



# SHORE EXCURSIONS

**14**  
nights

## **STAR CLIPPER** **Barbados to Panama - Christmas Cruise**



<b>Sat</b>	<b>Bridgetown, Barbados</b>
Sun	Tobago Cays, Grenadines
Mon	St George's, Grenada
Tue	at sea
Wed	at sea
Thu	Willemstad, Curaçao
Fri	Kralendijk, Bonaire
Sat	Oranjestad, Aruba
Sun	at sea
Mon	Santa Marta, Colombia
Tue	Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
Wed	at sea
Thu	San Blas Archipelago, Panama
Fri	Panama Canal Transit
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Isla Flamenco, Panama</b>

### **What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:**

- All our tours are offered with English speaking guides.
- The length of the tours and time spent on the sites is given as an indication as it may vary depending on weather, sea and traffic conditions and on the group's pace.
- The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication. Passengers should be fit and active to join tours which include hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, boating, or similar activities.

### **How you can book your shore excursions:**

- You can book shore excursions onboard, using our "sign-up lists" available at the Library.
- Debark tours ending at the airport and transfers can now be pre-booked prior your cruise.
- In order to provide the best service and to avoid disappointments, please book your shore excursions as early as possible: places are limited and there is a booking deadline for each port.
- A minimum number of participants is required for tours; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100 % cancellation fees will be charged.

### **Important notes:**

- Departure times of the tour are mentioned on the daily program of each port.
  - All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes.
- Last updated tour descriptions are available on Star Clippers' website and onboard the ship in a file at the Library.

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## TOBAGO CAYS - Discover the Southern Grenadines by sailing catamaran

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 20 / Max 100
<b>3:00</b>	<i>Moderate</i>	<b>75 €</b>	catamaran	participants

Cruise through the crystal blue waters and sparkling white sand beaches of the Marine National Park of Tobago Cays. Our first stop is at the Horseshoe Reef for snorkeling and swimming then on to view the exclusive Palm Island Resort. This will be followed by a rum punch and swim stop at the sparkling white sand beach of Mayreau, Salt Whistle, one of the top 10 beaches in the Caribbean. Swim and snorkel as much as you want on this truly memorable tour. You will be back at the beach for the ship's barbecue (weather permitting).

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues and pregnant women. Min age is 12 years (accompanied by an adult). Snorkeling is optional, Guests participating to the snorkeling must be experienced swimmers.

Useful tips: wear your swimsuit under a cover-up and bring a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, a towel. Snorkeling equipment is not provided, please bring your equipment from the ship.

The itinerary and the tour sequence may be changed at Captain's discretion depending on weather conditions and tide.

## GRENADA - Chocolate and falls

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 20 / Max 60
<b>4:00</b>	<i>Moderate</i>	<b>49 €</b>	minibus (with A/C)	participants

This aromatic island tour will allow you to know everything about the "Jouvay" organic chocolate production at the Diamond Chocolate Factory nestled in the village of Victoria on the west coast of Grenada. You'll find it in an 18th-century converted rum distillery, which was built by French monks. Nowadays, the factory's responsible for making "Jouvay" – one of the world's top 10 chocolates, according to National Geographic. This chocolate's completely organic and you'll learn how it's made – from the harvest of the cocoa beans, to watching them dry on trays under the Caribbean sun.

A visit to the garden of cocoa trees to see, cocoa, cloves, chili, nutmeg, flowers, fruits, followed by a delicious chocolate tasting, will conclude this pleasant visit to one of the most amazing sites in the Caribbean.

Next, proceed for a visit to Concord Fall, where nutmeg and cocoa trees grow along the flanks of the hills in the tropical forest. Upon arrival, relax with a complementary drink and take a refreshing swim in the lovely natural waterfall-pool (Conditions permitting). Following your visit, commence the approximately 45-minute drive back to the cruise terminal.

Please note: Guests will get the opportunity to swim at the waterfall site. The water at the waterfall is not crystal clear at all times especially when it rains, however, it is safe to swim or take a quick dip. Terrain at the waterfall is uneven and may be slippery.

