



TALES OF THE CARIBBEAN: SAN BLAS

PANAMA CITY, PORTOBELLO, SAN BLAS, GATUN LAKE

7D/6N

Suggested age: 6 years and up

The Experience



Our captain will follow the wind taking you to secluded and distant islands of paradisiac white sandy beaches and shallow tropical turquoise waters in **San Blas**. Taste the fresh catch of the day, which can be the one you fished and enjoy the music and the local cultures in **Portobelo** and enjoy the magnificence of the Rain Forest at the **Gatun Lake**.

A new twist to explore Panama from the crystal-clear waters of **San Blas** following the Pirates of the Caribbean route. Strolling the streets of the

Old Panama town where the vivid and vibrant colors will immerse you into the discovery. Curious **marine creatures** from the coral reef – dolphins, colorful fish, sea turtles- will escort you along the pristine waters of the Caribbean Sea, sailing the **San Blas archipelago**, an exhilarating experience. **Tales of the sea**, mystery and imagination will become alive when you arrive at the beautiful **Portobelo**. Paradise becomes a vivid reality while you snorkel, kayak, and discover **sunken pirate ships** or just relax at the beach.



Then enjoy at **AcquaXplore** a cozy place to do activities on the lake such as kayaking, fishing, among others. The experience of navigating on the **Gatun Lake** and taking you back in time. The buoyant **Embera** tribe will share their way of living and a visit to the **San Lorenzo Fort** will make pirates come alive. et 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

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



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.



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.



Experience Map





Experience Brief Description

Day 1 Casco Antiguo

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

Day 2 San Blas

- Breakfast at hotel
- Ground transportation from hotel to Palmira or Albrook (when small plane option is booked)
- Transfer to board Catamaran Xplore
- Arrival to San Blas Archipelago
- Lunch and dinner 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
- Overnight on board Catamaran Xplore

Day 4 Portobelo

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

Day 5 Portobelo

- Breakfast at hotel
- Time at leisure at hotel or Art Workshop
- Sailing the Portobelo Bay
- Lunch on board or picnic at the beach (depending on weather conditions)
- Transfer to hotel
- Dinner and overnight at hotel

Day 6 Portobelo

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer from Portobelo to Acqua Xplore
- Departure from dock on board Xplore Pontoon
- Activities: Fishing, kayaking, wildlife observation (moderate, optional activities)
- Scenic navigation in the Gatun Lake
- Guided visit to Embera Tribe
- Typical lunch will be served at site
- Transfer to El Otro Lado Private Retreat, Portobelo
- Dinner with glass of wine
- Overnight at hotel

Day 7 Portobelo

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer from hotel in Portobelo 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
- Guided* visits (English/Spanish): Casco Angituo, San Lorenzo Fort, Portobelo Bay, Gatun Lake, Embera Community
- All meals included
- All ground/water transportation included
- Baile Congo Performance
- Art workshop
- 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.