

EXPEDITION SOUTH AMERICA WITH PANAMA CANAL: A PICTURE BOOK OF CREATION

The great diversity of South America - united in one fascinating expedition. From the rainforest and jungle to sandy beaches and the equator, not to mention desert-like coastlines. An interplay of nature and culture, with an eventful passage through the Panama Canal.



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Day 1 Colon/Panama

Departure 24.00 hrs

Day 2 Daytime passage through the Panama Canal

One of the most amazing waterways and shortcuts ever created by man: the Panama Canal, a masterpiece of engineering. The daytime passage through the canal that is over 80 km (50 mi.) long is the perfect mix of nature and technology accompanied by the pure spirit of discovery. Instead of the new section for giant container ships, your small expedition ship will take the narrow, original route of the canal. Feel the pulse of the lifeline as the ship glides past jungle and mangrove forests. The banks here are denser and the lock chambers narrower, giving you a direct view of their mechanics. You can watch the ship negotiating the the locks of Miraflores, Pedro Miguel and Gatun with great excitement - as you listen to knowledgeable commentary from your experts on board. It's not just a passage, but a nostalgic experience with a historic atmosphere.



Day 3 Gulf of San Miguel

How must the explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa have felt in the 16th century when he set eyes on the coast of Panama in search of the legendary land of gold? He would probably have been just as amazed as you are when you reach the Gulf of San Miguel, the starting point for discovering the stunning flora and fauna of the Darien jungle. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is considered to be the largest contiguous rainforest area in Central America. Lush green forest as far as the eye can see, criss-crossed by wide rivers. Traditional boats take you right into the green heart of Panama, home of the harpy eagle - probably the most powerful hunting bird in the world and Panama's national animal. It shares its seemingly impenetrable habitat with jaguars, tapirs, pumas and macaws. Meet the Indigenous Embera people, who live in widely scattered villages in the jungle. Your explorer's heart will beat faster as you get to know their traditional everyday life.

Day 4 Pearl Islands

The approximately 200 Pearl Islands in the Gulf of Panama, just 50 km (31 mi.) from Panama City, are of volcanic origin and, with their lush vegetation and fertile soils, are a true paradise. Palm groves, tropical rainforests and unique fauna, including hundreds of species of birds and exotic animals, characterise the untouched natural environment. Long before the Spanish conquered the islands, the islanders used to dive here for pearl oysters, after which the archipelago got its name. Later, it served as a hideout for pirates. Today, the islands are a hotspot for nature lovers because of the impressive coral reefs and diverse wildlife in the sea and on land. Toucans, hummingbirds and iguanas: explore the biodiversity of the archipelago with the Zodiacs after landing together with your experts.

Day 5 Utria National Park/Colombia

In the Utria National Park on the Pacific coast of Colombia, the wild beauty of the rainforest and the sea combine to create an unforgettable habitat. This huge park boasts one of the greatest biodiversities in the world, with species including anteaters, howler monkeys and deer. Surrounded by mountains cloaked in mist and mangrove-lined estuaries that change with the tides, you will be amazed by the flora and fauna. During a walk in the jungle or along the lagoon, your experts on board will continually hone your eye for unforgettable natural and animal sightings. Tropical birds, reptiles, amphibians, land mammals - which of these species will you observe? An excursion into the cultural heritage of the Afro-Colombian communities living here will round off your experiences.

Day 6 Relaxation at sea

Day 7 Isla de la Plata/Ecuador

In the 16th century, the privateer Sir Francis Drake went on a raid in the Pacific Ocean. He is said to have hidden a legendary silver treasure on the Isla de la Plata, the "Silver Island" in Ecuador. During your individual shore visit, you won't have to search long to discover the real treasure: an impressive variety of wildlife. The whimsical frigate birds and turkey vultures, as well as lava lizards, are native to the island. With local guides and your experts, you will walk across the island and be introduced to the vegetation of this dry forest, which is also found in a similar form on the Galapagos Islands. The wildlife constantly invites you to take photos, perhaps when magnificent frigate birds gracefully circle over the surf or brown pelicans practice diving. Images of nature that will never fade in your memory, even without a camera.