Helpful hints: wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, a towel from the ship and water.

The tour sequence may vary. There's not visit inside the chocolate factory.

The drive from St George's to the Chocolate factory will take 1h20 minutes, on a winding road.



### GRENADA - Trek to Bamboo Fall

Duration:

**4:00**

Activity level:

*Strenuous*

Price:

**49 €**

Transportation:

minibus (with  
A/C)

Min 20 / Max 42

participants

This excursion is a must for all Nature lovers; it is a wonderful journey of discovery starting at St George's and following steep winding roads culminating at the rain forest peak, an amazing spot some 1900ft above sea level. This is Grand Etang Forest, a sanctuary and nature reserve located in the islands Central Mountain Range. Here lush vegetation, towering mahogany trees, ferns and colourful tropical flowers provide a vivid background to a wide cross section of bird and animal life. If you enjoy trekking, then you will love the trail through the rainforest to reach Bamboo falls. The trek will take you over a private plantation where you will see nutmeg, cocoa, bananas, and many other vibrant tropical plants. It can be muddy and slippery, especially if it has rained recently, so please choose your footwear accordingly. Bamboo Falls is known as one of the most famous and beautiful Grenada's waterfalls and is certainly worth the 30-minute trek to get there.

Fresh local organic orange juice will be available on your return to the Cruise Terminal.

Enjoy unspoilt nature at its finest and join us on this unforgettable Eco trek.

Please note: This tour must be considered strenuous and is suitable only for guest who are in very good physical conditions. Rain Forest terrain is muddy and can be slippery. Before arriving to the fall guests must cross a river and have feet up to the knees into the water.

Helpful hints: wear light clothes and comfortable hiking shoes (closed shoes with grip) and bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.

Guests who wish to swim at the waterfall are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up and bring aqua shoes.

The drive from the ship to the start of the trail takes approximately 45 minutes each way, on a winding and bumpy road.

### GRENADA - Catamaran sailing and snorkeling tour

Duration:

**3:30**

Activity level:

*Moderate*

Price:

**72 €**

Transportation:

catamaran

Min 15 / Max 60

participants

From St. George's Harbor, you will sail on a catamaran along Grenada's west coast to stop at Molinere Bay.

Here you will enjoy a snorkeling stop to discover the underwater sculpture park, located in Granada's marine protected area.

These statues are sympathetically located to enhance the reef, making natural use of its varied topography.

Then you will sail to Mango Bay beach (wet landing) for a second stop before a one-hour sailing back to the cruise terminal.

Unlimited beverages are provided throughout, including rum punch, juices, and mineral water.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues and pregnant women. Guests must walk in ankle-deep water to (dis)embark to boat at Mango Bay. Half of the boat has shade.

Snorkeling is optional, Guests participating to the snorkeling must be experienced swimmers.

Unlimited beverages are provided throughout including rum punch (only after the snorkeling), juices and mineral water.

Helpful hints: wear your swimsuit under a cover-up and bring a towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, aqua shoes and a hat. Mask, snorkel, and snorkel vest are provided (no fins).



### CURAÇAO (Willemstad) - Curaçao country drive tour

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 25 / Max 48
<b>3:30</b>	<i>Moderate</i>	<b>59 €</b>	motorcoach (with A/C)	participants

On this wonderful tour you will see the beauties of the island’s nature. We leave the port and we drive to the west passing through some areas of the city before arriving at the countryside. On the way to our first stop you will see several plantation homes and old labor houses.

Our first stop will be the old labor house "Kas di Pal'i Maishi. Here your guide will explain to you in an entertaining way about the life on Curaçao in the old days. They will demonstrate what they did with the abundant available cactus plants, they will sing a song and show you a typical local dance.

Boka Tabla is our second stop which is one of the national parks on the island. Here you will see how the wild sea meets the coast in a spectacular way. The waves are exploding on wild rock formations. Especially the power of the sea will amaze you and the unpredictable waves are stunning.

