

Panama Canal (full Transit)

2014 Excursions



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Princess® welcomes you to your Panama Canal (full Transit) cruise and to the Shore Excursion program. All of our excursions involve some walking. We recommend passengers wear comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes while on tour. To assist in your tour selection, please note the symbol(s) accompanying each tour description. They represent the following:

Icon Definitions



Easy

Although primarily sightseeing tours, these excursions do include walking for short distances over relatively level terrain. They also may include getting into/out of a helicopter or floatplane.



Moderate

Slightly more active, these excursions may include sitting for a period of time aboard a river raft or extended periods of standing, as while sportfishing, for example.



Strenuous

For the adventurous, these are our most active shore excursions. Activities such as canoeing, biking, hiking or kayaking are examples.



Wheelchair Accessible

This symbol indicates tours that can accommodate passengers who utilize a wheelchair. Most tour operators require that wheelchairs are collapsible. Space restrictions may preclude transport of electric wheelchairs and walkers.

Please notify the Shore Excursion Manager onboard your ship so that arrangements may be made prior to your arrival in port.



Meal Included

A meal and beverage is provided.



Snack Included

A snack is provided.



Shopping Opportunity

Shopping opportunities will be available during this excursion.

Categories

Sightseeing & City Tours

Guided tours that show you many of the top highlights of our port city and/or the local area.

Nature & Wildlife

Excursions that allow you to enjoy wilderness areas, view/interact with local fauna or marine life.

Activities & Adventures

Fun, exciting explorations that get you outdoors in the sun or surf: hikes, rides, water sports, beach visits, ziplines, flightseeing and more!

Special Interests

Focused excursions and walking tours that visit select highlights while exploring particular aspects of the port's appeal in greater depth: Cuisine, History, Art/Culture, Religion, or Guided Shopping.

Exploring On Your Own

Resources that help you make the most of an independent exploration of the area.

Badges

Most Popular

Our TOP recommendation as the ONE most representative experience for each port, these tours are always among the most popular excursions we offer.

Connoisseur

Intimate, exclusive experiences to groups no larger than 20 passengers. Each includes a special dining experience, special access or unique hard-to-duplicate experiences not offered on other tours.

Kid-Friendly

Specially designed to be enjoyable for children under 12. Lasting no more than four hours, they visit a limited number of individual sites specifically chosen based on interest/appeal to kids, offer kid-oriented commentary, activities and meals – and are priced affordably.

Off the Beaten Path

These excursions showcase distinctive, more unusual but less-frequented attractions of the port city or local area – perfect for return visitors or those looking for “something different.”

World Heritage Site

These tours visit one or more UNESCO World Heritage List properties.



Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

Millennia ago, Cabo San Lucas was part of the Mexican mainland. Then a massive rupture of the San Andreas Fault sent the waters of the Pacific crashing into the newly formed depression, creating the Sea of Cortez and the Baja Peninsula. Lying at the very tip of Baja, where the Pacific meets the Sea of Cortez, Cabo San Lucas - or "Cabo" - is one of the premier resort destinations in the Western Hemisphere. Swim in the transparent waters, marvel at the wealth of marine life, relax on one of the white-sand beaches or try your hand at some of the finest sportfishing in the world.

Note: Your ship will anchor in Cabo San Lucas and use launches to transport all passengers ashore.

Activities & Adventures

Cabo Resort Break

SJD-280 Approximately 4 hours / From \$69



Transfer from the pier to one of Cabo's five star beachfront resorts where you can do everything or nothing at all.

Enjoy a memorable day at a breathtaking Cabo San Lucas beachfront property. In addition, the resort's soft white sandy beach Cabo San Lucas Bay is great for enjoying leisurely walks while the breezes of the Sea of Cortez gently caress you at every turn. You'll want to bring your camera to capture the spectacular ocean views.

An exclusive reserved area right on the beach and a gorgeous sparkling pool beckon you, and a comfortable lounge chair is the perfect opportunity to work on your tan. A Mexican taco bar and two beverages will be served for lunch and you will have the option of purchasing additional drinks.

When it is time to return to the ship you may utilize the shuttle transportation. Many guests enjoy the optional drop off at the shopping district, and take a leisurely quarter-mile walk back to the pier, which provides the opportunity to sightsee and do a little shopping in town.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Resort only accepts credit cards. Passengers must be 21 years of age or older to consume alcoholic beverages.

Wear a bathing suit, bring beach towel and adequate sun protection. Please note that optional activities while available at the beach are not endorsed and are at your own risk.

Off the Beaten Path

4x4 Desert & Camel Adventure

SJD-500 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$99



A short informational briefing begins your day, travel to the paradisaical coast ranch then climb aboard your 4x4 off-road vehicle at San Cristobal on the Pacific coastal area of Los Cabos. Along the way, your guide will explain the local customs of this traditional town.

The Cabo San Lucas coastline was untouched until 1542, when a European explorer from Spain, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, first made contact with the native Pericu people living there. With the increasing popularity of exploration and trade in the area came bands of pirates who lay in wait in the coves and inlets along the coast. In the early 20th century, an abundance of tuna was discovered in the waters and a new industry was born. In the 1950s Cabo San Lucas became a hideaway for Hollywood stars who would frequent the area and participate in sport fishing tournaments, such as John Wayne, Bing Crosby, Sammy Hagar, and John Travolta.

Now, this once-sleepy fishing village has become a bustling vacation paradise. Considered the jewel of the Baja Peninsula, it combines the best of traditional Mexico with lively attractions and sights.

A local host awaits you at the typical Baja-style ranch. Here, you'll enjoy a traditional Baja meal and participate in a tortilla-making presentation and a tequila tasting. What a wonderful way to experience and savor the Mexican culture and spirit.

Enjoy an optional 20 minute two-person camel ride on the secluded beach.

Finish your day with by enjoying marvelous views and great photo opportunities of the bay. Return to the pier area and walk to your

ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Medical Restriction

No pregnant women. Guests with neck or back injuries may not participate. Guests must be able to walk unaided.

Special Notes

Due to the bumpy road conditions, this tour is not recommended for pregnant women and passengers with back problems. Guests must be able to walk unaided. Minimum age is 5 years old to participate and/or need to have a minimum height of 48 inches.

Maximum weight for camel ride is 250 pounds. Please wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes and bring adequate sunscreen.

Cameras may not be used whilst atop camel. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver.

Desert Rhino ATV Adventure

SJD-545 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$209



Board your air-conditioned transportation and enjoy a scenic drive to a local ranch. Here you'll meet your guide and receive a tutorial on how to operate your ATV. The 2-person all-terrain Honda Big Red or Mini Jeep ATV have side-by-side seating, allowing you to share and enjoy the experience with a companion. The controls are quite similar to a car and it is quite easy to drive these vehicles.

Once everyone is comfortable, your guide will lead the way and you will all caravan together on an off-road adventure through the beautiful, desolate desert landscape.

Travel down dry riverbeds and climb rugged hilltops for sweeping views of the powerful mountains, harsh desert, and vast Pacific Ocean. During your frequent photo stops your guide will provide information about all that you see. Learn about the varied flora and fauna and the indigenous Cardon cacti, the world's largest of the species. As you ride along the dramatic coastline, look for the migrating gray whales that are a common sight during specific months. This opportunity to discover the true Baja peninsula, away from the tourists, is one you will treasure. You'll capture wonderful photos and make lasting memories on this "road less traveled" experience.

At the completion of your safari, return to bustling Cabo San Lucas. You have the option to enjoy independent sightseeing in town if you wish and you are then responsible for your return to ship.

Adult Price

Per vehicle not per person

Special Notes

This excursion is sold per vehicle - maximum capacity of your Big Red Rider is 2 passengers including the driver. Passengers must be at least 8 years old. Drivers must be at least 25 years of age and show a valid driver's license. The maximum weight on the ATV cannot exceed a combined 550 lbs.

This excursion travels rugged off-road terrain. Not recommended for guests with back or neck conditions or pregnant women. Bottled water is provided. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver.

Sea of Cortez Yacht Cruise

SJD-680 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$129



A warm and welcoming staff will greet you at the pier and escort you aboard a 72-foot custom-built yacht. Your vessel boasts two staterooms and comes complete with two full bathrooms, a fully outfitted kitchen, living room, and dining room. Tour capacity is limited to keep your experience private and intimate.

Cruise past Cabo's famous landmarks including Land's End, secluded Lover's Beach, the charming sea lion colony, and El Arco, the iconic natural landmark and magnificent rock formation.

Recline in the sun or take in the views from the shaded deck as you cruise. If you prefer, you can retreat to the air-conditioned interior. You'll pass the vacation mansions of Hollywood's stars and the financial world's elite all nestled on the cliffs facing the Pacific. Pristine, emerald green golf courses dot the landscape and spectacular developments exude luxury.

Your yacht will then skirt the coast to one of Cabo's best Sea of Cortez snorkel sites. All gear is ready for you to view the underwater beauty on a guided snorkel tour of Chileno or Santa Maria cove. They are protected marine sanctuaries known for their remarkably crystal-clear waters. Colorful corals, sponges, and bright urchins can be found along with an endless array of tropical fish. You may even have time to take one of the kayaks for a spin in the tranquil waters.

Beverages, grilled kabobs, seasonal fruits, and other treats are set out for you to snack on.

On your return trip back to the marina, you might have a chance to sit down in one of the two sport fishing fighting chairs and try

your hand at landing a marlin or dorado! Enjoy the breathtaking view coming back into Cabo with your ship, El Arco, and the city spread out before you. During season, whales might be spotted en route.

Medical Restriction

Must be able to maneuver around boat deck and through yacht doorways

Special Notes

Your tour includes snorkel gear (vests, fins, snorkel and mask), kayaks and fishing equipment, open bar (alcohol only after water activities) and snacks. Comfortable clothing, swimsuits, towels, sun protection, change of clothes suggested. Sensible shoes required - no high heels. Whale sighting possible during season.

Minimum age to participate is 18 years. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver.

Chileno Bay Sail & Snorkel

SJD-780 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$79



After a brief safety orientation, board your deluxe motorized catamaran and sail from the pier past Lover's Beach, a breathtaking secluded beach only accessible by boat. On one side lies tranquil Cabo San Lucas Bay and on the other, the pounding waves of the Pacific are a dramatic sight to behold. Nearby, a loveable colony of sea lions make their home and the impressive rock formations at Land's End make for spectacular photographs.

Your boat heads across the bay eastward down the coast towards Chileno Bay, located about 11 miles from Cabo San Lucas. Knowledgeable guides will offer instruction and provide you with all your snorkeling equipment and safety vest. Enter the crystal waters with your guide and begin an underwater adventure.

The marine life is spectacular and you will see a rainbow of tropical fish, including Moorish idols and king and Cortez angelfish. These waters are particularly fertile and are home to hundreds of species of fish, each more colorful than the next. In addition, there is an extremely diverse spectrum of corals, sponges, and urchins, as well as sea turtles and octopi. If you are lucky, you may even see a pod of playful dolphins swimming by.

For those who prefer to work on their tan, take a short swim to the sand beach or lounge across the bow nets of the catamaran.

Throughout your excursion, the well-stocked onboard bar serves nonalcoholic beverages, and at the completion of the snorkeling, complimentary adult beverages are served. Delicious snacks are provided, as are fresh water showers. The sails are hoisted as you pass the luxury coastline resorts on your cruise back to the pier.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Wear a swimsuit, bring a towel, hat, sun glasses, a camera and extra cash. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver. Snorkeling equipment including snorkel vest are provided and must be worn. Snorkeling takes place from the boat. Minimum age is 8 to participate and the maximum weight is 250 pounds. Not recommended for expectant mothers or guests with knee, back or hip problems.

Sea of Cortez Zodiac Raft & Snorkel

SJD-785 Approximately 3 hours / From \$65



Board your Zodiac, skippered by an experienced eco-guide, directly at the pier. Participate in a safety briefing and orientation. Then, you're off! This high-speed thrill ride takes you to Land's End for photo opportunities of the famed Lover's Beach, the sea lion colony, and the towering rock formation known as El Arco. After seeing some of the area's most noted sights, head eastward across the bay, then along the coast.

Chileno Bay is the first snorkeling site you will visit. Explore the crystal waters and the variety of marine life. Reboard your Zodiac via small ladder at the back of the boat, enjoy a refreshing drink, and then cruise to the lovely palm-lined Santa Maria Cove for your second snorkeling experience.

Both of these bays are protected marine sanctuaries known for their remarkably clear waters since they are sheltered from the more turbulent water and wind coming off the Sea of Cortez. During your snorkeling excursion you will see a spectacular display of Mother Nature at her best. Colorful corals, sponges, and bright urchins can be found along with an endless array of tropical fish. Pods of dolphins and schools of manta rays have also been spotted.

The tranquil waters make snorkeling a pleasure and the calm bay welcomes all levels. Snorkeling equipment is included as well as bottled water and soft drinks. Your return ride to the pier is a Zodiac-lovers delight.

Excursion Length

Duration varies from 3-3.5 hrs based on sea conditions

Child Price

12 years & under only

Medical Restriction

Passengers cannot participate if pregnant or with recent neck or back injuries.

Special Notes

This excursion uses 24ft inflatable-sided Zodiac boats and the ride can be rough; pregnant women and passengers with back/neck injuries are not permitted on this excursion.

Snorkeling is from the boat, and snorkel sites may vary with sea and wind conditions. Snorkeling equipment including snorkel vest are provided and must be worn. Passengers should have basic swimming skills. Wear your swim suit and bring a towel.

Sunglasses and a hat are suggested. No restroom or changing facility on the boat.

Minimum age is 8 to participate. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver.

Pirate Ship Sail & Snorkel**SJD-790 Approximately 3 hours / From \$79**

Step back in time the moment you set sail on your pirate ship one of the only working wooden sailing ships on the Mexican Pacific Coast. Feel the wood planks beneath your feet, marvel at the cannons poking out of the gun ports, and feel the power when you take the wheel and help hoist the sails.

You'll cruise past such famous nautical landmarks as El Arco, the magnificent natural formation carved from the ocean's currents, secluded Lover's Beach, and Land's End.

During your cruise, the captain and crew will entertain you with tales from the days when pirates roamed the Mexican waters. They'll also narrate the true story of Thomas Cavendish, who in 1587 captured the famed Spanish galleon, the "Santa Ana," loaded with 450 tons of treasure in these very waters.

The captain and crew will lower the anchor of this lovely sailboat; then you'll have a chance to swim in the clear water. An abundance of marine life here makes this an excellent place to snorkel. A large swim ladder provides easy access into the water and snorkel gear is included. An open bar with bottled water, refreshments, a basket of fresh fruit and healthy snacks are included. In an area rich in pirate lore and stories of buried treasure, those who think Baja is only about Missions and cave paintings cannot afford to miss this aspect of local history.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Bring a towel, sunglasses, hat or visor and plenty of film. Minimum age to participate is 8 years old. During the months of January through March, whales may be seen during the sailing portion of the tour. On certain voyages, the "Pirate ship" may be substituted by a similar vessel.

Nature & Wildlife**Swim with Dolphins****SJD-710 Approximately 1.5 hours / From \$159**

Begin your day with a short walk from the pier to the beautiful Cabo Dolphin Center. Designed by the award-winning Mexican architect Enrique Norten, the Cabo Dolphin Center is an impressive architectural sight that has been designed with a minimalist theme to properly showcase the star attraction, a wonderful family of Pacific bottlenose dolphins. In addition to the dolphin habitat, you will also find a snack bar and gift shop. A team of experienced photographers and videographers are available to capture your day, since the use of personal cameras is restricted for the safety and welfare of the animals.

Your dolphin swim begins with a brief presentation on dolphin characteristics and behaviors. A knowledgeable marine trainer will teach you how to use hand signals and positive reinforcement to communicate with the dolphins. In water session is 40 minutes

Dolphins are one of nature's smartest, most intuitive animals. Pacific bottlenose dolphins are sleek, active animals who love to swim, dive and perform playful tricks. You can even hear them laughing when they are having fun in the ocean. Dolphins are quite genial and there are even stories of them helping sailors who have been swept overboard or surfers who are injured in the water. There is nothing to fear; the experience of being in the water with these creatures is truly magical.

You'll soon discover the joy of hugging, kissing, and interacting with your fine "flipped" friends. You'll be amazed at their intelligence and skill.

