



Holland America Line®

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# Welcome to Exploration Central™

Why book your EXC Tours™ with  
Holland America Line?

## Quality & Service

- Our tours offer a wide range of activities with something for everyone
- Professional, local guides and independent tour operators offer exceptional guidance
- Expert advice from our EXC Tours staff on board

## Uncompromised Value

- Award-winning tours consistently rated “excellent” by our guests
- Superior quality and competitive pricing
- Priceless experiences

## Convenience & Peace of Mind

- Maximize your time ashore—go straight to the highlights you want to see without waiting, getting lost, negotiating fares or hassling with currency exchange
- Book online ahead of time or on board the ship
- Tour departure times coincide with the ship’s schedule as well as other tours, enabling you to take multiple tours if desired
- Worry-free return to the ship. In the very rare event that your tour is late and the ship must leave, we will arrange at our expense to get you to the next port of call. With independently booked tours, you are responsible for rejoining the ship at the next port of call



## Which EXC Tours Are Right for You?

Choose the tours that interest you by using the icons as a general guide to the level of activity involved, and select the tours best suited to your physical capabilities. These icons will help you to interpret this brochure.



**Easy Activity:** Very light activity including short distances to walk; may include some steps.



**Moderate Activity:** Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or steps.



**Strenuous Activity:** Requires active participation, walking long distances over uneven and steep terrain or on steps. In certain instances, paddling or other non-walking activity is required and guests must be able to participate without discomfort or difficulty breathing.



**Panoramic Tours:** Specially designed for guests who enjoy a slower pace, these tours offer sightseeing mainly from the transportation vehicle, with few or no stops, and no mandatory disembarkation from the vehicle during the tour. As vehicles outside the United States are rarely lift-equipped and ramps are seldom available, a very small amount of walking will be necessary. The pace is gentle and taking your time is encouraged.



**Limited Capacity:** The number of people able to participate in this tour is strictly limited. Reasons for limiting capacity may include the number of transportation seats available, or the need to maintain a safe ratio of guides for hikes, fishing and water activities. Tours require a minimum number of participants in order to operate.



**Meal:** This tour includes a meal—lunch on daytime tours, or dinner on evening tours.



**Snack:** This tour includes a small snack or tasting of local specialties. The snack is not a meal.



## Guests Using a Wheelchair or Other Mobility Aid Device

**I have a disability. How do I know which tours will best suit me?**

The tours are graded according to the relative level of activity they entail. The activity icons that appear at the beginning of each tour description provide a general idea of the level of activity to expect. Please see page 2 for specific information or speak to an EXC Tours specialist (1.888.425.9376). It is important to keep in mind that tour operators are subject to the laws of their own country with respect to accommodating the needs of guests with disabilities. In most foreign countries, the laws are not as stringent as those in the United States.

**Will I encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship when it's in port?**

Please see the on-board EXC Desk to help determine whether you can expect to encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship in a particular port of call. The decision whether or not to carry or provide other mobility assistance to a guest and their device (wheelchair, walker, etc.) up or down a ship's gangway, or on or off a tender boat, is at the sole discretion of the Captain, made based on his evaluation of guest and crew safety. We encourage you to bring a collapsible wheelchair as space limitations may restrict the ability of some tour operators to accommodate motorized mobility aid devices.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What should I wear?**

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for all EXC Tours™. When you visit places of worship, we recommend dressing conservatively (no shorts or sleeveless tops), but casual clothing is perfectly acceptable. Dress in layers and have a jacket along. Bring an umbrella or raincoat, a hat and sunscreen.

### **What about meals?**

Most tour departures complement the ship's meal service hours. In-room dining is available on board.

### **How will I know what time each tour departs?**

The onboard EXC Tours Order Form in your stateroom will show departure times. This information will also be printed on your EXC Tours tickets, which you will receive on board. Approximate tour departure times are posted on our website at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com).

### **I am traveling with friends. Can we be accommodated on the same motorcoach?**

The departure location for each tour is printed on

your EXC Tours tickets. If you wish to travel with friends, please arrive at the designated meeting place together. This will enable the staff to allocate space for you on the same vehicle.

### **Tour durations**

The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations. To allow our EXC Tours managers flexibility to coordinate your time in port with meals and activities on the ship, exact departure times are published in the EXC Tours Order Form on board. For more information, please attend the EXC Tours Presentation or visit the EXC Desk.

### **Tour descriptions**

Tour descriptions may change after printing. Information that becomes available after this brochure is published will be posted in the EXC Tours section of our website, which can be found online at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com). Significant changes will be noted on the EXC Tours Order Form on board. Tour schedules are subject to change.



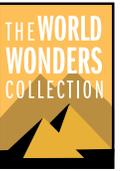
## Medallion Collection

Exclusive experiences designed to accommodate our most discerning guests, our Medallion Collection tours are each carefully chosen to provide an in-depth perspective. They offer unparalleled access to events and sights not normally readily available. First-class style and smaller groups for a privileged few.



## Encore Collection

Been there, done that? Think again. The Encore Collection lets you discover what lies beyond the well-known attractions you've already seen. Barbecue with Argentine gauchos, bike the tree-lined boulevards of Barcelona, ride an Icelandic pony across a windswept beach. These tours showcase hidden gems, unusual angles and inside stories that will bring you back time and again.



## World Wonders Collection

Natural treasures, architectural marvels, technical wonders: to the Seven Wonders of the World we add our own nominations based on decades of leadership in global travel—the sandstone city of Petra, the *moai* statues of Easter Island, and the Great Wall of China, among others. What they have in common is the ability to inspire awe.



## Cruise with Purpose

For every global citizen who has ever dreamed of either giving back or paying it forward, the innovative Cruise with Purpose Collection is quite simply about improving our planet one voyage at a time. Assist in scientific research, bring much-needed supplies to an orphanage, participate in a fair trade scheme or cultural exchange, replant native forest or restore fragile habitat—your footprint will be light and your soul enriched.

# The Collections of Holland America Line

What fascinates you? A cooking class with a local chef? A private car, complete with driver and guide, so you can explore near or far? A chance to encounter wildlife or view natural wonders up close? The Collections of Holland America Line represent a small subset of the tours you will find in this brochure. Each collection offers its own particular focus and is available only in select ports.



## Signature Collection

This exclusive touring option for independent-minded travelers lets you completely customize and maximize your time ashore by reserving private transportation (along with an English-speaking driver and guide) in advance. Whether you travel by car or minivan, customized boat, classic floatplane or stretch SUV limousine, you choose the companions, sights and pace that perfectly suit you.

### Booking on Board

The Signature Collection may be available for booking once you are on the ship, but this cannot be guaranteed. Please check with the EXC Desk on board.

### To Whom is the Signature Collection Suited?

The Signature Collection is for solo travelers, couples, families, friends and special interest groups traveling together. This may also be an excellent choice for non-ambulatory guests. Value and flexibility are just two of

the advantages of first-class touring and luxury transportation. Privacy, comfort, safety, and personalized guide service are also yours to enjoy.

### About the Transportation

Each type of transportation will be of the highest grade available in that port. Not all modes of transportation are available in all locations. For information about the transportation sizes and availability, please see our website at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com).

### Also Included

The cost includes the service of a driver and English-speaking guide, unlimited mileage, road tolls, parking fees and bottled water, unless otherwise noted.

### Not Included (Unless Otherwise Noted)

Guests' entrance fees for attractions are not included in the price due to the wide range of attraction possibilities, uncertain number of attractions to be visited, and varying number of guests participating. We strongly recommend



that you bring some local currency to cover such costs as credit cards are not readily accepted in all ports. Lunch will not be included on any tour, as many guests prefer to select their own dining venue.

#### Itinerary Planning

If you need help planning your personal itinerary, the EXC Guide™ and/or EXC Tours™ staff can assist you and will gladly answer your questions. This can be very helpful in many destinations where travel time, location, holidays, and opening hours of attractions need to be taken into consideration to maximize the efficiency of your time ashore.

#### Pricing

The cost of each type of transportation will be published online at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com).

#### Online Reservations

The fastest and easiest way for you to reserve and pay for your Signature Collection experience is online at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com). Please note the cost will be per mode of transportation (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to make the reservation. The price shown on the website is the total cost for the transportation, driver and guide (not a per-person price). In many ports, availability is extremely limited. We encourage you to reserve as early as possible.

#### Payment & Tour Vouchers

Your credit card will be charged after your reservation is confirmed. Next, start planning what you'll do with your Signature Collection experience in each port. On board the ship, you will be given a tour voucher and a form to advise the EXC Desk of the itinerary you have chosen.

#### Disembarking the Ship

In some disembarkation ports, a private vehicle, driver and guide can be used for sightseeing en route to the airport. When booking, please advise the amount of luggage for your party. Vehicle size and luggage space may limit the number of guests in the vehicle.



## Expand the Experience

Make the most of your time in each port by combining different half-day tours to complete a full day of sightseeing. You might want to consider a morning cooking class and an afternoon walking tour; a morning stroll through a mosaic-lined church and an afternoon of sampling local wine at a vineyard; or even a bike ride and an evening cultural performance—all in one day! Whatever your interests, and whichever pace suits you best, there's a huge variety of tours to mix and match in this brochure. Please consult with an EXC Tours specialist at 1.888.425.9376.

## EXC Tours™ Booking & Confirmation

Now you can choose your tour times, book your tours, and receive confirmation of your tour reservations 24 hours a day. Visit us online at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com).

Book online now, up until three days before sailing. Make your payment online via our secure website, and receive confirmation as well as your approximate tour departure times. You can also download the EXC Tours, view tour prices, find answers to frequently asked questions and read general information. And remember, online tour reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling. Please see the Reservations & Online Reservations paragraph in the General Information section for terms and conditions.



**Half Moon Cay, Bahamas - Sunday, January 5, 2020:** Holland America Line's pristine private island offers everything you need for a day of play in paradise: a two-mile crescent of perfect beach; an interior lagoon; private beachside cabanas with butler service, showers and misters; and all manner of watersports and activities, including a children's aqua park and a buoyed personal watercraft course.

**Aqua Trax Adventure**



Departs: 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, Noon, 1:30 PM  
 Approximately 1 Hour (30-minute ride)  
 Price \$89.95

Experience Half Moon Cay from the natural inner **saltwater lagoon** on a guided **personal watercraft** adventure. A short tram ride brings you to the safety briefing area and you'll have time to get used to your personal sit-on watercraft.

Set out single file with a lead guide and another guide bringing up the rear.

Traveling along the picturesque shoreline of the island you'll navigate around the natural reef formations, inlets, islands and sand spits before stopping for an ice-cold bottle of water.

Buoyed courses allow you to test your watercraft skills.

Stop at the tidal outlet, the Indian village and Stingray Cove.

**Notes:**

Wear your swimsuit; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat. Minimum age is 16 years. A valid driver's license is required and must be shown to the tour operator.

**Beach Villa Package**



Departs: Available  
 Varies - Price is per party of up to 8 guests. See additional NOTES below.  
 Price starting at \$549.95

Enjoy the ultimate in luxury during your stay on Half Moon Cay with the use of your own **deluxe two-story beach villa**.

Board the first tender ashore, or have priority tender use, to maximize your time by being the first guests to arrive. For your comfort, you will find your villa outfitted with air-conditioning, a five-person capacity **hot tub**, refrigerator, ceiling fan, air conditioner, dining area with table and chairs inside, misting shower, and private sun deck.

Fresh fruit, vegetables with dip, and chips and salsa are provided to snack on, as well as an assortment of soft drinks and bottled water to quench your thirst.

**Floating mats** and **snorkel gear** are included for your use throughout the day.

**Notes:**

The Beach Villa Package rate includes up to 8 guests. Parties larger than 8 must book a "Beach Villa Package - Extra Person Surcharge" tour for each additional guest. The departure is listed as 12:07 AM so it does not conflict with booking tours at HMC. The

Beach Villa is an all-day rental.

**Butler Service Upgrade Package for Beach Villas**



Departs: Available  
 Varies - The Butler Service Upgrade Package rate is applicable for up to 8 guests.  
 Price \$400.00

This special **service upgrade** is available to those guests who have purchased a Half Moon Cay Beach Villa Package (guests who are waitlisted for a Beach Villa should not purchase this upgrade until they have cleared the waitlist and secured a confirmed Beach Villa booking). The Butler Service Upgrade Package includes:

- **Unlimited beverages** available from the various bars on Half Moon Cay. Drinks made from house brand liquor, all beers, soft drinks, bottled water and wine.

- **A picnic lunch** consisting of appetizer, entree, and dessert.

- **Butler escort** from your cabin to assist you from ship to shore.

- Your Butler will see to whatever needs you have on the island including shopping from the island shops and any Shore Excursions bookings you may like to make on Half Moon Cay. The Butler Service Upgrade Package price is applicable for up to 8 guests. For

groups of more than 8 guests, each additional guest must purchase an Extra Person Surcharge for the Butler Service Upgrade.

Notes: The Butler Service Upgrade Package is an add-on to the Beach Villa Package. Butler Service is available only to those guests who have purchased a Beach Villa Package (guests who are waitlisted for a Beach Villa should not purchase this upgrade until they have cleared the waitlist and secured a confirmed Beach Villa booking).

**Butler Service Upgrade Package for Private Cabana**



Departs: Available  
 Varies - The Butler Service Upgrade Package rate is applicable for up to 4 guests.  
 Price \$270.00

This special **service upgrade** is available to those guests who have purchased a Half Moon Cay Private Cabana Package (guests who are waitlisted for a Private Cabana should not purchase this upgrade until they have cleared the waitlist and secured a confirmed Private Cabana booking). The Butler Service Upgrade Package includes:

- **Unlimited beverages** available from the various bars on Half Moon Cay. Drinks made from house brand liquor, all beers, soft drinks, bottled water and wine.

- **A picnic lunch** consisting of appetizer,

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Notes: The Butler Service Upgrade Package is an add-on to the Private Cabana Package. Butler Service is available only to those guests who have purchased a Private Cabana Package (guests who are waitlisted for a Private Cabana should not purchase this upgrade until they have cleared the waitlist and secured a confirmed Private Cabana booking).

### Calypso Island Tram



Departs: 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM  
Approximately 0¾ Hours  
Price \$24.95

All aboard for a **behind-the-scenes peek at the highlights of Half Moon Cay** from the comfort of a shaded, **open-air tram**, accompanied by a professional guide. This excursion is designed to acquaint you with the many and varied visitor areas, activities, and amenities the island offers.

Head out along the coastline from the marina

to Cannon Point for an overview of the beach activities and beautiful views of the bay and your ship.

See the island's inter-denominational chapel and do a circuit of the Dining Pavilion roundabout.

Check out Pegasus Ranch and the island's 'airport' where seaplanes take off and land. The same 700-acre lagoon is also used for jet-skiing, glass-bottom boating and kayaking.

A brief stop at the stingray center provides a different perspective of the lagoon and the chance to see stingrays in their natural habitat.

The industrial area, including the recycling and power plants, serves many very important purposes.

Conclude your tour at Lustre, the pearl kiosk, where you may wish to browse for a memento of your visit.

Notes:

Minimum age is 3 years. Wear sunglasses and sunscreen; bring a hat.

### Clamshell Sunshade Rental (Includes 2 Chairs)



Departs: Available  
Varies  
Price \$39.95

Relax under your very own **clamshell** on the beautiful and aptly named beach at Half Moon Cay -- a crescent-shaped stretch of powdery white sand and inviting turquoise water.

Notes:

Rate shown is for one clamshell, which covers two lounge chairs. The departure is listed as 12:07 AM so it does not conflict with booking tours at HMC. The Clamshell is an all-day rental. Clamshell location is available on a first come, first-served basis. From October, 2017, music playing in the I Wish I could Stay Here Forever Bar may be audible from clamshells located close to the bar.

### Eco Lagoon Cruise



Departs: 9:00 AM, 9:45 AM, 10:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:35 PM, 1:15 PM  
Approximately 1¼ Hours  
Adult \$34.95; Child \$24.95

Board a **boat** with **glass-bottom viewers** and cross the lagoon, as you learn about Half Moon Cay and Bahamian history, culture, flora and fauna.

Stingrays, nurse sharks, lemon sharks, bonefish, conch, sea urchins and assorted marine life are raised here.

Half Moon Cay is also an official sanctuary for bird watching.

Through the boat's glass floor, discover a series of living reefs, where fish, coral and anemones are plentiful.

Notes:

Guests who suffer from motion sickness should consider this before booking and/or take appropriate medication.

### Eco Lagoon Kayak Adventure



Departs: 10:00 AM, Noon, 1:15 PM  
Approximately 1¼ Hours  
Price \$39.95

Join an island guide on a **kayak** adventure on **Bone Fish Lagoon**.

The lagoon comprises more than 1,400 acres of protected habitat and is home to numerous species of flora ranging from red mangroves to the ornamental silver buttonwood tree.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat. No restrooms available.

**Eco-Bike & Hike**



Departs: 10:15 AM, 11:45 AM  
 Approximately 1½ Hours  
 Price \$39.95

After a safety briefing, set out with your guide on a **bike ride** that shows you the ‘back of the house’. This **behind-the-scenes glimpse of Half Moon Cay** takes you past the staff housing units, offices, reverse-osmosis water plant, electrical generator, incinerator, bilge water processing plant, recycling center, maintenance and fabrication shop.

Pass Half Moon Cay Marina and the dining pavilion on the way to Pegasus Ranch, where you will take a brief rest.

Remount your bike for a short ride to the seaplane landing area for **refreshments**.

Leave your bike behind as your **hike** begins here. Keep an eye out for birds that are occasionally seen here, such as the Bahamas mockingbird, wood dove, white crown pigeon, tobacco dove, Cuban finch, banana bird, poor Joe and burrowing owl.

**Climb the ridge**, which boasts a first-stage lookout with an awesome view of Bone Fish Lagoon, Stingray Park and the Water Sports Rental Center.

Find yourself standing on the foundation ruins of a limestone dwelling from the 1700s. The vegetation in this area are trees of Madeira bark, pigeon plum, wild tamarind, Bahamian hardwoods, sapodilla, camalamy bark, seven-year apple, silver buttonwood,

love vine and sisal cactus. The latter is used for rope making.

Cross over a dividing wall that is hundreds of years old. On the far side you will pass additional ruins en route to the eastern lookout.

See magnificent views of the eastern tip of Half Moon Cay, Goat Cay, Long Rocks and Cat Island, some 18 miles away.

Wind your way back westward on the north face of the ridge. There are two ponds here, one brackish and one saltwater. Early settlers worked the salt pond to harvest salt for trading.

Follow the path down to a freshwater well used by pirates. You’ll step through an amazing patch of lovely native orchids.

Continue to the main area of ruins where remnants of many limestone structures lie. The western tip of the island can be seen from here. The view includes the island of Eleuthera and your cruise ship.

Step through a cactus patch leading down a narrow footpath back to the lagoon.

**Notes:**

Minimum weight is 80 lbs; maximum weight is 225 lbs. Minimum age is 10 years; maximum age is 80 years. Minimum height is 5 feet; maximum height is 7 feet. Wear shorts, a t-shirt and aqua shoes, sneakers or sandals.

**Eco-Bike & Kayak Adventure**



Departs: 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM  
 Approximately 1½ Hours  
 Price \$64.95

Begin this fascinating and insightful tour with a five-minute tram ride from the Welcome Center.

