Discover Panama: The Land Between the Seas
April 20 – 28, 2017

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**Highlights...** Gamboa Rainforest Resort, Emberá Indigenous Village, *Pacific Queen* Panama Canal Cruise, Panama City, Miraflores Locks, Anton Valley, Chitré

**Day 1: Thursday, April 20, 2017**
**Gamboa, Panama - Tour Begins**
Welcome to Panama, a country of lush rainforests, rich history, diverse wildlife and spectacular coastlines. Your tour opens at the Gamboa Rainforest Resort.

**Day 2: Friday, April 21, 2017**
**Gamboa**
Meet your fellow travelers during a welcome breakfast. This morning, your guide leads you on a nature walk through the resort’s jungle forest and gardens for a chance to spot unique birds as well as various flora and fauna. **Set off for an excursion to an Emberá indigenous village.** Board dugout canoes for a scenic ride up the Chagres River to a settlement of Emberá, the “Keepers of the Rainforest.” The Emberá strive to preserve their heritage and love to share their traditional techniques of home building and handicrafts—such as basket weaving and tagua nut carving—with visitors. Join in their dances and partake in a simple lunch cooked traditionally. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy Gamboa Rainforest Resort. *(B, L, D)*

**Day 3: Saturday, April 22, 2017**
**Gamboa - Panama Canal Cruise - Panama City - Gamboa**
Today begins with an incredible highlight. **Board the *Pacific Queen* for a partial transit cruise through the Panama Canal.** Enjoy lunch onboard and pass through two locks as you revel in a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see this incredible engineering feat firsthand. Learn all about its construction and operation from your onboard guides. Disembark at Flamenco Marina in Panama City. Visit the Mercado de Mariscos, a seafood market, and try fresh Panamanian ceviche. Continue to Casco Viejo, the Old Quarter. This UNESCO World Heritage site was settled in 1673. A short walking tour down its cobblestone streets showcases the Plaza de la Independencia, the Presidential Palace, the National Theater, plus restored colonial churches and monuments. *(B, L)*
Day 4: Sunday, April 23, 2017
Gamboa - Anton Valley
Arrive at Miraflores Locks Visitor Center to view the Panama Canal and learn about its rich past, present and future as you watch ships traverse the lock system. Drive a short distance on the famed Pan-American Highway before heading up the mountains to Anton Valley, a community nestled inside the second-largest volcanic crater in the world. Visit a local handicraft market and peruse artisan souvenirs made by indigenous peoples, including the “mola” embroidery of the Kuna Yala. Afterwards, check in to your hotel at the base of the mountains that make up the crater. (B, D)

Day 5: Monday, April 24, 2017
Anton Valley
Begin the day with a visit to the Museum El Valle which houses a small collection ranging from geological wonders to pre-Columbian art. Your next stop is a non-profit orchid nursery that dedicates itself to cultivating and conserving local and regional orchids. It houses over 100 different types. Continue to the El Nispero Zoo, home of a large selection of endemic animals as well as some that are not found in any zoo outside Panama. There is also a conservation program for the critically endangered Panamanian Golden Frog, said to bring good luck to anyone who sees it. Your afternoon is free to continue exploring this charming mountain community. (B)

Day 6: Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Anton Valley - Chitré
This morning, stop in a small village to visit a Panama hat workshop and see firsthand how these wearable works of art are created. Next, visit an orange grove and learn about the cultivation of this important crop before enjoying a picnic lunch while relaxing in the grove. Set off north to Chitré, one of the first Spanish settlements in Panama (1558). Get to know a traditional way of cooking at a local clay oven bakery. Then it’s on to a sugarcane mill for a taste of the sweet sugarcane juice called “guarapa.” Next, pause to experience the region’s pre-Columbian and colonial roots at a local museum. Tonight, get acquainted with the local culture at dinner featuring a folklore and dance show. (B, L, D)
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Day 7: Wednesday, April 26, 2017  
Chitré  
Learn why Chitré is called “the cultural heart of Panama.”  
First you’ll meet Panamanian women who have dedicated their lives to making the traditional pollera dress. Then it’s off to spend time with artisans who make drums and masks that are used in traditional Panamanian parades. Your day continues with a visit to one of Panama’s famous rum producers. Enjoy an oxcart ride through sugarcane fields to the hacienda for a traditional lunch. Then, visit the distillery where you’ll learn about the production of rum and seco (also distilled from sugarcane). Finally, sample the product for yourself during a tasting session and discussion in the bodega. (B, L)