Days 8 - 11 Peru

(Paita, Salaverry, Islas Grupo de Huaura)

In Peru, your expedition will be characterised by the former Spanish conquistadors. Let your experts on board get you in the mood for this moving history. All of Peru's territories were conquered one after the other and placed under Spanish rule. The port city of Paita, the Spanish capital on Peru's north-west coast from 1578 to 1588, still boasts historical colonial flair today.

The Peruvian Salaverry is your gateway to a journey through time - to the testimonies and sanctuaries of the ancient civilisations of South America. Follow in the footsteps of the Chimu civilisation in what was once their capital city - now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The former settlement area of the Mochica culture - which is around 2,000 years old - and the ruins of important Chimu shrines lie in the Moche Valley with the Pyramid of the Sun and the Pyramid of the Moon*. The imposing buildings - one built from millions of mud bricks, the other adorned with bright paintings and friezes - give an idea of how the favours of the gods was courted. Cultural treasures that rival the riches of nature here.

Your desire to explore turns into a fascination with nature when cruising off the Islas Grupo de Huaura. Here, your Zodiac cruise is determined by respect for the sensitive nature. The rocky islands are home to Humboldt penguins as well as seabirds such as guano cormorants and peruvian boobies. Your view may also be rewarded with the appearance of whales.

Day 12 Relaxation at sea

Day 13 Callao (Lima)

Arrival 06.00 hrs

The port city of Callao, the gateway to the Peruvian capital Lima, is a vibrant mix of history and culture. Founded in the 16th century by the Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro, the looted Incan treasures and the mined gold and silver were shipped from here. What was once the most important port on the Pacific coast of South America today offers both colonial architecture and modern influences. The Fortaleza del Real Felipe, among other buildings, tells of Peru's eventful history: the 18th-century fortress withstood pirate attacks during the Spanish colonial era. The harbour district of La Punta is an oasis of calm with scenic charm, elegant villas, picturesque beaches and traditional fish restaurants serving chupe de camarones, ceviche and leche de tigre. Be inspired by the vibrant city of Callao.

Day 14 Callao (Lima)

Departure 18.00 hrs

Day 15 Paracas

07.00 - 14.00 hrs

The Paracas Peninsula shows the best sides of Peru: a dream coast surrounded by the sea, a diverse animal world and historical sites. The nature reserve created here in 1975 includes the peninsula, the bay and the small archipelago of Islas Ballestas. The largest marine nature reserve in South America is home to blue-footed boobies, pelicans and Humboldt penguins as well as seals and dolphins. Many birds from colder regions also migrate here in winter. The area around the city is famous for its historical treasures, including



pre-Columbian geoglyphs on the mountain slopes. Join your experts on board for a journey through time and find out how the images, such as the geometric figures and monumental animal pictures of Nazca, were created. According to legend, the region is where the first white-and-red flag of Peru originated when, in 1820, national hero Jose de San Martin was inspired by a flock of flamingos here. What will your encounter with the diverse fauna do to you?

Day 16 Relaxation at sea

Day 17 Isla Pan de Azucar/Chile

Along the Chilean coast, you will embark on an exciting cruise that will take you to some of the most beautiful natural sites in the Atacama region. However barren the land may seem here, your experts on board will convey its vibrancy to you - for example, when you see the Isla Pan de Azucar, a kind of large sandy mountain. Setting foot on the island is not allowed, but you can of course admire as much as you like. The "sugarloaf island" will treat your eyes to the sight of Peruvian pelicans on your Zodiac ride.

Day 18 Relaxation at sea

Day 19 Valparaiso/Chile

Arrival 06.00 hrs

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



YOUR SHIP: HANSEATIC INSPIRATION/SPIRIT/NATURE

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VESSEL TYPE:	
LENGTH:	
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	