You’ll meet your guide at the point where bike equipment is distributed.

After a safety briefing, set out with your guide on a **bike ride**, stopping first at **Stingray Cove**. Watch as trained divers interact with southern stingrays, feeding and petting them as you look on.

Continue to the **Half Moon Cay Island Nursery & Farm**. This eco-friendly facility is fed by a natural spring and makes use of composted landscaping clippings, seaweed, mulch and, of course, manure from the horse stables. Among the many species grown here are coconut and palms trees, raised for transplanting throughout the island, and indigenous flowering plants.

The vegetable patch produces local vegetables and herbs used in the local cuisine. Citrus trees, such as key lime, bitter orange, and grapefruit, grow fruit for juice, marinades and dressings. The chicken coop provides free-range eggs that are harvested daily from chickens fed with corn raised on the island’s farm.

The on-site lime kiln provides the mineral that has been used in the construction of

Bahamian homes since the early 1700s -- it derives from reduced conch shells. The lime is used to sanitize the walls of rock abodes. Remnants of these dwelling can be viewed at the historical ruins along your route.

Snap a few photos of the horses at Pegasus Ranch; then, head to Half Moon Cay’s **saltwater lagoon**, where you will trade your bike for a **kayak**.

Listen to a short safety briefing as you enjoy a **refreshment**; then select a life vest and partner-up for a kayak. Your 25-minute **kayaking adventure** takes you along the perimeter of the western edge of the inner lagoon, close to a protected mangrove species that plays a vital role in habitat formation for all kinds of marine life. The intricate root structure of the mangroves allows juvenile fish to survive where predators can’t reach them. The seafloor has turtle grass and a sandy bottom.

Along the northwest quadrant of the lagoon, the rocky shoreline offers a vertical view as the limestone rocks reach more than 80 feet in height. This lagoon is an ecological wonder with an area of 1,400 acres. Its extreme diversity boosts many species of marine life that mate and spawn within this habitat.

Heading eastward along the shoreline and across to the southern coast close to Stingray Park, you’ll finish your paddle at Water Sport Center #3. Freshwater showers are available here.

Board the tram for the five-minute ride back to the Welcome Center.

**Notes:**

Wear shorts, t-shirt, aqua shoes or sneakers/sandals you don't mind getting wet. Minimum weight is 80 lbs; maximum weight is 225 lbs. Minimum age is 10 years; maximum age 70 years.

**Extra Person Surcharge for Beach Villa Package**



Departs: Available  
Varies  
Price \$45.95

The Beach Villa Package price is applicable for up to 8 guests. Additional guests in a Beach Villa must each book an "Extra Person Surcharge for Beach Villa Package" tour. There is no charge for children age 2 and under.

**Notes:**

Maximum occupancy is 14 guests.

**Extra Person Surcharge for Butler Package Upgrade**



Departs: Available  
Varies  
Price \$100.00

The Butler Service Upgrade Package price is applicable for up to 4 guests in a Private Cabana and up to 8 guests in a Beach Villa. Additional guests in a Private Cabana or Beach Villa with a Butler Service Upgrade Package must each book an "Extra Person Surcharge for Butler Package Upgrade" tour. There is no charge for children age 2 and

under.

**Notes:**

Guests who are waitlisted for a Private Cabana or Beach Villas should not purchase Extra Person Surcharge space until they have cleared the waitlist and secured a confirmed Private Cabana booking.

**Extra Person Surcharge for Private Cabana Package**



Departs: Available  
Varies  
Price \$45.95

The Private Cabana Package price is applicable for up to 4 guests. Additional guests in a Private Cabana must each book an "Extra Person Surcharge for Private Cabana Package" tour. There is no charge for children age 2 and under.

**Notes:**

Guests who are waitlisted for a Private Cabana should not purchase Extra Person Surcharge space until they have cleared the waitlist and secured a confirmed Private Cabana booking.

**Extra Person Surcharge for Private Oasis - Palm Package**



Departs: Available  
Varies  
Price \$99.95

The Private Oasis at Half Moon Cay Palm Package price is applicable for up to 12 guests. Additional guests in the Private Oasis with Palm Package must each book an "Extra Person Surcharge for the Private Oasis at Half Moon Cay" tour. There is no charge for children age 2 and under. The maximum number of guests allowed in the Private Oasis is 25. Guests should not book the extra person surcharge for the Private Oasis unless the Private Oasis itself has been confirmed.

**Notes:**

Guests who are waitlisted for the Private Oasis at Half Moon Cay should not purchase Extra Person Surcharge space until they have cleared the waitlist and secured a confirmed Private Oasis booking.

**Extra Person Surcharge for Royal Palm Package Upgrade**



Departs: Available  
Varies  
Price \$125.95

The Royal Palm Package Upgrade price is applicable for up to 12 guests. Additional guests in the Royal Palm Package Upgrade must each book an "Extra Person Surcharge for Royal Palm Package Upgrade" tour. There is no charge for children age 2 and under. The maximum number of guests allowed in the

Royal Palm Package Upgrade is 25. Guests should not book the "Extra Person Surcharge for Royal Palm Package Upgrade" unless the Royal Palm Package Upgrade and the Private Oasis - Palm package themselves have been confirmed.

**Notes:**

Guests who are waitlisted for the Private Oasis - Palm Package should not purchase Extra Person Surcharge space until they have cleared the waitlist and secured a confirmed Private Oasis - Palm Package and Royal Palm Package Upgrade booking.

**Extra Person Surcharge for Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade**



Departs: Available  
Varies  
Price \$395.95

The Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade price is applicable for up to 12 guests. Additional guests in the Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade must each book an "Extra Person Surcharge for Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade" tour. There is no charge for children age 2 and under. The maximum number of guests allowed in the Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade is 25. Guests should not book the "Extra Person Surcharge for Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade" unless the Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade and the Private Oasis - Palm Package themselves have been confirmed.

**Notes:**

Guests who are waitlisted for the Private

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Oasis - Palm Package should not purchase Extra Person Surcharge space until they have cleared the waitlist and secured a confirmed Private Oasis - Palm Package and Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade booking.

### Glass-Bottom Boat



Departs: 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM  
Approximately 1 Hour (45-minute boat ride)  
Adult \$39.95; Child \$19.95

Stay dry while exploring Half Moon Cay's undersea world aboard a new, fully enclosed, air-conditioned, state of the art glass-bottom boat. This vessel is equipped with two viewing areas as well as an open-air top deck, perfect for soaking up the warm Caribbean sun.

Cruise on the beautiful turquoise waters while hearing tales of the history of Half Moon Cay as told by your helpful crew.

Your adventure is accompanied by local Bahamian music, lending an authentic island ambience.

Through each viewing area, take a glimpse into the blue and become immersed in a sea garden of different species of corals such as elkhorn, staghorn, fire coral, and brain coral.

Find and identify groupers, stingrays, sharks, angel fish, snapper and other marine life that calls this unspoiled reef home.

While cruising back to the marina, your helpful guides will identify points of interests surrounding Half Moon Cay.

### Notes:

Restrooms are available on the vessel. Soft drinks and water are included.

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### Guided Tour by Bicycle



Departs: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM  
Approximately 1 ¼ Hours  
Price \$29.95

Explore this island retreat by **bike** -- pedaling on smooth, newly resurfaced roads from the oceanfront water sports rental center along Half Moon Beach to Bone Fish Lagoon.

Your guide leads you to locations of historic significance and describes the history of the early inhabitants to the present day.

(S)he also identifies the flora and fauna on the island, pointing out plants used for medicinal purposes by the locals, and the many species of birds in this renowned, bird-watching sanctuary.

### Notes:

Ride covers approximately three miles.  
Helmet provided. Minimum age is 12 years.  
Water and soft drinks are included.

### Historic Nature Walk



Departs: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM  
1 ½ Hours  
Price \$19.95

Join an island guide for an informative and moderately paced **1½-mile walk** on a sandy path through this tropical paradise, viewing tropical palms, sea grape trees, curly-tailed lizards and bananaquit birds.

Your guide tells tales of Bahamian history, beginning with the island's first visitors, piracy, slavery and the present-day.

You will also stop at some small historical ruins.

### Horseback Riding by Land & Sea



Departs: 9:00 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:30 PM  
Approximately 1 ¼ Hours (45 minutes of riding)  
Price \$99.95

Saddle up for the **horseback riding** experience of a lifetime!

A short tram ride brings you to the corral.

Listen to an orientation before setting out on a ride along winding trails up to the highest point on the island for a panoramic view of Half Moon Cay and the surrounding islands.

Continue along the bay, back to the corral.

Enjoy a **refreshment** as your horse is 'dressed' for swimming with a special saddle pad and a rope halter (no saddle), then you'll venture into the ocean for the sensation of riding a

horse while it's swimming.

Ride the tram back to the Welcome Center afterwards.

### Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under jeans or long pants. Bring tennis shoes, sunscreen, towel and camera. Sandals are not permitted. Minimum age is 10 years. Maximum weight is 250 lbs.

### Manta Sun Shelter Rental



Departs: Available  
Varies  
Price \$11.95

Relax under your very own **sun shelter** on the beautiful and aptly-named beach at Half Moon Cay -- a crescent-shaped stretch of powdery white sand and inviting turquoise water. Your sun shelter is a compact, semi-circular, open-front tent with a tent-fabric floor -- ideal for use anywhere on the beach.

### Notes:

Rate shown is for one sun shelter, which shelters two people. The departure is listed as 12:07am so it does not conflict with booking tours at HMC. Price is for an all-day rental.

**Private Cabana Package**



Departs: Available  
 Varies - Price is per party of up to 4 guests. See additional NOTES below.  
 Price starting at \$299.95

Enjoy the ultimate in luxury during your stay on Half Moon Cay with the use of your own **private cabana**.

Board the first tender ashore, or have priority tender use, to maximize your time by being the first guests to arrive.

For your comfort, you will find your cabana outfitted with a refrigerator, ceiling fan, air conditioner, table and chairs inside, and deck chairs and a misting shower on the private terrace.

Fresh fruit, vegetables with dip, and chips and salsa are provided to snack on, as well as an assortment of soft drinks and bottled water to quench your thirst.

**Floating mats** and **snorkel** gear are also included for your use throughout the day.

**Notes:**

The Private Cabana Package rate is applicable for up to 4 guests. Parties larger than 4 must book a "Private Cabana Package - Extra Person Surcharge" tour for each additional guest. You may also choose to upgrade your cabana stay by selecting the Butler Service Upgrade Package. Please see the Butler Service Upgrade Package tour information for details. The departure is listed as 12:07 AM so it does not conflict with booking tours at

HMC. The Private Cabana is an all-day rental. From October, 2017, music playing in the I Wish I could Stay Here Forever Bar may be audible from the cabanas located close to the bar.

**Private Cabana Package - Taupe (Wheelchair Accessible)**



Departs: Available  
 Varies - Price is per party of up to 4 guests. See additional NOTES below.  
 Price \$299.95

Enjoy the ultimate in luxury during your stay on Half Moon Cay with the use of your own **private cabana**.

Board the first tender ashore, or have priority tender use, to maximize your time by being the first guests to arrive.

For your comfort, you will find your cabana outfitted with a refrigerator, ceiling fan, air conditioner, table and chairs inside, and deck chairs and a misting shower on the private terrace.

Fresh fruit, vegetables with dip, and chips and salsa are provided to snack on, as well as an assortment of soft drinks and bottled water to quench your thirst.

**Floating mats** and **snorkel** gear are also included for your use throughout the day.

**Notes:**

The Private Cabana Package rate is applicable for up to 4 guests. Parties larger than 4 must book a "Private Cabana Package - Extra

Person Surcharge" tour for each additional guest. You may also choose to upgrade your cabana stay by selecting the Butler Service Upgrade Package. Please see the Butler Service Upgrade Package tour information for details. The departure is listed as 12:07 AM so it does not conflict with booking tours at HMC. The Private Cabana is an all-day rental. From October, 2017, music playing in the I Wish I could Stay Here Forever Bar may be audible from the cabanas located close to the bar.

**Private Oasis - Palm Package**



Departs: Available  
 Varies - The base rate is applicable for up to 12 guests. Only one guest need purchase the reservation for up to 12 guests.  
 Price \$1,399.95

The **Private Oasis** perches on a point, partially over water, so you can enjoy your private gathering in a luxurious setting, highlighted by an easy walkway into the warm turquoise waters.

The Private Oasis offers a total of 1,620 square feet and includes a large covered deck and comfortable sun deck with eight-person hot tub.

Features include an indoor teak dining table seating six people, outdoor teak loungers and bar stools accommodating 12, barbecue area, full wet bar and refrigerator, massage table, iPod music system, multi-colored Bahamian tapestries, men's and women's changing rooms, indoor and outdoor showers with heated fresh water, 100-foot walkway with misting stations and privacy gate.

Your Palm Package throughout the day will include the services of a butler, personal chef, and lifeguard along with the following:

Fresh fruit, danish, chips and salsa 10am - 2pm.

Beverage Package with soft drinks, bottled water, juices, domestic and imported beers, house pouring wine by the glass (Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, White Zinfandel, Pinot Grigio, Merlot, sparkling wine), island cocktails (Cuban Mojito, Beach Cruiser, Rum Runner), frozen tropical classics (Piña Colada, Strawberry Daiquiri, BBC, Banana Colada, Cappuccino Colada, Margarita), mocktails (Cool as a Cucumber, Piña not-a-Colada, Margarita Breeze, Tropical Delight) 10am-3pm.

Barbecue lunch buffet with assorted salads, fruit salad, grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, fresh teriyaki glazed mahi mahi, barbequed pork spare ribs and barbequed chicken, brownies and cookies 11:30am -1pm.

**Notes:**

The base rate is applicable for up to 12 guests. Only one guest needs to make the reservation for up to 12 guests. For groups with more than 12 guests, an 'Extra Person Surcharge for the Private Oasis at Half Moon Cay' must be purchased for each additional person from 13-25 guests. The departure is listed as 12:07 AM so it does not conflict with booking tours at HMC. The Private Oasis is an all-day rental.

### Royal Palm Package Upgrade for Private Oasis - Palm Package



Departs: Available  
Varies - The Royal Palm Package Upgrade rate is applicable for up to 12 guests.  
Price \$450.95

This special service upgrade is available to those guests who have purchased the Private Oasis - Palm Package (guests who are waitlisted for the Private Oasis - Palm Package should not purchase this upgrade until they have cleared the waitlist and secured the confirmed Private Oasis - Palm Package booking). The Royal Palm Package Upgrade includes the services of a butler, personal chef, and lifeguard along with the following:

-Fresh fruit, danish, chips & salsa, guacamole and sour cream 10am - 2pm

Beverage Package with soft drinks, bottled water, juices, domestic and imported beers, house pouring wine by the glass (Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, White Zinfandel, Pinot Grigio, Merlot, sparkling wine), island cocktails (Cuban Mojito, Beach Cruiser, Rum Runner), frozen tropical classics (Piña Colada, Strawberry Daiquiri, BBC, Banana Colada, Cappuccino Colada, Margarita), mocktails (Cool as a Cucumber, Piña not-a-Colada, Margarita Breeze, Tropical Delight) 10am-3pm.

-Greenhouse Spa masseuse available as an add-on service for additional charge.

-Premium barbecue lunch menu with seafood salad, pasta salad, potato salad, chop salad

with mango vinaigrette, grilled shrimp, Caribbean-style barbecue steaks, blackened grilled fish, hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecued chicken, tropical fruit spears, banana coconut cake, brownies and cookies 11:30am -1pm.

The Royal Palm Package Upgrade price is applicable for up to 12 guests. For groups of more than 12 guests, each additional guest must purchase an Extra Person Surcharge for the Royal Palm Package Upgrade.

#### Notes:

The Royal Palm Package Upgrade is an add-on to the Private Oasis - Palm Package. This upgrade package is available only to those guests who have purchased the Private Oasis - Palm Package (guests who are waitlisted for the Private Oasis - Palm Package should not purchase this upgrade until they have cleared the waitlist and secured the confirmed Private Oasis - Palm Package booking).

### Snorkel by Boat



Departs: 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM  
Approximately 1 ½ Hours (45 minutes snorkeling time)  
Price \$59.95

Travel by **boat** to a site off the coast of Half Moon Cay to **snorkel** from the boat in limpid waters that teem with gloriously colored fish and coral.

#### Notes:

Wear your swimsuit; bring sunscreen and a towel. All snorkel equipment is provided.

### Stingray Adventure



Departs: 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:30 PM  
Approximately 1 Hour  
Price \$29.95

Enjoy an **educational encounter** with the **southern stingrays** that make their home at Half Moon Cay.

A short tram ride brings you to Stingray Cove where you'll learn about the stingrays' behaviors, habitat, feeding and breeding.

After a safety briefing, grab your **snorkel** gear and enter the wading area with your guide to touch the rays' silky wings and feed these amazing creatures.

A safety net ensures that other marine life remains outside the area.

Return to the Fort San Salvador Welcome Center by tram.

#### Notes:

Changing and restroom facilities are available. Mask, snorkel, safety vest and aqua shoes are provided. Refreshments and underwater cameras are available for purchase.

### Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade for Private Oasis - Palm Package



Departs: Available  
Varies - The Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade rate is applicable for up to 12 guests.  
Price \$4,800.00

This special service upgrade is available to those guests who have purchased the Private Oasis - Palm Package (guests who are waitlisted should not purchase this upgrade until they have cleared the waitlist and secured the confirmed Private Oasis - Palm Package booking). The Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade includes an escorted transfer from the ship to the Private Oasis, the services of a butler, personal chef, and lifeguard along with the following:

Table setting with white linen, fine china, silver ware and candles.

Group photo (as requested)

Celebration cake (as requested)

Fresh fruit, danishes, chips and salsa, guacamole and sour cream, 10am - 2pm.

Beverage Package with a floating bar on surfboard, unlimited champagne (Dom Perignon), soft drinks, bottled water, juices, domestic and imported beers, house pouring wine by the glass (Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, White Zinfandel, Pinot Grigio, Merlot), island cocktails (Cuban Mojito, Beach Cruiser, Rum Runner), frozen tropical classics (Piña Colada, Strawberry Daiquiri, BBC, Banana Colada, Cappuccino Colada, Margarita), mocktails (Cool as a Cucumber,

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Piña not-a-Colada, Margarita Breeze, Tropical Delight) 10am-3pm.

Ultimate barbecue lunch menu with unlimited Russian caviar with iced vodka, jumbo chilled shrimp with seaweed salad, iced king crab legs, marinated baby grilled vegetables, assorted salads (conch, pasta, island slaw), ceviche of tuna, chop salad with mango vinaigrette, grilled sea scallops with lime cilantro vinaigrette, grilled lobster with garlic and rum glaze, tenderloin of beef with Bahamian peppercorn sauce, jerk seasoned breast of chicken, tropical fruit spears with assorted chocolates for dipping, grilled pineapple spears with Tia Maria glaze, Bahamian bread pudding with vanilla sauce, coconut key lime pie, 11:30am -1pm.

Greenhouse Spa masseuse available as an add-on service for an additional charge.

The Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade price is applicable for up to 12 guests. For groups of more than 12 guests, each additional guest must purchase an Extra Person Surcharge for the Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade.