At West Point we have a small photo stop from the bus, where you can enjoy the beautiful view over the Caribbean Sea at Playa Forti. The next stop is the most beautiful tropical beach on the island, with its unforgettable azure blue sea and white beach. You can see the tropical fish swimming through the crystal-clear sea. This is the most perfect place for making your tropical vacation photos.

On our way back we will pass by the salt lakes of Jan Kok, where you might be lucky to spot some Flamingo’s, before we drive straight back to the ship.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking over uneven surfaces.

Helpful hints: weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

The tour consists in a panoramic tour of the island by bus with several visits and photo stops.

### CURAÇAO (Willemstad) - Beach hop and turtle snorkeling adventure

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 25 / Max 40
<b>4:00</b>	<i>Moderate</i>	<b>65 €</b>	safari bus (open)	participants

Curaçao is known for its beautiful and exclusive beaches. Crystal clear blue waters and sweet, warm sea air will inspire you to explore the island’s captivating shores. From the ship we drive you through the countryside of the island to Playa Grandi, a natural beach at the most Western point of the island.

Here you will have a chance to get to know a part of the marine park of our island and possibly spot turtles at this particular spot. Together with your guide, you will discover the beauties of the Caribbean Sea. It is great fun to snorkel and to explore the amazing and stunning underwater world of Curaçao. This underwater Marine Park has so much to offer, like numerous multi-colored tropical fish and a very good chance to swim around some turtles that frequently visit this beach.

After a short drive we will bring you to Cas Abao Beach. Here you will be able to go snorkeling again or relax at your beach chair. Your snorkel guide will assist you and help you recognize the beautiful fish that surround you.

After this fantastic snorkeling experience, we bring you back to the ship again.

Please note: Shower, beach chair and one drink (soda) are included in stop at Cas Abao Beach, while there are no facilities at Playa Grandi. Beach can be rocky (dead coral) which can make entering the sea a bit more difficult. Slight currents can occur, could be windy and sometimes there are waves.

Helpful hints: wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, water, aqua shoes and a towel from the ship. Mask, snorkel, and snorkel vest are provided. The use of fins is not allowed (their movement can frighten the turtles).

Approximate driving times: pier to Playa Grandi: 45 minutes. Playa Grandi to Cas Abao beach: 30 minutes. Cas Abao beach to the pier: 30 minutes. Transfers can either be in open beach bus or air-conditioned coach.



### CURAÇAO (Willemstad) - Colorful Willemstad and Maritime Museum

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 10 / Max 25 participants
<b>3:00</b>	<i>Moderate</i>	<b>32 €</b>		

Begin your tour walking through the historic Rif Fort, cross the harbor on the floating Queen Emma Bridge. Continue your walk by passing vibrant merchant houses on the quay of the harbor. Continue to Fort Amsterdam, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, built in 1634 to guard the entrance of the harbor. This citadel was converted into the Governor's Palace and the office of the Central Government of Curacao.

Arrive at the Curacao Maritime Museum for a (approx. 1 hour) guided tour. The museum is vested in an old colonial two storied mansion built in 1729. After this building was completely burned down in 1988, it was spectacularly restored. The interior is designed in maritime style, complete with gangplank, portholes, and ship railings.

The Curacao Maritime Museum harmoniously embraces the age-old maritime history of the island. The storyline is illustrated through authentic nautical charts, ship models and navigation equipment combined with modern day audiovisual techniques. All sorts of interesting details of the Curacao Maritime history are revered.

After the tour at the Curacao Maritime Museum, we will stop for a refreshment before making our way back to the ship walking around the Riffort shopping area. Guests can either choose to return to the pier or remain in town and explore independently.

Please note: This tour involves extended walking (approx. 3 km) and standing over uneven surfaces.

Helpful hints: weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

The order of the visits may vary.

