



# SHORE EXCURSIONS

**14**  
nights

**STAR CLIPPER**  
**Barbados - Panama**



<b>Sat</b>	<b>Bridgetown, Barbados</b>
Sun	Tobago Cays, Grenadines
Mon	St. George's, Grenada
Tue	At sea
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Thu	Willemstad, Curacao
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>Balboa, 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, biking, snorkelling, 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.

## Important notes:

- Departure times of the tour are mentioned on the daily program of each port.
- The Captain reserves the right to alter the itinerary in order to suit wind, weather and local conditions.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100 % cancellation fees will be charged.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes, which will be relayed to passengers during the Cruise Director's onboard information sessions. Last updated tour descriptions are available in a file at the library.

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### TOBAGO CAYS (Petit Rameau)

Tobago Cays is comprised of four virtually deserted small islets within Horseshoe Reef. These islets are enormously appealing for those who love underwater exploration. Tobago Cays is a national park with some of the best snorkeling and diving in the world. Divers can glide over the dramatic natural architecture of Horseshoe Reef with its swirling shades of blue, gold, brown, turquoise and green shimmering beneath the surface. There are picnic and camp sites and beautiful protected anchorages for an overnight yacht stop.

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

Duration: 03:00 approx.

Transportation: catamaran

Price: 75 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 20 / Max 50 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: Minimal age is 12 years (accompanied by an adult). This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues and pregnant women.

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

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

Guests are advised to wear your swimsuit under the clothes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, a towel and water.

Snorkeling equipment is not provided, please bring your equipment from the ship.

The boats for this excursion come over from St Vincent and the crossing to Tobago Cays depends very much on conditions at sea. Consequently, the excursion may have to be cancelled in case of rough seas.

### GRENADA (St George's)

Grenada, "the spice island", has more spice per square mile than any other place in the world. The island is fragrant with cocoa, nutmeg, cloves, ginger and vanilla, to name but a few. Despite the abundance of such crops, Grenada is very diverse in its general make-up. The island is volcanic in origin and boasts lush mountains, rain forests, volcanic crater lakes, mangroves, beautiful beaches and delicate coral reefs. Grenada's history is similar to its neighbors. Columbus discovered it in 1498 and named it Conception. However, its lush green hills were so evocative of Andalusia that Spanish sailors, no doubt yearning for their homeland, changed the name to Granada. The French and British battled for the island for almost 100 years before it was eventually ceded to the British in 1783. Grenada achieved independence in 1974. Several years later an attempt was made to establish a Communist state, which ended in the famed invasion of 1983. Although Grenada does cater heavily to tourism, there is a strong push to maintain the natural environment with one-sixth of the island's land devoted to parks and nature sanctuaries.



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**GRENADA - Chocolate and falls**

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Price: 49 €

Min 20 / Max 80 participants

Transportation: minibus

Activity level: moderate

With driver-guide

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 are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, a towel from the ship, water and USD if they wish to purchase a small souvenir.

Guests will get the opportunity to swim at the waterfall site and are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up.

Terrain at the waterfall may be slippery.

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

The drive from The Carenage (St George’s) to the Chocolate factory will take 1h20 minutes.

**GRENADA - Trek to Bamboo Fall**

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Price: 49 €

Min 20 / Max 60 participants

Transportation: minibus

Activity level: strenuous

With driver-guide

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.

Please note: This tour must be considered strenuous and is recommended only for guest who are in very good physical conditions. Minimum age for participating in the excursion: 8 yrs old. 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.

Guests are advised to wear light clothes and comfortable hiking shoes (closed shoes with grip) and to bring a hat, sunscreen, a towel from the ship, insect repellent and water. Guests will get the opportunity to swim at the waterfall site and are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up.

The drive from the ship to the start of the trail takes approximately 45 minutes each way.



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

Duration: 03:30 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 59 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 25 / Max 48 participants

On this wonderful tour you will see the beauties of the island's nature. We leave the port and 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" & Museum. 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.