**Notes:**

The Ultimate Oasis Package Upgrade is an add-on to the Private Oasis - Palm Package. This upgrade package is available only to those guests who have purchased the Private Oasis - Palm Package (guests who are waitlisted should not purchase this upgrade until they have cleared the waitlist and secured the confirmed Private Oasis - Palm Package booking).

Oranjestad, Aruba - Tuesday, January 7, 2020: Colorful floating markets, wondrous coral reefs and landscapes dotted with curiously bent divi-divi trees await on this, the "A" of the Netherlands Antilles' famous ABC islands. (Bonaire and Curacao round out the trio.) *Sample shore excursions: Natural Wonders of Aruba; Spanish Lagoon Kayak Adventure' Jolly Pirates Sail, Snorkel, Swim & Swing.*

**4x4 Natural Pool Swim & Snorkel Safari**



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 3½ Hours  
Adult \$99.95; Child \$89.95

Step up into an open-air **4x4 vehicle** with an experienced driver, buckle up and get ready for a heart-racing adventure. This off-road safari is the only way to access Aruba's famous **Natural Pool** and its refreshing crystal-clear waters. You will bounce, twist and turn through the desert *cunucu* terrain. En route, you will see the Baby Natural Bridge, the mysterious Gold Mine ruins and a drive by the California Lighthouse.

The Natural Pool, in **Arikok National Park**, beckons you to venture down the steep terrain on foot to reach the pool. This is a rugged climb down to the pool that has been carved from the lava rocks over the centuries. Once there, you can **swim** or **snorkel** (snorkel gear provided).

Afterwards, hop back into the 4x4 vehicle and head off-road to the **Bushiribana Gold Mine ruins**. Take photos and explore before you head back to Oranjestad.

**Notes:**

This tour requires energetic participation and walking over uneven and steep terrain. Ride will be bumpy. Guests with back, neck or

kidney conditions, pregnant women, and young children are not allowed to participate. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Minimum age is 8 years. Wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes. Bring aqua shoes. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat. In case of rough seas, swimming in the natural pool may not be possible; an alternative location for swimming will be offered.

**Aruba Beach Transfer**



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Adult \$19.95; Child \$9.95

Don't worry or fuss over how to get to the beach by taxi or local bus! Your time at Eagle Beach starts right at the cruise terminal with round trip transportation by air-conditioned motor coach. We will take you past the quaint low rise hotels and quickly stop by the famous Fofoti trees, the most photographed trees twisted and sculpted by the trade winds and framed by the aqua waters of the west coast. You will have a chance to take photos and then you will be dropped off for free time on the beach.

**Notes:**

Vendors are available (chairs and umbrellas are NOT included) for food and beverage, rental of chairs and umbrellas or you can rest

under the shade of the sea grape and watapana trees on the beach. Restroom and showers are available for \$1 each, so bring small bills. We recommend you to wear your swimsuit under your clothes and don't forget your towels and lots of sunblock. Upon return to the ship, you can be dropped by the gate, close to the downtown shopping, but you will need to make your own way back to the ship.

**Aruba Certified Two Tank Scuba**



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 3¾ Hours  
Price \$129.95

Head out on a dive boat for a **two-tank dive trip** for experienced divers.

The **boat ride** to the first dive site takes approximately 45 minutes. The party will be split up into smaller groups and guided by a dive master or dive instructor.

Enjoy a **wreck dive** at the **Antilla** -- known locally as 'the ghost ship'. The **Antilla** is a German freighter that was scuttled by the Germans in 1945 and is the second-largest wreck in the Caribbean at 400 feet long. Covered by giant tube sponges and coral formations, the wreck is surrounded by lobsters and many kinds of tropical fish. The **Antilla** dive has a maximum depth of 60 feet for approximately 40 minutes of bottom time.

After a 20-minute surface interval, the **second dive** will take place on a shallower wreck -- the **Pedernalis**. The **Pedernalis** is an oil tanker that was torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II. The wreck's several large pieces are spread out between coral formations; making visible the cabins complete with sinks and other fittings, as well as the tanker's pipeline system. The area around the **Pedernalis** wreck is known for its many types of groupers and its bounty of angelfish. This dive has a maximum depth of 25 feet for approximately 40 minutes.

**Notes:**

Wear your swimsuit; bring a towel. Waiver release form must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Bring your C-card and dive log. Participants must have logged a dive in the last two years. In the event of adverse sea or weather conditions, an alternative dive site may be substituted. Minimum age is 12 years. Maximum weight is 350 lbs.

### Aruba Sunset Cruise



Departs: 5:00 PM  
Approximately 2 Hours  
Price \$59.95

A friendly crew picks you up at the cruise harbor in a custom-built **catamaran**.

Sail past Aruba's famous beaches, along the island's south coast and up the gorgeous west coast, taking in the spectacular **Caribbean sunset**. Experience the joy of sailing and take advantage of the many perfect picture opportunities as you glide over clear, turquoise waters past famous Palm Beach.

The crew will keep you comfortable and entertained during the two-hour trip and will return you to the cruise terminal at the end of your idyllic adventure.

#### Notes:

Open bar (except beer) and snacks are included

### Aruba Town & Countryside



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 3½ Hours  
Adult \$54.95; Child \$39.95

Explore Aruba from the comfort of an air-conditioned motor coach on this excursion that travels to the California Lighthouse, Alto Vista Chapel, the ruins of the landmark natural bridge, and Casibari Rock Formations.

It's an approximately 30-minute drive to the

**California Lighthouse** on Aruba's windward coast. En route you'll cross the island's arid terrain -- perfect habitat for cacti, divi-divi trees, iguanas and wild goats.

Stop at the bright-yellow **Alto Vista Chapel** -- the first Catholic church built on the island in 1750 by Spanish missionary Domingo Antonio Silvestre.

Visit the **'baby' natural bridge**—a small bridge of rock formed naturally by the wind and the erosion by the sea. This bridge is located right next to the famous larger bridge that collapsed in 2005. You can still see the remains of this bridge whose demise devastated the locals.

Continue to the **Casibari Rock Formations**, where giant boulders lie heaped about the landscape. This arrangement gives plenty of food for thought and endless speculation.

Returning to Oranjestad, guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own.

### Aruba Walking & Tasting Tour: In Partnership with Food & Wine Magazine



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 2½ Hours  
Adult \$34.95; Child \$24.95

There are more than 90 nationalities on Aruba, and this melting pot of cultures has influenced both the island's rich history and its culinary scene. On this memorable walking tour, you'll sample a diversity of flavors while

taking in Aruba's past and present.

A friendly local expert in food and culture will meet you at the port to begin your exploration, taking you on an interactive guided walk past monuments and the old fort, as well as important buildings and historic sites around downtown Oranjestad.

You'll first head to the **National Archaeological Museum**, set in a series of classic Dutch colonial buildings that used to be the home of a local family; the oldest section is a *cunucu* house that dates back to 1870.

Next, you'll take in two grand locations: **Fort Zoutman**, which now houses the **Historical Museum of Aruba**, and the Willem III Tower. Constructed in 1798 as a means of defense against pirates, the fort is the oldest building in Oranjestad. Aruba's first public clock hangs from the Willem III Tower, which was added to the fort in 1868. Equipped with a spire and petrol lamp, the tower once served as a lighthouse.

During your tour, you'll also learn about the local language and the historical influences of cultures ranging from Spanish to British to Dutch. You'll also have the opportunity to taste uniquely **Aruban snacks** such as *pastechi* (fried Caribbean pastry filled with Gouda cheese and more) and *pan bati* (a savory pancake with origins linked to Spanish conquerors and Creole culture).

As your walking tour comes to a close, you'll be escorted back to your ship.

#### Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

### Aruba by Land & Sea



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

Experience the full beauty of Aruba on a tour that takes you around the island and under the sea, beginning with an air-conditioned bus.

Board the transfer boat for a scenic cruise to the *Seaworld Explorer* -- a state-of-the-art **semi-submarine** that was originally developed in Australia for use on the Great Barrier Reef. The vessel does not submerge; you descend into the hull of the vessel and sit in air-conditioned comfort five feet below the surface of the water.

View amazing sea life through this cruising underwater observatory's large, clear windows.

**The Seaworld Explorer** takes you to the **wreck of the Antilla** -- a 440-foot German freighter destroyed by an explosion that tore the freighter in two during World War II. Delight in your incredible surroundings as your skillful captain maneuvers the semi-submarine through the heart of the Caribbean's largest shipwreck.

Return to shore, where your guide drives you to the **California Lighthouse**. Admire the magnificent view of the crashing waves of the windward coast and the tranquil waters of the

leeward shore.

Next up are the awesome **Casibari Rock Formations**, where you can climb the rock gardens to the top of the highest boulder.

Visit the **'baby' natural bridge**—a small bridge of rock formed naturally by the wind and the erosion by the sea. This bridge is located right next to the famous larger bridge that collapsed in 2005. You can still see the remains of this bridge whose demise devastated the locals.

Watch for the gold mill ruins at Boca Mahos and head back to Oranjestad, Aruba's capital.

### Atlantis Submarine Underwater Adventure & Shipwreck Exploration



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 2 Hours  
Adult \$99.95; Child \$69.95

Your adventure begins with a short transfer to the **submarine** on the shuttle vessel *SubSeeker*.

Board the Atlantis submarine just off the southeast coast of Aruba for a thrilling dive to either the mysteriously sunken airplane, or the retired Danish sailboat *Morgenster*.

Get an up-close view of exotic marine life while diving to depths of 130 feet. You'll be amazed by colorful schools of tropical fish, huge sponge gardens, and the mystic beauties of the coral fields.

An educational and entertaining narration by

experienced, professional, and licensed crew will highlight this unique experience that takes place in air-conditioned comfort.

The submarine is US Coast Guard-approved.

#### Notes:

Participants must be able to access the sub via a ladder with 11 steps. Minimum height is 3 feet. Minimum age is 4 years.

### Catamaran Snorkel & Beach Getaway



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 3½ Hours  
Adult \$69.95; Child \$64.95

View Aruba's beautiful beaches and resort hotels while relaxing on the open decks of a **sailing catamaran** specially designed and built for day cruises.

The catamaran anchors at the west point of the island, and ladders provide easy access to the water for 50 minutes of **swimming** and **snorkeling** in the crystal-clear water teeming with tropical fish.

Continue to Pelican Marina and experience Aruba's famous **Palm Beach**. Here on the white sandy beach, the crew will serve **unlimited drinks**.

Relax on a lounge chair or take a walk along the beach.

More adventurous guests may want to try one of the many watersports activities (at your own expense) or try your luck in one of the

many casinos within walking distance.

Sail back to the cruise terminal enjoying **tropical cocktails** and **entertaining Caribbean music**.

Guests who wish to stay at the beach independently are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own.

#### Notes:

Snorkel equipment and instruction are provided. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat. Guests with heart problems, epilepsy or asthma are not allowed to participate in snorkeling. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

### Colors of Aruba



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Adult \$64.95; Child \$34.95

Explore Aruba's countryside from an air-conditioned motorcoach on an excursion that travels to the California Lighthouse, Natural Bridge and Casibari Rock Formations, as well as an Ostrich Farm.

It is a 30-minute drive to the **California Lighthouse** on Aruba's windward coast, through the island's arid terrain of cacti, divi-divi trees, iguanas and wild goats.

Visit the **'baby' natural bridge** -- a small bridge of rock formed naturally by the wind and the erosion by the sea. This bridge is located right next to the famous larger bridge

that collapsed in 2005. You can still see the remains of this bridge whose demise devastated the locals.

The **Casibari Rock Formations** are giant boulders lying heaped about the landscape.

Your final stop is at the **Ostrich Farm**, where you can learn about the lifecycle of these flightless birds. If you wish, you can feed them for a perfect photo op.

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own.

### Discover Scuba Diving



Departs: 1:30 PM  
3¾ Hours  
Price \$119.95

Learn to dive and discover the beauty of Aruba's underwater world under the guidance of a professional instructor.

Your beginners' scuba course includes a **one-hour pool session** and a **one-tank boat dive**. All scuba equipment and instruction are included.

A pool session teaches you the basic rules for scuba diving, such as dealing with pressure, breathing through a regulator and how to use the equipment.

The dive boat takes you to a shallow wreck, the *Pedernalis*. The *Pedernalis* was an oil tanker torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II. The wreck's several large pieces are spread out between coral

formations; making visible the cabins complete with sinks and other fittings, as well as the tanker's pipeline system. The area around the *Pedernalis* wreck is known for its many types of groupers and its bounty of angelfish.

This dive has a maximum depth of 25 feet for about 35 minutes.

An instructor will accompany the class underwater at all times.

**Notes:**

Wear your swimsuit; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. A physician's letter may be required in case of medical issues. In the event of adverse sea or weather conditions, an alternative dive site may be substituted. Minimum age is 12 years. Maximum weight is 350 lbs. You must fill out a medical questionnaire, which will be reviewed by the tour operator. Whether or not the operator allows you to participate will depend upon the information provided. To avoid possible disappointment, you may wish to review the medical requirements for diving in advance, so that you can ask your physician about clearing any medical issues in writing. Samples of typical medical questionnaires can be found on the websites of the major dive associations, such as PADI (Professional Association of Dive Instructors) and NAUI (National Association of Underwater Instructors).

**Kukoo Island Discovery & Beach Getaway**



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 3¼ Hours  
Adult \$39.95; Child \$29.95

Hop aboard the famous Kukoo Kunuku party bus for a fun-filled open-air ride to visit Aruba's landmarks, including the **Alta Vista Chapel** and **California Lighthouse**.

Along the way, you'll see unique countryside with its Cunucu houses, Divi trees, and native wildlife.

Stop a beautiful white sand beach for some time to laze in the sun, swim in the azure waters or relax with a piña colada.

Use of a beach chair is provided, as are exclusive 'beach bucks' valid for discounts on floats, souvenirs, food and beverages.

**Notes:**

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat. Ice water is available on the island tour and at the beach. Food and other beverages are available for purchase. Minimum age is 5 years.

**Kukoo Kunuku Dinner & Nightlife Experience**



Departs: 5:00 PM  
Approximately 5 Hours  
Price \$89.95

This original **dinner and nightlife adventure** will take you into the countryside and down city alleys for a true island experience.

Hop aboard the famous **Kukoo Kunuku Bus** and shake your *maraca* to the beat of Caribbean music. This wacky and wonderful one-of-a-kind paranda bus is hand painted, cooled by the trade winds and absolute fun on wheels.

Start off the night at the beach for a champagne toast, followed by a stop at a pub for a hello-how-do-you-do cocktail.

Then you are off to dinner for a genuine Caribbean barbecue.

Head back to the local pubs for some nighttime dancing. At each stop, the first drink is included.

Along the way, you will learn the island rhythms, catch the Aruba spirit and have a whirlwind tour of foot stomping fun....dress code is Kukoo casual!

**Notes:**

Minimum age is 18 years. Maximum weight is 300 lbs.

**Natural Pool & Aruba National Park by UTV**



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 3½ Hours  
Price \$119.95

Let this be your best Aruba UTV adventure ever. Set out on a rough and rugged self-drive ride on a UTV (utility terrain vehicle) through Aruba's **Arikok National Park** -- home to many endemic plant and animal species.

Continue onward to witness the show created by the ocean on the rocky and rugged western coastline. This is where you will discover the **Natural Pool** -- a fantastic natural rock formation that invites you to swim. Venture down the steep terrain on foot to reach the pool -- a rugged climb not for the faint of heart. Once there, feel free to **swim** in the pool.

Your island tour would be incomplete without a stop at the **Bushiribana Gold Mills ruins**. Take a picture here with your *dushi* (sweetheart, loved one) -- the perfect ending to a great adventure.

**Notes:**

This tour requires energetic participation and walking over uneven and steep terrain. Ride will be bumpy. Guests with back, neck or kidney conditions, pregnant women, and young children are not allowed to participate. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Minimum age to drive is 23 years with a valid driver's license. Minimum age to be a passenger is 12 years.

Wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes. Bring aqua shoes. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat. In case of rough seas, swimming in the natural pool may not be possible; an alternative location for swimming will be offered.

### Natural Wonders of Aruba



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 3 Hours  
Adult \$64.95; Child \$59.95

Experience the full beauty of natural Aruba on a tour that takes you on a journey of diverse discovery.

Head 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.

Journey to the **Ayo Rock Formation** where you will see the towering monolithic stone boulders and indigenous paintings.

Pass countless divi divi trees and cacti en route to the **Natural Bridge** on Aruba. This natural wonder has been carved of solid coral by the relentless pounding of the surf.

You will pass the Gold Mill Ruins at Boca Mahos and you the excursion ends with the **scenic drive** back to Oranjestad, the capital of Aruba.

### Off-Road 4-Wheel-Drive Adventure



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 4½ Hours  
Adult \$99.95; Child \$54.95

Your driver will give brief safety instructions before you begin, then you'll head out caravan-style on your half-day experience.

Travel off-road in a four-wheel-drive, open-air vehicle along the coast to the **Casibari Rock Formation**, the **Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins**, the ocean-carved mini **Natural Bridge**, the picturesque Alto Vista chapel and the **California Lighthouse** on the northwestern tip of the island.

The adventure ends with a splash at famous **Arashi Beach**.

Refreshments are included.

#### Notes:

Wear sunglasses and sunscreen. Bring a hat. This is not a self-drive excursion; you will have a driver.

### Sailing & Snorkeling Cruise



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 3¼ Hours  
Price \$69.95

Join this three-hour sail and snorkel cruise for a chance to marvel at the beauty of Aruba's coastline and the riches of its underwater world. The perfect combination of wind, sun and sailing makes this a fun and relaxing trip.

Smooth sailing brings you to Boca Cathalina for some great **reef snorkeling**. As the depth will be around 15 feet, this is the perfect place to refresh or learn snorkeling skills.

The famous **Antilla shipwreck** is your next stop -- a relic of World War II. The **Antilla** was scuttled by its own captain to prevent it from being captured by the Dutch Marines. It is lying on its side in 60 feet of water and has been voted one of the world's top ten dive and snorkel sites. The **Antilla** is the second-largest wreck in the Caribbean -- an experience you won't forget.

The relaxing sail back to your ship offers **unlimited rum punch**, juices and sodas.

#### Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat. In the event of adverse sea or weather conditions, an alternative dive site may be substituted. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

### Segway, Beach & Snorkel Adventure



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Adult \$99.95; Child \$79.95

Experience this pristine paradise on a **Segway** -- an intuitive **personal upright scooter** that responds to your body-language. It is amusing and practical, and it's also eco-

friendly, as it is a battery-powered vehicle.

Meet your expert guide who will take you step-by-step through a comprehensive and personalized lesson on the operational and safety aspects of riding your personal transporter. Then, you're ready to roll.

With the cool ocean breezes kissing your face you'll glide along city streets, paved paths, through sand, and up- and downhill.

Zoom effortlessly to the **California Lighthouse**, which sits at the northern tip of the island. Step off your Segway here and sip a refreshing **coconut water** or other cool drink. Take in the spectacular views of the island and coastline.

After the Segway tour, you'll transfer to Arashi Beach for some time to **swim, snorkel** and relax.

Later, a shuttle will take you back to the ship.