### BONAIRE (Kralendijk) - Best of Bonaire

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 16 / Max 80 participants
<b>2:15</b>	<i>Moderate</i>	<b>52 €</b>	motorcoach (with A/C)	

Your trip begins with a leisurely drive to the South/East side of the island, through one of the best-preserved mangrove areas in the Caribbean. Along the way, your guide will be on the lookout for Bonaire's most famous bird, the shy flamingo. With its deep pink-coral feathers and graceful leggy walk, this bird is especially beautiful in the wild. Donkeys and goats like to graze beside the country roads, so you will be able to take some great photos.

At Sorobon beach, you will make a short stop to view the beautiful bay where you can dip your feet in the warm turquoise colored water. Enjoy a cool drink, refresh yourself, and then continue your trip to seek out some more flamingos!

Visit the Salt flats, home to the protected flamingo sanctuary. Here, your guide will explain how salt is produced today on Bonaire, and how it was mined by the slaves in the 19th century. At the Slave Huts, you will literally see and touch history as you enter the huts that served as shelters for the slaves working the salt pans.

On the drive back to the ship enjoy a breath-taking coastline view with pink-colored salt pans, and snow-white salt mounds on one side and the aqua-blue Caribbean Sea on the other. It's a real live postcard!

Before arriving at the ship, you will have one last chance to see some flamingos at a salt pond.

Please note: Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and a bottle of water.





**BONAIRE - Bonaire sailing and snorkeling tour**

Duration: <b>3:00</b>	Activity level: <i>Moderate</i>	Price: <b>99 €</b>	Transportation: minibus (with A/C) + boat	Min 6 / Max 14 participants
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Get a taste of the High Life on our exclusive sailing tour. Sit back & let yourself be pampered while you enjoy a relaxed sail along the beautiful coast of Bonaire on board this unique 44ft sailing yacht.

Destination: a snorkeling paradise at the world-famous Bonaire Marine Park. All snorkel equipment is available on board and your crew will help you gear up and get into the water.

Later, the Chef will treat you to delicious freshly made snacks and an open bar of rum, beer, wine, juice & soft drinks awaits your pleasure on this exclusive sailing trip.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues and pregnant women. Half of the boat has shade. Please wear your swimsuit under your clothing and bring a towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, t-shirt and a hat.

Snorkeling is optional, Guests participating to the snorkeling must be experienced swimmers. Snorkelling equipment is provided. Rum punch will be served only after the snorkeling.

Footwear restricted to rubber shoes, sneakers or sandals. There is a 15-minute drive to reach the boat from the pier.

**BONAIRE - Mangrove Kayaking**

Duration: <b>3:15</b>	Activity level: <i>Active (Strenuous)</i>	Price: <b>85 €</b>	Transportation: minibus (with A/C)	Min 6 / Max 14 participants
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The drive from the pier to the mangrove area, Lac Bay, takes approximately 25 minutes.

This area is a designated National Park and visitors must be accompanied by a trained guide. Experience the tranquil beauty of the mangroves as you glide past bird habitats and fish spawning grounds. Your guide will enhance the tour with brief explanations on the interrelation between plants and animals, without in any way disturbing the peace of the mangroves with a running commentary.

The “Sit on Top” Ocean Kayaks with their adjustable back rests are quite comfortable and easy to maneuver through the shallow waters.

Please note: This is a very active tour and is only recommended for guests in very good physical condition. Participants must be able to swim. Minimum age is 10 years old (minors must be accompanied by an adult). Max weight is 440 lbs / 200 kg per kayak (double kayaks will be used).

No guests with heart conditions, asthma, walking disabilities, leg injuries, chest injuries and/or recovering from surgery should participate in this tour. Neither should pregnant women.

Please wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, hat, water shoes, sunglasses, insect repellent and t-shirt (if sun sensitive). Waterproof cameras are highly recommended.

Refreshments in the form of juice, soda or water will be provided. Before the tour starts, practical instructions on how to maneuver the kayaks will be given.

