

# Costa Rica & Panama Canal, Culture, Adventure



Sail between two seas exploring national parks and a wildlife refuge teeming with colorful birds and wildlife; snorkeling and kayaking in crystal-clear waters; and transit the Panamá Canal.



**DATES – 2020** - JAN 09, 19\*, 29 | FEB 08\*, 18, 28\* | MAR 9, 19\*, 29 | DEC 18, 28\*

**2021** – JAN 07\*, 17, 27\* | FEB 06, 16\*, 26 | MAR 08\*, 18, 28\* | APR 07

**DURATION** – 11 days/10 nights

**EMBARKATION** – SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

**DISEMBARKATION** – PANAMA CITY,  
PANAMA

**SHIP** - M/V Safari Voyager

**FROM** - \$7,145

(Including Port Fees \$450)

\* Reverse Itinerary

## INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS:

- Panama Canal night transit
- Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Darien Jungle, Coiba National Park, and Fort San Lorenzo
- Embera village visit
- Darien Jungle's Mogue River by motorized canoe
- Marine life search in the Gulf of Panama
- Tropical rainforest hikes—watch for howler monkeys, scarlet macaws, white-faced capuchins, and sloths
- Stroll a private butterfly- and flower-rich tropical preserve
- Snorkel, kayak, and paddle board among Las Perlas and Granito de Oro islet

## ITINERARY: (AS BELOW, OR REVERSE FROM PANAMA CITY to SAN JOSE)

### DAY 1 – San José, Costa Rica – Embark

You'll be greeted at the airport upon your arrival and swooped off to the hospitality suite before transferring to the vessel for a warm welcome from your captain and crew. Toast to adventure over dinner as you sail along the Pacific coast.

### DAY 2 – Curu National Wildlife Refuge

At the southeastern tip of Nicoya Peninsula—in the tangled mangroves of Curu—the cycle of life is everywhere. Local “residents” include everything from exotic birds and deer to leafcutter ants, snake-eating frogs, and hungry crocodiles. Step carefully as you cross the swinging bridge, you don't want to land on the menu! Land crabs shift in and out of their burrows with such force it's enough to make the earth move. Trails offer prime howler and spider monkey viewing, and a chance to glimpse the immense blue morpho butterfly. An afternoon beach party offers up a chance to swim and stroll along shore.

### DAY 3 – Osa Conservation Area

Adventure lies around every bend in the isolated, wild Osa Conservation Area, home to the country's largest national park, Corcovado. Drake Bay, named after its discoverer Sir Francis Drake and fabled to house the explorer's hidden treasures, is also known for hundreds of distinct species of plants and trees and its diverse plant and animal species. A whopping 2.5% of the entire planet's biodiversity is found here—including all four of Costa Rica's monkeys, tree frogs, caimans, anteaters, scarlet macaws, coatis, and 16 different species of

hummingbird. Explore this vast area putting feet to trail on an invigorating hike through the jungle. At the end of the day, enjoy the sunset and retell stories of the day with your travel-mates.



### DAY 4 – Golfo Dulce

A birder's haven, explore a botanical reserve exploding with vibrant color. From bromeliads, ginger plants, and heliconias, to toucans, hummingbirds, mischievous monkeys, and fluttering butterflies—there's a kaleidoscope of sights, sounds, and tastes in every tree and bush you pass on your walking tour. In Golfo Dulce, the “sweet gulf” which separates Osa Peninsula from the mainland and one of only four tropical fjords on the planet, explore the rare flora and fauna of mangroves by kayak and skiff. Bottlenose, spotted, and spinner dolphins also swim in the waters of this tucked away wilderness.



### DAY 5 – Granito de Oro, Coiba National Park

Sail through the islands of Coiba National Park, making a stop at Granito de Oro islet. Offering a little bit of everything despite its small size, volcanic outcroppings at either end of this tiny landmass and a dense, mini-

jungle in the center connect with a dreamy white sand beach. Named one of the world's top 10 diving sites, your day of play features snorkeling among abundant marine life, kayaking around rocky outcroppings, and lounging on the warm sand for a casual beach party with the local hermit crabs. Hop to the park's main island for a stretch of the legs on a trail through this tropical jungle. Mantled howler monkeys, scarlet macaws, and two turtle species call Isla Coiba home.

#### **DAY 6 – Captain's Choice**

Wake up in paradise. Start with fresh-brewed coffee and a little limbering up with guided stretches on deck. As always, the hardest part is picking the “what.” Your guides know the trails and help you spot monkeys, hummingbirds, and towering balsa trees. Slip into the drink for a kayak or snorkel. Go exploring by skiff. Or, just kick back in a hammock under swaying palms. Then it's cruising time. Settle into a comfy lounge chair and take in the views.