#### Notes:

Minimum age is 10 years. Minimum weight is 50 lbs. Maximum weight is 300 lbs. Snorkel gear is provided. One bottled water or soft drink is included. A backpack may be useful (do not bring a purse). Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat. Use of public restroom facilities costs \$1 cash. Beach chairs are available for rent for \$5. Tour sequence may vary.

### The Hidden Gems of Aruba



Departs: 1:30 PM  
Approximately 4½ Hours  
Adult \$69.95; Child \$49.95

Begin this unique journey with a stroll alongside Aruba's recently inaugurated **linear park** for your picture-perfect-Aruba moment.

Your guide will tell you about the island's fascinating history as you travel to the **Lourdes Grotto**. This is a shrine built into the rocks at Seroe Preto (Black Hill).

The **Guadirikiri Cave**, famous for its two chambers and illuminated by streaming sunlight, is absolutely amazing.

Don't miss **Fontein Cave**, which houses authentic drawings by the Arawak Natives.

On the way back to the downtown area, keep an eye out for Frenchman's Pass -- the narrow passage that is considered a unique natural gem. It has played an important role in the island's history.

#### Notes:

Minimum age is 6 years.

# Willemstad, Curacao - Wednesday, January 8, 2020: Amsterdam-like canals, gabled Dutch colonial buildings, an exotic floating market. This bustling duty-free port has it all. Plus the world-famous Curaçao Liqueur Distillery and an intriguing coral reef teeming with parrotfish and queen angelfish.

## Authentically Curacao



Departs: 8:30 AM  
 Approximately 2½ Hours  
 Adult \$39.95; Child \$34.95

Board an air-conditioned motor coach at the pier and set out on a relaxing **panoramic drive** through the Otrobanda section of Willemstad.

Founded in 1707, Otrobanda is the newer section of the city and its name translates to 'other side'. You'll see a lovely array of historic mansions as you drive past the Queen Emma Bridge -- the famous floating bridge that connects both sides of Willemstad. Traveling over another famous bridge, the Queen Juliana Bridge, is an exhilarating experience. This is the tallest bridge in the Caribbean, you'll find yourself 185 feet above sea level with expansive views of the city and harbor below.

Stop at **Chobolobo** -- the Dutch colonial country estate where the famous **Curaçao liqueur** has been distilled since 1946. It is created from the peel of the Valencia oranges planted by the Spaniards when they first arrived. The family has been producing Blue Curaçao since 1886. During a **guided tour of the distillery** you will gain an understanding of the process and will have an opportunity to sample the liqueur, distilled in 100-year-old barrels, and purchase a souvenir bottle to take home.

Continue to the eastern part of the island to visit the **Aloe Vera Farm**. You hear an explanation about the process of making a number of healthy aloe products and have an opportunity to **taste aloe juice**. Some tempting and interesting products are available in the gift shop.

Next up is the **Chichis' Workshop**. Chichi is a nickname for the women of Curaçao. At the workshop, local women make sculptures and paint them in charming tropical colors, so that every sculpture is unique. During your brief visit, you will form a good impression of the work of these Curaçao women and this particular aspect of Curaçao culture.

Your tour ends with a short drive though Punda -- the oldest part of Willemstad -- before you return to the ship.

### Notes:

The Chichis Gallery is closed on Sundays; a visit to Fort Nassau will be substituted. Named for the House of Orange-Nassau, 16th-century Fort Nassau lies on small next to St Anna Bay in the city of Willemstad. It provides a charming 360 view over a large part of the island.

## Caves & City Highlights



Departs: 8:30 AM  
 Approximately 2¾ Hours  
 Adult \$49.95; Child \$39.95

This tour gives you a chance to experience two highlights of Curaçao -- the Hato Caves and the famous city center, which is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

A short drive brings you to the **Hato Caves** -- home to beautiful limestone formations, including the famous Madonna statue and a colony of seldom-seen long-nose fruit bats. The caves contain an impressive array of stalagmites and stalactites. Join your guide in recognizing animals or figures in the various stone formations. From here, drive back to the city center, where your walking tour through begins.

Pass the floating fruit and vegetable market, where vendors sell their products from traditional Venezuelan schooners. You will also pass the beautifully colored merchant houses on the quayside. These buildings represent Curaçao's lively history of trade and the mansions here are postcard-perfect models for Curaçao vacation pictures.

You're on your way to **Fort Amsterdam** -- a beautiful Caribbean palace and home to the governor of the Netherlands Antilles. The last part of your walk will be across the floating bridge that connects the two sides of the city. If the bridge is open due to ship traffic, you

will use the ferry.

Your guide will escort you back to the ship through the **Riffort** area, complete with many shops and hotels.

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own.

### Notes:

There are 50 steps to get up to the caves.

## Cooking with the Caribbean Spice Girl: In Partnership with Food & Wine Magazine



Departs: 8:30 AM  
 Approximately 5½ Hours  
 Price \$179.95

Chef **Helmi Smeulders** is passionate about rethinking the local flavors of Curaçao. She has dubbed herself the Caribbean Spice Girl and her mission is to challenge and upskill the cuisine of the Caribbean, which is very traditional, having been passed from generation to generation. Now, there's a food revolution underway on Curaçao, with Helmi leading the charge -- living like a local in paradise and cooking like one, too, but with a twist.

Step into **Helmi's kitchen**, where the Caribbean Spice Girl welcomes you with refreshments. She'll introduce you to her fresh

philosophy on Caribbean cuisine, which she wrote about in her cookbook, *Modern Caribbean Flavors*. Her next book, *Island Vibes: The Joy of Caribbean Cooking*, takes the concept further still.

At Helmi's kitchen counter, she will show you all kinds of Caribbean fruits and vegetables and let you taste them, too. You will learn tips and tricks about preparing food. What is the easiest way to peel a mango? How do you correctly fillet a fish? Then, pick up the pots and pans to prepare lunch in a **hands-on cooking class**. You will use the flavorful spices, delicious fruits, healthy vegetables and fresh fish of the region to create new and exciting dishes. In groups of two, you will learn to prepare ceviche with lime-tequila dressing, jerk chicken with mango mayonnaise, funchi fries with pika mayonnaise, and more. Helmi and her assistant are on hand to help guide you during this fun and immersive experience.

When the cooking is done, sit down as a group outdoors, at a beautifully-decorated table. Enjoy the fruits of your labor -- a delicious home-cooked **lunch** -- accompanied by a **glass of wine**.

You'll head back to the ship with a host of new recipes, as well as a newfound appreciation of Caribbean cuisine.

**Notes:**

The menu is subject to change seasonally. Ice water, lemonade, coffee and tea are available during the cooking class. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

**Curacao Beach Express**



Departs: 12:45 PM  
Approximately 3½ Hours  
Price \$59.95

Travel to the **west side of Curaçao** on a one-of-a-kind, hand-painted tropical bus.

The **Beach Express** takes you to the 'other side' of the island where nature reigns and the beaches are unspoiled.

Enjoy the scenery as your host provides you with interesting information about Curaçao. You'll pass by historic plantation houses, panoramic mountain views, wildlife, salt flats and flamingos.

A local beach is the place to enjoy **swimming** in the beautiful Caribbean waters, **snorkeling**, or just relaxing.

**Notes:**

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring sunscreen, sunglasses, beach shoes and a towel. Snorkeling equipment and beach chairs are provided. Bathrooms and showers are available. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Minimum age is 2 years.

**Curacao Country Drive**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 3½ Hours  
Adult \$49.95; Child \$29.95

This outing perfectly captures the beauty of **Curaçao** and the island's outstanding natural charms.

Drive through Willemstad, heading westward through the city and out into the countryside. Along the way, you'll see several plantation homes and old slave houses.

Visit the **Kas di Pal'i Maishi (Slave House) & Museum**. Your guide will explain the way of life on Curaçao in the old days. You will learn about the uses of the abundantly available cactus plants, hear a local song and watch a traditional dance. You can try on the typical island headwear -- a great vacation picture waiting to happen. Your guide will show how to carry a bucket on your head in the way the locals do -- try it yourself and you will find it is quite a skill.

**Boka Tabla**, your next stop, is a **National Park**, where the wild sea meets the coast and the waves explode against wild rock formations -- a testament to nature's raw power. At West Point, snap a few photos from the coach and enjoy the beautiful view over the Caribbean Sea at Playa Forti.

The last stop is at the most beautiful tropical **beach** on the island, with its unforgettable azure blue sea and stunning white beach.

On the way back to Willemstad, make the

most of a short pause for photos from the coach at the **Jan Kok salt lakes**, where you might be lucky enough to spot some flamingos.

**Notes:**

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

**Curacao Dolphin Encounter**



Departs: 10:30 AM  
Approximately 3 Hours  
Price \$124.95

An exciting interactive **dolphin program** for all ages, this is an adventure you will never forget.

Step onto a shallow platform to actually embrace and caress perhaps the most amazing animal of the sea -- the dolphin.

A dolphin behaviorist will teach you about the biology, behavior, and conservation of these precious mammals.

No aquatic skills are required for this experience.

**Notes:**

Do not wear jewelry as it can injure the dolphins' skin. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Minimum age is 8 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult in the water. Minimum height is 51 inches. Participants must descend stairs to reach the platform in the water. Trainers are available to assist. In-water program lasts for

approximately 20 minutes. Personal photography and video recording is not possible while in the water. Professional on-site photographers capture this magical moment and you can purchase photos of your encounter afterwards.

### Curacao Dolphin Swim



Departs: 10:30 AM  
Approximately 3 Hours  
Price \$239.95

Enjoy this exciting adventure that includes close interaction with beautiful **dolphins**. Listen to an informative talk that shares facts and statistics about the dolphins; then you'll **swim** with these amazing marine mammals in a natural lagoon. Touch the dolphins, play games with them, and experience a sloppy dolphin kiss -- an unforgettable adventure.

#### Notes:

Do not wear jewelry as it can injure the dolphins' skin. Minimum age is 8 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult in the water. Minimum height is 51 inches. Life jackets are available and are mandatory for children under the age of 15. Participants must be experienced swimmers, accustomed to using fins, and be height/weight proportionate. Ratio of guests to dolphins is 6:2. Actual swim time with dolphins is 30 minutes. The dolphin lagoon is about 18 feet deep. Pregnant women are not allowed to participate but are allowed to participate in the Dolphin Encounter instead. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Personal photography and video recording is not possible while in the water. Professional

on-site photographers capture this magical moment and you can purchase photos of your swim afterwards.

### Curacao Highlights & Beach



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Adult \$49.95; Child \$44.95

Offering the best of both worlds, this popular tour showcases some famous aspects of Curaçao and includes free time at the beach.

**Driving through Willemstad**, you will see the Otrabanda area -- the residential area of the capital. Watch for St Anna Bay -- the waterway that bisects the city. You'll catch a great view of the capital and its colorful buildings.

Head through the commercial part of town to the Scharloo district -- the beautiful old Jewish neighborhood.

You'll stop at the **Chobolobo plantation house**, where the famous and very tasty **Curaçao liqueur** is made, including the authentic Blue Curaçao.

On the eastern part of the island you will discover the Spanish Waters area and the cliffs of Caracas Bay, offering a spectacular view. You're headed to **Mambo Beach** for 2 hours of fun in the sun. Nearby are several restaurants, bars and the exclusive shops of the Boulevard.

Return to the port in the downtown area.

#### Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat

### Curacao Land & Sea



Departs: 12:30 PM  
Approximately 2½ Hours  
Adult \$59.95; Child \$49.95

Board the *Seaworld Explorer* **semi-submarine** and sit in air-conditioned comfort five feet below the surface of the water. View sea life through large windows, and enjoy the dramatic effect of passing over a wall that drops sharply several hundred feet. See tropical fish such as yellowtail snapper, sergeant majors, parrotfish and queen angelfish, as well as delicate colonies of coral. Watch through your private window as a diver is surrounded by hungry fish that he feeds by hand.

Back on land, you'll cross the **Queen Juliana Bridge** for a view of Willemstad from 200 feet above the town -- a magnificent vista of the capital and the famous Queen Emma Pontoon Bridge, which provides a pedestrian link between the Otrabanda and Punda districts.

Continue to the **Chobolobo Liqueur Factory** for a taste of the world famous Curaçao liqueur.

In the **Punda district** in Willemstad, your guide will point out the major landmarks -- you've seen them on all the postcards and now they're right in front of you.

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or

explore independently are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own.

#### Notes:

Participants must be able to negotiate 10 steps down into the semi-submarine. The vessel does not submerge. Should weather or sea conditions be adverse, alternate viewing sites will be visited. Minimum age to sample alcoholic beverages is 21 years.

### Discover Curacao



Departs: 1:00 PM  
Approximately 3½ Hours  
Please call for pricing

Board an air-conditioned motorcoach for a scenic drive past the colorful sights of Willemstad.

Your destination is the **Curaçao Museum** in Otrabanda. Founded in 1946, the museum, housed in a colonial-style building dating back to the 1800s, showcases contemporary and traditional art from both local and international artists. There is a lovely permanent collection that features antique furniture, maps and charts from the Caribbean region, pre-Columbian Indian artifacts, and mahogany woodwork that dates back to the 18th and 19th centuries. Special exhibits are installed regularly, so there is always something new to discover, and the outside grounds are shaded and are perfect for a stroll.

Continue with a guided driving tour through the island's northern countryside. This is a unique opportunity to see the area's stark

landscape with small traditional villages and dramatic salt marshes where you might see bright pink flamingos.

At **Hato Caves**, join a knowledgeable guide for a **walking tour** through the dramatic underground grottos. Marvel at the imposing stalactites and stalagmites, which produce unusual shadows in the caves' eerie lighting. Your guide will point out the Pirate's Head, the Sea Turtle and the Giant. Within the caves you will find unexpected crystal-clear pools and waterfalls that form in the limestone's depths. The caves are also a haven for a colony of rarely-seen long-nose fruit bats. The cave was originally used as a hiding place for runaway slaves and prior to that as a shelter for island natives. Outside the caves you can see the famous Madonna statue.

Cross the Queen Juliana Bridge. At 185 feet above sea level, this is one of the highest bridges in the Caribbean and affords magnificent panoramic views of the city and the harbor. At **Chobolobo** -- the Dutch colonial country estate where the famous Curaçao liqueur is distilled. Valencia oranges used in the processed were planted here by the Spaniards when they first discovered Curaçao. Chobolobo has been producing **Blue Curaçao** since 1946, using the peel from the fruit. But it almost wasn't so -- the different climate and soil conditions changed the normally juicy oranges into a kind of bitter, almost inedible produce. It was not until decades later that someone discovered that the peels of this orange contained an essential oil with an extraordinarily pleasing fragrance. During a guided tour of the distillery you will gain a good understanding of the process and

will have an opportunity to **sample** the liqueur and purchase bottles to take home.

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own.

**Notes:**

At Hato Caves, participants must negotiate 50 steps; wear comfortable walking shoes. Minimum age for liqueur tasting is 21 years.

**Fascinating Curacao & Folkloric Show**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 3¼ Hours  
Adult \$59.95; Child \$39.95

Experience some unique **Curaçao culture** on this introduction to the Netherlands Antilles. Stop at Riffort Village for photos and view the famous "swinging lady" Emma Bridge, the colonial-style merchant mansions and Fort Amsterdam from here. Your guide explains the history behind what you see.

Drive to the **Chichis Gallery & Workshop**. Chichis is a nickname for women from Curaçao. At this factory, local women make sculptures in typical island form and paint them in charming tropical colors. Each and every sculpture is unique. You'll gain an impression of the jobs created through this social project, providing an income for poor families.

Next up is the **Dinah Veeris Herb & Historic Garden**. Legendary traditional herbalist Dinah -- the 'herb medicine woman' -- or a

member of her team will lead you through this wonderful garden. In a colorful and entertaining way, you will learn about the trees here and the enormous variety of herbs and their various uses. Enjoy the serene gardens. You will find small cottages at the back of the garden, which showcase how people lived in the old days. In the **shop**, numerous natural products and herbs for sale. A healthy, botanical **refreshment** will be served.

Move to the shaded area of the garden to watch a charming **folkloric show**. Dancers in costume demonstrate the Tumba and Wapa -- the rhythmic dances of the island. They'll also teach you some local songs and, if you are up for it, feel free to join in the dancing. A brief 'workshop' is included -- a great opportunity to meet the local population and tune into some Caribbean vibes.

A scenic drive returns you to the ship -- watch for some slave houses and estates along the way.

**Notes:**

The Chichis Gallery is closed on Sundays; a visit to Fort Nassau will be substituted. Named for the House of Orange-Nassau, 16th-century Fort Nassau lies on small next to St Anna Bay in the city of Willemstad. It provides a charming 360 view over a large part of the island.

**Made in Curacao**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 3 Hours  
Adult \$49.95; Child \$39.95

Curaçao offers some very interesting and tasty products. Today you will learn about and sample some of them.

Head to the heart of the historical **Scharloo district** in the city center. Scharloo is the historical former Jewish Quarter of Willemstad and boasts many beautifully-restored mansions that are part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is here that a group of local artists, artisans, craftsmen and historians have joined forces to form the Nos Kos (Our Thing) initiative. Their artwork is sold at a **pop-up market in Leyba Park**. Admire the work and feel free to purchase a memento if you wish. You might also want to photograph the magnificent mural created by a popular Curaçao artist.

At the **Aloe Vera Farm**, a local guide will tell you about the plantation, the farm and the healing effects of aloe vera. You will see the process of extracting the aloe juice from the plant and in the shop you can purchase products containing this natural product if you wish.

Your next stop is at **Chobolobo** mansion -- the original **distillery for Blue Curaçao liqueur**. The machinery on site is still used today to make the delicious range of Curaçao drinks, and your guide will tell you how the distillation process works. You will also have a chance to **taste** it for yourself. There is a

shop where you can buy the liqueurs, which make a fun and multi-colored souvenir.

Your tour ends with a **panoramic drive** through **Willemstad's** city center, past fascinating buildings and colorful mansions built in the old Dutch colonial style. From the bridge, take in the perfect view over the harbor and the city center.

**Notes:**

Minimum age to sample liqueur is 21 years.

**Mini-4x4 Adventure & Beach**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 3¼ Hours  
Price \$99.95

Discover the wild side of Curaçao. Begin with a 15-minute transfer to the buggy shop, which takes you over the Queen Juliana Bridge and shows off some of the highlights colorful **Willemstad**.

Jump behind the wheel of an award-winning Polaris RZR **off-road vehicle** and follow your tour guide caravan-style. The goal is to explore some very cool spots you would be unable to reach by yourself in a conventional vehicle.

Your local guide will lead you on a **desert-style trail** where different types of cacti can be seen. You may even spot an iguana or the local prikichi parrot. Visit a natural attraction called the **blow-hole** -- a wonderful photo opportunity and a bit of island geology revealed by your guide.

Drive along the coast and enjoy the crashing waves of the Caribbean Sea on the **north shore**, creating a spectacular show. At pristine **Janthiel Beach**, take a refreshing **swim** in the crystal-clear water, or relax under the shade of a coconut tree.

Return to Willemstad. Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must make their own way back to the ship.