The highpoint of your day is the thrilling one-on-one swim. Hold on tight! It's an exhilarating and memorable experience that you'll never forget! The choice of a dorsal fin ride, belly ride or the amazing underwater dolphin ride awaits!

At the completion of your swim, give a final farewell to your loveable new friends and leave the Cabo Dolphin Center with wonderful memories of your amazing experience.

Child Price

12 years and under only

Medical Restriction

No pregnant guests may participate in this program.

Special Notes

This tour has a 40 minutes in water with a dolphin, including the ride. Personal cameras are not allowed in the dolphin pool area or observation areas. Lifejackets are provided and required. Guests must know how to swim. Minimum age is 5 years old to participate. Every child under 10 must be accompanied by a paying adult (over 18-years-old) in the water. (Ratio one adult to one child) Please do not wear sunscreen or jewelry. Passengers may wish to wear a T-shirt as sunscreen will contaminate the water and is not permitted. To protect the dolphin's skin, no jewelry of any kind can be worn. This excursion is not available to pregnant women. Wear a swimsuit, bring a towel and extra cash. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

El Arco Cruise & Scenic Views

SJD-100 Approximately 2.5 hours / From \$59



Board your catamaran cruise at the dock and set out on an excursion to El Arco, the majestic rock formation delineating where the waters of the Sea of Cortez meet the Pacific at Land's End.

Thundering waves and strong ocean currents created The Arch, this magnificent natural landmark and iconic symbol of the area. Years ago, it was used by pirates as a hiding place where they could lie in wait to ambush the merchant ships heading for the west coast.

As you sail the azure blue waters, a taped narration by Jean-Michel Cousteau provides commentary on the area's ecology and points of interest. Keep your cameras ready since the waters teem with wildlife and you may see pelicans, sea lions, and playful seals.

At the completion of your boat ride, board taxi vans for a short drive through town en route to a local restaurant, famous for its panoramic views of the Bay of Cabo San Lucas. From this cantilevered venue, enjoy views of your cruise ship and the dramatic Arch in the background. Relax in the beautiful natural surroundings while admiring the spectacular vistas.

Another short drive takes you back through town to your ship at the pier.

Excursion Length

Duration may vary

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Wear a hat and bring adequate sun protection.

El Arco Cruise & Playa Medano

SJD-105 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$69



Board your motorized catamaran cruise at the dock and set out on a boat tour exploration of El Arco, the majestic rock arch where the waters of the Sea of Cortez meet the Pacific at Land's End.

Thundering waves and strong ocean currents created The Arch, this magnificent natural landmark and iconic symbol of the area. Years ago, it was used by pirates as a hiding place where they could lie in wait to ambush the merchant ships heading for the west coast.

As you sail the waters, a taped narration by Jean-Michel Cousteau provides commentary on the area's ecology and points of interest. Watch for the wildlife including pelicans, sea lions, and playful seals.

At the completion of your boat ride, board a minivan for a brief drive through town en route to a local restaurant, famous for its beachside location and wonderful food, hospitality and spirit. Enjoy a light Mexican lunch and two cool beverages before heading down to the beach. You'll enjoy free time to swim and sunbathe or participate in water activities, which are available for an additional fee. Make sure to have your towel, swimsuit, and sunscreen so that you can make the most of the day.

A short drive through town takes you back to the ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Wear a swimsuit, bring a towel and adequate sun protection. Beaches may be crowded during high season.

Cultural Highlights & Scenic Drive

SJD-110 Approximately 4 hours / From \$55



Board your air-conditioned transportation for a scenic drive through the Baja California desert terrain. The varied landscape and indigenous vegetation make for picturesque landscapes, and you'll want to keep an eye out for the odd looking boojum tree, with its right-angle branches, which exists only in Baja California along with the cardon, the world's largest cactus.

Your first stop is a local glass-blowing factory. Step inside this colorful wonderland and watch artisans at work. Glass blowing is a true art form, and you will see the centuries old technique firsthand. It is quite mesmerizing to witness, and if you are lucky, a glass hummingbird or flower will be produced right before your eyes. Today, Mexico is well known for affordable, rustic hand-blown drinking glasses, many of them characterized by a cobalt blue band at the rim. The factory employs over 30 artisans and produces as many as 500 one-of-a-kind pieces each day, many made with recycled glass. After touring the factory, take a moment to stop in the well stocked gift shop so you can bring these lovely, decorative pieces home with you.

Continue your tour at the quaint, authentic Mexican town of San Jose del Cabo. Stroll along the charming streets independently and view the fascinating historical sights. As early as the 1500s, sailors referred to San Jose as a "safe watering place," an important stop for boats that were low on provisions. It was also an area where pirates lay in wait, ready to ambush the Spanish ships that came through the waters loaded with silver and gold. Now, tree lined boulevards mark the shopping district and the town plaza. Mexican handicrafts can be found as well as souvenirs. You will see colorful sidewalk murals painted by schoolchildren and the charming "Zocalo," or town square. The spires of the Church of St. Joseph tower above the town, and its roots can be traced to the San Jose mission, built by Spanish missionaries in 1730.

After seeing so many wonderful sights, the most beautiful vistas are still to come. One of the area's most renowned restaurants offers you a refreshing complimentary beverage while you take in sweeping panoramic views of the Bay of Cabo San Lucas. The restaurant is cantilevered over the water, so you can sit in a nice shaded spot and look out over the bay. You will see the famous El Arco in the distance as well as your ship at anchor.

Prior to returning to port, you will have the option to be dropped off in the charming cobblestoned town of Cabo San Lucas for independent sightseeing. Stroll the broad pedestrian promenade, admire the pretty boats in the marina, delight to the music of mariachis and follow your nose to the delicious open-air grills that serve fresh seafood tacos, a signature of Cabo. You are responsible for your returning to the ship, but you'll find the 10-minute walk easy and pleasant.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Wear a hat, good walking shoes and bring adequate sun protection. Tour order may vary.

El Arco & Coastal Cruise

SJD-600 Approximately 2 hours / From \$59



Depart from the pier for a little fun and sun Cabo style when you board a double-decker motor-powered catamaran for an excursion that takes you to both the beautiful Sea of Cortez and the dramatic Pacific Ocean. Enjoy a snack of salsa and chips and indulge in unlimited beverages, which include both soft drinks and frosty margaritas.

The rugged, haunting beauty of the Baja Peninsula is a photographer's dream, so be sure to have your camera ready since this cruise includes many photo opportunities.

Cruise past the magnificent, towering natural landmark known as El Arco and travel to the southernmost tip of the peninsula for Land's End. The area was once a haven for pirates who would lie in wait within the cavernous rock formations.

Journey past secluded Lover's Beach, an intimate and striking landmark nestled in a hidden cove along the Sea of Cortez. The opposite side is known for turbulent waves and the pounding surf of the Pacific, and locals have come to call that side Divorce Beach.

As you enjoy the coastal views, keep an eye out for the abundant wildlife that calls the area home. Pelicans, a colony of sea lions, and playful seals are thriving in these nutrient-rich waters. During the months of December through March you may catch a glimpse of the spectacular whales that migrate through these waters. The gray whale is most prevalent, but look for humpback and blue whales as well. Pods of dolphins are often frolicking in sun. It is no wonder that the Cousteau Society has captured some unbelievable footage here.

As you cruise along Medano Beach you'll see one of the hubs of Cabo activity as well as your own Princess ship at anchor. With the glistening waters and the harbor surrounding it, you're sure to capture a perfect souvenir photograph for your scrapbook.

Return to the pier at the end of your scenic adventure and enjoy the remainder of your day in Cabo.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Please wear sunscreen, comfortable clothes, shoes with non-skid soles and bring a camera

Special Interests

Off the Beaten Path

Hotel California & Todos Santos

SJD-115 Approximately 5 hours / From \$69



Board your air-conditioned transportation and travel north along the peninsula to the authentic Mexican town of Todos Santos. The views along the way include rugged mountain terrain, dry washes, the palm tree-lined beaches of the Pacific Ocean, and the spectacular forests of Cardon cacti, the world's largest species of cactus.

Todos Santos means "All Saints," and when you arrive you'll immediately understand why it is considered one of the hidden gems of Baja. Founded in 1724 as a Jesuit mission station, this small oasis village on the Pacific is charming and filled with Mexican history. Stroll the quaint town independently and discover the old Jesuit mission, small shops, and an abundance of art galleries. Many local artisans display their works here, and you will find many pieces celebrating the culture and imagery of their native land.

No visit to Todos Santos would be complete without a stop at the famed Hotel California. Although it is still a point of discussion whether or not the classic Eagle's song refers specifically to this local hotel, over the years thousands have flocked to the area to see the "mirrors on the ceiling and the pink champagne on ice"

The Hotel California is an architectural, artistic and culinary masterpiece. The iconic building and grounds explode with color and showcase colonial Mexican architecture and furnishings. Original tile floors and a 100-year-old beam across the ceiling are juxtaposed with modern Mexican artwork. It's a fantastic photo opportunity. Enjoy a light refreshment in this historic setting steely knives are not required!

You will be given ample time to browse the area before boarding your transportation for a short scenic drive back to port.

Child Price

12 and under reduced

Special Notes

Wear a hat and bring adequate sun protection.

Salsa & Salsa

SJD-255 Approximately 3 hours / From \$99



Board your transportation for the brief transfer to a fine restaurant down town Cabo San Lucas.

Meet your Two Dancing Chefs, tie on an apron, and discover the secrets of making seven Mexican salsas. The salsas include classic green and red dipping salsas, pico de gallo and Oaxacan-style guacamole along with mango and melon salsa, a tropical salsa and a rumpope dessert salsa. Lest you get thirsty while you cook, the Chefs also demonstrate the fine art of preparing proper Margaritas. Enjoy your finished salsas with chips, cheese enchiladas and chicken taquitos followed by ice cream.

Following your cooking demonstration, take to the dance floor as you also master the techniques of salsa dancing. Since you are in town, shoppers may return to the pier for some last minute shopping before returning to the ship.

Special Notes

Children must be eight years old or older to participate. A parent or adult guardian must accompany minors. Guests must be 21 to consume alcoholic beverages.



San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua

Nicaragua is the largest Central American nation and has stunning landscapes, vast cultural treasures, and an intriguing history.

Until recent times Nicaragua was unfortunately known for the civil war (Sandinistas and Contras) that raged from the late 70s through much of the 80s. Today, the soldiers and guerrillas have given way sightseeing in a beautiful country. From strolling the cobblestone streets of colonial Granada on Lake Nicaragua, to exploring one of the many volcanoes, Nicaragua has something for even the most seasoned traveler.

Note: Due to time constraints in port, some tours may not be available on every voyage. Please refer to your Cruise Personalizer on princess.com for a complete list of tours available during your cruise. Tour content may vary based on the amount of time in port.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Granada, Parque Central & Shopping

SJ1-100 Approximately 5.75 hours / From \$69



Your excursion begins at the pier where you will board a comfortable, air-conditioned transportation and, accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, set off through the lush Nicaraguan landscape. Sit back and enjoy the verdant landscapes populated with unique flora and fauna, including howler monkeys and countless species of orchids, as you journey across this wondrous "Land of Lakes and Volcanoes".

Step back in time as you arrive at your destination, the picturesque, colonial city of Granada, located in the shadow of the towering Mombacho Volcano on the shore of Lake Nicaragua (one of country's largest freshwater lakes). Founded in 1524 by Spanish Conquistador Hernandez de Cordoba, Granada's historic churches and convents have withstood the test of the centuries including invasions from English, Dutch and French pirates.

Disembark and enjoy a delightful and informative guided tour through the city to admire the ornate cathedral and to visit the grand Convent of San Francisco, now a museum housing an ample collection of pre-Columbian statues unearthed on local volcanic islands. You will also have the opportunity to explore the remote corners of the city for colorful, "casonas" the large, strikingly beautiful Spanish and colonial-style houses with large inner patios that give the city its nickname "The Great Sultana". Stop by the Parque Central, the city's social, cultural and economic hub, where local artisans and vendors offer their beautifully crafted products for sale. Browse, shop and relax as you take in the timeless beauty and historic legacy that has been preserved in this amazing city. Be sure to have your cameras at the ready because as you journey back to your ship, you will be treated to a brief stop at the awe-inspiring La Virgen Crossing which offers a breathtaking view of Maderas and Concepcion, majestic twin volcanoes that together make up the island of Ometepe on Lake Nicaragua.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

A bottle of water is recommended as well as adequate sun protection. Some tour venues visited require a charge for cameras (approximately \$2.00) and video cameras (approximately \$3.00). These fees are not included and will be collected at the sites. Drive time is at least 90 minutes to Granada but may be longer based on local conditions.

Most Popular

Granada, Lake Nicaragua, Las Isletas Cruise & Lunch

SJ1-600 Approximately 8 hours / From \$119



Begin your full-day, active journey of discovery aboard a comfortable, air-conditioned transportation that awaits you at your pier. As you venture forth, sit back and enjoy the beauty of the passing landscape: rolling hills, verdant jungles and exotic wildlife that are unique to Nicaragua.

Step back in time as you disembark in the picturesque city of Granada, nestled in the shadow of the majestic Mombacho Volcano on the shore of Lake Nicaragua. Founded in 1524 by Spanish Conquistador Hernandez de Cordoba, this colonial city has withstood the test of the centuries including invasions from English, Dutch and French pirates. In fact, due to its rich historical and cultural heritage, the city is in the process of being declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Stroll amongst a mosaic of colonial churches, narrow streets, and Spanish-style homes with beautiful indoor patios, tiled roofs, and bright colonial colors. Enjoy a guided tour of the grand Parque Central (the main plaza) that takes you past the ornate Cathedral of Immaculate Conception. View the famous Convent of San Francisco founded in 1529, which is now a museum housing pre-

Columbian statues unearthed on local volcanic islands.

Journey to the shores of the awe-inspiring Lake Nicaragua. This massive freshwater lake was nicknamed "La Mar Dulce" (The Sweet Sea) by Spanish Conquerors who first believed it was a sea because of its oceanic qualities: large waves, heavy storms and nothing but water at the horizon.

Board an excursion boat for a leisurely cruise among Las Isletas, an archipelago of 365 tiny islands formed eons ago from the volcanic activity of the Mombacho Volcano. A small community lives among these fertile, palm-covered islets that are a prime destination for those interested in activities such as volcano hiking, kayaking, fishing and swimming. A handful of islets are even privately owned and feature magnificent mansions.

Most of the islets, however, remain pristine and unspoiled. So have your cameras at the ready as you indulge in the beauty of this primordial ecosystem that is home to thousands of species of exotic plants and animals - among them colonies of howler monkeys and countless varieties of delicate orchids. Be sure to keep a keen eye out for the lake's most famous inhabitant, the rare freshwater shark, found nowhere else in the world except the glittering waters of Lake Nicaragua.

Following your adventure, enjoy a tasty, complimentary lunch at a charming colonial restaurant in Granada prior to returning to your Princess ship in the glistening harbor at San Juan del Sur.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Some tour venues visited require a charge for cameras (approximately \$2.00) and video cameras (approximately \$3.00). These fees are not included and will be collected at the sites. Wildlife sightings, while common, are not guaranteed. Drive time to Granada is at least ninety minutes each way but may be longer based on local conditions.

Granada Highlights, Scenic Drive, Shopping & Lunch
SJ1-110 Approximately 6 hours / From \$99



This six-hour excursion offers a little bit of everything you look for on vacation: amazing scenery, fascinating history, enchanting culture, and tropical charm. And did we mention shopping?

After meeting your guide at the pier you'll board your air-conditioned transportation bound for the colonial city of Granada. Sit back and enjoy the expert commentary as you pass the sights during your scenic 90-minute ride. But before you arrive in Granada you'll stop in the village of La Virgen, one of the few places where you can get an up close look at Lake Nicaragua, Central America's largest lake. The island you see rising from the center of the lake is Ometepe, a UNESCO Biosphere Preserve and home to two majestic volcanoes.

Back on your transportation, you'll continue through the lush countryside before making a second stop at Catarina Viewpoint. As you get out and stretch your legs you'll marvel at the panoramic views of Apoyo Lagoon Natural Reserve, which was formed by a strong volcanic explosion approximately 23,000 years ago. After you've snapped your photos, you'll have time to browse the nearby craft stalls for souvenirs.

