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Ports & Excursions



Colon, Panama

The narrow isthmus separating the Atlantic from the Pacific Ocean had a colorful and turbulent history long before Ferdinand de Lesseps first dreamed of building a transcontinental canal.

Spanish conquistadors hauled Incan gold through the dense rainforest to ports on the Atlantic. English freebooters sought to ransack those ports and attack the treasure ships that sailed from Portobelo. And 49ers braved mosquitoes and yellow fever to get to the California gold fields. While the Panama Canal remains one of the great American engineering feats of the 20th century, visitors to Panama will discover a whole range of scenic wonders. Hike into the dense rainforest, home to over 1,000 species of animals. Or pay a visit to an Embera Indian village in the heart of Chagres National Park.

Points of Interest

1 Panama Viejo / Casco Viejo

Central America's historic and cultural roots are celebrated and displayed in Panama's oldest settlements, where exceptional museums, archeological ruins, and Colonial streets, churches, and monuments tell the story of the city's tragic past.

2 Canal Locks

On the Atlantic side, the three chambers of the Gatun Locks raise ships 87 feet above sea level, while the Miraflores Locks transfer 26 million gallons of water in under 7 minutes at its Pacific end.

3 Panama Canal Railway

Ride the world's first transcontinental railway. Experience Panama's rainforest setting along the historic route originally built in 1855 during the heyday of the California gold rush.

4 Panama Canal Transit

Experience the thrill of canal transit and the intricacy of the lock's system firsthand as your ferry is lifted over 85 feet above sea level, from one body of water to the next.

5 Cruise Gatun Lake

A jungle boat excursion through the dense rainforest highlights the abundance of exotic wildlife and breathtaking scenery found along this vital waterway, a key component of the Panama Canal's intricate system.

6 Embera Indians

Experience traditional Embera hospitality when you are invited into a world of ancient ritual, native culture, and timeless wonder. Watch a ceremonial dance routine, explore the unspoiled grounds, and marvel at the exquisite handmade crafts.

7 Aerial Tram & Sobernia National Park

Nestled within the vast Soberania National Park, an aerial tram soars over the Gamboa Rainforest, a jungle paradise and complex ecological system that showcases some of the most spectacular vegetation and wildlife in the world.

8 Panama Canal Expansion

Get a close-up view of the engineering and construction behind the canal's expansion. The massive project includes widening Gatun Lake and creating two new sets of locks in 2016.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours



World Heritage Site

Scenic Drive & Walking Tour of 'Old Panama City'
ONX-100 | Colon, Panama

You will visit: 1

6 hours — from **$69.95**

Travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific on a scenic drive that includes a guided tour of Old Panama City. Tour the ruins of the old capital city. Take in the diverse architecture of Casco Antiguo, the old colonial city. Stroll historic Las Bovedas. Return to the ship waiting for you in Colon.



Gatun Lake and Locks Cruise & Embera Indians
ONX-110 | Colon, Panama

You will visit: 2 5 6

5 hours — from **$149.95**

Depart Colon aboard your air-conditioned transportation and get ready to explore Panama on this active adventure. Take a cruise on Gatun Lake, visit an Embera Indian village, and see the mighty Gatun Locks in operation. This exciting tour lets you experience Panama through your transportation, motorboat, and guided walking tours.



Colonial Panama, Miraflores Locks & Scenic Drive
ONX-115 | Colon, Panama

You will visit: 1 2

6.5 hours — from **$79.95**

Get ready for an exciting daylong journey through the old world streets of Panama City. Explore the Pacific side of the Isthmus with a walk into the cobble stone streets the historic French Quarter of Panama City and enjoy a visit to the Observation Center at Miraflores Locks.



Fort San Lorenzo & Gatun Locks
ONX-120 | Colon, Panama

You will visit: 2

4.5 hours — from **$69.95**

Visit one of the most complete and biggest forts built in Panama. Fort San Lorenzo is full of pirate history, with amazing views of both the Chagres River and the Caribbean Sea. Continue on to the Gatun Locks and see close up views of the largest set of canal locks in Panama.



Panama Canal Railway (Dome Car) & Gatun Locks
ONX-170 | Colon, Panama

You will visit: 3 | E | 6 hours | from **$219.95**

Hop aboard the hemisphere's first transcontinental railroad and see the Panama Canal from the seat of a 19th century railway dome car. During your journey you'll travel across the isthmus and see Gatun Lake. Then, learn the history of the locks at the Gatun Locks Observation Center.



Panama Canal Railway & Gatun Locks
ONX-175 | Colon, Panama

You will visit: 3 | E | 6 hours | from **$189.95**

This is the same tour as PC1-170 save that passengers travel in a restored executive rail car with booth seating on one side and rows of two seats with small tables on the other. Your car has a rest-room and shares a small open-air observation deck with the dome car described in PC1-170. The Executive Car does not have the glass dome viewing area.



Panama Canal: Today's Locks System & the Future
ONX-235 | Colon, Panama

You will visit: 8 | You will see: 2 | E | 4.5 hours | from **$79.95**

Watch powerful tankers and massive ships traverse the Panama Canal with a tour of the Gatun Locks. Learn the history of the world's 8th wonder and see how the canal is being expanded with a visit to the Expansion Observatory Platform overlooking the waterway.

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New Tour

Frank Ghery Museum & Museo del Canal
ONX-210 | Colon, Panama

E | 4.5 hours | from **$129.95**

The Biomuseo is the only one in its class in the region. Designed by worldwide known architect Frank Gehry (in his first incursion in Latin America), the building was conceived mainly to tell a story: how the emergence of the Isthmus of Panama three million years ago changed the life of our planet.

Nature & Wildlife

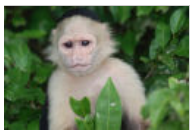


Off the Beaten Path

Authentic Embera Indian Village
ONX-385 | Colon, Panama

You will visit: 6 | M | 6.5 hours | from **$119.95**

Travel by dugout canoe on a cultural visit to an Embera village in the heart of Chagres National Park. The Embera are a unique and beautiful people, and they live in harmony with their natural surroundings in the rainforest. Enjoy traditional native music, song and dance.



Monkey & Wildlife Nature Cruise on Gatun Lake
ONX-610 | Colon, Panama

You will visit: 5 | E | 5 hours | from **$119.95**

Board your air-conditioned transportation for the approximately 60-minute drive to the boat landing, cruise in a motorized, covered tour boat through a portion of the Panama Canal to a group of islands where monkeys and other native animals can be viewed in their natural habitat.

Activities & Adventures



Rainforest & Gatun Lake and Locks Cruise
ONX-605 | Colon, Panama

You will visit: 2 5 | M | 4.5 hours | from **$79.95**

Travel to the Melia Panama Canal Resort and cruise through the jungle covered islands in Gatun Lake. Exotic birds, monkeys, sloths, iguanas, and crocodiles are just a few of the animals that you may see in their native surroundings. Later, witness the mighty Gatun Locks in action.



Most Popular

Panama Canal & Locks Transit by Boat
ONX-615 | Colon, Panama

You will visit: 4 5 | E | 6 hours | from **$169.95**

Experience the full wonder of the Panama Canal with a crossing of the canal by tour boat on this daylong adventure. This is the only tour that enables you to experience the other two sets of locks that control ship traffic and cruise through "The Cut." Sail across Miraflores Lake to the Miraflores Locks and enjoy a light lunch during your scenic cruise.