**Notes:**

This tour is sold per person, therefore you may be sharing the vehicle with others, if you wish to have your own vehicle please purchase two tickets. Wear a scarf or bandana. Goggles and bottled water are provided. Minimum age to drive is 18 years with a valid driver's license. Minimum age as a ride-along passenger is 5 years. Maximum weight is 275 lbs. Pregnant women and guests with back and neck injuries are not allowed to participate. Wear closed-toe shoes that can get dirty. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat. Beach chairs are available for rent on a first come first serve basis. The rental prices range from \$4 to \$16 USD.

**Ostrich Farm & Aloe Plantation**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 3 Hours  
Adult \$59.95; Child \$44.95

Learn about two of Curaçao's fascinating industries.

Leave the ship and head to Riffort village for a photo stop. From the coach, you will have a perfect view over Curaçao's city center and the harbor entrance. You can see the famous 'Swinging Lady' Queen Emma Bridge, as well as the renowned Dutch colonial-style merchant houses and Fort Amsterdam. The latter is the home of the Governor of Curaçao.

At the **Ostrich Farm**, hop aboard a safari truck and set out to explore this spectacular farm -- these massive birds are quite impressive and you will have the opportunity to hand-feed them. With any luck you may even see an egg hatching. In the souvenir **shop**, look for authentic African art and souvenirs.

Nearby, you'll find the **Aloe Vera Farm**, where you will learn all about the process of extracting aloe juice from the plant and discover the amazing healing powers of this natural product.

Drive back to the city of **Curaçao** to explore its beautiful **downtown core**, including the area that used to be the residential part of town back when Curaçao was a major trade center. The magnificent mansions that

belonged to the merchants at the time have now been meticulously restored and are now part of a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

**Willemstad Trolley Train**



Departs: 12:15 PM  
Approximately 1½ Hours  
Adult \$39.95; Child \$34.95

Transfer by taxi across the **Queen Juliana Suspension Bridge**, 200 feet above Willemstad.

In the **Punda** section of town, you will board the **trolley train** for a memorable 50-minute outing that takes you past the Queen Emma pontoon bridge and the floating market, where Venezuelan merchants sell fish and vegetables from their boats.

See **Scharloo**, a former Jewish residential neighborhood lined with picturesque homes built in the 1800s. A highlight of your Scharloo overview is a stop at the recently renovated Bolo di Bruid, known as the 'wedding cake house' -- it is the city's most photographed building.

Step inside at the **Pietermaai Cathedral** -- the largest and most impressive on the island. You will also view Queen Wilhelmina Park, which serves as the setting for frequent cultural events, and the Waterfort Arches, an imposing fortress that was the site of the Willhem III Barracks.

Visit **Fort Amsterdam**. Built in 1635 to guard the entrance to the harbor from enemy ships, the fort is one of many structures that lend a sense of history and atmosphere to the city,

which is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own.

**Notes:**

You may enter the cathedral if it is open. Dress in casual clothing. Wear a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen, as well as comfortable walking shoes. Feel free to remain on the trolley at any of the stops.

**Willemstad by Night & Folkloric Performance**



Departs: 5:00 PM  
Approximately 2½ Hours  
Adult \$49.95; Child \$44.95

Celebrate **Curaçao by night**. This tour leaves the pier for a panoramic drive along the Riffort area, crossing the Queen Emma floating bridge, or the 'Swinging Lady' as it's known to the locals. As you pass through the Otrabanda area, note the character of this beautifully renovated historic waterfront district that grew up in the 1700s.

Cross the Queen Juliana Bridge en route to your first stop at **Fort Nassau**. Walk up to the roof to take in the dazzling 360-degree, breathtaking view of Willemstad and its environs.

Colorful Scharloo's heyday was in the late 1800s, when this pretty Jewish merchant town was favored by Curacao's hurricane-fleeing elite, but its renaissance is clearly now, with many of its utterly charming and brightly-

colored mansions already restored to perfection.

At the Mambo Beach boulevard area, leave the coach and enjoy a welcome **beverage** at Bikinis Sports Bar Terrace. You'll have an hour of **free time** to relax and enjoy a **multicultural show** danced by enthusiastic local performers.

A short ride through the lively Salina area, brimming with shops, restaurants, bars and cafés, returns you to the ship.

# Cartagena, Colombia - Friday, January 10, 2020: Once a bastion of the Spanish Main, this fortified city boasts colonial architecture, pristine offshore islands and the finest emeralds in the world.

## A Stroll through the Old Walled City



Departs: 8:45 AM  
Approximately 2½ hours  
Adult \$59.95; Child \$44.95

Travel by air-conditioned coach through **Cartagena** and the traditional residential district of Manga to admire the district's beautiful Republican-style houses. Some have been painstakingly restored to their former glory.

Take photos of the 1911 neo-Classical-style Heredia Theatre, considered one of the most beautiful in South America.

Your **walking tour** starts in San Francisco area, and visits the **Santiago bastions**.

At **Baloco Street**, admire the charming colonial architecture of the area, and **Plaza Bolívar**, which features a statue of its namesake.

Visit the **Inquisition Palace**, once fully embroiled in all the nasty history its name evokes.

View the colonial mansions of Cartagena and **walk** past the cathedral and the Governor's Mansion -- headquarters of the Spanish government.

See the old **commercial district**, the Customs Plaza and San Pedro Claver Plaza with its church honoring the Patron Saint of Slaves

and continue to the **dungeons** (Las Bovedas), used as both military barracks and a munitions depot during colonial times.

You'll have 15 minutes to **shop** for souvenirs among local artisans displaying their art and **handicrafts** here.

### Notes:

The visit to the bastions requires climbing a steep ramp. Tour includes extended periods of walking and standing in the Old Town.

## Cartagena Bay & Walled City Walk



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Price \$69.95

Discover Cartagena's past and present on this combination land and sea tour.

Your day begins aboard a sleek **catamaran** for an incredible journey along the azure waters of **Cartagena Bay**. A waterside perspective showcases how the city was fortified, and your guide will explain why this stronghold was so important to maritime traffic on the Spanish Main. You'll sail smoothly and serenely into the heart of **Cartagena's historic district**, skipping all the traffic.

Step onto dry land to discover the most extensive urban fortification in South America -- a system of zones dividing the city into three neighborhoods. The San Pedro

district features the cathedral and many Andalusian-style palaces; the San Diego district is where merchants and the middle-class colonists lived; and Gethsemani was the 'popular quarter' for the masses. **Walk** with your guide through the heart of the **historic district**. You're surrounded by incredible colonial architecture more than 500 years old and still going strong.

Explore the **Emerald Museum** -- a witness to wealth -- among other impressive architectural sites. You will also enjoy a short and sweet visit to the **Chocolate Museum** (Chocomuseo), where the entire process of chocolate-making, from pod to package, is explained.

Then, re-board the **catamaran** and sail back into port.

### Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

## Cartagena City Highlights



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 4 hours  
Adult \$69.95; Child \$44.95

An impressive fortress, the magnificent city of **Cartagena** was once the treasure chest of the Spanish Main, and thus a high-profile target for pirates.

Explore by air-conditioned coach or mini-bus

on a **panoramic drive** through the city that had the reputation of being the most impenetrable bastion of the conquistadors. The 'new town' became a prosperous urban center in the relatively short time between initial settlement in 1533 and independence in 1811.

Travel past marvelous Republican architecture and the Manga residential area, where some of the aging mansions have been restored to their original splendor.

Explore 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.

At **Las Bovedas**, you'll have about 20 minutes for **handicraft shopping** and for rubbing elbows with the local artisans who proudly display their works for you.

Pass through Simón Bolívar Square and the Inquisition Palace before continuing on to the cathedral, also called the **Minor Basilica**. The cathedral was built in honor of Santa Catalina de Alejandria and is the first church built in the city in 1537. It was destroyed by fire in 1552 and again, while being rebuilt, by the cannons of the French privateer Baron Pointis. Reconstruction finally came to pass in 1612.

Stop at the **Church of San Pedro Claver** -- the patron saint of slaves. Some free time in the Old Town area allows you to shop, explore, or simply relax before you return to the ship.

**Notes:**

Guests who wish to remain in town for shopping may do so, returning to the ship at their own expense.

**Cartagena Sightseeing**



Departs: 7:30 AM  
Approximately 2½ hours  
Price \$54.95

Admire the marvelous Republican architecture of the Manga residential area, home to some of the most ornate mansions and beautifully sculpted homes of Cartagena.

Stop to take photos at the largest Spanish fort in the New World -- the Fort of San Felipe de Barajas, originally built in the 17th century.

It's a 20-minute drive to the **walled city**; marvel at the plethora of colonial buildings and age-old fortifications around every corner, as well as the old church domes, the clock tower (symbol of the city), and the dazzling ocean views.

At the **Navy Museum**, take in a delightful display of Colombia's history and culture during a **folkloric show** of traditional songs and dances (soft drink included).

Shop at the Las Bovedas **handicraft shopping center**, built in the late 18th century as a dungeon and munitions storage facility.

Enjoy a **sightseeing drive** through the modern

residential areas of Bocagrande and Castillo Grande, famous for a wide variety of shops, restaurants and hotels, before returning to the ship.

**Notes:**

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must make their own way back to the ship.

**Cartagena by Land & Sea**



Departs: 7:45 AM  
Approximately 4 hours  
Adult \$89.95; Child \$54.95

Your tour begins with a short ride to the dock where a tour **boat** awaits you.

Enjoy a **scenic harbor cruise** through the Inner Bay for nearly an hour, as your local interpretive guide points out fortifications best seen from the water. During the 17th century, the Spanish Crown hired prominent European military engineers to carry out the construction of the defenses. This massive undertaking took more than 200 years to complete, and resulted in seven miles of walls surrounding the city, including Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas (San Felipe Fortress), fortifications on every point and narrows, and the Fort of San Sebastián de Pastelillo.

Some free time in the Old Town area allows you to shop, explore, or simply relax.

**Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas** offers a contrasting view from land; take a guided tour of this formidable castle to see why

Cartagena was the most impenetrable city of the Spanish Main. This 17th-century construction is the largest Spanish fort in the New World, representing the most important work of Spanish military engineering in South America.

The tour concludes with a **walk** back to your transportation, and a relaxing drive back to the pier.

**La Popa Monastery, Gold Museum & Shopping**



Departs: 7:30 AM  
Approximately 4 hours  
Adult \$59.95; Child \$29.95

Departing from the pier, air-conditioned transportation brings you to the traditional residential district of Manga to admire the beautiful Republican-era houses

The **Convent of La Popa** is 400 years old and is dedicated to Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria -- one of the city's patron saints. Enjoy a splendid view of the walled city, the harbor, and the new town in the distance.

Visit the small **chapel** for a look at the famous wooden statue of the Virgin of Candelaria. She is credited with delivering the city from the ravages of disease and pirates. The gold-leaf laminated main altar is also worth seeing.

Take photos at **Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas**, built in the 17th century and known as the finest example of Spanish military engineering in South America. The castle's

mighty cannons made short work of the English ships whenever they ventured within range. Commander Edward Vernon lost more than 70 ships and 10,000 men in his ill-fated attempt to take the city.

There's time for some **handicraft shopping** at **Las Bovedas** (the Dungeons).

Learn about various battles and how the city defended itself from pirates on a brief visit to Santa Catalina's bastion, high atop the wall.

At the **Gold Museum**, admire beautiful displays of valuable pre-Columbian gold artifacts. Some of the oldest ceramics in the Americas also reside here.

In the modern residential area of Bocagrande, famous for its wide variety of shops, you will find Colombia's famous native gem -- the emerald.

Some free time in the Old Town area allows you to shop, explore, or simply relax before you return to the ship.

**Notes:**

Tour does not operate on Mondays.

### Medieval Cartagena by Horse & Carriage



Departs: 7:30 AM  
Approximately 3 hours  
Price \$89.95

Transfer by coach to **Plaza Santa Teresa**, where a **horse and carriage** stand ready to transport you around Cartagena's beautiful **Old Town** -- a voyage back in time to the days of the conquistadors.

Ride along the inviting, narrow cobblestone streets and through squares inside the walled city, admiring the flower-filled balconies that glow in the light spilling from colonial mansions.

Stop for 10 minutes to photograph 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. Surrender to the majesty of this historic city, where age-old squares are surrounded by towering colonial, Republican and Spanish-style buildings -- it's easy to picture life 200 years ago in this wealthy, cosmopolitan port.

Visit the former city **dungeons** at Las Bovedas, which have also been used as military barracks, a munitions depot and a jail, but today local artisans display their work there. You'll have between 15 to 20 minutes for **shopping** before returning to the ship.

#### Notes:

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so,

but must make their own way back to the ship.

### Scenes of Cartagena with Less Shopping



Departs: 7:30 AM  
Approximately 3½ hours  
Adult \$64.95; Child \$44.95

This tour departs directly from the pier and explores the magnificent city of **Cartagena** -- one of the most important ports in colonial times for transporting gold and other precious cargo to Spain. Cartagena came under frequent attack by pirates and corsairs. Baals (1543), Drake (1586), Jean-Bernard Desjeans, Jean Ducasse (1697), and Edward Vernon (1741) all made off with and enjoyed spending the wealth of the Spanish Crown. Tired of the constant pillaging of the city, the colonists fortified the city, making Cartagena most impenetrable colonial stronghold in South America.

**Drive** through the residential area of Manga and admire the late-19th-century, Republican-style mansions.

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One of Cartagena's more gruesome spectacles is Las Bovedas (**the dungeons**), located in the Old City. In colonial times these were used as

military barracks and a munitions depot. After independence, they were mainly used as jails. Local artisans display their colorful and interesting arts and **handicrafts** here nowadays.

Visit **San Pedro Claver Church**, built in the 17th century. Inside you'll see some exquisite statues and Old-World furnishings honoring missionary Peter Claver. The Patron Saint of Slaves, Claver was the first person to be canonized in the Western Hemisphere -- a sign that the tenets of Catholicism had firmly taken root in Colombia.

Stop at **Inquisition Palace**, which served as a tribunal court and tried anyone the Church viewed as a heretic. The palace contains instruments of torture, along with documents, paintings and explanations about the Inquisition. You will see the small barred window from which the sentences handed down by the tribunal were announced to the public -- generally speaking, it wasn't good news.

#### Notes:

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must make their own way back to the ship. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. The Old Town streets are cobblestone and are uneven in places.

### Scenes of Cartagena with Less Walking



Departs: 7:30 AM  
Approximately 3½ hours  
Adult \$59.95; Child \$39.95

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display their colorful and interesting arts and **handicrafts** here.

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**Notes:**

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must make their own way back to the ship. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. The Old Town streets are cobblestone and are uneven in places.

**The Gem of Colombia: Emerald Jewelry Making Class**



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 4 hours  
Price \$79.95



Catch a glimpse of Cartagena's diverse history and culture on this easy and fun half-day tour. Your friendly local guide will fill you in on the passing sights with expert narration and you'll arrive at the **Caribbean School of Jewelry**, approved by the Colombian Education Ministry.

You're in for a unique learning experience as the instructors will provide you with a

workspace and all the tools you need to learn how to **create a piece of jewelry** out of .925 sterling silver and emeralds.

During your two-hour lesson, watch demonstrations, listen to instructions, and enjoy a hands-on class. You will learn to melt metals, weld, and laminate as you create a silver ring, a pendant, a pair of earrings or a bracelet chain.

Watch a video about Colombian emeralds, including how they are mined and cut. This rare and mysterious stone has been sought after for centuries as a symbol of good health, truth and fidelity. Despite the large amounts of fine emeralds exported by the conquistadors to Spain, there are no grand examples of emerald jewelry among the Spanish Crown Jewels. However, the Crown Jewels of Persia (Iran) contain the most exquisite collection of fine emerald jewelry in the world.

Continue your tour with a **panoramic drive** past the San Felipe Fortress and the Old Town en route to the **Emerald Museum**.

Visit a **jewelry shop** where you can browse and shop for world-famous Colombian emeralds if you wish.

**The National Aviary of Colombia**



Departs: 7:30 AM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Adult \$89.95; Child \$79.95



Travel by air-conditioned coach on a 40-minute ride to the **island of Baru**. Sit back and enjoy the scenery and view the growing industrial area around Cartagena.

You're headed to **the National Aviary** -- one of the finest aviaries in the world, renowned for housing a very high number of species. Colombia boasts the world's greatest bird diversity, with more than 1,900 species, and the National Aviary reflects this with an important cross-section of this variety. Set out to explore the different bird observation stations arranged by habitat and species:

The Tropical Forest -- macaws, Harpy eagles, tangaras and other species as well as different kinds of palms, waterfalls and macaque monkeys

Coastlines & Mangroves -- the habitat of different kind of ducks, cormorants and pelicans

Coastline -- herons, doves, storks and the migrating teals

The Desert Station -- an environment where cardinals, mockingbirds and partridges live

The Andean Region -- owls, eagles and the famous Andean condor -- king of the mountains

Surrounded by birds, beautiful landscapes, palm trees and waterfalls, you will have time to enjoy a beverage or delicious **Colombian coffee** before the ride back to Cartagena.

**Notes:**

Travel time to the National Aviary is 45 minutes each way.

**Gatun Lake, Panama - Saturday, January 11, 2020:** Gatun Lake is key to supplying the water necessary to operate the locks system. Formed by an earthen dam across the Chagres River to keep the water 85 feet above sea level, the water runs downhill to fill the locks. No pumps, no power other than the force of gravity! Fact: It will take about 52 million gallons of water to float your Holland America ship through the locks.

**A Walk through Panama City: Old & New**



Departs: 9:30 AM  
 Approximately 5½ Hours  
 Adult \$74.95; Child \$44.95

Panama City consists of two parts. Part one is **Panama Viejo (Old Panama)**, which lies in ruins after being sacked by the pirate Sir Henry Morgan and burned down in 1671. Part two is the Panama City of today, built in 1673 on a peninsula located that is just five miles from from the original settlement sacked by Morgan.

Air-conditioned transportation will bring you to part one -- the ruins of Old Panama. This site was founded in 1519 by the Spanish conquistador Pedro Arias de Ávila and played a major in one of the most important trade routes in the Americas. It was a repository for much of the gold and silver that Spain took from the New World.

**Walk** with your guide through the ruins to learn about Old Panama's history and the lifestyle of its wealthy and important inhabitants.

Part two -- the modern-day location of **Panama City** -- boasts an incredible **Old Town** area known as the Casco Antiguo. The Casco displays a fascinating mix of architectural styles, which in turn reflect the cultural diversity of the country. Caribbean,

Republican, Art Deco, French and Colonial architecture mix in this historic area. Most of Panama City's main monuments are located in Casco Antiguo.

On your second **walking tour** of the day, you will see the Metropolitan Cathedral and the National Theater, among other buildings.

Continue to your final destination -- **Las Bóvedas**. This is the sea wall of the Spanish Fort on the point of the peninsula. It takes its name from the dungeons that are embedded in the wall. Today the infamous dungeons are relatively civilized and house an art gallery and a restaurant. A stroll along the top of the wall provides a unique view of Panama City across the bay.

Survey Panama City, from old to new, from your coach on the way back to the ship

**Aerial Tram & Ecological Encounter to Colon**



Departs: 10:00 AM  
 Approximately 5 Hours  
 Adult \$114.95; Child \$79.95

The aerial tram travels a half-mile through the canopy of the forest. )Round-trip time on the tram is about 45 minutes, not including time spent at the lookout.) It takes you from the shadowy forest floor through the understory and into the sun-drenched canopy. It is located in 247 acres of rain forest, surrounded

by exuberant flora and fauna typical of Panama.