Then, you'll continue on to Granada, also known as La Gran Sultana, founded in 1524 by the Spanish Conquistador Francisco Hernández de Córdoba. It is conveniently located near the famous Lake of Nicaragua and behind the Mombacho Volcano. Since its foundation, this city has survived the attacks and invasions from Spanish, English and Dutch pirates, making it the oldest city in Mainland America.

During the tour, you will visit the best spots in Granada such as the Parque Central (Central Park) where you will be able to enjoy the daily doings of the people as well as visit the Cathedral of Granada, which was built in 1583 only to be burnt down twice and destroyed three centuries later. Since then it has been rebuilt and restored in 1972. You will also visit the Convent of San Francisco founded in 1529 by Fray Toribio de Benavente. In March 2003 after some restoration it was opened as a cultural center, and since then features a museum and library. Throughout the city, you will also be able to enjoy the view of the colorful colonial houses with their typical indoor gardens and tiled roof, a reflection of its Moorish and Andalusian appearance.

Finally, you'll reach your final destination just in time for lunch. La Gran Francia Hotel is an architectural gem that exemplifies Nicaraguan Colonial architecture. Constructed a few years after the city's founding in 1524, the structure was destroyed by fire in 1856 and restored to the stately building you see today. Upon arriving you'll be entertained by a folkloric performance before heading into the restaurant for a Nicaraguan buffet lunch. Before boarding the transportation back to the pier, you're invited to watch a skilled craftsman as he creates items you can purchase and take back to San Juan del Sur.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Since there's so much to see and experience during the day be sure to wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes and don't forget the sunscreen and a camera to capture all the memorable sights.

Explore The Capital City Of Managua & Lunch

SJ1-115 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$99



Managua is a tale of two cities. Tree-lined boulevards and neo-Classical structures mingle with modern buildings. Yet it's also a living testament to the many struggles Nicaragua's capital city has endured.

Your full day adventure begins as you leave the pier and travel north to the capital of Nicaragua. Sit back and relax as your guide regales you with tales of the country's history, as well as the Nicaraguan countryside that passes by your window. From the seat of your comfortable air-conditioned bus, you'll see picturesque villages nestled in the lush countryside of this agricultural region. Off in the distance, you'll be able to see Lake Nicaragua, the largest lake of Central America, and its biggest island, Ometepe with its two volcanoes standing tall on each side.

Once you reach Managua, you'll meander through the downtown area. Although an earthquake in 1972 destroyed many buildings the few that survived can be seen from your window including the Ruben Dario Theater, one of the most important venues in the city.

Your first stop is the National Historic Park Loma de Tiscapa, Managua's most recognizable landmark. Located on one of the highest hills within the city, the park was once the site of the Presidential Palace where Sandino and his men were executed in 1934. Grab your camera when you step off the bus the views from this vantage point are amazing. Nearby is the imposing monument to Sandino, a city icon that stands nearly 60 feet high.

Then, you'll continue on to the city's historical center known as La Plaza de la Revolucion. Within this sprawling plaza is the Old Cathedral, which was the first cathedral in the Western Hemisphere to be built entirely of concrete on a metal frame.

Next stop is the impressive National Palace. Built in 1935 for President Bautista, today it's home to the National Archive, the National Library and the National Museum. After you step off the bus enjoy a 30-minute tour of its collection of paintings, Pre-Columbian statuettes, and ceramics, you'll witness the ruins of the Old Cathedral of Managua. Although it was severely damaged in the earthquake, the lovely Spanish Colonial façade is still intact.

By now, you're probably ready for lunch so you'll head to a local restaurant for a delicious buffet meal. After lunch, you'll return to San Juan del Sur along a scenic route and stop for photos at Catarina Viewpoint, a popular spot in Nicaragua where you will be able to enjoy the remarkable views of the Apoyo Lagoon, of Granada city and Mombacho Volcano.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Please wear light clothing, good walking shoes, and a hat and bring some bottled water. Some tour venues visited require a charge for cameras (approximately \$2.00) and video cameras (approximately \$3.00). These fees are not included and will be collected at the sites. Wildlife sightings, while common, are not guaranteed.

Special Interests

Rivas, Lake Nicaragua & Scenic Drive

SJ1-120 Approximately 3 hours / From \$59



Your excursion begins at the pier where you will board a comfortable, air-conditioned transportation and depart San Juan del Sur for an exciting and informative half-day journey of discovery of exotic Nicaragua. Sit back and enjoy a scenic drive past lush landscape as your knowledgeable guide regales you with information about the region's history and the exotic flora and fauna (including howler monkeys and countless species of orchids) that flourish here.

Disembark in the picturesque town of Rivas located near the massive Lake Nicaragua, the 10th largest lake in the world. Take a guided stroll through the quaint streets and learn about the city's fascinating history that dates back to 606 AD when various indigenous tribes made their home here. Visit the first Catholic church built in 1607 by the Spanish who first settled the city in 1522. Because of different natural disasters through time, the church was rebuilt in 1820 but contains many artifacts from the 17th Century. Marvel at the influences of these European conquerors still visible in the amazing and colorful colonial architecture that is prevalent throughout the city.

Venture to a local lakeside venue where you will enjoy a closer look at the impressive Lake Nicaragua. This massive freshwater lake was nicknamed "La Mar Dulce" (The Sweet Sea) by Spanish Conquerors who first believed it was a sea because of its oceanic qualities: large waves, heavy storms and nothing but water at the horizon. Relax and enjoy a complimentary beverage and snack as you marvel at the awe-inspiring beauty of the twin volcanoes, Maderas and Concepcion, which rise majestically out of the lake to form the island of Ometepe. The rich, fertile eco-system of this gorgeous blue lake is home to many rare species of animals, including the freshwater shark which cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

Special Notes

A bottle of water is recommended as well as adequate sun protection. Some tour venues visited require a charge for cameras (approximately US \$2) and video cameras (approximately US\$3). These fees are not included and will be collected at the sites. Minimum age to participate is 12 years old.

Amayo Hacienda Experience, Lake Nicaragua & Lunch

SJ1-210 Approximately 5 hours / From \$79



Begin your half-day exploration of authentic Nicaragua aboard an air-conditioned transportation that will transport you through the lush, tropical landscape as your knowledgeable guide points out areas of interest and regales you with the history of this exotic and mysterious country. Then step back in time (the 16th century to be precise!) as you arrive at your destination: the Amayo Hacienda. This gorgeous, family-owned estate is located directly on the shore of the massive Lake Nicaragua. Originally acquired by the Hurtado family from the King of Spain, you will be greeted by the current owners, the charming and friendly Barrios family who will graciously open their home to you. Learn about the estate's long and colorful history as you indulge in a tour of the stunning grounds which feature gardens of swaying coconut trees and vibrantly colored tropical flowers.

Enjoy any number of activities offered for your pleasure. Sip delicious tropical fruit juice of the season while relaxing on a hammock or lounge chair. Get up and dance to the Latin rhythms of an authentic Nicaraguan band. Even try your hand at a milking contest with one of the cows from the estate's dairy! Once you've worked up an appetite, sit down to a traditional Nicaraguan lunch served in a festive style. This "Caballo Bayo" as it is called, consists of multiple foods (meats, plantains, cheeses, etc.) which can be combined and wrapped in a tortilla for a tasty and satisfying meal. Don't forget to bring your swimsuits as you'll have the opportunity to take a dip in the sparkling waters of Lake Nicaragua, the 10th largest freshwater lake in the world. This impressive body of water was nicknamed "La Mar Dulce" (The Sweet Sea) by Spanish Conquerors who first believed it was a sea because of its oceanic qualities: large waves, heavy storms and nothing but water at the horizon.

Have your cameras handy as the lake's shoreline will offer up amazing vistas of the twin volcanoes, Maderas and Concepcion, which rise majestically out of the water to form the island of Ometepe in the distance. Though Maderas is dormant, a plume of smoke can sometimes be seen rising from the active Concepcion. The rich, fertile eco-system of this gorgeous blue lake and its volcanoes is home to many rare and exotic species of plants and animals, including the freshwater shark which cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver. Bring a swimsuit and a towel if you plan to swim.

Masaya and Mombacho Volcanoes, Vistas & Lunch

SJ1-340 Approximately 8.25 hours / From \$99



Your rigorous full-day guided photo experience begins with a scenic drive via air-conditioned transportation across the lush, tropical Nicaraguan landscape. Sit back and enjoy the beauty of the passing verdant landscapes as your knowledgeable guide points out areas of interest and regales you with the colorful history of this amazing and exotic country.

The lush forests and rich eco-system of this magnificent 4409 foot volcano boast over 50 species of mammals, 174 species of birds, 90 different types of orchids, steaming fumaroles and a rare cloud forest. Your journey will continue through the nearby picturesque, colonial city of Granada, on the shore of Lake Nicaragua. Founded in 1524 by Spanish Conquistador Hernandez de Cordoba, Granada's historic churches and convents have withstood the test of the centuries including invasions from English, Dutch and French pirates. Photo opportunities abound as you arrive at the Masaya Volcano National Park where the impressive influence of volcanic activity on the area is quite evident. Established in 1979 this national park is a marvel of nature with its two towering volcanoes, steam-spewing fumaroles, lush forest and a crater lagoon.

The still active Masaya Volcano, baptized "the mouth of hell" by Spanish Conquerors, was an object of veneration by indigenous peoples during the pre-Columbian age. Eruptions were believed to be signs of anger from the gods and sacrifices were made to appease them. Enjoy a delicious complimentary buffet lunch before heading to your next photo stop: the Apoyo Crater which is now an enormous lagoon. Formed 23,000 years ago when hot springs filled the crater of a dormant volcano, this massive blue lagoon is home to an abundance of wildlife and features petro glyphs from indigenous cultures of long ago.

Your trip back will include a stop at the breathtaking Catarina Overlook where you will enjoy a bird's eye view of Granada, the glittering Apoyo Lagoon and Maderas and Concepcion, the majestic twin volcanoes that form the island of Ometepe in Lake Nicaragua. Weather permitting, marvel at the unbelievable view of the towering Mombacho Volcano, the steeples and rooftops of Granada nestled in Mombacho's shadow and the massive Lake Nicaragua, one of the largest freshwater lakes in the world and home to a volcano chain, hundreds of beautiful islets and the only freshwater shark on the planet.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Tour visits the Masaya Volcano only. The Mombacho Volcano can only be seen from a distance at Catarina Viewpoint. Sightings from the viewpoints depend on weather conditions and are not guaranteed. Drive time is approximately one hour and forty five minutes each way.

Nature & Wildlife

Off the Beaten Path

Granada, Masaya Market & Volcano, Lunch & Shopping SJ1-330 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$99



Your full-day, moderately active shopping and sightseeing excursion begins at the pier where you will board your comfortable, air-conditioned transportation and journey forth out of San Juan del Sur. Travel through the lush, tropical landscape as your knowledgeable guide points out areas of interest and regales you with the history of this exotic and mysterious country.

Visit the magical city of Masaya to explore its world renowned market. Nicknamed the "city of flowers" Masaya is the capital of Nicaraguan folklore and is known as the birthplace of the area's best painters, singers, poets, artists and crafts people. So it's only natural that is should be home to one of the largest crafts markets in Central America. The Masaya Market! Shop, browse or even engage in some good-natured bargaining at the collection of shops and vendor stands that offer the very best value and quality in arts, crafts and culture. Among them: leather products, delicately embroidered clothing, wood carvings, Indian art and hand painted ceramics with traditional pre-Columbian designs.

Continue your journey to Masaya Volcano National Park. Established in 1979 this national park is a marvel of nature with its two towering volcanoes, lush forest and a crater lagoon. Your transportation will take you near the still active Masaya Volcano, once the object of veneration by indigenous peoples, for an up-close look at steaming fumaroles.

Take a break from your exploration to enjoy a complimentary buffet lunch at a local restaurant. Indulge in a traditional Nicaraguan meal that includes chicken medallions, sea bass, rice and beans, and dessert.

Step back in time as you visit the picturesque, colonial city of Granada, located in the shadow of the towering Mombacho Volcano on the shore of Lake Nicaragua (one of country's largest freshwater lakes). Founded in 1524 by Spanish Conquistador Hernandez de Cordoba, Granada's historic churches and convents have withstood the test of the centuries including invasions from English, Dutch and French pirates. Enjoy a delightful and informative guided tour of the grand Convent of San Francisco, now a museum housing an ample collection of pre-Columbian statues unearthed on local volcanic islands.

Stroll the Parque Central, the city's social, cultural and economic hub, where local artisans and vendors offer their beautifully crafted products for sale. Take time to marvel at the timeless beauty and historic legacy that has been preserved in this amazing city prior to your scenic drive back to your Princess ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

A bottle of water is recommended as well as adequate sun protection. Some tour venues visited require a charge for cameras (about \$2.00) and video cameras (about \$3.00). These fees are not included and will be collected at the sites. Sightings from the Catarina Overlook depend on weather conditions and are not guaranteed. Drive time to Masaya is approximately one hour and forty five minutes each way.

Activities & Adventures

Mombacho Volcano 4WD and Hike, Vistas & Lunch SJ1-470 Approximately 8.25 hours / From \$149



Begin your rigorous, full day volcano adventure by boarding a comfortable, air-conditioned transportation at your pier in San Juan del Sur. Sit back and enjoy the beauty of the passing verdant jungles as your knowledgeable guide points out areas of interest and regales you with the colorful history of the gorgeous and mysterious country that is Nicaragua. Your scenic drive will take you to the base of the stunningly beautiful Mombacho Nature Reserve. This reserve, unique for its rich bio-diversity and outstanding vistas, is a popular tourist destination and home to a biological center. From here you will transfer to a 4WD truck and travel over 3,200 feet in elevation to the top of the magnificent Mombacho Volcano. The drive itself is worth the trip as you will climb grades of up to 40 percent through several types of forest ecosystems: a drier tropical forest, semi-moist broad leaf tropical forest, and a spectacular

and very rare cloud forest.

Once at the top, you will take a guided one mile hike (approximately 90 minutes) around one of Mombacho's four craters. As you traverse the primarily natural paths, you will learn about and observe the rich eco-system of the area that boasts steaming fumaroles, over 50 species of mammals, 174 species of birds and 90 different types of orchids. Listen carefully during your trek and you will notice that natural sounds are amplified by the craters.

Enjoy a brief visit to the picturesque, colonial city of Granada (founded in 1524 by Spanish conquerors) where you can indulge in a delicious, complimentary lunch at a one of the city's local restaurants. As you head back to San Juan del Sur following your satisfying volcano eco-adventure, you will be treated to a stop at the breathtaking La Virgen Crossing that offers stunning vistas of some of Nicaragua's most beautiful landmarks. Have your cameras at the ready as you marvel at the awe-inspiring beauty of the twin volcanoes, Maderas and Concepcion, which form the island of Ometepe in the massive Lake Nicaragua, one of the largest freshwater lakes in the world and home to a volcano chain, hundreds of beautiful islets and the only freshwater shark on the planet.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This is an active excursion for passengers in very good physical condition. The path may be slippery in places; wear appropriate shoes. The drive from the base to the summit of the volcano is on a narrow and in places steep road. A bottle of water will be provided for the hike. Sightings from the Catarina Overlook and La Virgen Crossing depend on weather conditions and are not guaranteed. Drive time to Mombacho is approximately one hour and forty five minutes each way. Mombacho is a dormant volcano and the crater is covered by vegetation.



Puntarenas, Costa Rica

To Spanish explorers, the rumors of gold and vast riches could only mean that this section of Central America was the costa rica - the "Rich Coast."

Hailed as the Switzerland of the Americas, Costa Rica occupies a unique position, lying between two oceans and two continents. On both coasts, tropical rainforests rise to the mountains of the interior, many of which soar over 13,000 feet above sea level. In the west, a seemingly endless succession of brown-sand beaches forms the nation's Pacific coast. Puntarenas is your gateway to Costa Rica's wonders - and to its capital city of San Jose.

