

Panama City Explorer Tours

Panama City - The Old Panama - Casco Antiguo - The Canal

Full Day and Half Day Excursions

Full Day - City and Canal Tour

This historical tour will begin with the ruins of “Old Panama,” the first city founded on the Isthmus by the Spanish and later attacked by the British pirate Henry Morgan in 1671. After the tour of “Old Panama”, we will travel through a scenic and modern part of the city en route to the “Casco Antiguo” (Old Quarters), built in 1673 after “Old Panama” was sacked and burnt. The predominant architectural style of the “Casco Antiguo” is French and Spanish colonial styles. This part of town is the home of the famous Golden Altar, which survived Morgan’s plundering and destruction of Old Panama”; the “Flat Arch,” which engineering structure was key for the United States’ decision to construct the Panama Canal; churches and a cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Grand National Theater, the Bóvedas (prison chambers), and the French Plaza with the written history of the Canal on its murals. At the Independence Plaza, a most beautiful building houses the modern Museum of the Interoceanic Canal. Next, we will continue to Flamenco Island, one of the three islands,



which form a causeway at the entrance of the Canal. Here we will have lunch and later proceed to the Miraflores Locks. Of the three sets of locks in the Canal, this is the closest to Panama City. You will observe the magnitude of this engineering marvel, which operates a century later using the same hydraulic system since its inception. There will be a short audiovisual presentation and other exhibits at the Visitor’s Center. From the watchtower you will have an excellent view of the operation as a ship crosses the locks in either direction.

Half Day - Canal Tour

We will begin this tour at the Museum of the Interoceanic Canal, located at “Casco Antiguo” (“Old Quarters”). Next, we will proceed to the Visitor’s Center at Miraflores Locks, where you will be able to view documents, instruments and pictures related with the construction and operation of the Canal and you can even captain a ship, from the booth of a simulator. From the Center’s watchtower you will be able to observe ships maneuvering through the locks, complemented by a 10-minute presentation of the waterway’s operation. From the different levels of the Visitor’s Center Building, you will delight in the flora and fauna of the area, and its watershed.



Days of Operation: Fridays and Wednesday.

Half Day - City Tour

Our first stop during this historical site tour will be the ruins of “Old Panama,” the first city on the Central American Isthmus founded by the Spanish and later plundered by the famous pirate Henry Morgan in 1671. From here we will continue to the “Casco Antiguo,” (“Old Quarters”) built in 1673. The architecture is a delightful combination of Italian, French and Spanish architectures of that period. En route, you will get a panoramic glimpse of the most modern part of the city, as well. We will visit the Independence Plaza, pass in front of the Presidential Palace, Plaza Bolivar, the Grand National Theater, the Church of San José, the Cathedral, the Bóvedas (prison chambers) and the French Plaza’s Walkway, which offers a beautiful view of the Panama City.





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