The HANSEATIC inspiration, spirit and nature are small, state-of-the-art expedition ships with a maximum of 230 guests, offers a perfect blend of adventure and comfort for explorers seeking to uncover the world's wonders. As an international vessel conducting cruises in both English and German, it brings over 30 years of expertise from a market leader in German-speaking countries to every journey. Each expedition is a masterpiece, passionately crafted to reveal far-flung worlds--be it icy realms, tropical paradises, wildlife havens, or cultural gems--making every voyage a unique discovery aboard this exceptional ship. Features of all cabins and suites An ocean view with even more: exclusively outside cabins and suites, almost all with balconies or French balconies Spaciously designed - enjoy a relaxing stay in rooms from 21 m²/226 ft² up to 71 m²/764 ft² in size Exceptionally equipped - for example, with binoculars, Nordic Walking poles, air conditioning, coffee machine and mini bar (free of charge) and 24-hour cabin service Separable beds Rain shower and heated wall in bathroom (e.g. for towels and wet parkas) Extensive infotainment with live broadcast and recordings of expert presentations, forwardview camera, navigation chart, films and much more Restaurants Aboard the HANSEATIC Inspiration and Spirit, a new kind of freedom blends adventure and pleasure with a culinary journey across three exceptional restaurants. The spacious HANSEATIC Restaurant offers flexible mealtimes and a free choice of seating, serving a daily-changing menu of global flavors inspired by local specialties, paired with fine wines and supported by attentive 24-hour cabin service. At the Lido Restaurant, guests can savor breakfast under the open sky or enjoy a perfectly grilled steak from the outdoor barbecue, complete with panoramic views and an open show kitchen. The specialty restaurant Nikkei fuses fine Japanese creations with modern Peruvian cuisine, delivering a unique dining experience that elevates exploration to new heights--all while bars in the Observation Lounge and HanseAtrium offer favorite drinks against stunning backdrops, from Nordic fjords to icy Antarctic vistas. Fitness and Wellness On the HANSEATIC inspiration, an extraordinary time out awaits after thrilling Zodiac rides, challenging hikes, or Arctic adventures. Unwind in the Ocean Spa, where a Finnish sauna with stunning ocean views, a gentle steam sauna, an ice fountain, and a relaxation room rejuvenate your senses, complemented by professional massages, cosmetic treatments, and eco-friendly products made from natural, vegan ingredients. Stay active in the 100 m² fitness room or separate course room--both with ocean vistas--guided by a fitness coach offering personalized advice and a variety of courses, either indoors or on deck. The pool area, with its flexible canopy, invites relaxation year-round, featuring water loungers, a whirlpool, and a bar, ensuring a perfect blend of



indulgence and revitalization against the backdrop of the open sea. Knowledge Shore excursions and Zodiac rides come alive with deeper context through fascinating presentations in the HanseAtrium, a high-tech lounge where experts share daily precaps and recaps, doubling as an atmospheric evening bar for films and discussions. The Ocean Academy enhances the journey with a Study Wall and interactive poster of scientific insights, microscopes for exploring hidden wonders alongside experts, and Study Seats--with swivel touchscreens--for personal dives into science. Supported by travel diaries and destination videos, this immersive experience broadens horizons with cutting-edge tools and



expertise.

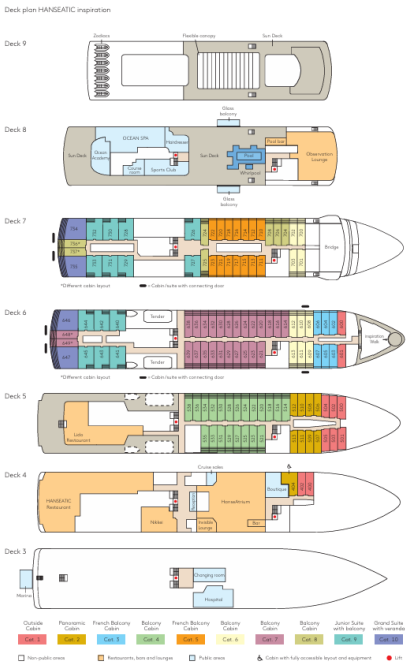
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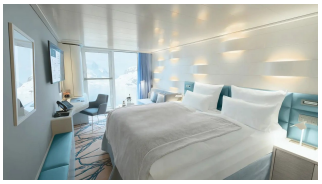
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French Balcony Cabin



Grand Suite



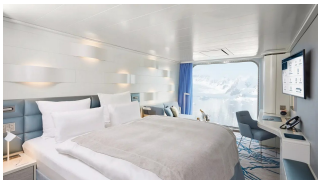
Junior Suite



Outside Cabin



Panoramic Cabin





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Panoramic Cabin	**£9920 GBP pp**
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Junior Suite	**£16524 GBP pp**
Grand Suite	**£22500 GBP pp**