Nature & Wildlife

Most Popular

Rainforest Aerial Tram, Tarcoles River & Lunch PA4-105 Approximately 10 hours / From \$199



Explore the wilds of Costa Rica on this remarkable day-long excursion to remember as you journey across the canopy of the rainforest in an aerial tram, before cruising the Tarcoles River. The adventure begins with an air-conditioned ride through the gorgeous Costa Rican countryside before arriving at the Rainforest Aerial Tram. Here, you will board an open-air gondola and meet your English-speaking guide, who will narrate this incredible, silent glide through the top of the canopy. Enjoy the verdant plant-life, hanging gardens, sightings of wildlife and pretty waterfalls, on the only tour in Costa Rica that offers an exhilarating aerial view of this 222-acre conservation park.

Your fascinating rainforest experience also includes a winding guided walk through lush trails deep into the forest, and a visit to the medicinal plant garden, past a snake exhibit set in the tropical rainforest. The return ride takes you through the lower canopy, where you will feast your eyes upon the beautiful foliage including ferns, lianas and orchids.

Following your breath-taking aerial gondola ride, you will then have plenty of time to savor a delicious Costa Rican-style lunch, which typically includes a pasta salad, rice, beans, steamed vegetables, grilled chicken and sweet plantains. Then browse the rainforest souvenir shop before transferring to a river boat on Tarcoles for your unique jungle river journey.

Upon arrival at the covered landing, you will board an open roofed boat to explore the world famous Tarcoles River, which sits at the Guacalillo Estuary. Noted for its mangrove forests, the estuary is also home to many birds including the cuckoo, hummingbirds, Panama flycatcher, herons and egrets. This amazing river also supports a wide variety of water birds such as ospreys, cormorants, pelicans and thrillingly, one of the largest colonies of crocodiles in Central America. There's every chance you may spot one of the crocodiles sleeping in shallow water or on the river bank. Your friendly guide will explain how life thrives in this incredible landscape before you head back to the landing. Here, you will enjoy a delicious fresh fruit buffet as well as complimentary soft drinks before the scenic drive back to Puntarenas port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Tour sequence may vary. Wildlife sightings, while common, are not guaranteed. There are 8 passengers plus a guide in each gondola. Wear comfortable, closed toe walking shoes and bring adequate sun protection. The easy optional guided walk is on a paved and flat trail. But guest could wait for the rest of the group at the cafeteria. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver.

Rainforest Aerial Tram, Nature Walk & Lunch PA4-200 Approximately 7 hours / From \$149



This memorable excursion starts with a fun drive to the Pacific Aerial Tram, a thrilling gondola ride that skims the eco-friendly rainforest canopy. Your bilingual naturalist guide will narrate this amazing tour as you safely glide through a living backdrop of giant trees, hanging gardens, waterfalls and lush green landscapes. This breath-taking ride takes you across part of the 222-acre conservation park, enabling you to take in panoramic ocean views, its wildlife and many waterfalls. The gondola seats only six so this tour is intimate as well as exhilarating, offering many unique surprises including the occasional sighting of the spectacular Scarlet Macaw, an endangered species.

After your tram ride, you will have the opportunity to take an optional guided nature walk through the park to visit the Serpentarium and a chance to see the many brightly-colored tropical flowers in the Heliconias Gallery and medicinal plant garden. After the walk, a

traditional Costa Rican buffet lunch, typically consisting of pasta salad, rice, beans, steamed vegetables, grilled chicken and sweet plantains will be served at the park's delightful restaurant. Browse the Aerial Tram gift shop before your scenic journey through more exquisite countryside back to port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes and bring adequate sun protection. Cameras and binoculars are highly recommended. The easy optional guided walk is on a paved and flat trail. But guest could wait for the rest of the group at the cafeteria. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver.

Off the Beaten Path

Scarlet Macaw Sanctuary, Boat Tour & Country Drive

PA4-235 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$99



Leaving the ship for this wonderful half-day eco-minded tour, you will board your transportation for the brief drive through fantastic countryside to a local marina. Here, you will board your boat for a thrilling cruise through the mangroves, where your expert guide will point out the many species of waterfowl and other animals that live in this unique ecosystem. You may also see the crocodiles, some up to three feet long that love to rest on the river bank. Upon reaching land, you will enjoy a short but enjoyable transfer through the pretty sugarcane fields as you make your way to your next stop, a breath-taking bird sanctuary. Here, you will discover that the Scarlet Macaw, one of the most endangered species in the tropics, has found a safe place to live and breed. View this brightly colored bird at close quarters in this wonderful sanctuary where they are allowed to fly freely. Wander through the gardens which are as peaceful as they are picturesque, and discover the many other breeds of birds that live here. Then enjoy a complimentary fruit snack, comprising of many local exotic tropical fruits, before the scenic drive back to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Bring adequate sun protection. A liability waiver must be completed prior to participating on this tour.

Off the Beaten Path

Poas Volcano, Sarchi, Country Drive & Lunch

PA4-320 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$99



Discover Costa Rica on this adventurous day-long tour, which starts with a scenic drive through countryside en route to the Poas volcano. The road to Poas is a colorful one, and you will view sweeping coffee plantations and incredible valleys, plus sugar cane and strawberry fields, all narrated by your friendly guide, while you relax on your air-conditioned transportation. Poás Volcano National Park is one of the most popular excursions in the northern Central Valley and on arrival you will see why - the volcano is a magnificent natural wonder, with a truly unique character.

Sitting at 8,500 feet above sea level, it boasts one of the few active craters in the Americas and is famed for its geyser-like eruptions of gas and ash. The main crater, which is usually active with smoke discharges, features an enormous pit measuring 1.5 km in diameter and 300 meters deep. At the bottom of the crater, there's a hot, circular lagoon that measures 350 meters across, where water temperatures range between 40°C and 70°C (110-150 F). You will then tour the visitor's center with your guide, who will explain all the geological exhibits, before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. Here, you will be able to relax and sample many traditional Costa Rican dishes, including sweet plantain cooked in honey.

After lunch, on your journey to port, you will stop at Sarchi, a village that is famous for its production of brightly colored, hand painted oxcarts. Observe the craftsman as they paint a wide variety of woodcrafts, and then peruse the gift shop which boasts a large selection of leather goods. Take photos of the world's largest oxcart before watching the vibrant Costa Rican landscape whizz pass your tour bus window on the return journey back to port. If time permits, there will be one last photo-stop at the famous red-iron church in the pretty village of Grecia.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Due to the volcano altitude of 8,300 feet, this tour is not recommended for persons with heart conditions. The drive to Poás Volcano is approximately 2.5 to 3 hours with a rest-room break along the way. Due to weather condition, the crater may not always be visible. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy walking shoes; bring a sweater, rain poncho, long pants as it gets cold up on the volcano.

Rainforest Sky Walk, Pura Vida Gardens & Lunch

PA4-365 Approximately 8 hours / From \$139



The day begins with an enjoyable, scenic drive to the Tropical Forest Sky Walk which is located near the boundary of Carara Biological Reserve. Here you will have the opportunity to connect to nature as you explore this incredible wonderland. You will be offered a tropical fruit juice at Villa Lapas and have time to look around the shop, before meeting your English-speaking naturalist guide. Starting with a short, easy walk, you will arrive at the first of three suspended cable bridges; each bridge stretches between 270 and 330 feet, and all skim the top of the spectacular rainforest up to 126 feet above the ground.

During the hike, which lasts just over an hour, you will be able to drink in the sights of the forest below and around you, as you walk along ground trails before reaching the next bridge or air trail. Discover the marshlands of the Tarcoles River from your lofty perch, and then take in the ocean views in the distance as you meander through the stunning walkways. Your guide will point out any wildlife, which could include several species of birds, monkeys, butterflies and other mammals that inhabit the area. After the walk concludes, continue on to the Pura Vida Gardens, one of the most spectacular private gardens in Costa Rica. Boasting beautifully manicured gardens, you will notice that they are also bordered by one of the tallest waterfalls in the country.

Pura Vida is home to over 60,000 flowering plants, including 60 varieties of heliconia, ten varieties of ginger, and orchids. Look for butterflies, macaws, parrots, parakeets, toucans, kingfishers, birds of prey, and waterfowl. After your tour, enjoy a well deserved traditional lunch served in the garden restaurant, then browse the gift shop for souvenirs before heading back to port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Wildlife sightings, while common, are not guaranteed. Passengers should be in moderate or better physical condition. Wear sturdy walking shoes and bring a light raincoat and sunscreen. Tour may operate in reverse.

Scenic Train Ride & River Cruise

PA4-600 Approximately 5.25 hours / From \$85



Discover another side to Costa Rica on this educational and fun train excursion along the historic Pacific Railroad, through magnificent countryside. Upon arrival at the train station you will board one of the newly restored cars, to travel this fascinating railroad that was once used to transport the country's valuable coffee harvests, from the highlands to the coastal ports. Your relaxing guided expedition will take you through many delightful small towns, past incredible rural and tropical scenery. Throughout the journey, the train's large picture windows will allow you to experience all the beauty of the countryside. On arrival at Ceiba, a region famous for its mangoes and oranges, you will transfer to your transportation and head to the stunning Tarcoles River. Here, you will board a covered river boat for your exciting and vivid journey through the tropical mangroves, a breathtaking wonderland that attracts many different animals and exotic birds such as ospreys, gulls, cormorants and pelicans.

The river shores are also home to one of the largest crocodiles colonies; some of the reptiles are three meters long and you may see some of the big fat ones resting on the muddy banks. Your guide may also point out iguanas, lizards as well as herons, egrets, ducks, spoon bills and storks, which are often seen looking for food along the river shore. At the end of this once-in-a-lifetime boat ride to the heart of the mangroves, you will then enjoy a tropical fruit snack plus a cooling beverage at the private boat station. Browse the gift shop here before heading back to port through the striking Costa Rican countryside on your air-conditioned transportation.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Tour sequence may vary. Wear comfortable clothing and bring adequate sun protection. Train is very rustic and portions of the road are unpaved. Wildlife sightings, while common, are not guaranteed.

Eco-Jungle River Cruise

PA4-610 Approximately 5 hours / From \$69



This unique tour, expertly narrated by a local guide, is an absolute must for bird watchers, conservationists and nature lovers. At Puntarenas pier you will board your air-conditioned transportation for the delightfully scenic drive to the mouth of the Tarcoles River, located near the Carara Biological Reserve. Here, you will board your covered river boat for an approximately two hour cruise along the stunning Guacalillo Estuary. Your friendly guide will provide a fascinating ongoing commentary as you glide along the waters of the estuary, world renowned for its rich bird life. This particular mangrove forest, one of the most important in the mid-Pacific Coast, is home to the endangered Scarlet Macaw.

While these exotic birds spend most of the day in the forest, they also roost in the mangroves along with hummingbirds, herons, egrets, ospreys, pelicans, and storks. The mangrove, a group of unrelated woody plants that grow in protected tropical coasts, is also home to crocodiles, lizards and iguanas, which are often seen foraging along the shore. This once-in-a-lifetime adventure will provide you with a solid understanding of life in the mangroves and more importantly, you will learn about why it's important to conserve the

forests and the many incredible species that live here. After the cruise, upon arrival at the boat station, you will then enjoy a delicious buffet of fresh fruit, including coconut, watermelon and pineapple before heading back to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Wildlife sightings, while common, are not guaranteed. Your route to the estuary travels rough roads.

Hummingbird Garden & Live Exhibits Of Monteverde

PA4-355 Approximately 7.25 hours / From \$99



Spend a relaxing day on a nature-loving excursion to the charming Frog and Butterfly Theme Park in Monteverde. Perched on the edge of the verdant cloud forest that National Geographic once called, "The jewel of the crown of the cloud forests reserves," this welcoming village is the perfect gateway to fun and adventure.

After boarding your comfortable, air-conditioned transportation you'll head north. Monteverde, which means "Green Mountain" in Spanish, is a small and beautiful village founded by Quakers in the 1950s. Once you arrive at the Frog and Butterfly Theme Park, you'll meet your naturalist guide who will lead you on a short stroll to the Butterfly Garden. As you walk along you'll learn about the butterfly's life cycle and its importance in nature. Then, you'll smile with delight as you witness different butterfly and moth species flit and flutter among an array of plants in three greenhouses. Wander through and be amazed at these lovely creatures in their distinct habitats. See some of the smallest to the largest species, including the spectacular morpho and owl butterflies, as they fly about in this peaceful, interactive environment.

Next, is a brief walk to the Frog Pond. Here you can observe different species of frogs, toads and other amphibians including the famous red-eyed frog with its adorable matching red feet, the colorful poison dart frog and the large marine toad, all living in thoughtfully-simulated and safe natural environments. The charming Hummingbird Garden and Café is your next stop. Here, you can sit down and enjoy a fresh cup of Costa Rican coffee or a cappuccino with a savory sandwich and sweet pastry while hummingbirds dart and dive at their feeders. Have your camera handy, you may be lucky and see the tiny two-inch scintillant or some of the larger varieties like the five-inch violet sabrewing with its vividly colored breast.

Then, you'll reboard your transportation for the return trip to Puntarenas. Along the way, you'll stop at the Monteverde Cheese Factory. Founded in 1953 by Monteverde's original Quaker settlers, the factory produces everything from creamy Gouda to very nice sharp, white cheddar that's sold all over the country, as well as other dairy products such as yogurt and ice cream. After you step off the transportation, feel free to stretch your legs and watch through a glass part of the cheese making process and purchase one of their famous milk shakes before climbing back aboard. But the day's not over yet! A comfort stop will be made for mementos at Molas Souvenirs before returning to the ship.

When your exciting day of fun comes to an end, you'll return to the pier filled with all the joys of experiencing nature.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The drive to Monteverde is about 2 hours including 20 minutes on dirt road. There is an incline from the reception area of the Live Exhibits to the Butterfly Garden. Wildlife sightings, while common, are not guaranteed. The cheese making process will be seen through a glass window, no entry to the production facilities, The cheese factory does not operate on Sundays, National or religious Holidays, but the retail section is open except on December 25, January 1 and Religious Holidays. Tour sequence might vary.

Sightseeing & City Tours

San Jose, National Theater, Sarchi & Lunch

PA4-100 Approximately 9 hours / From \$99



Costa Rica will come to life for you on this day-long excursion through lush valleys, green pasturelands and the country's fascinating capital city. After boarding your air-conditioned transportation, you will travel the scenic Pan American Highway, journeying through the small towns of San Ramon and Naranjo, towards lively San Jose. At Naranjo, there will be a fun detour to Sarchi, home of Costa Rica's famous oxcart painting tradition. It was here in Sarchi that, more than a century ago, primitive local artists began painting and decorating their traditional oxcarts in intricate, colorful designs.

The Eloy Alfaro Oxcart Factory is the country's only oxcart factory whose machines are powered by a water wheel. The idea for this unique factory began with Eloy Alfaro, known fondly as Lolo, who began creating oxcarts in 1923 at that time, the only means of transporting the precious coffee to the port for exportation. He later expanded his workshop to include the production of furniture

and handcrafts. Once the oxcarts are constructed, the wheels and axle are created using the "hoop tire" method, a process developed in the early 19th century in which the iron wheel fittings are shrunk to produce an extremely tight fit that binds the various wheel parts and axle together. The carts are then painted in the traditional designs and bright colors which have made of Sarchi, the birthplace of Costa Rica's artisans. In July of 2006 the World's Largest Oxcart was built in Eloy Alfaro's workshop. It is 42 feet long, 12 feet high and weights more than 1 ½ tons. The oxcart is now on display in Sarchi's central park.

Leaving Sarchi, you will then call in at Grecia's metal church, so-called because it's made entirely of pre-fabricated red steel plates, for a memorable photo stop. Then, after arriving in San Jose, you will have an hour to enjoy a regional lunch buffet accompanied by traditional Costa Rican music, at Valle del Sol, a private colonial estate that boasts beautiful gardens and a relaxing waterfall. Afterwards, your scenic drive around this cosmopolitan capital continues, taking in the Metropolitan Cathedral and the incredible National Theater, considered the most beautiful building in the country. Enjoy its ornate 19th-century, neoclassical architecture, elaborate murals, and gilded baroque fixtures, before visiting the National Museum. This historical building is housed in a former army barracks, and was the scene of fighting during the 1948 civil war. Your guide will point out the bullet riddled stone walls, as well as the vast collection of archaeological and historic artifacts, including a display of replicas and original pieces from the city's Gold Museum.