Day 8: Thursday, April 27, 2017  
Chitré - Playa Bonita  
Journey to Playa Bonita, just outside of Panama City.  
Arrive early in the day so you can soak up all the sun and views you can handle from your ocean view room and beachfront property. After enjoying some fun and relaxation at your resort, bid farewell to Panama at a special dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 9: Friday, April 28, 2017  
Playa Bonita - Tour Ends  
Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

Itinerary at a glance  
Days 1 – 3 Gamboa Rainforest Resort, Gamboá  
Days 4, 5 Los Mandarinos Hotel, Anton Valley  
Days 6, 7 Cubita Boutique Resort & Spa, Anton Valley  
Day 8 Westin Playa Bonita, Playa Bonita  
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/717054. You can also find this information on your tour documents.
Experience It! Panama Canal: Connecting the Atlantic & Pacific

Panama is steeped in history – from early Inca traders and Spanish conquistadors…to the Panama Canal, a modern-day engineering marvel. Completed in 1914, almost 50 miles long and one of the most complex engineering projects ever undertaken, your journey across the Isthmus of Panama takes you through the Gaillard Cut, carved through the Continental Divide. Take a partial transit cruise on the *Pacific Queen* for a once-in-a-lifetime chance to view this marvel up-close and learn all about its construction and importance in world trade. Pass through the Pedro Miguel and Miraflores locks, and learn about the canal expansion project. It’s an unforgettable journey between the seas.

**Please Note:**
Panama charges an international airport departure tax of approx. $40 USD – the cost of this may be included in your air ticket. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets. Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required in Atlanta, Georgia or Miami, Florida (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of booking.

Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

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Gamboa

**Gamboa Rainforest Canopy Tour Aerial Tram**

$55 USD

Experience the sights and sounds of a tropical rainforest as you ascend from the shadowy forest floor through the dense undergrowth and up 280 feet to its sun-drenched canopy. Your naturalist guide describes the flora and fauna that surround you as howler monkeys call out in the distance. It’s a feast for the senses; colorful birds and butterflies surround, and you might also encounter iguanas, sloths or white-faced capuchin monkeys. Once at the top, you can climb the 100 foot tall observation tower for views of the vast rainforest of Soberanía National Park while watching the cargo ships maneuver through the Galliard Cut. Continue on to interpretive exhibits of native flora, fauna and culture. Throughout this adventure your guide will be on hand to explain and enhance your encounters. *Duration: Approximately 2.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 1 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

**Gatun Lake Expedition**

$45 USD

Venture into Gatun Lake in search of the playful inhabitants of Monkey Island. Throughout your adventure, discover an abundance of rainforest wildlife in this verdant area. Set out from Gamboa Marina and navigate along the Chagres River. Cruise past historic Gamboa Bridge and into Gatun Lake, a major component of the canal. Get up close views of large ships transiting between oceans as your naturalist guide points out three-toed sloths, turtles, iguanas, crocodiles, eagles, toucans, and other tropical animals along the shore. As you approach the banks of Monkey Island, keep your eyes open for capuchin and howler monkeys leaping in the trees above. Occasionally these intelligent creatures become so curious about visitors that they head down towards the boats to get a closer look! Take advantage of this unique and unforgettable opportunity to see wild monkeys in their natural habitat. Your guide will be on hand the entire time to explain and enhance these once-in-a-lifetime experiences. *Duration: Approximately 1 hour.* Please note a minimum of 1 passengers is required. Transportation is included.
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