The kayak tour lasts approx. 2 / 2.5 hours, depending on the group’s pace. Under normal circumstances the kayaks are extremely stable, however it is possible to tip them over.



### BONAIRE - Captain Jack's snorkel tour

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 10 / Max 24 participants
<b>3:00</b>	<i>Active (Strenuous)</i>	<b>85 €</b>	speedboat	

Join us for an unforgettable snorkeling experience where the Caribbean's hidden treasures await your discovery. Join our Snorkel Adventure and immerse yourself in the magic of the underwater world!

Prepare for an aquatic adventure as you embark on Captain Jack's Guided Snorkel Tour. Join our small groups for an exciting journey into the pristine waters of the Caribbean Sea. With the help of an experienced snorkel guide, you'll uncover the secrets of two exclusive snorkel spots accessible only by boat.

Head towards Klein Bonaire, a haven for some of the most breathtaking coral reefs and marine life in the region. Immerse yourself in a world of color as you marvel at the vibrant coral formations and captivating marine creatures that call this underwater paradise home.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues and pregnant women.

Please wear your swimsuit under your clothing and bring a towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, t-shirt and a hat.

Guests participating to the snorkeling must know how to swim. Snorkelling equipment is provided (masks, snorkels and fins). A selection of soft drinks and water is available onboard (included in the excursion).

### ARUBA - Natural Wonders of Aruba

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 25 / Max 50 participants
<b>3:00</b>	<i>Moderate</i>	<b>52 €</b>	minibus (with A/C)	

Experience the beauties of Natural Aruba on a tour that takes you on a journey of discovery. You will first make the scenic trip to Aruba's number one ecological attraction, The Butterfly Farm. The farm is an unforgettable encounter with nature in all its diversity. Step into a tropical garden teeming with butterflies and prepare to meet some of the world's most colorful and unusual creatures. From the Butterfly Farm you will journey to the Ayo Rock Formation where you can explore the natural gardens and walk amongst huge boulders.

Travelling on, you will pass countless Divi Divi trees and cactus before arriving at a natural bridge carved by the relentless pounding of the surf. You will also see the ruins of a much larger natural bridge which collapsed in 2005.

The excursion ends with the scenic drive to Oranjestad, the capital of Aruba.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking over uneven surfaces.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen and water.



### ARUBA - Offroad adventure in Aruba and beach stop

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 14 / Max 24
<b>4:00</b>	<i>Moderate</i>	<b>75 €</b>	4WD vehicle (open)	participants

Your adventure begins with a scenic drive over the Casibari Rock Formation, your local driver-guide will share his knowledge of the many sights you'll visit. Next stop are the Natural Bridge Ruins and Baby Natural Bridge. Pounded over thousands of years by wind and surf, this natural coral limestone bridge is a testament to nature's power.

Then, continue the drive along the east coast, until you arrive to Alto Vista Chapel and the California Lighthouse.

Before returning to the ship, there will be a 45-minute stop at one of the best beaches of the island with crystalline waters.

After having enjoyed time at leisure at the beach, a bus will pick you up for your return back to the ship.

Please note: Vehicles are driven by professional driver-guides and each vehicle can accommodate 8 or 16 passengers.

Parking lot at the port is located at 5 to 10 minutes' walk from the pier. Minimum age to participate is 6 years old.

This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility, pregnant women or anyone suffering from conditions (back, neck or other) which may be affected by bumpy roads.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

For the stop at the beach, wear a swimsuit under their clothes and to bring a towel from the ship and sunscreen

### SANTA MARTA - Santa Marta discovery tour

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 20 / Max 70
<b>3:45</b>	<i>Moderate</i>	<b>59 €</b>	motorcoach (with A/C)	participants

During the guided city walk you will see the historical Plaza Bolivar, called "the lovers' square", and you will walk through the colorful and lively streets of the old town.