Your return journey to Puntarenas includes a drive through San Jose's exclusive tree lined Rohrmoser district, La Sabana Park and the famed Opera House, including a brief photo-stop at the National Museum for an up-close look at Costa Rica's past.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The drive between Puntarenas and San Jose is approximately two hours. Tour sequence may vary to avoid overcrowding. On Sunday arrivals when the National Theater is closed and access is not permitted, the Gold Museum is substituted. This museum is home to more than 2,600 gold artifacts, as well as a collection of rare coins and bills. No flash allowed at the theater or the museum. Please, bring a light sweater as it may get cold. There is a staircase at the theater's foyer.

Scenic Drive, Cultural Show & Shopping **PA4-110 Approximately 3.25 hours / From \$45**



Costa Rica really does have it all. Colorful towns, a vibrant history, friendly people and amazing countryside, all waiting to be discovered by the adventurous tourist. This half-day tour is a fantastic way to experience this laid-back paradise with the minimum of walking but with maximum fun.

Costa Rica's topography is one of the most diverse in the world. Rolling hills, high mountains, plains, valleys, and riverbeds are just part of the gorgeous landscape that make you think of one word: paradise.

Your sightseeing drive will start by heading east to Esparza. This town has become one of the most picturesque in the Costa Rica's Central Pacific region. The central park and its church are emblematic of Costa Rica's hardworking rural towns. Local dancers will greet you at the park with colorful costumes; enjoy the masquerades while you learn about our traditions. There will be handmade souvenirs exhibitions at the Park, a little something to take home!

This drive includes some stretches along the Pacific Ocean. You will pass by mango and cashew plantations, farming areas and most certainly some birds along the way, all example of sustainable living between man and nature. You will continue your journey down to sea level, admiring the sweeping views that you will see as the most breath taking sites of the day. Green rolling hills covered by pasture lands, with the ocean in the distance, will just be part of unique pictures to take back home.

The colorful homes along the way with large gardens and living fences grown with the most beautiful plants and trees will look like the decoration of Costa Rica most beautiful countryside. Discover Costa Rica's unique sights on this relaxing tour. Be part of it and take the best memories home.

You will stop at El Jardin Souvenir Market in Orotina, giving you plenty opportunity to sample their delicious fruits and taste a Costa Rican cup of coffee.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Tour sequence may vary. Participants must be able to negotiate 2 to 3 steps up into the transportation. Please wear light clothing, good walking shoes, a hat and bring some bottled water.

Note: Wheelchair confined passengers should book PA4-111. Family and friends traveling with a confined passenger should book this tour PA4-110. You will travel together. Passengers with collapsible wheelchairs should book this tour PA4-110 and be able to get on and off the transportation, negotiating 2 to 3 steps. The vehicle can accommodate 4 collapsible wheelchairs underneath.

Scenic Drive, Cultural Show & Shopping (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)



PA4-111 Approximately 3.25 hours / From \$45

This tour is the same as PA4-110 and uses the same transportation. Wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour PA4-111. Able-bodied family members and friends should book PA4-110. You will travel together. Guests with collapsible wheelchairs should also book PA4-110. Collapsible wheelchairs can be stored in the luggage compartment.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Transportation can accommodate only 1 confined wheelchair passenger and up to 40 additional passengers. The combined weight may be no more than 500 pounds. Guests must travel with regular foldable wheelchairs, no scooters inside the transportation.

Please visit the tour desk once onboard to advise the staff what kind of wheelchair you will use on the tour.

Coffee Plantation, Botanical Garden & Lunch



PA4-205 Approximately 8 hours / From \$99

This culturally rich and fun day out is designed for guests who prefer the minimum of walking but who are still keen to explore this fascinating country. Your excursion begins when you are greeted at the port by your knowledgeable guide, before climbing on to your air conditioned transportation for a relaxing drive through this rich countryside. Along the way, your guide will provide you with fascinating information regarding Costa Rica's culture and history, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Your first stop of the day is Palmares, which means palm grove, located on the west part of the Central Valley in the province of Alajuela. The town's 19th century church is truly a remarkable feat of engineering, having been partially built from crushed eggshells, and your stop here includes a chance to look inside this amazing structure.

Back on your transportation you will head to the stunning Doka estate coffee plantation which sits 4,500-ft above sea level and has been declared a 'Historical and Architectural Heritage Site' by the Costa Rican Government. Belonging to the Costa Rican Vargas Ruiz family, coffee production pioneers of more than 70 years, you will learn about the entire coffee making process.

Later, at the estate's delightful La Cajuela restaurant surrounded by the beautiful gardens and mountain views, you will enjoy a traditional Costa Rican buffet lunch. You will also have plenty of time to visit their souvenir shops and take home many special coffee products, before boarding your transportation for your last stop of the day.

La Garita, a magnificent botanical garden, is a colorful outdoor oasis featuring a greenhouse, ponds, plant nurseries and a bird area where you will be able to view the endangered Scarlet Macaw, plus blue & gold macaws and cockatoos. A botanical expert will talk you through some of the amazing species of orchids and other exotic flowers before you board the transportation for the return journey to port, through more picturesque countryside.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Tour sequence may vary.

Activities & Adventures

RIVERS OF JOY HOT SPRINGS & SPA



PA4-295 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$149

Your visit to the Rivers of Joy, Hot Springs and Spa, will not only give you the opportunity to enjoy the generous hot springs of "Rio Perdido" but the convergence with the "Rio Blanco" where you can enjoy the different pools temperatures, the spectacular views of the "Rincon de La Vieja Volcano", and for a nominal fee, the spa for those of us who want to pamper their soul.

"Rio Perdido", or quite appropriately, Lost River, is perfectly hidden by its host canyon and a canopy of dense flora. This is a place where highly mineralized, geothermal heated waters flow from underneath massive boulders. Not far from the generous springs, the hot water is quenched, as the river pours into the larger and cooler "Rio Blanco". This specific place is considered to be magical by the locals. Here, a third body of water - a small stream - falls 80 feet from its cliff top finale, into the Rio Blanco, making it an impressive point of convergence; a beautiful act of nature were waters meet.

Explore the banks of this treasured thermal river, and bathe in its waters. Take a walk or cross hanging bridges from where the views will make even the wary stop right at the middle and just gaze, or search for unique fauna in a protected habitat.

The property utilizes 100% clean energy from internal and local sources. Efficient technology for lighting and cooking is used, and there's not really a need for heating water here, as the volcano's subterranean magma channels kindly take care of this.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Wear light clothing, walking shoes, hat or visor, sunscreen, and insect repellent. You should bring a change of clothing and towels. Spa treatments are available by reservation only and at an extra cost.

Original Canopy Zipline & Country Drive **PA4-400 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$99**



The Original Canopy Tour ® is a truly unique experience, and the perfect adrenaline shot as you soar silently through the awe-inspiring forest canopy suspended on cables and pulleys that make you feel as though you are actually flying, as there is no annoying "zip" sound.

Your breath-taking, adventure begins with a relaxing drive through the wonderful Costa Rican countryside on an air-conditioned transportation. Your guide will point out many sights of interest including mango, sugar, and citrus plantations and rural farming communities. You will be heading to Mahogany Park, a private reserve, less than 1 hour drive from the pier, where some of Costa Rica's last remaining mahogany trees, an endangered hardwood species, are allowed to flourish. There will be a short photo-stop at the top of the hill in the town of Esparza (weather permitting); on a clear day you will be able to look down from the mountains towards the port of Puntarenas, and view your cruise ship in port.

Upon arrival at the park, you will receive an orientation from your friendly expert guides and be fitted with your harness. The Original Canopy Tour ® is located in a stunning jungle area a short walk from the reception center. The experience takes you along ten observation platforms (nine in the trees and one on the ground), and nine horizontal traverses. The trail follows a small stream and wildlife sightings are very common - look out for monkeys and the many species of birds that live in this spectacular environment.

After you have channeled your inner Tarzan, and enjoyed this once-in-a-lifetime 'flying' experience through the forest, it's time to head back for the return journey back to port. But what a day to remember!

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This most active excursion is suitable only for passengers in good physical condition. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver. Wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes. Bring insect repellent and sun screen in a small backpack or fanny pack. Your hands must be free at all times during the traverses. The minimum age to participate is 5 years old. The maximum weight limit per participant is 270 pounds. A bottle of water is provided. Wildlife sightings, while common, are not guaranteed.

Corobici River-Raft Float, Scenic Drive & Lunch **PA4-735 Approximately 7 hours / From \$89**



This delightful day-long excursion will enthrall young and old as you discover the Costa Rican countryside, and the beautiful Corobici River, on a gentle, family-friendly rafting adventure.

Boarding your air-conditioned transportation at the port, you will then journey along the Pan American Highway on this wonderfully scenic drive to the Guanacaste Province, named after Costa Rica's national tree, which is also known as the ear pod tree. Arriving at the put-in point on the Rio Corobici, your experienced guide will provide you with an orientation that includes an overview of the river's varied habitat, and a safety briefing. You will then spend two spectacular hours floating and paddling down river - prepare to get wet on this splashy adventure - enjoying the scenery. Your guide will point out any interesting flora and fauna, and there's a good chance that you will see a variety of birds including ospreys, kingfishers, cormorants and boat-billed herons from the nearby Palo Verde National Park. Your guide will also help you to remain vigilant for butterflies, otters, monkeys, anteaters, iguanas and lizards. After your float, your hosts at a charming local restaurant will be delighted to serve you a traditional Costa Rican lunch, which may include meat or chicken in a delicious gently spiced sauce, served with rice, beans and fresh fruit. Here, you will also have time to browse the gift shop for souvenirs before heading back to Puntarenas having made new memories that will last forever.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This active excursion is suitable only for passengers in good physical condition. The minimum age required to participate is 8 years old. All passengers must complete a liability waiver and release; safety vests must be worn during the raft trip. Bring a change of clothes, an additional pair of shoes, and a towel, you will get wet. Wildlife sightings, while common, are not guaranteed.

Special Interests

Coffee Plantation, Sarchi & Country Drive

PA4-210 Approximately 5.5 hours / From \$59



Coffee production in Costa Rica has always played a key role in the country's history and is still important for the country's economy, with Puntarenas remaining one of the largest coffee growing regions. This super-enjoyable and educational guided half day excursion starts with a delightful ride through rustic countryside, passing a variety of landscapes including rich farmland, lush forests and mountain views as you approach the highlands of Naranjo, an area famous for its coffee production. Arriving at the Espiritu Santo coffee plantation you will be struck by its sheer size and natural beauty. The farm comprises 640 acres of prime coffee plantation, where the secrets of a real cup of coffee will be revealed to you.

A fantastic team of guides will explain every step of gourmet coffee production, and your amazing tour begins with a nursery demonstration to observe the different stages of the coffee plant during its first year. The coffee is dried under the sun, using century's old methods to produce a first quality coffee. During your visit to the plantation and processing plant, you will also have the opportunity to see workers fertilizing the soil, using the same organic solids produced during the cleaning and peeling process and sweeping the coffee under the sun, to make sure it dries evenly. Meanwhile, other workers take care of the final process of preparing and packing the coffee for exporting purposes. Your next stop is a visit to an old, yet authentic Costa Rican home, where your tour guide will explain how coffee used to be brewed, and why, after over 200 years, people still use a handmade "chorreador" instead of an electric coffee maker.

Spend a few minutes browsing the gift shop before boarding your transportation for the ride home, via the quaint artisan town of Sarchi. This delightful photo-stop is famous for producing Costa Rica's traditional hand-painted oxcarts. You will have time to wander through this picturesque village to meet the locals and admire their craftsmanship, before returning to port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring rain gear, a hat, binoculars, a camera, bottled water, sunscreen and insect repellent.



Cartagena, Colombia

One of the more interesting cities on your itinerary steeped in history. This was the transit port for all the wealth Spain derived from South America. The famous "Old City" is comprised of 12 square blocks filled with attractions, boutiques and restaurants.

Throughout Colombia, the Spanish Empire's influence in the New World is self-evident. Its fortress walls, quaint narrow streets, and balconied houses are all vivid reminders of Spain's hold on Cartagena and throughout the Caribbean and South America. This is the land of El Dorado and flamboyant adventurers in search of the ever-elusive gold. Cartagena's well-constructed fortifications defended its borders against seafaring pirates whose attacks lasted for more than 200 years. Today this modern and bustling city, seaport, and commercial center still boasts much of its original colonial architecture. Your journey here will provide you with a significant link to the region's grand past.

**Please note that passengers may encounter numerous local vendors at various tourist locations and may find them to be persistent in their sales offers.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular **World Heritage Site**

Highlights of Cartagena, Fortress & Las Bovedas

CTG-100 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$59



Your tour begins as you board your transportation for a scenic 15-minute drive through the Manga residential area to Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas (Fort of San Felipe). En route, you'll witness "Republican" architecture and several mansions restored to their original splendor.

Upon arriving at the magnificent fortress, you'll quickly 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. A must see is the tunnel system meant to facilitate supply and evacuation of the fortress.

Your next stop is Las Bóvedas, once dungeons, now home to boutiques and tourist shops. Shopping for handicrafts and works of art by local artisans is on the itinerary, as is a visit to Baluarte de Santa Catalina (Santa Catalina's bastion) atop Las Bovedas for view the Caribbean Sea.

Next you'll visit the famed Old City, a walled city with narrow streets and well-tended Spanish Colonial buildings. The city is connected by a series of bridges and divided by 17th-century walls into an "historic old city" and a cosmopolitan "modern city." Many local bars and restaurants in the old walled city's compact historic core, a UNESCO World Heritage site, remain its shining centerpiece. You'll stroll to the 18th century Historical Museum of Cartagena, a fine example of colonial architecture, yet an eerie reminder of "dark" days gone by. The museum façade features grilles and balcony, colonial-style, and a gate reflective of the baroque style. Behind the charming façade, a museum displays instruments of torture from the Spanish Inquisition, pre-Columbian, colonial and independence era art.

You'll wander the narrow cobblestone streets and city squares of the Old City, including Plaza de San Pedro. Within sight is San Pedro Claver Church. Built in the 17th century, the church displays exquisite statues and old-world furnishings honoring the missionary Saint Peter Claver, the patron saint of slaves and the first saint canonized in the Western Hemisphere. Continue your journey to the Navy Museum, established in 1986, restored ruins of the Jesuits school, discover the historic military efforts of Cartagena, enjoy the wealth of historical artifacts, maritime life and naval history of Colombia, enjoy a folkloric show and a refreshing soft drink.

You will have approximately 30 minutes to explore by your own & shop into the Old City before returning to the ship.

Excursion Length

Duration varies depending upon traffic

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

There is a paved, fairly steep incline that must be negotiated to reach the interior of the fortress. A complimentary beverage is included in the tour. The name of the Inquisition Palace has changed to the Historical Museum of Cartagena.

World Heritage Site

"Old City" & Historical Museum of Cartagena
CTG-110 Approximately 3.75 hours / From \$55



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Continue your journey to the Navy Museum, established in 1986, restored ruins of the Jesuits school, discover the historic military efforts of Cartagena, enjoy the wealth of historical artifacts, maritime life and naval history of Colombia, enjoy a folkloric show and a refreshing soft drink.

You will have approximately 35 minutes to explore by your own & shop into the Old City before returning to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The name of the Inquisition Palace has changed to the Historical Museum of Cartagena. Tour sequence may vary.

World Heritage Site

Scenic Drive of Cartagena & La Popa Monastery
CTG-115 Approximately 3 hours / From \$55



Departing from the pier, you will be accompanied by an English-speaking guide, pass by the traditional district of Manga to admire the beautiful houses of the Republican time on your way to La Popa convent, built during the 17th century and dedicated to Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria, one of the city's patron saints, enjoy the splendid view over the city and visit the small chapel for a look at the famous wooden statue of the Virgin, marvel at the wonderful gold leaves laminated main altar.

Continue on with your journey to a photo stop at the largest Spanish fort in the New World - Fort of San Felipe de Barajas, originally built in the 17th century, and snap pictures of the ancient towering walls and main entrance.

Take a 30 -minute drive to the walled city and marvel at the plethora of colonial buildings and age-old fortifications around every corner, as well as the old churches domes, the clock tower, symbol of the city and the city ocean views.

Continue your journey to the Navy Museum, established in 1986, restored ruins of the Jesuits school, discover the historic military efforts of Cartagena, enjoy the wealth of historical artifacts, maritime life and naval history of Colombia, enjoy a folkloric show and a refreshing soft drink.