You can try the typical island headwear, which will give you a great vacation picture. Also, your guide will show how to carry a bucket on their head and if you like, you could try this yourself. Altogether this is a memorable stop during your tour.

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 take a short photo stop from the bus at the salt lakes of Jan Kok, where you might be lucky to spot some Flamingo's. After this last stop, we drive straight back to the ship.

Please note: This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves moderate walking over uneven surfaces.

Guests are advised to wear light clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to 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 - Beach hop and Turtle Snorkeling adventure**

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Transportation: open safari bus or motorcoach

Price: 65 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 25 / Max 40 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: Guests are advised to wear a swimsuit under their clothes and bring sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, water, aqua shoes and a towel from the ship. Slight currents can occur, could be windy and sometimes there are waves. Mask, snorkel, and snorkel vest are provided. The use of fins is not allowed, since their movement can frighten the turtles.

Shower, beach chair and drink (sprite/coke/limejuice/water) included in stop at Cas Abao Beach, no facilities at Playa Grandi. Beach can be rocky (dead coral) which can make entering the sea a bit more difficult.

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.



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**CURAÇAO - Explore colorful Willemstad and its Maritime Museum**

Duration: 03:00 approx.

Transportation: walking tour

Price: 32 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 10 / Max 24 participants

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 is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extended walking (approx. 3 km) and standing. over uneven surfaces

Guests are advised to wear light clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

**BONAIRE (Kralendijk)****BONAIRE - Mangrove Kayaking**

Duration: 03:15 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Price: 85 €

Activity level: strenuous

Min 6 / Max 14 participants

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: Minimum age for participating in this excursion is 10 years old (minors must be accompanied by an adult).

Max weight for participating in this excursion is 440 lbs / 200 kg per kayak (double kayaks will be used). Participants must be able to swim. This is a very active tour and is only recommended for guests in very good physical condition.

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.



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**BONAIRE - Best of Bonaire**

Duration: 02:15 approx.

Price: 52 €

Min 16 / Max 60 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned minibus

Activity level: easy

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: 03:00 approx.

Price: 99 €

Min 6 / Max 14 participants

Transportation: minibus, boat

Activity level: moderate

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 know how to swim. 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.

**SANTA MARTA, COLOMBIA**

Established in 1525 by the Spanish as a base of conquest, Santa Marta sits at the foot of the world's highest coastal mountain range, the towering Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta on the spectacular coastline of Colombia. Santa Marta is the oldest remaining city in Colombia, founded in 1525 by Rodrigo de Bastidas, a Spanish conquistador. Alongside Santa Marta's natural beauty, the city also possesses a rich history. South American Liberator, Simon Bolivar took his dying breath in La Quinta de San Pedro Alejandrino, and his remains were held in the Cathedral until 1842. Today, La Quinta de San Pedro Alejandrino stands as a museum celebrating Bolivar's life, and its grounds feature beautiful gardens which are home to many of Colombia's most beautiful tropical flora.



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**SANTA MARTA - Santa Marta city tour**

Duration: 03:45 approx.

Price: 52 €

Min 20 / Max 70 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

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 1830 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 (external visit) is an historical and architectural monument, that has been restored and preserved; it is now the house of the Gold Museum (closed on Mondays), an exhibit describing the customs of the pre-Colombian community, accompanied by a small collection of Tayrona Gold and Pottery pieces.

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.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water. Inside visits on this tour include the Cathedral and the San Pedro de Alejandrino estate. The Customs House is closed on Mondays.

**CARTAGENA DE INDIAS, COLOMBIA****CARTAGENA – Cartagena, World Heritage city**

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Price: 52 €

Min 20 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

Cartagena is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Located on the north coast of Colombia, Cartagena boasts a spectacular assortment of buildings and massive fortifications dating from the early 1600s. The fortresses were built to protect Cartagena from pirates. The air-conditioned buses leave the port and pass through the residential district of Manga to the old town.

