

RIDE THE TRADE WINDS FROM THE ABC ISLANDS TO COSTA RICA

This long-distance voyage links the Caribbean with the Pacific, combining extended sailing passages with landmark crossings and nature-rich destinations. After departing Curaçao, the route leads to Cartagena, where fortified walls and colonial streets reflect centuries of maritime history, before continuing toward Panama for a full daylight transit of the Panama Canal. On the Pacific side, remote islands and coastal anchorages introduce a slower rhythm, followed by immersive encounters with Costa Rica's biodiversity, from rainforest-fringed ports to wildlife-rich national parks, ending the journey along the country's lush Pacific shoreline.



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Day 1 Willemstad, Curaçao

Curaçao, alphabetically the last of the ABC, is the largest in the Netherlands Antilles in terms of land area. The neat capital, Willemstad, a trading post for the Dutch West India Company in the 17th century, with its well preserved colonial architecture, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The picturesque location of the wide harbor canal, boulevards with beautifully restored facades and colorful, typically Dutch gabled houses make Willemstad a lively "Little Amsterdam". Take in the wonder of the bright



Caribbean light, beneath palm trees, with azure bays and pearl-white beaches.

Days 2 - 3 Day under full sails

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Days 4 - 5 Cartagena, Colombia

Cartagena was once the richest city in the New World and a popular target for pirate attacks, since a large part of the Spanish treasure was stored there. Sir Francis Drake also instilled terror into the Spanish city. After Drake's invasion, the city was fortified with a 7 mile-long rampart and the immense San Felipe Fort. Today Cartagena is one of the most beautiful colonial cities on the American continent and is protected by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

Day 6 Day under full sails

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Day 7 Day sailing through the Panama Canal & Panama City (Balboa), Panama

The idea of connecting the Atlantic and Pacific at the narrowest part of Central America had been around for many hundreds of years, but from a technical perspective this tremendous achievement only became possible much later. The French took on the project in 1881, after the successful opening of the Suez Canal in Egypt in 1869. But it would be more than 30 years before the canal was finally completed in 1914. This masterpiece of technology is just under 50 miles long, has 12 lock basins and negotiates a difference in altitude of 85 feet. The Panama Canal is one of the world's most important waterways and most spectacular ship canals.

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Day 8 Panama City (Balboa), Panama

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Day 9 Pearl Islands, Panama

The name of this Pacific archipelago in the Gulf of Panama pre-dates the Spanish conquest to a time when its inhabitants were pearl fishermen and traded in beautiful oyster pearls. Where in previous centuries, pirates and buccaneers hid out and buried their loot, other treasures can now be found. Over 200 pearl islands, of which even the smallest are inhabited, form an almost undisturbed paradise with a diverse range of lakes and rivers, enchanting white coral beaches, golden sandy beaches and black volcanic beaches, rounded off with lush green tropical vegetation. The island of Contadora has special significance as the place where U.S. President Jimmy Carter signed the Panama Canal Treaty in 1977, ceding sovereign rights over the Panama Canal to the Republic of Panama.

Day 10 Day under full sails

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Days 11 - 12 Puerto Jiménez, Costa Rica

Deep in the Pacific South of Costa Rica lies the small town of Puerto Jimenez on the diverse Osa Peninsula. As the area is almost entirely covered by pristine rainforest, it's a dream destination for nature enthusiasts, and you won't find hordes of tourists here. Life in this 1,700-resident town is tranquil: in the mid-20th century, loggers and gold prospectors briefly brought a boom to Puerto Jimenez, but calm returned thereafter. Today, visitors can fully immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the surroundings. In the Piedras Blancas Rainforest Park, the high humidity creates lush greenery - providing a home for coatis, jaguars, and vibrant tropical birds.

Day 13 Quepos, Costa Rica

Quepos was a lively little port at the time of booming banana exports. Today it is a gateway to the Manuel Antonio National Park, which lies to the south. The park covers an area of just 2 1/2 square miles and is one of the most diverse rainforests in Costa Rica. Paths lead you from the beautiful sandy beach straight to the heart of this untamed green kingdom. More than 1,000 varieties of plant and prolific wildlife, including whole herds of inquisitive apes, sloths, coatis, raccoons, iguanas, birds, and unique colorful butterflies have made this place their home.

Day 14 Day under full sails

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Day 15 Playa Panamá, Costa Rica

As still as a lake, the sea lies under the tropical sun: thanks to its sheltered location in a tree-lined bay, Playa Panama is considered the most relaxing and tranquil beach on the Guanacaste coast - the perfect place to unwind. The Palo Verde National Park stretches along one bank of the Rio Tempisque. It



features the densest population of water fowl in the whole of Costa Rica and is one of the best areas for bird watching in Central America - almost 300 species of bird have been identified here. The best vantage point to see them is on a boat trip through the mangroves.

Day 16 San José (Puntarenas), Costa Rica

Pura vida! Protected by the Nicoya Peninsula with its beautiful nature parks, Puntarenas is located on a narrow headland that extends into the Gulf of Nicoya. To the right and left of the pier long beaches line the coast, along which the promenade with hotels, bars and restaurants runs. Only about 71 miles separate the popular port city on the Pacific side of Costa Rica from the capital San Jose. Worth seeing are the gold and national museum as well as the beautiful buildings like the classical national theater and the elegant and playful post and telegraph office.

Please note:
Itineraries are subject to change.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

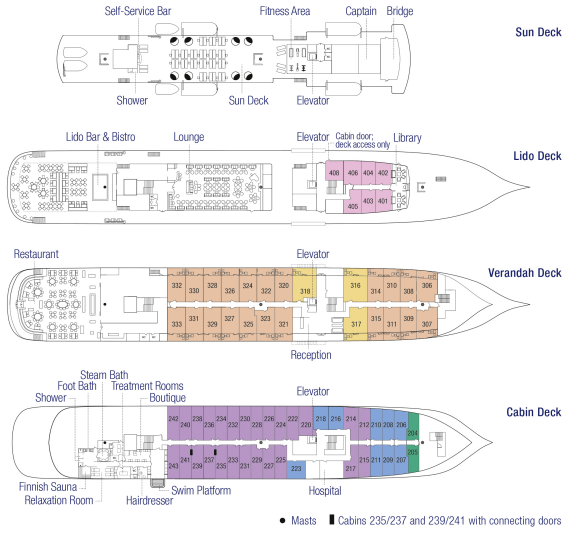
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Cat. B Junior suites with balcony	Cat. D De luxe cabins, outside	Cat. F Superior single cabins, outside

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