After cooling down, take your transportation again for an overview of the modern residential area of Bocagrande, famous for its wide variety of shops, restaurants and hotels, before returning to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced



Horse & Carriage Tour of Old City & Fortress

CTG-140 Approximately 3 hours / From \$139

Your tour begins as you board your transportation for a scenic 15-minute drive through the Manga residential area to Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas (Fort of San Felipe). En route, you'll witness "Republican" architecture and several mansions restored to their original splendor. Upon arriving at the magnificent fortress, you'll quickly 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. This photo stop is just a hint of what's to come. You will pass Las Bóvedas, once dungeons, now home to souvenir and crafts. You'll continue to Casa Rafael Nuñez where horse carriages are parked just outside the Old City. Here, you'll board a horse carriage for an un-narrated ride lasting approximately one hour. Traveling along the narrow streets of the Old City, you'll pass churches and squares, and witness the Spanish colonial architecture for which the city is known. After the ride, you're free to walk on your own or shop before rejoining your guide and returning to the ship.

Special Notes

This tour is sold by the carriage. Please book tour by carriage and not per passenger. Carriages are small in size and can accommodate up to four people (two adults comfortably). Bring a hat and wear sun protection as it can be hot in the city.



Fortress, City Walls and Shopping by Land & Sea

CTG-600 Approximately 4 hours / From \$69

Your tour begins with a short ride to the dock where your harbor boat awaits. You'll enjoy a scenic 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 over 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.

After the harbor cruise, you'll drive to the Pierino Gallo Shopping Center for a refreshment break and the opportunity to shop. You'll continue to Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas for a contrasting view from land and a guided tour of this formidable castle. Upon arriving at the magnificent fortress, you'll quickly 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. Your tour concludes with a walk back to your transportation, and a relaxing drive back to the pier.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Not suitable for wheelchairs or those with significant difficulties walking. Tour requires getting in and out of the boat and climbing ramps to gain access to upper levels of San Felipe Fortress.

Special Interests



Folkloric Show & City Highlights

CTG-200 Approximately 4 hours / From \$69

Step back in time and explore a charming old world city born at the height of the Spanish Main. Relive the days when Spanish galleons roamed the seas and conquistadors and padres ruled over the land. Immerse yourself in history, culture and dramatic scenery on this easy, half-day tour.

Your Cartagena adventure begins at the pier where you'll meet your guide for the scenic drive that begins at the historic port. The sights continually unfold and the expert commentary brings it all to life. The Manga residential area, for instance, is a dazzling tableau of stately "Republican" architecture with several mansions restored to their original splendor to catch your eye.

At the historic Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas, a magnificent old fortress, you'll quickly 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. A photo stop here allows you to capture indelible images of the massive walls and parapets where an extensive battery of guns commanded the bay.

After a short drive, you'll arrive at the old walled city where you'll have the pleasure of exploring the compact historic core on foot. Soak up the sights of this UNESCO World Heritage Site from a photo stop at the San Francisco Javier gun battery to the renowned San Pedro Claver Church. Built in the 17th century, the church displays exquisite statues and old-world furnishings honoring the life

and work of missionary Saint Peter Claver, the patron saint of slaves and the first saint canonized in the Western Hemisphere.

Next, you'll wander the narrow cobblestone streets and city squares of the famed Old City. Marvel at the well-tended Spanish Colonial buildings, the age-old fortifications, and the intriguing blend of church domes, clock towers and shimmering ocean views.

Your next stop is the stunning Heredia Theater built in 1911 from the ruins of the old Mercy Church. Next enjoy a folkloric ballet show of music and dance. Five distinct dances from three important regions of Colombia will be presented, from the Atlantic Coast (Cumbia), the Pacific Coast (Currulao and Abosao), and the Los Andes region (the Market Place and the Indian Legend).

Your tour concludes with a shopping stop at Pierino Gallo Shopping Center, noted for leather goods, coffee and, of course, emeralds! Colombia is the world's leading producer of quality emeralds. Local gem cutters are considered among the best in the world. And, with low Colombia wages, the finished piece can often be had for a very reasonable price. To get the best deal, learn at home, shop smart, and save on the souvenir of a lifetime!

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour is only available on select itineraries. Please check your Cruise Personalizer for availability. For some arrivals, due to local bookings, the folkloric show is performed at Bellas Artes University in a beautiful colonial home instead of the traditional Heredia Theater.

World Heritage Site

La Popa Monastery, Gold Museum & Shopping

CTG-210 Approximately 4 hours / From \$49



Departing from the pier in your air-conditioned transportation, you will be accompanied by an English-speaking guide, pass by the traditional district of Manga to admire the beautiful houses of the Republican time on your way to The Convent of La Popa, a 400 year old monastery dedicated to Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria, one of the city's patron saints. Enjoy the splendid view of the wall city, the harbour, and the new city in the distance. Visit the small chapel and look at the famous wooden statue of the Virgin of Candelaria who is credited with delivering the city from the ravages of disease and pirates. The gold leaf laminated main altar is a site to behold.

After visiting La Popa, you'll head to a photo stop 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 cannons made prime targets of the English ships whenever they ventured within range. Commander Edward Vernon lost over 70 ships and 10,000 men in his ill-fated attempt to take the city.

In the mood for a little shopping to go along with your history? Next it's on to Las Bovedas (The Dungeons) for handicraft shopping. A fortress of local artisans display their works of art and crafts. You can also learn about the history of the battles and the way the city was defended from the pirates on your brief visit to Santa Catalina's bastion on top of the wall. After your shopping stop at the artisan center, you travel to the Gold Museum to admire beautiful displays of valuable pre-Columbian gold artifacts and some of the oldest ceramics in the Americas.

At the end, travel to the modern residential area of Bocagrande, famous for its wide variety of shops. Here you will find Colombia's famous native gem - the emerald - along with handicrafts and leather goods at Pierino Gallo Shopping Mall. Browse and shop for approximately 45 minutes before returning to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour requires that you are able to negotiate 15 steps to the Monastery and walking on cobble stones in the Old City which can be uneven. ***Due to the Mondays weekly closure, The Navy Museum will replace the Gold Museum on voyages 2334N (14 October 2013), 2336 (25 November 2013), 2410 (05 May 2014) for the Island Princess and voyages 6402 (13 January 2014), 6409 (March 31, 2014) for the Coral Princess***

World Heritage Site

Old City Walking Tour & Las Bovedas

CTG-380 Approximately 3 hours / From \$45



Your tour begins as you board your transportation for a scenic drive to the Old City, passing old colonial buildings and houses with colorful balconies en route.

A brief stop at Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas (Fort of San Felipe) allows for a myriad of photo opportunities. Upon arriving at the magnificent fortress, you'll quickly 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.

Your next stop is the Parque de la Marina, entrance to the Old City. From there, you start your walking in the famed Old City, via Plaza de Santa Teresa. Your guide will offer narration as you pass the San Pedro Claver Church dedicated to the missionary Saint Peter Claver, the patron saint of slaves and the first saint canonized in the Western Hemisphere. Together with your guide, you'll make your way to Plaza Bolívar and make a stop at the Modern Art Museum.

You'll marvel at the well-tended Spanish Colonial buildings and age-old Las Murallas (walls of the city), as well as the old church domes, the clock tower, symbol of the city and the city ocean views. Many local bars and restaurants in the old walled town's compact historic core, a UNESCO World Heritage site, remains its shining centerpiece.

Your next stop will be, Las Bóvedas, once dungeons, now home to boutiques and tourist shops. Shopping for handicrafts and works of art by local artisans is on the itinerary. After this quick shopping spree, your tour concludes with a walk back to your transportation, and a relaxing drive back to the pier.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Bring adequate sun protection. A bottle of water is provided.

World Heritage Site **Connoisseur**

Emerald Jewelry Making Class & Diploma

CTG-240 Approximately 4 hours / From \$99



Cartagena is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a living breathing city that has been remarkably well preserved. It provides the visitor with a fascinating glimpse of the Spanish Main and its swashbuckling days of buccaneers, conquistadors, slaves and missionaries. Protected from attack by massive walls and towering fortresses, it boasts a vibrant heritage that speaks to us today.

You'll get a taste of Cartagena's diverse history and culture on this easy half-day tour to the Caribbean School of Jewelry. Your friendly local guides 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, for a unique learning experience. The instructors will provide you with a work space and all the tools you need to learn how to create jewelry utilizing .925 sterling silver and emeralds. During the three hour lesson, you will watch demonstrations, listen to instruction, and get hands-on experience. Learn about creating a silver ring, a pendant, a pair of earrings or a bracelet chain.

You'll also have the opportunity to watch a video about Colombian emeralds including how they are mined and carved. A rare and mysterious stone that has been sought after for centuries as a symbol of good health, truth and fidelity, Colombia has been one of the world's main sources for emeralds since the arrival of the Spanish during the 16th century. Spain's passion for gold and precious stones is well known. It is interesting to note that 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. It seems the Spanish were content to sell or trade these emeralds for gold to other empires and royalty in places such as Egypt, India and Persia. In fact the Crown Jewels of Persia (Iran) probably contain the single most exquisite collection of fine emerald jewelry in the world.

You'll learn fascinating facts like these and enjoy an ever-changing panorama of sights and sounds during your return drive to the pier. Cartagena is a lovely city, a veritable jewel of the Caribbean brimming with historic architecture, cobblestoned squares, and expansive ocean views. It will provide indelible images to be enjoyed for years to come.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

At the end of the tour guests will visit a replica of an emerald mine.

Nature & Wildlife

World Heritage Site

Canoe Tour of Mangrove Tunnels & Old City Stroll

CTG-605 Approximately 4 hours / From \$59



Your tour begins as you board your transportation for a scenic drive along the coastline to the town of La Boquilla, the mangrove area located on the eastern side of Cartagena. Here you'll board a canoe and relax as the captain poles you through the mangrove tunnels and across a shallow lake. This area is rich with waterfowl, so be sure to look for the colorful mangrove crabs and local and season birds, including Ibis, herons, pelicans and albatross. Wildlife sightings, while common, cannot be guaranteed.

After your mangrove tour, you'll return to the Old City. Your next stop is Las Bóvedas, once dungeons, now home to arts and crafts stalls. Begin your walking tour through the colonial city with your guide. You'll marvel at the well tended Spanish 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 city

ocean views. Many local bars and restaurants in the old walled town's compact historic core, a UNESCO World Heritage site, remains its shining centerpiece. Your tour concludes with a walk back to your transportation and drive back to the pier.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Tour visits an authentic rustic fishing village where despite not being luxurious, the locals are eager to show their way of life. Due to the type of wood the canoes are made of it is normal to have some water inside. Wear comfortable footwear and bring adequate sun protection and a bottle of water. Wildlife sightings, while common, cannot be guaranteed.

Exploring On Your Own**World Heritage Site****Colonial Cartagena Sightseeing Tour On Your Own**

CTG-395 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$39



Soak up the historical and cultural sights of colonial Cartagena with a self-guided tour inside Las Murallas, the thick walls built to protect the city from its enemies in the 16th century. Wear light clothing and comfortable walking shoes; and don't forget to bring a camera to capture the sights.

Your three-and-a-half-hour tour begins as you board your air-conditioned transportation for a scenic, narrated drive to downtown Cartagena. Once you arrive, you'll be guided along a walk lined with monuments of the former leaders of Colombia. Once inside the walled city, you'll receive a brief overview and a map, and guided through the main plaza, Plaza de la Aduana, to Simon Bolivar Square. Then, for approximately 90 minutes, you're free to explore on your own on foot; or a unique way to see the city is to take a ride in a horse-drawn carriage. As you walk or ride through the picturesque streets, you'll be charmed by terraces entwined with flowers, lush parks and entertaining street musicians.

Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site the Old City area is comprised of three sections: El Centro, where most of the historic buildings are located; San Diego, home to the city's merchant class; and San Pedro, where the nobles and the notables resided.

In the center you will find many attractions such as the Palacio de la Inquisicion, the Inquisition Museum. From the outside, this charming building is a prime example of colonial architecture, but inside, is a museum featuring a spine-chilling collection of instruments of torture from the Spanish Inquisition, as well as artwork from the pre-Columbian, colonial and independence eras.

During the colonial period wealthy merchants of the town once lived in the San Diego neighborhood. Here, you'll discover the Las Bovedas shopping arcade, the School of Fine Arts, the Plaza de Madrid and the legendary Sofitel Hotel Santa Clara, which was originally built in 1621 and known as the Convento de las Clarisas. Nearby is the Plaza de los Coches, where slaves were once bought and sold, and Puerta del Reloj, which was once the main gateway into the walled city.

Two must see churches reside in San Pedro. Construction of the Cartagena Cathedral was begun in 1575 but partially demolished by Sir Francis Drake's cannons. The church and convent of San Pedro Claver was built in the 17th century and displays exquisite statues and old-world furnishings honoring the life and work of missionary Saint Peter Claver, the patron saint of slaves and the first saint canonized in the Western Hemisphere.

After time on your own, you'll meet at the main city entrance where you will re-board your transportation for your return to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Participants should be in good physical condition and be able to easily navigate narrow walkways and uneven pathways and terrain. This tour is not wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable, lightweight clothing, sensible footwear, sunglasses and sunscreen. Bring your camera. Admission fees to the venues are not included.



Aruba

Dutch influence still lingers on this balmy Caribbean island, part of the former Netherlands Antilles until its independence in 1986. Aruba is a contrast: the island's arid interior is dotted with cactus and windswept divi-divi trees while secluded coves and sandy beaches make up its coast. Aruba's long and colorful heritage is reflected in its dialect. Called Papiamentu, it is a tongue that combines elements of Spanish, French, Portuguese, Dutch, African and English.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Island Highlights & Beach

AUA-100 Approximately 4 hours / From \$55



This relaxing tour begins with an easy drive through the island's capital, Oranjestad, in your air conditioned bus. Sit back and enjoy the sight of Aruba's colorful markets and many impressive Dutch Colonial buildings, including a short photo-stop in the town's center. You will then drive through Frenchman's Pass, the legendary passage where in the 17th century, invading French pirates were confronted by Indians above the Spanish Lagoon. Your next stop is at the Casibari Rock formations, a shrub covered landscape shaped by boulders, some the size of small houses and weighing several tons. Arawak Indians would visit here in order to hear incoming thunderstorms and you will have the opportunity to take photographs and visit the gift shop.

Heading to the north coast, you will then be able to explore one of Aruba's popular sights, the sea-worn Natural Bridge that collapsed in 2005, and the still in-tact Baby Natural Bridge. On the way, you'll drive past Aruba's divi-divi trees, considered a natural compass as they point in a southwesterly direction due to the trade winds. The last stop of this laid-back tour is at one of the island's beaches. Be sure to wear your swimsuit. You will have approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes to swim in the ocean, stroll along the beach or simply relax.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Medical Restriction

MUST BE ABLE TO GET IN AND OUT OF THE BUS (3 STEPS) UNASSISTED

Special Notes

Tour sequence may vary, but the beach stop will always be last. Wear a swimsuit and bring a towel and adequate sun protection. Chairs are available for rent on a first come first serve bases. In case of rough sea conditions, the beach stop may be cancelled with alternative stops offered. Restrooms are available at the Natural Bridge ruins for 50 cents, a local custom.

California Lighthouse, Ostrich Attraction & Shopping

AUA-230 Approximately 4 hours / From \$55



Your relaxing tour starts when you board your air-conditioned transportation at the pier, for the short drive to one of the island's scenic highlights, the California Lighthouse. The lighthouse is named after the "U.S. California" which sunk just off the coast of Aruba in 1893, years before the lighthouse was built. Here, you will have plenty of time to admire the stunning island views and take photographs.

Boarding your transportation, you will continue your drive across the island's arid terrain, viewing cacti and divi-divi trees, known as Aruba's natural compass as they always point in a southwesterly direction. Your guide may also point out iguanas and wild goats, so make sure you have your cameras close to hand at all times. You will continue on to two fascinating rock formations: the ruins of the island's Natural Bridge and the still intact Baby Natural Bridge. The Natural Bridge fell into the sea in 2005, but the smaller bridge, an arch carved out of rock and coral, is a photogenic island highlight.