San Pedro de Alejandrino estate was built in the 17th century as a country estate at the gates of the city, and it was the sitting for many significant events in Colombian history. In 1.830 don Joaquin Mier y Benitez, offered his home to the liberator Simon Bolivar as a refuge for his last days, it was later declared a national monument by the Colombian Government, not only the interior of the house has been restored and conserved, but the many gardens has also been brought back to their former by National Tourism Corporation.

The cathedral was built in 1529, four years after the founding of Santa Marta by Fray Thomas Ortiz - a Dominican Brother - and dedicated to Saint Anne. It was the first church built on the American continent and is considered the mother of the Colombian churches. Despite its small size, it is one of the city's most outstanding sights with its bright white neoclassical facade.

The Customs House is an historical and architectural monument, that has been restored and preserved; it is now the house of the Gold Museum, an exhibit describing the customs of the pre-Colombian community, accompanied by a small yet priceless collection of Tayrona Gold and Pottery pieces (Gold Museum is closed on Mondays).

Please note: The order of the visits may vary. This excursion involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces and is not recommended to guests with reduced mobility.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.

Inside visits on this tour include the Gold Museum (except on Mondays, when the museum is closed), the Cathedral and the San Pedro de Alejandrino estate.





**CARTAGENA - Cartagena, World Heritage city**

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 20 / Max 140
<b>4:00</b>	<i>Moderate</i>	<b>55 €</b>	motorcoach (with A/C)	participants

Cartagena boasts a spectacular assortment of buildings and massive fortifications dating from the early 1600s and its historic town has been declared World Heritage by UNESCO. The fortresses were built to protect Cartagena from pirates.

Leave the port onboard an air-conditioned motorcoach and drive to the old town. There will be a brief photo stop at the San Felipe de Barajas fort to admire the panoramic view.

Continue by coach to “Las Bóvedas”, a complex of arcades and vaults that during the colonial era it was used as barracks for the troops and to store military provisions and later on, served as a jail house. Nowadays, the cells have been converted into boutiques selling a wonderful array of Colombian merchandise and artifacts, so you will be able to do some souvenir shopping. Leave the coach and start a walking tour in the old colonial town, starting at Santiago’s bastion. You will go down the ramp to San Juan de Dios Street, with its fine colonial architecture and end up at San Pedro Claver’s Plaza and Church (internal visit).

The tour continues through the narrow streets and main squares of the colonial city towards Custom Plaza, which was the hub of commercial activity during the colonial era, and then on to Plaza de la Proclamación to admire the Cathedral. You will also see the Governor’s building, the headquarter of the Spanish government in colonial days.

You will visit the Navy Museum, see the Inquisition Palace and admire the magnificent colonial mansions as you stroll back to the tour bus at Santiago’s Bastion.

The excursion ends with a short sightseeing drive through Boca Grande on the way back to the cruise port.

Please note: This excursion involves extensive walking (approx. 1.5 hours) over uneven surfaces, with some inclines and steps.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.

Shops are normally closed on Sundays. The stop at Las Bóvedas depends on whether the shops are open.

Inside visits: San Pedro Claver church, Navy museum. The order of the visits may vary.

At the end of the tour, you will be dropped off at the cruise terminal. A free port shuttle bus will take you back to the ship.

**CARTAGENA - A Taste of Cartagena**

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 15 / Max 60
<b>4:30</b>	<i>Moderate</i>	<b>65 €</b>	motorcoach (with A/C)	participants

The magnificent City of Cartagena, once the treasure chest of the Spanish Main and prey to marauding pirates, is yours to explore on our “Taste of Cartagena” coach tour. Cartagena with its impressive fortress, earned the reputation of being the Spanish conquistadores most impregnable city.

In the period between the initial settlement in 1533 and independence in 1811, the “new” town developed into a prosperous urban center. An English-speaking guide will accompany you on the coach tour as you drive past some splendid examples of Republican architecture and the Manga residential area, where some of the aging mansions have been restored to their former glory. First stop will be for a photo opportunity at the Fort of San Felipe de Barajas, a 17th-century construction acknowledged to be the most important work of Spanish Military engineering in Latin America.

