



# PANAMA

Gate City Bar Association  
September 16 - 20, 2020



*Pristine natural areas, distinct cultural influences, and a rich and sometimes complicated history combine to make Panama a fascinating destination, full of contradictions and surprises. On this five-day excursion with the Gate City Bar Association, you'll be introduced to the country's vibrant capital and surrounding areas, including the Panama Canal, the seaside colonial village of Portobelo, and the picturesque Pearl Islands. Don't miss out on this opportunity to experience the "Crossroads of the World!"*

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey to the Caribbean town of Portobelo, home to colonial fortifications, the centuries-old Black Christ statue, Royal Customs House, and Hospital Chapel.
- Take a guided walking tour amid the beautiful architecture of Panama City's historical district, Casco Antiguo, including visits to an art museum and the Afro-Antillean Museum.
- Learn about the engineering marvel that is the Panama Canal at the famed Miraflores Locks.
- Enjoy opportunities to snorkel, whale-watch, and relax during a day trip to the Pearl Islands in the Gulf of Panama.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Expert full-time guide
- Accommodations
- Activities & entrance fees
- In-country transportation
- Most meals & beverages
- Travel protection
- Bottled water on bus
- Carbon offsetting
- Departure tax



## ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

### SEPTEMBER 16 - PANAMA CITY

Upon arrival at the Panama City International Airport, after clearing customs and collecting your luggage, you will be met and transferred to the hotel for check-in. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening at seafood restaurant Peach Fuzz International. *Overnight at Radisson Panama Canal. (D)*

### SEPTEMBER 17 - PANAMA CITY

This morning, transfer from the breaking waves of the Pacific Ocean to the calm waters of the Caribbean. Turn off the main road between Panama City and Colón toward Portobelo, entering a green landscape with dramatic hills where the *campesinos* ride their horses and tend their cattle. What was once an important colonial port for exporting silver to Spain is today a sleepy bayside town. Ruins of several forts and batteries are still standing, forming part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is recognized as a significant example of 17th- and 18th-century military architecture. Portobelo is also home to the Iglesia de San Felipe and its statue of the Black Christ, a centuries-old figure whose origins are unknown but which is said to have washed up on the town's shores. Other monuments of interest include the Royal Customs House and the Hospital Chapel. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant in the nearby community of Maria Chiquita. Afterward, return to Panama City for a guided walking tour of the historical district, known as Casco Viejo or Casco Antiguo. Built in the late 1800s and early 1900s, Casco Viejo's parks and narrow streets are lined with colorful buildings representative of Spanish, French, and early American architectural styles. Visit an art museum in the converted strong house known as Las Bóvedas, which was once used for storing gold. Other points of interest are the famed flat arch of Santo Domingo Church, the beautiful gold-plated altar of the San Jose Church, the National Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Plaza Bolívar, and the Plaza Herrera. Also visit the Afro-Antillean Museum, which features exhibits on the history of Panama's West Indian Afro-Panamanian community, including their contributions to the building of the Panama Canal and its railway. *Overnight at Radisson Panama Canal. (BL)*

### SEPTEMBER 18 - PANAMA CITY

Take a half-day tour of the Panama Canal via the Miraflores Locks. Watch a presentation about the canal's history on the largest IMAX screen in the world. Then, return to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure. This evening, have dinner at Mercado de Mariscos. *Overnight at Radisson Panama Canal. (BD)*

### SEPTEMBER 19 - PANAMA CITY

Today, take a ferry to the Pearl Islands: the best place to explore the beautiful waters off the coast of Panama City. This is also the season for whale watching, providing thrills as you're traveling to and from the islands. Once there, enjoy a day at the beach, which includes snorkeling, lunch, beverages, and snacks. *Overnight at Radisson Panama Canal. (BL)*

### SEPTEMBER 20 - DEPARTURE

Late this morning, you will be transferred to the Panama City International Airport for your non-stop flight back to Atlanta. Welcome home! *(B)*



## PROGRAM PRICING

**\$1,145** (based on minimum 15 participants)

Price includes accommodations, activities, entrance fees, and meals as indicated in the itinerary, in-country transportation, full-time guide for duration of the program, bottled water on the bus, carbon offset, and departure tax.

Does not include international airfare, gratuities, or items of a personal nature.

## TRAVEL PROTECTION

Holbrook Travel purchases Travel Protection on behalf of all participants. These plans help provide coverage once the trip has departed and offer benefits for Baggage/Personal Effects, Accident & Sickness Medical Expenses, Emergency Evacuation and more. Refer to the Plan Document for more details.

Optional additional coverage is available in the form of the Group Deluxe Plan, which offers benefits for Trip Cancellation/Interruption, in addition to many other insurance benefits and non-insurance assistance services. If interested in this optional plan, we can provide you with rates and plan details.

## THE FINE PRINT

Price is based on double occupancy. For a single room throughout the trip, add \$265 per person. A \$300 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to hold your space on the trip. This deposit is refundable minus a \$200 cancellation fee until June 13, 2020, at which time final non-refundable payment is due.



This program includes optional carbon offsetting with ClimateSafe. Learn more at [holbrooktravel.com/climatesafe](https://holbrooktravel.com/climatesafe)

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