After freely exploring this fascinating terrain, you will climb back on the transportation for the short drive to the striking Casibari rock formations. Here, giant boulders, some as tall as houses, lie heaped about the landscape, most of which are covered in unique shrubs. Animal lovers will then enjoy a tour of the island's delightful ostrich attraction. Here you will get acquainted with many of these interesting, flightless birds as well as the emu. Although Africa is the native land of the ostrich, this intriguing bird finds a perfect home in Aruba's rugged landscape. The Aruba Ostrich Attraction welcomes you to come and meet its flock of the largest living species in the world. Those of you who are brave enough will have the opportunity to feed them: a handler will supervise the feeding

and you will be advised to removed jewelry and sunglasses.

Returning to the pier, if time permits, you will have the option of being dropped off in Oranjestad for independent shopping, before making your own way back to the ship. This is totally dependent on ship's schedule, length of stay in port, and any delays encountered while sightseeing.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Medical Restriction

NO RESTRICTIONS BUT THE GUEST MUST BE ABLE TO STEP IN AND OUT OF THE TRANSPORTATION (3 STEPS) UNASSISTED

Special Notes

Tour sequence may vary. Feeding the ostriches is permitted, but exercise caution. It is recommended that jewelry and sunglasses be removed prior to feeding the birds.

Butterfly Farm, Rock Formations & Shopping

AUA-235 Approximately 3 hours / From \$55



The Butterfly Farm is a few minutes' drive from the pier, so sit back and enjoy the scenery from the comfort of your air-conditioned transportation. This laid-back tour is designed for guests who love to get close to nature. On arrival at the Butterfly Farm you will meet your expert guide, who will show you around the wonderful tropical gardens. Here you will view hundreds of exotic butterflies flying freely within large meshed enclosures. Witness all stages of their life cycle from a tiny egg to a caterpillar and jewel-like pupa.

After experiencing nature in its most delicate form, you will then climb back onto the transportation, traveling past the wind-swept divi-divi trees en route to the Aruba Aloe Factory. Here you will tour this fascinating factory and learn how aloe is grown, processed, and turned into their world famous skin care products. A guide will cut open an aloe plant to show you what aloe vera looks like in its purest form. There will also be time for you to visit the gift shop to purchase aloe products before the drive to the Ayo rock formations. With lots of time to discover this dramatic backdrop, why not explore the natural gardens that lie among the rocks. Arawak Indians would draw on the rocks and you may be able to view some of their drawings up close. Your journey back to port takes you across more striking terrain, and you may opt to be dropped off in Oranjestad's town center, for independent shopping and sight-seeing.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Tour sequence may vary. For Sunday arrivals, the aloe factory is open but not operating.

Activities & Adventures

De Palm Island Beach, Water Park & Meal

AUA-280 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$85



Board your air-conditioned transportation for the brief transfer to the ferry landing, before a short ride across a protected lagoon to this entertaining and colorful resort island. Upon arrival, you will receive a brief orientation to the super-fun De Palm Island and all of its amenities including the thrilling Blue Parrotfish Water Park, water slides and beach areas. Sun seekers and water babies will then have the opportunity to splash around in the sea and enjoy their paradise surroundings to the full.

Activities, aside from the water park, include snorkeling, sunbathing, swimming, banana boat rides and the chance to play a game or two of beach volleyball. Your unique 'passport' also includes the use of snorkeling equipment and lessons - a magnificent way of viewing the many tropical fish that live in these crystal clear waters. Lounge chairs, freshwater showers, a meal, complimentary alcoholic beverages and soft drinks are provided.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Medical Restriction

SHOULD BE IN GENERAL GOOD HEALTH FOR SNORKELING , IN WATERPARK- PREGNANT WOMEN AND THOSE WITH BAD BACKS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED TO GO ON THE SLIDES

Special Notes

Wear a swimsuit and bring towel and adequate sun protection. Lockers are available for a nominal fee. Breakfast is served on De Palm Island upon arrival for morning ship calls until 11 am. The lunch and the snack bar opens at 12 noon and 11 am respectively. Water park operations start promptly at 10 am, water slides will open at this time. SNUBA upgrade is offered at De Palm Island for a nominal fee with a purchased De Palm Island Beach ticket. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver.

California Lighthouse & Beach

AUA-285 Approximately 4 hours / From \$35



The adventure begins when you board your fun and unique mode of transport for the day - a giant open air banana bus. Take a short trip along Aruba's stunning west coast to your first stop of the day, the California Lighthouse. This brief photo stop offers panoramic views of the island. The building itself is a fascinating structure, named after the steamship "California," which sank in the middle of the night on 23 September, 1891. After you've had a few minutes to explore, it's time to climb back onto the super-fun banana bus, which takes you to MooMba Beach, located in the hotel zone of Palm Beach. Spend time on the sandy beach in your complimentary lounge chair, while absorbing the stunning surroundings that include giant palapas, the traditional thatched umbrellas. MooMba Beach also offers a full-service bar and restaurant, restrooms and changing facilities, outdoor fresh water showers, and a gift shop for souvenir hunting.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Wear a swimsuit and bring a towel and adequate sun protection. Beverages and food are available for purchase. Beach vendors offer chairs to rent. However, the yellow chairs provided at MooMba Beach are complimentary. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver.

Schooner Cruise, Antilla Shipwreck & Snorkeling

AUA-805 Approximately 4 hours / From \$65



If you've ever wanted to be "Captain Jack Sparrow" for a day, then this adventurous and active sea-faring tour is for you.

You will have plenty of opportunities to channel your inner Johnny Depp and fulfill any long-held "Pirates of the Caribbean" fantasies while cruising the beautiful sky-blue waters around Aruba. After a short scenic drive up the west coast, you will arrive at famous MooMba beach, where you will board the impressive "Jolly Pirates," a charming teak schooner. Here you will witness the trade winds snap the sails to life as you sail along Aruba's coastline, all the while soaking up the fabulous sun, coastline views and varied sea-life. During the course of the tour, the ship will visit three of Aruba's famed snorkeling sites which include two shallow reef areas and the wreck of the "Antilla," the German freighter that sank in shallow waters near the coast during World War II.

The "Jolly Pirates" well-practiced crew will be happy to demonstrate their acrobatic skills on the ship's yard arm, and then it will be your turn to perfect your own style of fly n' dive off the thrilling rope swing. After you've snorkeled to your heart's content, sit back and enjoy the wonderful coral and sea-life, or relax on the deck with a complimentary open bar, before heading back to port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Medical Restriction

Not recommended for those with back/neck injuries, heart/respiratory conditions

Special Notes

Wear a swimsuit and adequate sun protection and bring a towel. The vessel has cushioned shaded areas. This tour is not recommended for those with back or neck problems, and heart or respiratory conditions. Snorkeling equipment including snorkel vest are provided and must be worn. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver. NOTE: This tour is only available on select itineraries. Please consult your Cruise Personalizer for availability.

Snorkeling Cruise & Antilla Shipwreck

AUA-810 Approximately 4 hours / From \$49



Enjoy a 3-hour snorkel cruise that gives you the chance to marvel at the beauty of Aruba's Coastline and the riches of underwater Aruba. The perfect combination of wind, sun and sailing makes this a fun and relaxing trip at the same time. After some smooth sailing, the first stop will be at Boca Catalina for some great reef snorkeling. As the depth will be around 15 feet, it is the perfect place to refresh or learn snorkeling skills.

The second stop will be at the famous "Antilla" shipwreck. A remnant of World War II, the "Antilla" was scuttled by its own captain, to prevent it from being captured by the Dutch Marines. Today it lies on its side in 60 feet of water. Voted as one of the World's Top 10

Dive and Snorkel sites, seeing the largest shipwreck in the Caribbean will be an experience you won't forget. Your snorkeling adventure will be followed by a relaxing sail back to the cruise terminal with unlimited Rum Punch, juices and soda's accompanied by recorded music.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Involves a 300 yard walk to the snorkel vessel. Wear a swimsuit and bring a towel and adequate sun protection. Snorkeling equipment including snorkel vest are provided and must be worn. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver.

'Mi Dushi' Sail, Snorkel, Antilla Shipwreck & Lunch

AUA-815 Approximately 6 hours / From \$79



Enjoy a short yet scenic drive along Aruba's pretty coastline en route to the "Mi Dushi," a classic 80-foot Swedish sailing vessel made of oak and mahogany. Upon arrival you will enjoy the cool trade winds, dazzling sunshine and warm hospitality of Captain Jesus and his crew. Setting sail, you will then experience the thrill of snorkeling at two beautiful shallow reefs, before exploring the sunken WWII German freighter the "Antilla."

After snorkeling, you will be served a tasty island lunch of chicken, grouper with Creole sauce, Caribbean rice, and tomato and cucumber salad, accompanied by a cold beverage from the complimentary premium bar. Those of you who are feeling adventurous will also be able to take the plunge off the exciting wet and wild rope swing into the sparkling azure sea. On the sail home, lounge on the hammock as you enjoy stunning coastal views and a relaxing atmosphere. Snorkeling equipment, including your own personal mouth piece, and snorkel vest are included, as well as professional instruction, supervision and complimentary beverages.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Medical Restriction

Medical conditions that prevent participation (back/neck injuries, heart/respiratory conditions, limited mobility)

Special Notes

Minimum age to participate is 7 years old. Snorkeling equipment including snorkel vest are provided and must be worn. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver. Due to time constraints in port, this tour may not be available on every voyage.

Helmet Dive, De Palm Island Beach & Meal

AUA-900 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$139



Even non-divers can enjoy this fascinating 'sea trek' among the parrot fish and coral reefs of Aruba's clear waters. After a short transfer across the protected lagoon to lively De Palm Island, you will be directed to the helmet dive area for an equipment orientation and safety briefing. Your helmet and air system, which allows you to keep your hair dry and your glasses on, will be placed on your head as you enter the water down a ladder at the pier.

Approximately 20 feet below the water line, your guided walk begins as you walk along the sea path with the help of a handrail. Look out for the many tropical fish and coral formations, as well as a sunken airplane, and enjoy the sensation of breathing underwater. Once you have walked this incredible sea path, it's time to return to the beach where you will have time to soak up the sun and enjoy a light complimentary buffet (breakfast or lunch). Afterwards, explore De Palm Island's other amenities, including snorkeling, the super-fun water park, volleyball and a banana boat ride.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Medical Restriction

NO PREGNANT WOMEN, ASTHMA, HEART PROBLEMS OF ANY KIND, RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS, VERTIGO

Special Notes

The minimum age required to participate is 8 years old. Participants must weigh at least 75 pounds. The dive ranges from approximately 8 to 20 feet in depth. Alternate dive site may be used and sightings will vary at alternate site. Wetsuits are available for rent. A medical history/liability waiver must be completed prior to participating on this tour. Certain medical conditions may prevent participation. Wear a swimsuit and bring a towel and adequate sun protection. The helmet weighs approximately 70 pounds out of the water, 15 pounds submerged. Assistance is provided when entering and coming out of the water. Personal cameras are not permitted on the helmet portion of the tour. Breakfast is served on De Palm Island upon arrival for morning ship calls until 11 am. The lunch and the snack bar opens at 12 noon and 11 am respectively. Water park operations start promptly at 9 am for half day calls and 10 for full day calls, water slides will open at this time.

Certified Scuba Diving & Antilla Shipwreck (Two Sites)

AUA-930 Approximately 4 hours / From \$119



At the cruise terminal, a Red Sail Sports representative will meet you and assist you in completing the necessary waivers. Afterwards, you'll be guided to the dive boat for a 2-tank dive trip. The boat ride to the first dive takes approximately 45 minutes and will be a wreck dive at the "Antilla".

The "Antilla" was a German freighter that was scuttled by its captain during World War II. The "Antilla" is the largest wreck in the Caribbean (400 feet long) and is covered with giant tube sponges and coral formations, surrounded by lobsters and tropical fish. The dive has a depth of 60 feet and the bottom time is approximately 40 minutes. On this dive the group will be split up into smaller groups and guided by a dive master or instructor.

After 20 minutes surface interval, the second dive will take place on the shallow wreck of the "Pedernalis." The ship 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 complete wreck cabins, wash basins, and lavatories as well as the tankers pipeline system. The area around the "Pedernalis" is known for its many types of groupers and its bounty of angel fish. The dive has a maximum depth of 25 feet with a bottom time of approximately 35 minutes. Again, on this dive you will be split into the same smaller groups as during your first dive and guided by a dive master or instructor.

Medical Restriction

Medical conditions that prevent participation (pregnant women, those with back/neck injuries, heart/respiratory conditions, etc)

Special Notes

Certified divers must present their Open Water certification card and log book to participate. Participants must show that they have dived during the last two years. A medical history/liability waiver must be completed prior to participating on this tour. Certain medical conditions may prevent participation. Tour sequence may vary. Dive sites subject to change. Minimum age to participate is 12 years old. Weight restriction 350 pounds. All equipment is included except the wetsuit. Please advise the onboard Shore Excursion Manager if you wish to rent one. Fee is: \$15.00

4WD Island Tour, Baby Natural Bridge & Arashi Beach

AUA-340 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$99



Perfect for those who prefer off-road adventures, this four hour excursion showcases all that Aruba has to offer. And as you cross the island, a friendly and informative guide will share his knowledge of the many sights you'll visit and refreshments will be provided during your tour. Because of the often rocky surfaces, uneven roads and narrows paths, this 4WD excursion is not recommended for children under six or those over 350 pounds. It's also a good idea to wear comfortable clothes (don't forget to wear a swimsuit) and bring along sun block, insect repellent and a towel. And remember to bring a camera to capture all the fantastic sights.

After a short ride to the starting point, you'll meet your guide before climbing aboard your 4WD Land Rover vehicle. Then, you'll feel like a true explorer as you take off for Aruba's north and east coasts.

As you travel along you'll notice that the island is dotted with massive diorite boulders that have been wind carved over the centuries to form unusual shapes. One of the most extraordinary is Casibari Rock. This monolithic rock formation is called Aruba's Stonehenge but geologists believe that it's from tectonic plates colliding together. A walk up to the top rewards you with constant breezes and terrific views.

Your next stop is Baby Natural Bridge, one of Aruba's most popular attractions. Pounded over thousands of years by wind and surf, this natural coral limestone bridge is a powerful testament to nature's power. Nearby is another bridge that collapsed in 2005.

Continuing on, you'll stop at the Bushiribana Gold Mine Ruins. Believed by the Spanish in 1499 to hold great hordes of gold, the land was soon abandoned when very little of this precious metal was found. They should have waited about 300 years. In 1824, gold was discovered near a pirate hideaway called Bushiribana. A large smelting plant was built in 1872 and for the next 10 years, it was used to extract gold until it was depleted. Today, the crumbling plant looks almost medieval in its dilapidated appearance.

Then, you'll stop at the picturesque Alto Vista Chapel. Built in 1952 it sits on the same site that occupied the original chapel in 1750. Standing at the tip of the island's northern end is the majestic California Lighthouse. Named for the USS California, which sank in 1893, the lighthouse offers spectacular views from its 98-foot high perch.

Finally, enjoy laid-back swimming in Arashi Beach. Soft, white sands and crystal clear water makes it one of the most popular spots in Aruba.

After your dip, your 4WD will take you through Palm Beach, Eagle Beach and Druif Beach on your back to the drop off point.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Medical Restriction

No pregnant women or people with back, neck or kidney problems allowed.

Special Notes

Bring adequate sun protection. This tour is not recommended for passengers who are pregnant or have back, neck or kidney problems. The maximum weight limit per person is 350 pounds. Minimum age to participate is 6 years old. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver. Some venues charge 50 cents for the use of the restroom.

Off the Beaten Path

Countryside Horseback Ride

AUA-430 Approximately 3 hours / From \$99



One of our most active tours, this horseback adventure is also one of the most fun. Suitable only for passengers who are in peak physical condition. You will spend almost an hour and a half on horseback discovering the natural beauty of Aruba. At the pier in Oranjestad, the day starts when you board your air-conditioned transportation for the short transfer to the horse ranch. Here you will meet your friendly guides and be assigned your horse for the day. Once you've become acquainted with your ride, it's time to climb into the saddle and follow your guide on a slow trot through Aruba's "cunucu," otherwise known as its most unspoiled countryside.