The surrounding flora includes species such as the guarumo (trumpet tree), mangavillo, higo de Montaña, espave (wild cashew) and balsa. This impressive plant diversity is the food source for all kinds of indigenous animals including coatimundi, peccary, howler monkey, squirrels, capibarra and sloth. Beautiful birds such as toucans, trogons, parrots, and momots are also plentiful.

Reptiles and amphibians found in the Panamanian forests include caimans, iguanas, and dozens of species of frogs.

Quite literally at the bottom of the food chain is the world of the insects, many of which are beautifully colored -- butterflies, dragonflies, cicadas and others. Visit the herpetarium-like exhibits where frogs, butterflies, and even orchids, play their part in the tropical ecosystem.

Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. This excursion will depart from Gatún Lake and will end in Colón, where you will re-join the ship. Minimum age is 6 years

**Agua Clara Locks & Kayaking in the Canal**



Departs: 10:00 AM  
 Approximately 4 Hours  
 Adult \$89.95; Child \$69.95

Gatún Lake was created during the building of the Panama Canal because raising the water level across the isthmus meant that excavations did not have to be so vast. A large earthen wall was built, villages were flooded and the water rose to form Gatún Lake.

At **the Melia Resort**, you will gear up and away you go -- **paddling a kayak** on the Panama Canal itself. You'll have approximately 1¼ hours to paddle among the islands of Gatún Lake. There are 1,368 species of vascular plants, 93 species of mammals and as many as 366 species of birds in this area.

You will also visit the **Agua Clara Locks Lookout** to see the Panama Canal in operation -- a great marvel of modern engineering and an unforgettable experience.

Your kayak paddle ends in Colón, where you will re-join the ship.

Notes:

Maximum weight is 250 lbs. Minimum age is 9 years. Double kayaks are used. Tour departs

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from Gatun Lake and ends in Colón where you will re-join the ship. You may arrive in Colón before the ship does. Suitable for adventurous and physically-fit participants. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Maximum weight is 250 lbs. Minimum age is 9 years. Double kayaks are used. This excursion will depart from Gatun Lake and will end in Colón where you will re-join the ship. Your tour may return before the ships arrive in Colón. Suitable for adventurous and physically able passengers. Wildlife sightings, while likely, are not guaranteed.

### Authentic Embera Native Village to Colon



Departs: 9:30 AM  
Approximately 6½ Hours  
Adult \$109.95; Child \$74.95



Your motor coach will double as a virtual time machine as you travel back more than 600 years to a Central America few people ever experience. This is a journey into the lives of the **Emberá Native tribe** -- a proud people who maintain their traditions and lifestyle as it was before the Spaniards colonized Panama.

A knowledgeable guide will give you an overview of Panama on the way to the jungles of the Central Region, and share the history and customs of the Emberá Natives who are the keepers of the rain forest and the Chagres River.

Keep your eyes open along the way, as the

region offers abundant wildlife that is particularly active along the river's edge.

At **Chagres National Park**, leave the comfort of the vehicle to board a **dug-out canoe** that will take you to the Emberá village. Although far from luxurious, the dug-outs are sturdy craft which played a critical role in the conquering of the jungle and in establishing supply lines for both Natives and Spaniards.

**Motoring** up-river, you will see the village emerge from the jungle. The chief will welcome you with traditional Emberá hospitality.

A series of **dances** has been arranged to add to this cultural exchange.

Feel free to wander through the village, ask questions and **interact** with these quiet people.

As you will be a guest in their homes, a common sense approach and sensitivity to their privacy is appreciated.

The Emberá men and woman are spectacular craftspeople and have produced some beautiful items available for purchase as **souvenirs** of this unique experience.

#### Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Boarding local canoes requires only a minimum of dexterity and flexibility. The landing consists of a rudimentary 'put-in' that lacks handrails or proper steps. Many hands will be available to assist; however,

guests will be required to step up into the vessels. Restroom facilities are limited and basic throughout this tour. Tour duration will depend on the water level of the Chagres River. This excursion will depart from Gatun Lake and will end in Colón, where you will re-board the ship.

### Colonial Panama & Miraflores



Departs: 9:30 AM  
Approximately 6¼ Hours  
Adult \$119.95; Child \$59.95

Air-conditioned transportation takes you 90 minutes across the Panamanian isthmus to the colonial area of Panama City.

Head up the coastline to **El Casco Antiguo** and learn about the piracy that was rampant here in the old days and forms an integral part of this area's history. On a leisurely 45-minute **walk**, appreciate the distinctive architecture here, influenced by an interesting blend of French, Spanish and Italian styles.

An extra 30 minutes of **free time** allows you to explore on your own in Casco Antiguo.

Continue to the Miraflores Locks -- part of the engineering marvel that makes up the Panama Canal. The **Miraflores Locks Observation Center** offers a close-up view ships passing through the locks. By the time you leave you will have a good understanding of the functioning of the locks.

Head back to the ship with a stop for arts and crafts shopping at Fort Amador.

#### Notes:

Depending on canal scheduling, you may or may not actually see vessels in the lock chambers.

### Fort San Lorenzo UNESCO World Heritage Site & Agua Clara Locks



Departs: 9:15 AM  
Approximately 5½ Hours  
Adult \$94.95; Child \$54.95

This tour combines a visit to a Spanish fort with the lush ambience of natural tropical forest and the mighty Panama Canal.

Set off in air-conditioned comfort to explore Panama, passing the former US Army Base of Fort Sherman. The jungle training areas here remained active until 1999. You are headed to the remote, 400-year-old ruins of **Fort San Lorenzo** -- a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Your guide will offer details of the immense and profound history related to this spot. The Spaniards built the fort in the 16th century to defend the gold trail of the Spanish Main, and were very successful until the fort was finally sacked by the infamous Welsh Captain Henry Morgan.

Next you will see the Path Between the Seas -- the **Panama Canal** -- and view the gargantuan ships that make their way through the **Agua Clara Locks'** chambers, where the ships seem to be a mere arm's length apart. The **Agua Clara Locks (expansion)** are the **newest** of the three sets of locks on the Panama Canal.

#### Notes:

There may be a wait of up to 45 minutes for

the ferry (each way). Wear comfortable walking shoes.

### Frank Gehry Museum & the Canal Museum



Departs: 9:30 AM  
Approximately 5½ Hours  
Adult \$99.95; Child \$69.95

Board an air-conditioned coach for a short transfer to the famous Frank Gehry-design **Biomuseum**. The Biomuseum tells the story of the physical rise of the Isthmus of Panama and how this cataclysmic event changed the natural world as we know it today. This museum is affiliated to the Smithsonian Institute, making Panama the first country outside of the US to have this type of affiliation. Panama was chosen as the location of the Biomuseum due to its staggering biodiversity and its fascinating history. Through the Biomuseum, visitors discover the biodiversity value this country offers. Its objectives are to educate, create interchange of the natural and cultural resources of Panama, and focus knowledge regarding the environment and its conservation. The museum recounts the rise of the Isthmus, including the biological and climatic changes that continue to transform the natural world. Spend approximately 90 minutes at the museum with an audio-guide to take you through the five different galleries.

Enjoy a light **snack**; then, transfer to the **Canal Museum**. This facility offers two permanent exhibition floors presenting the history of Panama and the Panama Canal. The first floor introduces the importance of the Panama route since pre-Hispanic times

and during the Colonial period. The Isthmus of Panama has long been a center of important discoveries as well as a transit route for world trade. The second floor exhibits the construction of the Panama Canal, the North American era, North American canal operations, and the canal returning to Panamanian hands in 1999.

#### Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

### Monkey Watch & Canal Nature Cruise to Colon



Departs: 10:00 AM  
Approximately 5 Hours  
Adult \$99.95; Child \$79.95

Join this natural adventure -- a wealth of sight and sound, combined with the thrill of speeding through the **Panama Canal** next to the mighty ships transiting this man-made wonder.

An exhilarating 30-minute **boat ride** at high speed takes you right through the heart of the Panama Canal.

Slow down to enter the labyrinth of jungle-covered islands of **Lake Gatún**. In this protected area the wildlife is plentiful, and you are likely to encounter capuchin monkeys, three-toed sloth, howler monkeys, various kinds of toucans and other bird life as well as caimans, crocodiles, turtles and numerous butterflies. This is an exceptional place to experience the sights and sounds of the jungle up close.

Your trained naturalist guide will ensure that you have an outstanding nature experience throughout this jungle and canal adventure.

#### Notes:

Wear light clothing, sunscreen, a hat and sneakers or sandals. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. This excursion will depart from Gatún Lake and will end in Colón, where you will re-board the ship.

### New Locks & Former Canal Zone



Departs: 9:30 AM  
Approximately 3½ Hours  
Adult \$69.95; Child \$49.95

The Panama Canal Expansion has been the largest project undertaken on this waterway since its original construction. The expansion created a new lane of ship traffic along the Canal, with the construction of a new set of locks doubling the waterway's capacity.

Today you will visit the **New Locks** of the **Panama Canal**, which will have a direct impact on the economies of scale associated with international maritime trade. The **Observation Center** is a park-style concept based on open platforms and roofed terraces, built over an area of 10 acres. If you're lucky, you may see new neo-Panamax vessels crossing. Look out across majestic Gatún Lake, where ships continue their transit through the waterway.

Enjoy a walk along a **rain forest trail**, where you will likely encounter some of the amazing variety of wildlife that calls Panama home.

The route to the pier Colón takes you past the former Panama Canal Zone, where the military installations of the American administration are a gentle reminder of the strategic importance of the area.

Upon arrival in Colón itself, there may be some extended **free time** before you meet up with the ship, as the ship will be transiting the Canal and is subject to traffic and/or canal authority delays.

#### Notes:

Depending on canal scheduling, you may or may not actually see vessels in the lock chambers. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

### Panama Railroad Dome Car, Agua Clara Locks & Motorcoach to Colon



Departs: 9:30 AM  
Approximately 5½ Hours  
Adult \$249.95; Child \$159.95

Experience the **Panama Canal** and its living history as you travel the **isthmus railroad** through beautiful flora and past lovely Gatún Lake. You are seated in a **domed railcar**. Depending on the canal scheduling, you may see the enormous vessels that transit the canal, and you'll pass through towns and villages named for the people who built this 'path between the seas'.

You will also visit the **Agua Clara Locks** -- part of the **Panama Canal Expansion** project. This is the largest project undertaken on the Canal since its original construction. The

objective was to create a new lane of traffic through the Panama Canal, doubling the waterway's capacity. Be a witness to this major undertaking by visiting the New Locks, whose **Observation Center** is a park-style concept based on open platforms and roofed terraces, set in of area of about 10 acres. The platforms provide a view of the neo-Panamax class of vessels crossing the isthmus. You can also see the majestic Gatún Lake from here, where ships exit and continue their transit through the waterway.

Enjoy the beautiful rain forest scenery as you cross the **Continental Divide** from ocean to ocean in just an hour. You'll also pass the working locks and some of the old Canal Zone area that has now been returned to the people of Panama.

**Notes:**

The train portion of this tour is exactly the same as the 'Panama Railroad Standard Rail Car, Agua Clara Locks & Motorcoach to Colón' except that participants are seated in a domed rail car. Space is very limited so please book early. This excursion will depart from Gatún Lake and will end in Colón, where you will re-board the ship.

**Panama Railroad Standard Rail Car & Motor Coach to Colon**



Departs: 9:30 AM  
Approximately 5½ Hours  
Price \$159.95

Experience the Panama Canal and its living history as you travel the **isthmus railroad** through beautiful flora and past lovely Gatún Lake.

You are seated in a standard railcar.

Depending on the canal scheduling, you may see the enormous vessels that transit the canal, and you'll pass through towns and villages named for the people who built this 'path between the seas'.

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You'll pass the working locks and some of the old Canal Zone area that has now been returned to the people of Panama.

At the rail station, board a bus for a trip out to the **causeway** that forms the entrance of the Panama Canal.

**Notes:**

This excursion will depart from Gatún Lake and will end in Colón, where you will re-board the ship.

**Panama Railroad Standard Rail Car, Agua Clara Locks & Motorcoach to Colon**



Departs: 9:30 AM  
Approximately 5½ Hours  
Adult \$199.95; Child \$139.95

Experience the Panama Canal and its living history as you travel the **isthmus railroad** through beautiful flora and past lovely Gatún Lake. You are seated in a **standard railcar**.

Depending on the canal scheduling, you may see the enormous vessels that transit the canal, and you'll pass through towns and villages named for the people who built this 'path between the seas'.

You will also visit the **Agua Clara Locks** -- part of the **Panama Canal Expansion** project. This is the largest project undertaken on the Canal since its original construction. The objective was to create a new lane of traffic through the Panama Canal, doubling the waterway's capacity. Be a witness to this major undertaking by visiting the New Locks, whose **Observation Center** is a park-style concept based on open platforms and roofed terraces, set in of area of about 10 acres. The platforms provide a view of the neo-Panamax class of vessels crossing the isthmus. You can also see the majestic Gatún Lake from here, where ships exit and continue their transit through the waterway.

Enjoy the beautiful rain forest scenery as you cross the **Continental Divide** from ocean to ocean in just an hour. You'll also pass the working locks and some of the old Canal Zone area that has now been returned to the people of Panama.

**Notes:**

This excursion will depart from Gatún Lake and will end in Colón, where you will re-board the ship. The train portion of this tour is exactly the same as the 'Panama Railroad Domed Rail Car, Agua Clara Locks & Motorcoach to Colón' except that participants are seated in a standard rail car.

**Rainforest & Gatun Lake & Locks Cruise**



Departs: 10:00 AM  
Approximately 4½ Hours  
Adult \$99.95; Child \$69.95

Travel to the Melia Panama Canal Resort and board a tour boat for a 1½-hour **eco-cruise** on **Gatún Lake**. Gatún is a large artificial lake in the Republic of Panama. It forms a major part of the Panama Canal, carrying ships during their transit across the Isthmus of Panama. The lake was created between 1907 and 1913 by the building of the Gatún Dam across the Chagres River. The hills bordering the valley of the Chagres open up widely around the area of the lake, but come together to form a gap at the location of the dam. Glide over the water, passing lush **rain forest**. You're headed to a secluded region of Lake Gatún -- the perfect spot to experience firsthand the splendor and excitement of the jungle. Exotic birds, monkeys, sloths, iguanas, and crocodiles are just a few of the animals that you may see in their native surroundings -- they are part of the much larger population of reptiles, mammals, insects and birds that inhabit the Panamanian forest. In fact, the more than 50,000 acres of rain forest here is

home an incredible 105 species of mammals, 525 species of birds and 124 species of reptiles and amphibians. And, amazingly, this is one of the most accessible green zones in the world.

Next, take a **walk** through the rainforest and visit the ecological trail that surrounds the lake. Your naturalist guides ensures that you have an outstanding nature experience by not only pointing out the wildlife, but also educating you about the animals and their habitat.

Afterwards, re-board your air-conditioned transportation for a tour of the new **Agua Clara Locks** on Panama Canal. Spend approximately one hour at the **Visitor Center** observing the locks in operation. Your guide explains the engineering feat required to move ships over a continental divide that separates two oceans. These **New Locks** give you a modern perspective of the Panama Canal as they are part of the expansion project that allows the canal to accommodate the larger neo-Panamax class of ship.

Finally, re-board your air-conditioned transportation for the drive back to your ship.

**Notes:**

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

**The Best of Panama to Colon**



Departs: 9:45 AM  
Approximately 5½ Hours  
Adult \$149.95; Child \$99.95

At **Gatún Lake**, board a **motor launch** for a one-hour **cruise**. The lake was created in 1907 by damming the Chagres River. It and forms a major part of the Panama Canal passage, carrying ships during their transit across the Isthmus of Panama. Keep an eye out for monkeys, toucans, and sloths on the shoreline.

Make the most of an opportunity to encounter the **Emberá Native** people. This tribe still lives in harmony with the natural surroundings in the rain forest. Witness traditional song and dance along with music performed on handmade instruments. The Emberà possess an amazing botanical knowledge, and they are a warm and friendly people. You will have a chance to purchase Emberà Native **handicrafts** directly from the villagers.

Spend approximately one hour observing operations at the **Agua Clara Expansion Locks observation area**. Your guide will explain the engineering feat required to move ships over the Continental Divide that separates two oceans. The new locks offer a perspective of the Panama Canal that encompasses past, present and future. Learn about recent the Panama Canal expansion project with a detailed explanation from an expert. The design, construction and operation of the largest engineering project in the world is quite astounding.

After witnessing the locks in action, board your transportation for the drive to Colón, where you will meet the ship.

**Notes:**

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Tour departs from Gatún Lake and ends in Colón where you will re-join the ship. You may arrive in Colón before the ship does.

**The Canal Experience from Gatun to Colon**



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 7- 8 Hours  
Adult \$184.95; Child \$99.95

Ride by coach to either the Gamboa Dredging Division Pier or the Cucaracha Pier inside the **Panama Canal**, and board a **ferry** that will **transport you through the Panama Canal**. You'll pass through the Gaillard Cut -- the most important and difficult part of the Panama Canal's construction and home of legendary Continental Divide.

Enter the Pedro Miguel Locks and Miraflores Lake. On the far side of the lake you will find the Miraflores Locks -- your passage to the Pacific Ocean.

Watch for the Centennial and Americas Bridges and you will end your adventure at the Pacific port at the entrance to the Panama Canal.

Transfer by coach to **meet the ship in Colón** .

**Notes:**

This excursion departs from Gatún Lake and ends in Colón, where you will re-board the ship. Canal transits are scheduled and controlled by the Panama Canal Authority. Water levels in the locks are impacted by rain and the tour may be extended during drier seasons; therefore, the tour duration varies and your patience with any delays is appreciated. The panoramic drive from Panama City at Colón to the ship is approximately 1¼ hours on a new four-lane highway. Re-boarding your cruise ship in Colón requires waiting for the ship's arrival; this can be a little unpredictable as the ship's transit time through the canal can vary. Please be prepared for delays and again your patience is appreciated. There are no wheelchair accessible restrooms on the ferry.

**The Shaping of Panama to Colon**



Departs: 9:15 AM  
Approximately 7 Hours  
Adult \$109.95; Child \$74.95

Traverse the **Trans-Isthmus Highway** from the **Atlantic to the Pacific** -- the same route once used by the Spanish Conquistadors and the Forty-Niners seeking a short cut from the east to the gold fields in California.

Panama is a country whose name is utterly inseparable from the image of the canal that changed the world -- considered by many to be the Eighth Wonder of the World. Yet the

Gatun Lake, Panama - Saturday, January 11, 2020

"other" Panama is just as interesting, with an amazing history of glory and tragedy that has shaped this country that was once known as the Pearl of the Pacific.

A 90-minute drive from Gatún brings you to Fort Amador, where you will have some **free time** to shop for items from all over Panama.

Head through the streets of the old **French Quarter** of **Panama City**, founded in 1673 by French Colónists.

Hear tales of the extraordinary gallantry and shocking piracy that kept the inhabitants in a state of constant high alert in Colonial Panama, known as Casco Antiguo.

On a leisurely 45-minute guided **walk**, appreciate the unique architecture, influenced by a wonderful blend of French, Spanish and Italian styles.