The walking tour starts 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. Here you guide will tell you about San Pedro Claver church (inside visit) and convent and the Jesuit priest for whom they are named.

The tour continues down 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 (outside view). You will also see the Governor’s building, headquarters of the Spanish government in colonial days (outside view).

You will get the opportunity of visiting the Navy Museum which houses permanent exhibitions relating to the military naval history of Cartagena de Indias. The western wing – called “colonial wing” – was constructed during the 1st part of the 17th century, the eastern wing – or “republican wing” was constructed in the early 1900’s and quartered the 1st battalion of the newly created Colombia Marines.

The next stop is the Plaza de Bolivar where you can see the statue of Simón Bolivar, the renowned military leader and political visionary who played a key role in securing independence from Spain, as well as the infamous Inquisition Palace (outside).

Admire the magnificent colonial mansions as we stroll back to the tour bus at Santiago’s Bastion.

The walking part of the tour is now over but the excursion continues by coach to Las Bóvedas. This complex of 47 arcades and 23 vaults was the last fortification built in Cartagena by the military engineer Don Antonio de Arevalo. During the colonial era



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it was used as barracks for the troops and to store military provisions; later on, it 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. The excursion ends with a short sightseeing drive through Boca Grande.

On the way back to the pier, there will be a brief stop at the San Felipe de Barajas fort to admire the panoramic view (photo stop).

Please note: The order of the visits may vary. This excursion involves extensive walking (approx. 1.5 hours) over uneven surfaces and is not recommended to guests with reduced mobility.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water. Inside visits: San Pedro Claver church, Navy museum. The stop at Las Bóvedas depends on whether the shops are open.

### **CARTAGENA - A taste of Cartagena**

Duration: 04:30 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 65 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 30 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.) and is not recommended to guests with reduced mobility.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to 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.

Inside visits: San Pedro Claver church, Inquisition Palace.

### **SAN BLAS, PANAMA**

The remote coral atolls of the San Blas islands are like a string of exquisite pearls strung round the throat of Panama's wildly beautiful Kuna Yala Coast. The islands are the ancestral home of the indigenous Kuna People. The Kuna are proud and self-reliant; they prize their independence which was won with the help of the US in 1952. Their traditional culture is communal and egalitarian with a rich oral history and artistic heritage, expressed through poetic storytelling and the intricate appliquéd Mola designs worn by the Kuna womenfolk.

**Time at leisure – no excursions organized**



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**PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT**

Panama Canal is a major shipping route that traverses the Isthmus of Panama in Central America, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The site is steeped in history and visitors will be amazed at the natural beauty of the place as well as marveling at what human engineering can achieve. From the days of Balboa to Teddy Roosevelt, the conquering of the Isthmus has fired the imagination of explorers, presidents, and engineers.

The Panama Canal goes from Cristobal (Atlantic side), in the bay of Limon to Balboa (Pacific side) in the Gulf of Panama. It is approximately 80 km long. Three locks lift the ships 26m above sea level to Lake Gatun and lower them down again.

*There will be onboard the ship a lecturer from the Panama Canal Port Authorities who will provide you with all information you need about the passage.*

**PANAMA (Isla Flamenco)**

**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.**

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

Duration: 03:30 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 75 €

Activity level: easy

Min 10 participants

*This excursion is suitable for passengers disembarking in Panama who have flights leaving after 3:30 pm*

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.

Driving time between the port and Miraflores locks takes approx. 45 minutes. Driving time between the locks and the airport takes approx. 45 minutes.

**Star Clippers offers also the following transfer services (optional, upon reservation):****✓ Shared transfer to Panama-Tocumen Airport (PTY)**

Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their pickup time. There will be one fixed departure from the port at about 09:00am, the arrival at the airport will be around 09:45/10:00am.

This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight leaves after 1:00pm.

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

Latest pick-up time from the pier will be at 10:00am.

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