You will pass through Santo Domingo square and Simón Bolívar Square, then you will continue with a walking tour through the narrow streets of the Old City, on the way to the Inquisition Palace and the church of San Pedro Claver, the patron saint of slaves. During the tour you will literally be getting a taste of Cartagena, sampling some delicious traditional snacks and of course the justly famous Colombian Coffee before returning to the ship.

Please note: The order of the visits may vary. This excursion involves extensive walking /standing (3 hours approx.) over uneven surfaces, with inclines and some steps. Inside visits: San Pedro Claver church, Inquisition Palace.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.

During the tour Guests will taste tropical fruit, Colombian coffee and some local snacks and sweets at different venues.

At the end of the tour, you will be dropped off at the cruise terminal. A free port shuttle bus will take you back to the ship



### **SAN BLAS ARCHIPELAGO - *Time at leisure (no tours organized)***

The vivid colors of the San Blas Islands are undoubtedly the inspiration for the fanciful birds, fish and animals in brilliant reds, oranges, blues and greens that decorate the intricately appliquéd molas created by the indigenous Kuna women. Strung along the throat of Panama's dramatically beautiful Kuna Yala coast, the remoteness of these coral atolls protects an independent people who prize their communal culture with its rich oral history and artistic heritage.

### **PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT**

A Panama Canal transit is a captivating and engineering marvel that takes ships through the heart of the Americas, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. This extraordinary journey involves navigating a series of locks and channels, providing a front-row seat to the incredible feat of human ingenuity.

As vessels make their way through the lush tropical landscape of Panama, passengers can witness the intricate process of rising and descending through the locks, which is both educational and awe-inspiring. The experience offers a unique perspective on the country's rich history, stunning landscapes, and the vital role the canal plays in global trade and connectivity.

### **PANAMA - Miraflores locks visit (ending at PTY airport)**

Duration:	Activity level:	Price:	Transportation:	Min 15 / Max 32
<b>3:30</b>	<i>Easy</i>	<b>75 €</b>	motorcoach (with A/C)	participants

Don't miss this opportunity to visit one of the greatest wonders created by man: Panama Canal and its Miraflores Lock. Miraflores Locks are the first set of locks a ship must pass when transiting through the Panama Canal from the Pacific. When a ship is inside the locks, the water level rises, lifting the ship, allowing it to traverse the canal. On this adventure, observe the locks in action. Your official Panamanian guide will explain the process as you watch a vessel make its way through. Afterwards, visit the new and amazing IMAX Theatre located right next to the locks.

Through the magic of 3D and IMAX cameras, audiences everywhere can take an incredible trip through one of the seven wonders of the modern world in "Panama Canal 3D – A land divided, a world united".

The film sweeps you from the days when Conquistadores struggled through a water-soaked quagmire, to the American engineering achievement that revolutionized shipping and tropical medicine. It shows the visionary present of Panama and their efforts to expand the 100-year-old waterway to accommodate "post-Panamax" ships. After this unique journey, re-board your bus and drive through Panama City to the Panama-Tocumen Airport, where you will catch your flight back home!

Please note: You will spend approx. 1 hour at the Miraflores locks. The actual sighting of vessels in the lock chambers depends entirely on canal scheduling.

Estimated driving times: 45min between the port and Miraflores locks, 45min between the locks and the airport.

### **Star Clippers offers also the following transfer services (optional, upon reservation):**

#### ✓ **Shared transfer to Panama-Tocumen Airport (PTY).**

There will be one fixed departure from the port at about 09:00am, the arrival at the airport will be around 10:00am. This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight leaves after 12:30pm.

#### ✓ **Private transfers to Panama-Tocumen Airport (PTY) / to hotels in Panama City.**

Guests are requested to leave the ship before 10:00am. Latest pick-up time from the pier is at 10:00am

*Debark tours ending at the airport and transfers can be pre-booked prior your cruise.*

*For information and reservations, please contact our reservation department or your travel agent.*