After a buffet **lunch**, re-board you motor coach for the drive to **Old Panama**, which was founded in 1519 and destroyed by the infamous Welsh Captain Henry Morgan in 1671.

Take photos of the National Theatre, the cathedral and the Church of the Golden Altar (left intact by Morgan when he sacked Panama City) from the coach.

See the ruins of the churches and convents, colonial palaces, bridges and military buildings that attest to the grandiose past of this country.

**Notes:**

Total driving time is approximately four hours. Walking approximately a half-mile will be required. There may be a delay waiting for the coach at the end of the visit to the French Plaza. This excursion will depart from Gatún Lake and will end in Colón, where you will re-board the ship.

**Puerto Limon (San Jose), Costa Rica - Sunday, January 12, 2020:** From Costa Rica's Caribbean coast go in search of iridescent blue morpho butterflies, sloths, turtle nesting grounds and wise old shamans. Explore the capital city of San Jose, where museums beckon and markets burst with luscious local tastes - mangoes, bananas, pineapples, papayas.

**A Day with Costa Rica's Native People: Conservation & Culture**



Departs: 7:30 AM  
4½ Hours  
Adult \$109.95; Child \$89.95



Experience local culture and feel the power of contributing to global sustainability on this heartwarming tour. Begin with a country drive to the tiny mountain community of Las Brisas, less than an hour from Puerto Limón and home to the Native Cabecar tribe of Costa Rica.

Your experience begins with a **walk** through an **organic orchard**, where you will learn about traditional growing methods in the mountains of Costa Rica and hand-pick ingredients for a snack that you will help to prepare later.

Visit a small **dairy farm** to learn about milk production here -- you'll have the opportunity to milk a cow if you're game.

The valuable work of a **tree nursery** is literally in your hands as you are given a seedling that you will take to a nearby forest recovery site and plant it with the help of your guide. Nestled among enthralling mountain scenery, with views as far as the eye can see, the rain forest is an essential component of the world biosphere. On a clear day, you may spot the Turrialba volcano in the distance.

Return to the Community Center to **help prepare a snack** with the fruit you picked earlier. You'll have the willing assistance of local community members and enjoy a live demonstration by artisans from the **Cabecar tribe**. These gentle people have inhabited this rain forest for centuries and they are eager to teach you about their culture and their love of the Earth. You will engage in informal, warm conversation with these local artisans, learning about their handicrafts and traditional way of life. Local music adds to the ambience and **handicrafts** can be purchased as keepsakes and gifts.

Return to the pier wiser in the ways that tourism can positively impact Native communities. A significant portion of the proceeds from this tour go directly to the community participants and as a donation to the non-profit Foundation for Rainforest Research & Preservation.

Please note: Participants must be able to walk at least a half-mile unassisted. Bring your spirit of adventure and be willing to participate and get your hands dirty -- this is a completely hands-on experience.

**Botanical Gardens & Rescue Center**



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 4½ Hours  
Price \$89.95

Visit the **Botanic Gardens & Rescue Center**, whose purpose is to protect and rehabilitate displaced wildlife. It provides a safe haven to animals that need refuge due to an accident or loss of habitat, and to victims of the pet trade or hunting. Many of these animals can be nursed back to a healthy condition, and can be released back into their natural habitat. Others are too injured and have to stay on as permanent residents, so the center tries to provide a natural habitat for them.

Some of the species you may encounter include sloths, iguanas, monkeys and deer. The gardens cover approximately ten acres and include many types of plant groups -- palms, heliconias, bromeliads, calatheas, aroids and others. A special Talamanca area features indigenous plants. There are also spices -- vanilla, black pepper, cinnamon -- for an aromatic experience. Fruit such as papaya, banana, cacao and pineapple grow here as well.

Don't miss the amazing 'miracle fruit'. Your challenge for the day? To figure out why it is called miraculous!

**Caribbean Train, Countryside & Tortuguero Canals**



Departs: 8:15 AM  
Approximately 3½ Hours  
Adult \$84.95; Child \$59.95

Board a historic, recently restored car of the **open-air train** that has facilitated Costa Rica's banana industry for decades.

The rail line passes through incredible landscapes showcasing Costa Rica's storied Caribbean region. Stops are frequent, so you can enjoy glimpses of dense wildlife -- sloths, monkeys and other colorful creatures that live along the tracks.

Journey by **boat** into the **Tortuguero Canals**, where waterfowl, whiteface and spider monkeys, and many other animals are easily spotted. **Fresh fruit** and ice-cold water are served at the take-out point.

**Notes:**

Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Bring sunscreen and insect repellent; wear a hat and comfortable walking shoes. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

### Coastal Highlights & Banana Plantation



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 3½ hours  
Price \$49.95

Departing from the pier of Puerto Limón, you'll **drive** south past Cieneguita -- the oldest part of Limón. Many of Costa Rica's 432,000 people are black descendants from Jamaica, originally brought here by Minor C. Keith to build the railroad that proved almost impossible. A number those Jamaicans stayed in the area after completion of the railroad to work on the cacao and banana plantations. Their houses were built on stilts, as the conditions of coastal swamps, landslides, flooding, jungle fevers and heavy rains made for hard-won battles.

Continuing your journey, you will pass Limón International Airport, banana and cacao plantations, and beautiful vistas of the Caribbean Sea from a coastline adorned with palm trees. Keep an eye out as you may spot white egrets, blue herons, kingfishers, pelicans, iguanas, flycatchers, roadside hawks and black-shouldered kites.

Visit a **banana-processing plant** to see how bananas are selected, cleaned and packed for export, and stop briefly at **Bananito Village**, where you can purchase local **souvenirs** to take home.

#### Notes:

Banana processing does not normally take place during weekends. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

### Costa Rica Jungle Kayak Adventure



Departs: 8:15 AM  
Approximately 4½ Hours  
Price \$89.95

Experience something entirely different as you set out on a **kayaking** trip in the **Costa Rican rain forest**.

A 45-minute ride from the pier brings you to the kayak dock and embarkation point. Restrooms are available here. Before heading out, you'll listen to safety instructions and a demonstration about the use of the equipment.

While softly **paddling** through the jungle for approximately 1½ hours, allow yourself to bask in the pleasure and tranquility of the sounds of the surrounding lush tropical vegetation. A heavy annual rainfall nurtures this area, teeming with flora and fauna -- orchids, water lilies, aquatic plants, sea birds, monkeys, iguanas, sloths and toucans. It is both a relaxing and invigorating experience.

Fresh **fruits** and **Calypso music** will delight you before you head back to the pier.

#### Notes:

Bring a change of clothes and towel. Wear a hat and sturdy shoes -- these will get wet. Bring insect repellent; wear sunscreen. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Maximum weight is 250 pounds. Minimum height is 4 feet. Minimum age is 8 years. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

### Meet the Sloths



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 4½ Hours  
Adult \$109.95; Child \$99.95

Discover the **Aviarios del Caribe Sloth Sanctuary of Costa Rica** -- a premier attraction made famous on the popular Animal Planet *Meet the Sloths* series. You'll get acquainted with the marvelous, if sedate, world of the sloth less than an hour from Puerto Limon.

Meet members of the inspiring Arroyo family -- founders of the only non-profit sloth sanctuary and research center in Costa Rica. You'll learn about the important research work done here and meet an orphaned baby sloth. The world-famous Buttercup was the very first of these cuddly creatures to be rescued by the sanctuary.

Seeing these enigmatic animals up close is a chance to learn more about their living habits and unique personalities, their individual stories and the hope that their rescuers have for their future. Their perpetually-smiling faces are adorable, and you'll be amused by their antics as they (very) slowly draw you into their charming universe.

Next, board a **canoe** for a ride along the freshwater **Estrella River** -- one of the largest rivers on the Caribbean Coast. The odds of seeing wild sloths, howler monkeys, birds and other wildlife are very high. Within the bayou country of the river delta, many bird species have been identified, and it is also home to coatis, otters, turtles and countless butterflies.

Keep your eyes open and your camera ready.

Bottled water and tropical **refreshments** are served.

Conclude with a visit to the **gift shop**, where you can browse for a souvenir to remind you of this very special day before returning to port. An educational tour for all ages and all proceeds from the gift shop directly fund the Sloth Sanctuary's mission.

#### Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a sunhat and rain gear as you will be traveling in an open-air canoe along the Estrella River. Wear sturdy, closed-toe walking shoes. The sloths are kept at a distance and not available for you to touch or hold so that they can be returned to the wild environment when they are ready. Flash photography is not allowed; the best pictures are with a zoom. Minimum age is 3 years.

### Meet the Sloths: Behind the Scenes



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 6 Hours  
Adult \$249.95; Child \$199.95

Costa Rica's three-toed sloth is a slow-moving, medium-sized mammal that is highly adapted to life in the jungles of Central and South America. Meet this intriguing animal at the **Aviarios del Caribe Sloth Sanctuary of Costa Rica** -- a rescue center established in 1997. This premier attraction has been in the international spotlight since it was featured

on the popular Animal Planet *Meet the Sloths* series. At the Sloth Sanctuary, the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sloths is emphasized with a focus on conserving the inhabitants and natural habitat of the Costa Rican rain forest.

Today, you will go **behind the scenes** to learn about the sloths' habitat, the perils they face in the rain forest and the steps being taken to protect the future of the species. You will see baby sloths in the NICU/nursery, and the fascinating 'slothpital' showcases the highest level of health care for rescued sloths. This on-site veterinary clinic has cutting-edge diagnostic equipment unlike any other in Central and South America.

To fully experience the sloths' natural habitat, board a **canoe** for a ride along the freshwater **Estrella River** -- one of the largest rivers on the Caribbean Coast. The odds of seeing wild sloths, howler monkeys, birds and other wildlife are very high. Within the bayou country of the river delta, many bird species have been identified, and it is also home to coatis, otters, turtles and countless butterflies. Keep your eyes open and your camera ready.

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for you to touch or hold so that they can be returned to the wild environment when they are ready. Flash photography is not allowed; the best pictures are with a zoom. Minimum age is 3 years.

**Monster Bus & Rainforest Expedition**



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 3¼ Hours  
Price \$79.95

Your adventure begins aboard a **6x6 monster bus** -- an all-terrain, comfortably air-conditioned vehicle with wide panoramic windows.

Head west, passing small towns and following a winding road near the Banano River, with majestic views and lookout points along the way. Alongside the river banks, a **Costa Rican-style picnic** (weather permitting) is set up and you will be treated to seasonal fruits, soft drinks, bottled water and *bizcocho* snacks with Lizano sauce.

Take a gentle **stroll** with your **naturalist guide** for a sudden and complete rain forest immersion among poison dart frogs, monkeys and birds.

An entirely different experience is next -- you will see a banana plantation nestled in a small valley among farm-to-market towns. Your guide will tell you about banana production in the country whose name is virtually synonymous with this delicious and ubiquitous fruit.

Return to the ship by way of a scenic **coastal**

**drive** .

**Notes:**

Participants must be able to climb 8 steps to (dis)embark the monster bus. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

**Panoramic Puerto Limon & Folkloric Performance**



Departs: 8:45 AM  
Approximately 2¾ Hours  
Price \$49.95

Enjoy a **panoramic drive** by comfortable, air-conditioned motor coach, passing through one of Limón's oldest neighborhoods. Cieneguita was settled by the early Jamaican settlers of Costa Rica, and they built their houses on stilts. The conditions of the day involved coastal swamps, landslides, flooding, jungle fevers and heavy rains -- all hard-won battles.

Watch for Limón Airport, banana and cassava plantations, and beautiful vistas of the Caribbean Sea fringed by charming palm trees. Your knowledgeable tour guide will introduce you to Costa Rica's history and Afro-Caribbean culture as you travel through the beautiful landscapes of this coastal ride.

At a private venue, local dancers will greet you in colorful costume. They perform a live **dancing repertoire** strongly influenced by Caribbean rhythms, while the world-famous Tortuguero Canals form a scenic backdrop. This is your opportunity to learn about and appreciate Costa Rican cultural tradition.

Before returning to the ship, make the most of a chance to browse in the **souvenir shop** or sample a delicious seasonal **fruit buffet** and ice-cold drinks.

**Puerto Viejo Beach Break & Shopping**



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 7 Hours  
Adult \$69.95; Child \$59.95

Costa Rica's Caribbean soul is more evident in Puerto Viejo than perhaps anywhere else.

A scenic **panoramic drive** through Costa Rica's lush rain forest offers unparalleled mountain views and, at the end of it, a beach with impossibly turquoise waters invites you to relax on the warm sand.

At the boutique **Puerto Viejo Beach Club**, you'll have ample time to work on your tan (with reef-safe sunscreen on, of course) and plunge into the crystal-clear aquarium-like ocean. Sunbathe and unwind, and enjoy a light **snack** of fresh fruit and juice. You can purchase additional drinks at the bar (at your own expense) if you wish.

Need a little retail therapy to round out your day? Browse in the **shops** and boutiques of quaint Puerto Viejo village and find a handmade souvenir to bring home.

**Notes:**

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe sunscreen and a hat.

### Rain Forest Aerial Tram



Departs: 7:45 AM  
Approximately 7 hours  
Adult \$124.95; Child \$85.95

If walking through a rain forest seems exciting, then brace yourself for the experience of traveling on top of it in the central mountains of Costa Rica.

The **Rain Forest Aerial Tram** is a unique eco-tourism adventure sightseeing experience. It takes visitors on a 70-minute excursion through the canopy of the rain forest allowing you to discover the beauty of the hanging gardens of air plants, animals and birds hidden at the top of diverse tall trees.

Home to two-thirds of all rain forest species, the **rain forest canopy** is a little-known world of tremendous beauty and extraordinary biological diversity. The tramway runs through a private reserve that borders Braulio Carrillo National Park. This contributes to the protection of one of the richest canopy communities in the world.

The canopy is full of both known and unknown plant species. See canopy life and discover new things in the natural history world. The lower, outbound leg of the tram ride will skim over hilltops and introduce you to the **sub-canopy** -- a dark world of overburdened limbs dripping with mosses, ferns and orchids. Lianas and vines drape over branches and traverse forest spaces where they are commonly used as paths by many animals. The return leg reveals an even more dramatic portion of the trip as the cars

glide on a journey through and above the canopy.

Before returning to the pier you will enjoy a tasty Costa Rican **lunch**.

Notes:

Lunch is included. Wear light clothing, rain gear, a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent. It is a two-hour drive each way to the Rain Forest Aerial Tram.

### Rain Forest Canopy & Zip-Line Adventure



Departs: 7:45 AM  
Approximately 3 hours  
Price \$89.95

Glide through the treetops on this exhilarating adventure that is a **zip-line trek** across 12 cables and 13 platforms stretched across the length of the rain forest. The longest cable is 270 yards, and you will experience heights up to 240 feet above the ground. Your zip-line adventure begins with an orientation chat where the rules and regulations for safety and security are explained thoroughly -- it is imperative that all advice and instructions are heeded throughout the tour. The platforms are arranged at different heights and levels of excitement. Up to platform five, all cables are of similar length; however, from platform six onwards, the cables become even more thrilling. Enjoy the gripping sensation of the wind in your face as you soar through the **rain forest**, witnessing some spectacular views. Bring your friends and family along to enjoy the experience with you -- it's always better to

live the experience for yourself than to hear about it afterwards. **Fresh fruit** and water are served at the restaurant before you head back to the ship.

Notes:

Wear sunscreen and insect repellent. Wildlife sightings are likely but cannot be guaranteed. Minimum age is 8 years. Maximum weight is 260 lbs. Full use of limbs required. Participants must fit into the harness and helmet in a safe manner. Pregnant women and guests with injuries/seizure disorders are not allowed to participate. Wear comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes.

### Reventazon White Water Rafting Classes I, II+



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 5½ hours  
Price \$94.95

The **Reventazon River** is your best choice for easy-access, short **rafting runs** on the Caribbean Coast.

The El Carmen section, which you will raft today, offers Class II+ moderate white water, with fun sets of wave trains, lush surroundings and abundant bird life. It is a great introduction to river running because at this point the river enters the true **lower Caribbean rain forest**; therefore the rapids are more gentle and the surroundings take on a true jungle character. The wildlife is also quite plentiful here.

Another characteristic of this section is that it maintains very consistent water levels -- the

perfect adventure for families with children, senior participants and first-time rafters.

A **hearty snack** will be served back at the base camp after your descent.

Notes:

Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Minimum age is 12 years. Maximum weight is 235 lbs. Pregnant women and guests with history of neck and/or back problems are not allowed to participate. Not advisable for guests with mobility limitations.

### Tayutic Hacienda



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 7½ Hours  
Adult \$89.95; Child \$59.95

Travel to a century-old, family-owned plantation in the hills of Turrialba. **Tayutic Hacienda** belongs to the Ortuño family, whose wealth comes from the production of sugarcane and coffee.

En route, you will take in the wonderful views of the valley, the magnificent Reventazón River, the impressive dam, and the endless fields that dot the landscape. This is a region blessed with exuberant tropical forests that harmoniously inhabit this area along with sugarcane, coffee plantations and tropical flowers.

Upon arrival at the hacienda, you'll learn about the ancient methods of growing and processing sugarcane. And an introduction to coffee cultivation affords an insight into the

process of growing, harvesting and roasting your favorite beverage. You'll be invited to participate of a **coffee-tasting** session.

After , visit the picturesque colonial metal-and-wood chapel built in 1880 by German pilgrims. After **lunch**, visit the picturesque colonial metal-and-wood chapel built in 1880 by German pilgrims.

An on-site shop offers the hacienda's products, such as coffee, organic sugarcane products, recipes and other locally-crafted keepsakes, at factory prices.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Travel time to the hacienda is approximately two hours each way.

### The Original Canopy Tour at Veragua Rain Forest Eco-Adventure



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 4½ hours  
Adult \$99.95; Child \$79.95

Experience an exhilarating canopy zip-line ride with the Original Canopy Tour in the **Veragua Rain Forest** -- a 3,400-acre private reserve. Located approximately 50 minutes from the pier, this world-famous tour consists of nine observation platforms and nine horizontal **zip-line** traverses, designed to provide a bird's-eye view of the rain forest canopy.

Glide silently through the canopy on the zip, enjoying commanding views of the wonderful

flora and fauna of Costa Rica. After navigating nine traverses (the longest of which spans nearly two football fields) at heights of up to 150 feet above the forest floor, you will return safely to the ground.

Finally, after your exhilarating tour, head to the reception area, where water, clean restrooms and a gift shop await you.

**Notes:**

Minimum age is 5 years. Maximum weight is 275 pounds. Women past the first trimester of pregnancy, people with a heart condition, back and/or neck problems and those who suffer from vertigo are not allowed to participate. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

### The Tortuguero Canals



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 3¼ Hours  
Price \$79.95

The **Tortuguero Canals** are known as Costa Rica's Amazon because of the surrounding rain forest. Heavy annual rainfall fills the area with an extremely rich flora and fauna.

A 25-minute ride from the pier brings you to a dock in Moin. Board a **jungle pontoon boat** specially designed to cruise in comfort through the jungle canals that form part of a river system running parallel to Costa Rica's Caribbean coastline.

Watch for orchids and water lilies, birds, monkeys, crocodiles, sloths, and toucans in this unique system of natural and man-made

canals, used for transportation and exploration. Wonderful views of the lush jungle foliage mirrored in the canal's waters will delight you.

