you through plentiful mangroves. Then we will go back to Panama City where all the adventure began and you will enjoy time at leisure





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.



Panama is a country filled with the history of Spaniards, pirates, battles and the experience of the beauty of nature at its best. Today we will recreate the adventures of Pirate Sir Francis Drake, as you will navigate the same waters he did over 500 years ago. 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.



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**.



Day 3 Agua Clara / San Lorenzo Fort / Monkey's Trail / Arrival to Portobelo

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to Lock Gates of Agua Clara
- Visit to Agua Clara Lock Gates
- Transfer to Fort San Lorenzo for a walk through history (guided)
- E-Bike ride along the Monkey's Trail to Shelter Bay (moderate level, optional activity)
- Lunch at Shelter Bay (14H30 aprox.)
- Transfer from Shelter Bay to Portobelo
- Check in at El Otro Lado Private Retreat
- Dinner with a glass of wine at El Otro Lado Private Retrea
- Overnight at El Otro Lado Private Retreat guided experience activities and snacks included.

Day 4 Portobelo / Catamaran Sailing

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to board 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)
- Dinner with a glass of wine at hotel
- Overnight at hotel

Day 5 Portobelo

- Breakfast at hotel
- Time at leisure at El Otro Lado Private Retreat or art workshop
- Lunch at hotel
- Farahona mangrove exploration
- Baile Congo Performance
- Dinner at hotel
- Overnight at hotel unch will be served at Shelter Bay at around 14H30

Day 6 Panama City

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer from El Otro Lado Private Retreat to Panama City 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

- Navigation onboard Xplore Catamaran
- On board Catamaran: Soft Beverages and beer
- Equipment on board (safety vests, fishing gear)
- All meals included
- All ground/water transportation included
- Welcome dinner with glass of wine
- Overnight at selected hotels in Panama and El Otro Lado Private Retreat in Portobelo



- Guided visits* (english and/or spanish): Casco Antiguo, Panama La Vieja, Agua Clara Lock Gates, San Lorenzo Fort, Portobelo Bay
- Artisanal workshop
- Faraona tour
- Baile Congo Performance
- Entrance fees to visits included
- *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

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.