#### **DAY 7 – Gulf of Panama | Marine Life Search**

Cruise through the diverse isles and atolls in the Gulf of Panama hosting hundreds of avian and marine mammal species. Guides give presentations and your captain determines the best locations and activities based on what nature delivers. And be on the lookout for a silvery glint streaking across the water—it could be mobula rays taking flight.



#### **DAY 8 – Darien Jungle**

The Darien Jungle is about as timeless today as it was 500 years ago. Traveling the Mogue River by motorized canoe, your expedition guide helps you spot wildlife—colorful roseate spoonbills, ibises, osprey, and raccoons fishing from the water's edge. Delving deeper into this mysterious, almost mythical place, you get to meet the

locals. Embera villagers offer a traditional welcome and share customs, stories, songs, and dance. Their highly prized and intricately woven rainforest baskets are keepers. Celebrate this unforgettable voyage with a special farewell dinner, and then join your expedition team for a slideshow highlighting the week's adventures.

#### **DAY 9 - Pearl Islands Archipelago | Panama Canal**

Discovered by Spanish conquistadors and named for the flood of pearls found, the 90 islands and nearly 130 islets of the Pearl Islands are now almost entirely uninhabited by humans and instead boast a plethora of tropical flora and fauna. Gear is simple today—have your binoculars handy for superb bird watching on a skiff tour of Bartolome Island's bird sanctuary. Magnificent Frigatebirds, Brown Pelicans, and Yellow Warblers are likely to pop into your field of vision. For more exploration, select your modus operandi—kayak, paddle board, skiff, or snorkel—and set out in a nature lovers' dreamscape. Take in the whole of it, as you prepare for one of the most memorable travel experiences—transiting between two seas along the 48-mile marvel, the Panama Canal. The lock authority gives the final go ahead for your evening transit. Join your shipmates on deck for a toast as the canal lights up and the temperature subsides. A story of engineering and human tenacity, it took over 75,000 workers to build it, and takes you about eight hours to transit.

#### **DAY 10 - Fort San Lorenzo**

It's your last day, and it's a big one. Take in a little history and a “walk on the wild side” among the battlements and canons of San Lorenzo Fort. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was built in the 1500s by the Spanish crown as a military stronghold and sacked multiple times by swashbuckling pirates. Cap off your week with a celebratory Farewell Dinner, and then join your expedition team for a slideshow highlighting your adventures.

#### **DAY 11 - Panama City, Panama – Disembarkation**

After an early breakfast, bid adiós to your crew. Make a stop at the Agua Clara Visitor Center. Take in the views of Lake Gatun and the newly expanded locks. Then your transfer continues, taking you to the airport for your flight home or stay to see more of this vibrant city.

**Add pre-and post-cruise land arrangements – we have some great programs for Costa Rica and Panama.**



RATES	JAN 09-MAR 29 2020	2020 DEC 18 & 28 2021 JAN 07-APR 07
CABIN CATEGORY	RATE - PER PERSON	
MASTER	\$ 7,145	\$ 7,345
COMMANDER	\$ 7,945	\$ 8,145
CAPTAIN	\$ 8,445	\$ 8,645
ADMIRAL	\$ 9,445	\$ 9,645
COMMODORE	\$ 10,445	\$ 10,645
OWNER'S SUITE	\$ 12,045	\$ 12,245
SINGLE*	\$ 10,495	\$ 10,795
Included Port Fees \$450 Per Person		

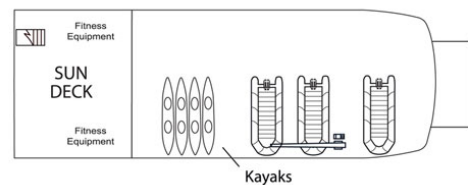
\*Single occupancy in other cabins is at 175% of double rate.

**RATES INCLUDE:**

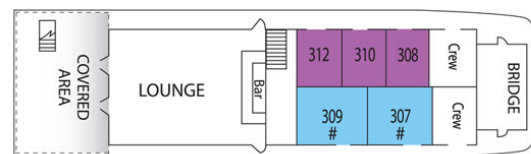
Group transfers from the airport to the ship on day of embarkation; Group transfer to airport or central location upon; All scheduled landings/excursions; All lectures and briefings onboard; All meals served aboard; Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages; Coffee/tea/cocoa/espresso 24 hours daily; Pre-departure materials; Port charges - \$450 per person.

**RATES DO NOT INCLUDE**

Visa and passport fees (if applicable); Airfare; Luggage, trip cancellation and Emergency Evacuation Insurance; Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges; Staff gratuities; fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings; Pre- or post-cruise travel expenses.



Sun Deck



Bridge Deck



Cabin Deck



Main Deck

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