Wave to friendly natives in dugout canoes and watch women scrubbing their laundry at the river's edge while children swim along the bank or dive from tall trees.

After this exciting boat tour, enjoy soft drink and **tropical fruits**.

**Notes:**

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

### Veragua Rain Forest Aerial Tram & the Original Canopy Tour Combo



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 7 Hours  
Adult \$169.95; Child \$149.95

Connected with Central America's largest protected rain forest, the **Veragua Rainforest Eco- Adventure** facility is located in the hills overlooking Puerto Limón, less than one hour from the pier.

The drive up into the mountains passes through several small charming towns such as Liverpool, Peje and Blanco for a closer look at rural Costa Rican life. You will find yourself immersed in the breathtaking and vibrant rain forest, with amazing panoramic views.

The ultimate nature experience begins as your highly trained professional guide walks with

you through this fun and educational experience. You will encounter the **snakes** of the Caribbean coast (they are behind glass) and **stroll** along easily accessible trails to the tram. You will then enter an open-air **gondola system** that will take you through the primary rain forest, past 300-year-old trees and down to the riverbank.

**Walk** the Trail of the Giants, named for the huge trees lining the riverbank, or choose the optional walk on the Puma Waterfall Trail.

Ride the **tram** to the top station and visit the biological research station here. Savor a Costa Rican-style lunch.

Experience all the adventure of the **Original Canopy** tour as you journey through the rain forest on a patented dual line system, silently glide through the different levels of the rain forest canopy. You will have uninterrupted views of the virgin rain forest which stretch as far as the eye can see as this private reserve neighbors the largest park in Central America. It straddles the border between Costa Rica and Panama.

After the nine traverses (the longest being almost two football fields in length and 150 feet in the air), you will return to the forest floor where you can find refreshments and souvenirs to remind you of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

**Notes:**

Minimum age is 5 years. Maximum weight is 275 pounds. Women past the first trimester of pregnancy, people with a heart condition,

back and/or neck problems and those who suffer from vertigo are not allowed to participate. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

### Veragua Rain Forest Eco-Adventure & Tortuguero Canals



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 7½ Hours  
Adult \$159.95; Child \$119.95

Outdoor enthusiasts will relish the opportunity to spend the entire day in the tropical paradise found just outside the port of Limón. **Tortuguero Canals** and the **Veragua Rainforest**, home to The Foundation for Rainforest Research, are your destinations for a fascinating adventure.

Travel north by air-conditioned motor coach along the Caribbean Sea as a knowledgeable naturalist guide expertly introduces you to the biodiversity of the surrounding rain forest.

Nestled between the Caribbean Sea and a row of volcanic hills, you will find the 46,000-acre Tortuguero National Park -- home to the magnificent Tortuguero Canals. Hop aboard a motor boat; then, sit back and relax for a gentle ride along the canals as your naturalist guide points out the astonishing flora and fauna. Known as 'Costa Rica's Amazon' due to its lush rain forest, the canal area is home to a variety of tropical plants and incredible creatures. Keep your eyes peeled -- as you drift past beautiful orchids and water lilies you may see some of the jungle's crocodiles, spider monkeys, jaguars, river otters, manatees or any of the 300 bird species, 57 amphibian species, 111 different kinds of

reptile, and 60 mammal species.

Enjoy a snack of seasonal fruit before venturing on to your next destination.

Travel south to the **Veragua Rainforest Eco-Adventure**. Hailed as the 'crème de la crème of the rainforest' by *National Geographic Traveler*, this world-class facility showcases the wonders of biodiversity and treats you to a world of astonishing natural beauty.

Meet and greet various forest creatures -- at the **Reptile Habitat** you'll see endemic iguanas, lizards and snakes. The **Frog Habitat** houses unique environments for diurnal and nocturnal frogs, and the **Butterfly Garden** comes alive with hundreds of the world's most colorful butterflies including the blue morpho, which only exists in tropical rain forests.

Walk to the main visitor center for a delicious buffet **lunch**.

Board the **aerial tram** and marvel at the endless views during a ride through the pristine forest canopy. Keep watch for toucans and shy sloths, and listen for howler monkeys as you descend the mountain to the riverbank below.

A **nature walk** takes you along the Trail of the Giants to the cascading **Puma Waterfall**.

Gain an insider's look at the laboratories where the biologists from the Foundation for Rainforest Research work to unlock nature's mysteries, partnering with the University of Costa Rica.

You'll have **free time** to browse in the gift shop before boarding the coach for the return to the ship.

#### Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Maximum weight is 350 lbs.

### Veragua Rain Forest Eco-Adventure



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 5½ hours  
Adult \$119.95; Child \$94.95

Enjoy a day of discovery and adventure in the wondrous 3,400-acre **Veragua Rainforest mountain reserve**, which *National Geographic Traveler* has dubbed 'the crème de la crème of the rain forest'. Located less than one hour away from the port, this world-class facility highlights the wonders of biodiversity and treats you to a world of astonishing natural beauty.

Expert naturalist guides teach you about biodiversity and local history along the journey to the Veragua Rainforest. This private reserve protects Costa Rica's primary and secondary rain forest and is surrounded by the largest National Park in Central America -- La Amistad National Park.

You'll meet forest creatures in state-of-the-art environments that replicate their natural homes. At the Reptile Habitat you'll see endemic iguanas, lizards and snakes.

The Frog Habitat is one of the world's largest

diurnal and nocturnal frog exhibits. And the Butterfly Garden swarms with hundreds of the world's most colorful live butterflies, including the world-famous blue morpho, which exists only in tropical rain forests.

Visit the **Foundation for Rainforest Research laboratories** and meet the research biologists. Partnering with the University of Costa Rica, they work to unlock nature's mysteries and expand scientific knowledge of the rain forest's fragile ecosystem. To date, they have discovered 11 new species of plants and animals. This is why it hosts hundreds of university students and researchers every year.

Glide through the picturesque rain forest treetops on an aerial tram for amazing panoramic views. While admiring 300-year-old trees, watch for toucans and shy sloths, and listen for howler monkeys as you descend the mountain to the riverbank below.

**Walk** the Trail of the Giants (named for the gigantic trees that frame the path) or hike to the cascading 65-foot Puma Waterfall -- an outdoor enthusiast's dream in a fascinating educational setting.

Return by tram to the visitor center for a light **snack** buffet of sandwiches, fresh tropical fruits and juices. Make good use of some **free time** in the gift **shop**, stocked with a variety of Costa Rican art and creative mementos of this inspiring corner of Costa Rica.

#### Notes:

The tram ride is 10 minutes each way.

Suitable for guests using a wheelchair.  
Maximum weight is 350 lbs.

**Wildlife Rescue Center  
& La Ceiba Private  
Reserve**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 7 Hours  
Adult \$169.95; Child \$159.95



Join this exclusive tour offering access to the **Jaguar Rescue Center Foundation** in the town of Puerto Viejo. This is the number one attraction in the south of Costa Rica. It is where the famed promotional *Save the Americans* video was filmed for Costa Rica's Tourism Board. Never before have cruise guests had an all-access pass to the most amazing fauna conservation effort in the country.

This is your chance to interact with all the local wildlife imaginable -- toucans, hawks, monkeys, sloths, tamanduas, anteaters, deer, and parrots. These are just a few of the animals in this magical location. The foundation works endlessly to rehabilitate all of these animals and return them to good health so they can later be released back into the wild.

You will also visit **La Ceiba** -- a private reserve that is adjacent to, and works hand-in-hand with, the Jaguar Rescue Center. The most endangered animals are rehabilitated here for released back into the wild.

Take a **nature walk** in this lush rain forest environment and catch a glimpse of the volunteers working with the animals, teaching

them the skills they need to fend for themselves in the wild.

Finally, enjoy a typical Costa Rican **lunch** in the middle of this pristine refuge.

**Notes:**

Wear closed-toe shoes (mandatory).

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, US - Wednesday, January 15, 2020: There is an abundance of things to see and do in the Ft. Lauderdale area: visit the newly redesigned Ft. Lauderdale Beach and cafes, stroll the historic Riverwalk, shop the luxurious stores on Las Olas Boulevard or venture to the Everglades for an intriguing air boat excursion.

**Everglades Airboat Ride & Transfer to Ft Lauderdale Airport**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
4 Hours  
Price \$53.95

The **Florida Everglades** is an expanse of swampland known for natural beauty and abundant wildlife. Your tour includes a half-hour **airboat** ride into this vast wilderness. Birds, fish and other animals inhabit this curious corner of the country.

After the airboat ride, take a tour of the **reptile exhibit**. You will see the notorious Everglades alligator and other creatures that call Florida home. At the **endangered-species exhibit** -- you may even be lucky enough to see the rare Florida panther.

Re-board your coach and transfer to the airport.

**Notes:**

Departure time for this tour is 8:30am on disembarkation days. This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Fort Lauderdale Airport after 2:30pm for domestic and 3:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer.

**Everglades Airboat Ride & Transfer to Miami Airport**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 4½ Hours  
Price \$71.95

The **Florida Everglades** is an expanse of swampland known for natural beauty and abundant wildlife. Your tour includes a half-hour **airboat** ride into this vast wilderness. Birds, fish and other animals inhabit this curious corner of the country.

After the airboat ride, take a tour of the **reptile exhibit**. You will see the notorious Everglades alligator and other creatures that call Florida home. At the **endangered-species exhibit** -- you may even be lucky enough to see the rare Florida panther.

Re-board your coach and transfer to the airport.

**Notes:**

Departure time of tour is 8:30am on disembarkation days. This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Miami Airport after 3:30pm for domestic and 4:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer.

**Land & Sea Excursion & Transfer to Ft Lauderdale Airport (Wheelchair Accessible)**



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Price \$53.95

Experience the highlights of Fort Lauderdale, including the **Arts & Sciences District**, and the **Riverwalk** and **Las Olas Boulevard**, with its boutiques, cafés, and galleries.

Hop aboard a **double-decker yacht or paddlewheeler-style boat** for a 90-minute journey down the New River, out into the **Intracoastal Waterway** to Port Everglades. Pass by the historic Stranahan House, luxury homes, mega-yachts and sailboats, Navy ships and submarines. See why the city is known as the 'Venice of America'.

Re-board your coach and transfer to the airport.

**Notes:**

The content of this tour is identical to Land & Sea Excursion & Transfer to Ft Lauderdale Airport. Only guests using a wheelchair can book this tour, as it ensures accessible transportation. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, priority is given to guests using a wheelchair and one companion only; additional companions may be required to travel on the transportation provided for Land & Sea Excursion &

Transfer to Ft Lauderdale Airport. Bookings not marked with an accessibility requirement will be removed from the tour's inventory. Wear sunscreen; bring a hat. Departure time of tour is 9am on disembarkation days. This tour is available to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Fort Lauderdale Airport after 2:30pm for domestic and 3:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer.

**Land & Sea Excursion & Transfer to Ft Lauderdale Airport**



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Price \$53.95

Experience the highlights of **Fort Lauderdale**, including the **Arts & Sciences District**, the **Riverwalk**, and **Las Olas Boulevard**, with its boutiques, cafés, and galleries.

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Re-board your coach and transfer to the airport.

**Notes:**

Departure time of tour is 9am on disembarkation days. Wear sunscreen; bring a hat. This tour is available to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Fort Lauderdale Airport after 2:30pm for domestic and 3:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer.

**Land & Sea Excursion & Transfer to Miami Airport (Wheelchair Accessible)**



Departs: 9:00 AM  
4½ Hours  
Price \$70.95

Experience the highlights of **Fort Lauderdale**, including the **Arts & Sciences District**, the **Riverwalk**, and **Las Olas Boulevard**, with its boutiques, cafés, and galleries.

Hop aboard a **double-decker yacht or paddlewheeler-style boat** for a 90-minute journey down the **New River**, out into the **Intracoastal Waterway** to **Port Everglades**. Pass by the historic Stranahan House, luxury homes, mega-yachts and sailboats, Navy ships and submarines. See why the city is known as the 'Venice of America'.

Re-board the coach and transfer to the airport.

**Notes:**

The content of this tour is identical to Land & Sea Excursion & Transfer to Miami Airport . Only guests using a wheelchair can book this tour, as it ensures accessible transportation. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, priority is given to guests using a wheelchair and one companion only; additional companions may be required to travel on the transportation provided for tour Land & Sea Excursion & Transfer to Miami Airport. Bookings not marked with an accessibility requirement will be removed from the tour's inventory. Departure time of tour is 9am on disembarkation days. This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Miami Airport after 3:30pm for domestic and 4:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer.

**Land & Sea Excursion & Transfer to Miami Airport**



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 4.5 Hours  
Price \$70.95

Experience the highlights of **Fort Lauderdale**, including the **Arts & Sciences District**, the **Riverwalk**, and **Las Olas Boulevard**, with its boutiques, cafés, and galleries.

Hop aboard a **double-decker yacht or paddlewheeler-style boat** for a 90-minute journey down the **New River**, out into the **Intracoastal Waterway** to **Port Everglades**. Pass by the historic Stranahan House, luxury homes, mega-yachts and sailboats, Navy ships

and submarines. See why the city is known as the 'Venice of America'.

Re-board the coach and transfer to the airport.

**Notes:**

Departure time of tour is 9am on disembarkation days. This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Miami Airport after 3:30pm for domestic and 4:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer.

**Miami City Highlights & Transfer to Miami Airport**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Adult \$49.95; Child \$44.95

**Miami's South Beach neighborhood** is legendary for its architectural character and its extraordinarily laid-back vibe. Travel through the **Art Deco district** and enjoy 30 minutes of **free time** to photograph this iconic village.

Take a panoramic drive to **Coral Gables** and the famous **Miracle Mile** -- an open-air shopping district with specialty stores and restaurants -- invites you to indulge in some retail therapy. Note the eclectic ambience that is so typical of southern Florida, and feel free to sample some local fare (at your own expense), snap some photos, or browse in the shops.

Next you will see the Biltmore Hotel and the Venetian Pool en route to **Miami Airport** .

**Notes:**

Wear comfortable walking shoes. This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Miami Airport after 1:30pm for domestic and 2:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer. Tour operates subject to meeting a minimum number of participants.

**Sawgrass Mill Mall with Transfer to Fort Lauderdale Airport**



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 5 Hours  
Adult \$59.95; Child \$49.95

A **panoramic drive** through **Fort Lauderdale** showcases the city's beautiful beachfront area and bustling Las Olas Boulevard. Learn about the long history and current events relating to this vibrant urban center. You will stop for a **beverage or snack** en route, and see the Intracoastal Waterway that lends the city its 'Venice of America' nickname.

Next, head to **Sawgrass Mills** -- an outlet mall offering an enormous selection of name-brand stores and value retailers with knockout prices. Shop more the 350 stores, 100 of which are exclusive to South Florida. The open-air Colonnade area features 70 luxury outlets, including Burberry, Gucci, Prada, Tag Heuer and many more. With food

courts galore, you can pause any time to purchase a snack (at your own expense). A special **discount shopping booklet** is provided.

After approximately three hours of shopping time, you will transfer to **Fort Lauderdale Airport** .

**Notes:**

This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Fort Lauderdale Airport after 2:30pm for domestic and 3:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer. Tour operates subject to meeting a minimum number of participants.

Sunday departures may leave the ship later. Please check with the Shore Excursions Office on board. This tour is only available to guests with flights after 4:00pm.

**Sawgrass Mill Mall with Transfer to Miami Airport**



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 5½ Hours  
Adult \$79.95; Child \$64.95

A **panoramic drive** through **Fort Lauderdale** showcases the city's beautiful beachfront area and bustling Las Olas Boulevard. Learn about the long history and current events relating to this vibrant urban center. You will stop for a **beverage or snack** en route, and see the Intracoastal Waterway that lends the city its

'Venice of America' nickname.

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After approximately three hours of shopping time, you will transfer to **Miami Airport** .

**Notes:**

This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Miami Airport after 3:30pm for domestic and 4:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer. Tour operates subject to meeting a minimum number of participants.

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# EXC Overland Packages & EXC Overnights

For those with a thirst for adventure as well as luxury cruising, we offer a selection of special EXC Overland Packages and EXC Overnights to take you deep into the heart of the lands we visit. Varying in length from two to several days, these tours will take you through breathtaking scenery and to historical sites that allow you to explore each region more thoroughly.

## Clothing

Comfortable, layered clothing and walking shoes are strongly recommended.

## Flights, Meals & Accommodation

As flight times have not been confirmed at the time this brochure was printed, some meals and visits to some attractions may be adjusted for your comfort and convenience, to accommodate the schedule. EXC Overland Packages and EXC Overnights include all meals (unless otherwise specified), transportation and overnight accommodations in the finest hotels available and are escorted by a member of Holland America Line's staff.

## Advance Bookings

We are increasingly aware that many discerning travelers are enthusiastic to participate in our comprehensive program of spectacular EXC Overland Packages and EXC Overnights. Because it is not always possible to guarantee space beyond the tours booking deadline on these exciting journeys, we earnestly encourage you to use the Holland America Line website well in advance to secure space on the overland or overnight experience

of your dreams. Space is limited! We suggest that you book early to avoid missing these truly enticing tours which have been arranged to give you an in-depth view of inland areas.

## Physical Limitations

Due to the in-depth nature of these tours, most areas are not accessible to wheelchairs.

## Luggage

Luggage must be limited to one small checked bag per person on EXC Overland Packages and EXC Overnights.

## Special Notes

- Wear comfortable footwear at all times
- Bring a lightweight sweater or jacket in case of cooler temperatures
- Book early. Capacity is limited on many EXC Overland Packages and EXC Overnights
- Book your EXC Overland Packages and EXC Overnights online at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com)

## Visas, Vaccinations & Tourist Cards

It is each guest's sole responsibility to obtain (before traveling) any visas, vaccinations and/or tourist cards that are required for participating in EXC Overland Packages and EXC Overnights, unless noted otherwise in the description. Please be aware that you may need a visa for any and/or all countries that you will depart from and travel through as part of your overland adventure or overnight tour, and for the country in which you will re-join the ship.

# General Information

## Tour Durations & Prices

The information in this brochure is designed to help you select the tours most suited to your interests. The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations. Prices can be found on our website at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com) and are quoted in U.S. funds. Prices are subject to change without notice. To allow the EXC Tours™ staff the flexibility to coordinate your time in port with meals and activities on the ship, exact departure times are published in the EXC Tours Planning Form on board. For more information, please attend the EXC Tours presentation or visit the EXC Desk.

## Tour Descriptions

Tour descriptions may change after printing. Information that becomes available after this brochure is published will be posted in the EXC Tours section of our website, which can be found online at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com). Significant changes will be noted on the EXC Tours Planning Form on board. Tour schedules are subject to change.

## Guides, Services & Transportation

In certain interesting, off-the-beaten-track places, professional guides and vehicles are at a premium. The best available are engaged. For all tours other than the Signature Collection, it is exceptional for drivers of public hire vehicles to speak any language but their own and it is not always possible to obtain air-conditioned buses or taxis in many ports. However, we do our utmost to find the very best packages for your touring pleasure. Guests who leave during a tour for which transportation is included must thereafter provide for their own transportation and services at their own expense. Transportation standards vary from country to country.