Points of interest along the way include the island's famous bent-over divi-divi trees, a natural compass as they only ever point in a southwesterly direction due to the trade winds. You may spot iguanas and goats. Your guide will then lead you down to a beautiful secluded beach, where you will enjoy a much deserved, cold beverage, while you and your steed soak up the surroundings. Located in the eastern side of the island, you will also visit the Wariruri Natural Bridge a limestone formation that was pounded for thousands of years by waves and wind. The tour does not include a horseback ride into the ocean, nor does it factor in time for swimming. After a brief stop, it's time to trot back to the ranch, say good-bye to your faithful ride and head back to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This most active excursion is suitable only for passengers in excellent physical condition. The minimum age required to participate is 10 years old. The maximum weight to participate is 225 pounds. Wear suitable riding clothes and bring adequate sun protection. Closed toe shoes are required. Participants must wear a helmet. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver. The tour does not include a ride into the ocean, nor does it factor in time for swimming.

A Day at De Palm Island & Lunch

AUA-275 Approximately 6.5 hours / From \$99



Board your air-conditioned transportation for the brief transfer to the ferry landing, before a short ride across a protected lagoon to this entertaining and colorful resort island. Upon arrival, you will receive a brief orientation to the super-fun De Palm Island and all of its amenities including the thrilling Blue Parrotfish Water Park, water slides and beach areas. Sun seekers and water babies will then have the opportunity to splash around in the sea and enjoy their paradise surroundings to the full.

Activities, aside from the water park, include snorkeling, sunbathing, swimming, banana boat rides and the chance to play a game or two of beach volleyball. Your unique 'passport' also includes the use of snorkeling equipment and lessons - a magnificent way of viewing the many tropical fish that live in these crystal clear waters. Lounge chairs, freshwater showers, a complete lunch buffet, complimentary alcoholic beverages and soft drinks are provided.

Special Notes

Wear a swimsuit and bring towel and adequate sun protection. Lockers available for rent in the gift shop. Water park operations start promptly at 10 am, water slides will open at this time. SNUBA upgrade is offered at De Palm Island for a nominal fee with a purchased De Palm Island Beach ticket. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver.

UTV Off-Road Adventure

AUA-555 Approximately 3.25 hours / From \$219



You may think that Aruba's only charms lie in its snow white beaches and glistening turquoise waters but the island's outback is also chock full of jagged cliffs, house sized boulders and eerie ruins. So if you live for adrenaline-pumping, outdoor adventure, this three hour excursion is for you. To make your experience even more enjoyable, be sure to wear sturdy shoes, long pants, sun glasses, a hat and put on sunscreen.

The thrills kick off with a short ride to the UTV main office where you'll meet your knowledgeable guide who will instruct you in how to properly drive your utility task vehicle. Then, you'll grab on to the controls and take off for a two-hour-and-forty-minute ride into Aruba's wild landscape.

Among the sights you'll travel past the spectacular Ayo Rocks. These giant boulders, many as big as a house and weighing several

tons, date back thousands of years.

Rewing along, your UTV ventures through the Andicuri trail and past the rugged coastline of the island's northwest corner before stopping to visit the charming Chapel of Alto Vista. Originally constructed in 1750 by the Caiquetio Indians and Spanish settlers, the chapel fell into ruin over the centuries. The sacred structure you see today was built 60 years ago on the chapel's original site. Outside, the charming yellow building is a welcoming landmark situated atop a hill overlooking the ocean. Inside rests an award-winning solid oak, hand carved altar.

Your next stop is the Gold Mine Ruins. Believed by the Spanish in 1499 to hold great hordes of gold, the land was soon abandoned when very little of this precious metal was found. They should have waited about 300 years. In 1824, gold was discovered near a pirate hideaway called Bushiribana. A large smelting plant was built in 1872 and for the next 10 years, it was used to extract gold until it was depleted. Today, the crumbling plant looks almost medieval in its dilapidated appearance.

Continuing on, you'll head to the island's northwestern tip for a look at Aruba's desert. Acres of windswept, white sand dunes studded with large boulders roll up and around the 100-year-old California Lighthouse, named for the USS California, a wooden sailing ship that sank in 1908. Although you can't go inside, you can climb up the hill to the base of the 98-foot-tall stone lighthouse for panoramic views of the western and eastern coastlines.

At the end of your unforgettable journey, you'll turn your UTV around and head back to your ship in Oranjestad and enjoy the rest of your day before boarding.

Medical Restriction

No pregnant women, no guests with heart, back and/or neck issues.

Special Notes

This tour is sold per vehicle, which can hold two passengers. Minimum age is 12 years old to participate as a passenger. Drivers must present a valid driver's license and must be at least 25 years old. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver.

This tour is only available on select itineraries. Please consult your Cruise Personalizer for availability.

Nature & Wildlife

Semi-Submarine, Shipwreck & Island Drive

AUA-655 Approximately 4 hours / From \$69



Your tour begins when you board the ferry "Stingray" at Palm Pier, on one of Aruba's best beaches. After a 20-minute transfer, you'll board the semi-sub. This is a surface vessel where you sit five feet below the waterline, the perfect way to discover the fascinating sea life that lives in these crystal clear Caribbean waters. The semi-sub will head towards the wreck of the "Antilla," a German freighter that was sunk off the coast of Aruba during World War II. The tour is narrated and you will learn about how this 440-foot-long freighter met its watery end. You will also be able to view coral and the plentiful sea life, before returning to dry land. Here you will board your air-conditioned transportation for the short yet scenic journey to the California Lighthouse for views of Aruba's windward coast.

The lighthouse is named after the U.S. ship which sunk in 1893, years before the lighthouse was built. Your captivating day then continues as you drive to the Casibari rock formations, where you will have time to browse the gift shop and view the amazing landscape formed by diorite boulders the size of small houses. Energetic guests may wish to climb the 80 rustic steps to the formation's summit for stunning views of the island. Finally, it's time to head to Aruba's rugged north coast, to view the breath-taking Baby Natural Bridge, carved by the surf from solid coral and limestone. You will also be able to view the collapsed original Natural Bridge, and visit the gift shop here. Your route back to the ship takes you past the fascinating ruins of a 19th-century gold mill at Boca Mahos, and at the end of the tour, you will have the option to independently explore Aruba's capital city Oranjestad. You will then be responsible for your return to the ship, which is a mere five minute walk away.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Tour sequence may vary. Passengers with cameras should use 400 ASA or higher speed film onboard the Explorer for best results.

Atlantis Submarine Expedition

AUA-670 Approximately 2 hours / From \$99



Forget gift shopping for the folks back home and take a once-in-a-lifetime trip on a submarine to the magical, underwater world of the Caribbean. "Atlantis" is specifically designed for comfortable, underwater passenger excursions, air-conditioned and streamlined. To get to the submarine, you will take a short ferry ride and board the submarine off the coastline. Although this sounds challenging,

the transfer from one ship to another is in fact very easy, but do remember to wear nonskid shoes. After meeting your captain and crew, the submarine will then descend for approximately 50 minutes to depths of 130 feet.

Once below in the clear blue waters you will have a chance to view fascinating coral formations, a mysterious sunken airplane, or the sunken coaster "Morgenster" up close. You will also discover the many colorful fish that inhabit these waters. To help you identify the different breeds of fish, you will have the use of an 'exotic fish chart' that is attached to your seat. The experienced captain and crew will point out many wonderful watery sights during the trip, and after your voyage you will receive a certificate as proof of your participation in a real life submarine excursion. Now that's something to show the folks back home!

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Due to safety regulations, the minimum height required to participate is 36 inches. The minimum age required to participate is 4 years old. Participants must negotiate 11 steep steps to get down into the sub. Passengers with cameras should use 400 ASA or higher speed film onboard the sub for best results. The sub is U.S.. Coast Guard approved. Involves a 300 yards walk to the transfer boat.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF TAKING ORGANIZED EXCURSIONS?

A. There are a number of advantages to taking organized tours offered by Princess, such as:

Quality: We have carefully inspected all of our ports and we offer you excursions from only the most reputable local tour operators

Variety: All our tours are designed both to feature the most popular and interesting attractions in each port and to satisfy the diverse needs and interests of our passengers.

Service: What could be easier than letting us arrange your tours for you? Either by having your tours organized onboard so you can best maximize your time in port and avoid having to make independent, last-minute arrangements, or by pre-reserving all your excursions at princess.com. Princess is at your service.

Safety: Your safety and security are of the utmost importance to us and they are the primary consideration in the development and operation of our tour programs.

Value: We endeavor to select local tour operators who provide excursions of the highest quality and we carefully monitor prices to ensure that you are receiving good value. Remember to book early to receive the best possible price.

Q. WHAT DOES PRINCESS DO TO ENSURE MY SAFETY WHILE I'M ASHORE?

A. Our primary concern at Princess is your safety and security. We are in continual contact with authorities concerning any travel advisories that might impact our cruises. If the U.S. State Department advises against travel to specific locations we visit, we would make the necessary changes to the published itinerary. Although such itinerary changes occur infrequently, please understand that these changes are for your own safety and security and are beyond our control.

Despite all of our efforts and in light of recent world events, we remind all of our passengers that they must ultimately assume responsibility for their actions while ashore. In this regard, we would like to remind you of some common sense precautions when visiting ports-of-call:

- Stay in the normal tourist areas and don't travel to out-of-the-way places without the benefit of a guided tour offered through Princess.
- Do not leave any of your belongings unattended in public areas.
- Be generally aware of people and activities around you.
- Do not accept packages from anyone you don't know personally.
- Keep a low profile - dress and behave conservatively.
- Be careful when eating and drinking ashore.

We thank you in advance for following these recommendations, which we believe will enhance the enjoyment of your cruise or cruisetour.

Q. WILL I MISS THE SHIP IF I GO ON A SHORE EXCURSION?

A. One very important feature of taking a shore excursion organized by Princess is that we closely monitor the departures and returns of all our tours. Therefore, our ships do not sail until all of our organized tour transportation has returned, so you can be assured that you won't miss the ship. Please keep in mind that when you make your own arrangements in port, or if you leave an organized tour, we will no longer be aware of your whereabouts; so be sure to schedule ample time to return to the ship before it sails.

Q. HOW DO I RESERVE MY SHORE EXCURSIONS IN ADVANCE OF MY CRUISE?

A. Visit our website at princess.com for the most up-to-date shore excursion information, full tour descriptions and to request your shore excursions up until 5 days prior to your cruise. The Cruise Personalizer is the fastest and most convenient way to reserve your shore excursions. Please keep in mind that you will receive your tickets when you arrive onboard and all of your shore excursion purchases are charged to your shipboard account. Advance payment is not accepted. Since shore excursions have limited capacity, we encourage you to reserve your tours as early as possible to avoid disappointment and confirm the best price. Reservations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

You may change shore excursion requests, but be advised that shore excursion prices may change. Requests to add tickets at a later time can be made but these tickets may be at a higher price than those previously booked. If you request a shore excursion which you previously cancelled, these requests will be confirmed at the current shore excursion price, which may be higher.

Q. HOW DO I RESERVE MY LAND EXCURSIONS IN ADVANCE OF MY CRUISETOUR?

A. When you are ready to pre-reserve your land excursions, go to the Cruise Personalizer and have your booking number and credit card information ready to enter. A credit card must be registered for each passenger that wishes to participate on a land excursion and we accept Princess Visa, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Diner's Club. Credit cards used to pre-reserve land excursions must be valid through the full length of your cruisetour and may also be used to establish your shipboard account. Although a credit card is required to reserve your excursion(s), guests are able to pre-reserve all of their land excursions with no deposit required. An auto-charge of all pre-reserved excursions will take place two days prior to your first Land Excursion booking. Confirmed pre-reserved excursions can be viewed at any time in your detailed itinerary in the Cruise Personalizer. The Cruise Personalizer will remain open until your cruisetour departure date so you may add or cancel tours prior to the cancellation deadline without penalty. Excursions cancelled once the auto-charge has been processed are subject to a 100% penalty. Note that excursion availability is based on cruisetour date, capacity limitations, and suitable weather conditions. Excursions are subject to change at any time and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Guests are encouraged to book early as space is limited and flightseeing tours in particular may not be available for pre-reserving right up to tour departure date. Prior to travel, print your Travel Summary which will have a listing of all of your pre-reserved land excursions. You will also receive information on confirmed excursions in your Welcome Envelope upon arrival at each location.

Q. HOW CAN I BE SURE I AM CONFIRMED ON THE EXCURSIONS I WANT?

A. When you book your excursions online at princess.com, you receive an immediate confirmation of the status and price of your requested excursion. The site shows the remaining capacity on all tours, so you know if you are confirmed or waitlisted. To avoid disappointment and confirm the best price, please reserve your excursions as early as possible. If the specific tour time you requested is fully booked, Princess may schedule you on an alternate departure that corresponds with your other tour selections.

If your shore excursion choice is not available, we will put you on a waitlist and attempt to obtain more space on the shore excursion. If you have companions traveling with you in your stateroom or in other staterooms and would like everyone to be on the same shore excursion departure, order all the excursions under one name. Requests made individually, even if at the same time, may cause you to be booked on a different departure than your companions or waitlisted on an excursion for which your companions are confirmed.

Land Excursions can not be waitlisted but we actively request more space wherever possible from our tour operators; if a tour is sold out we encourage guests to revisit the Cruise Personalizer at a later date and they can also check for more availability at the tour desks in our Alaska ports.

Q. MAY I TAKE MORE THAN ONE TOUR IN A SINGLE PORT OF CALL?

A. Yes. In Alaska, Canada/New England, the Caribbean, Panama Canal, Hawaii and Mexico, allow at least 30 minutes between each tour. In all other regions, allow at least 60 minutes between each tour. All tours depart from, and return to, the cruise ship pier. By scheduling the appropriate amount of time between tours, you will have sufficient time to take multiple excursions.

Q. CAN I CANCEL AN SHORE EXCURSION I'VE REQUESTED?

A. Due to the limited capacity and high demand for helicopter flights and private vehicle options, these shore excursions are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation.

For all other shore excursions, a "Closing Time for Bookings" for each port of call is listed on the Tour Order Form you will receive onboard in your stateroom. This is the time when the bookings for the tours in that port close and we notify the local operators of the final shore excursion requirements. You may cancel an excursion if it is prior to the closing time whether you reserved in advance or onboard. We cannot cancel a shore excursion if it is past this closing time, nor can we refund shore excursions on which you choose not to go. All shore excursions operate rain or shine unless cancelled by the tour operator.

Q. CAN I CANCEL A LAND EXCURSION I'VE REQUESTED?

A. Due to the exclusive nature and advanced planning required for excursions involving hotel accommodations, airline flights and some flightseeing tours, these excursions are not refundable within 30 days of sailing. A fee will be assessed onboard for any of these tours cancelled within 30 days of sailing.

Land Excursions, pre-reserved through the Cruise Personalizer, may be cancelled up to the Land Excursion cancellation deadline which is two days prior to your first land excursion booking. At the cancellation deadline, all pre-reserved land excursions will be auto-charged using the credit card that you provided in the Cruise Personalizer to reserve your tours. Excursions cancelled once the auto-charge has been processed are subject to a 100% penalty, unless the operator, at their sole discretion, is unable to operate the program due to unforeseen circumstances. All sales of tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of an operator approved cancellation.

Q. CAN I REQUEST TO BE REFUNDED FOR MY LAND EXCURSION.

A. In the event of any excursion being cancelled for reasons beyond our control, a full refund will be made. Land

Excursions that were pre-reserved, charged and then cancelled due to weather or other operator approved cancellation will be refunded using the same credit card used to book your excursions. These refunds will typically be reflected on your credit card statement between 7-10 business days after cancellation. Tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of a cancellation by the vendor. Should any excursion have to be abandoned through force majeure or difficulties en route, the best possible refund will be arranged according to the circumstances.

Q. HOW DOES THE PRINCESS EXCURSIONS PROGRAM OPERATE ONBOARD?

A. Our Shore Excursion Manager runs the onboard portion of the Princess Shore Excursions program. Tour Office staff are available to answer questions and make shore excursion reservations for you. Once onboard in your stateroom, you will find tickets for the shore excursions you reserved in advance. If you have not yet reserved tours or would like to purchase additional shore excursions, you will find a Tour Order Form in your stateroom. You will also find a schedule of daily activities, the Princess Patter, which features important program information including Tour Office hours and the closing time for shore excursion bookings. Remember, tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and space on shore excursions is limited, so book early. A Tour Order Form drop box is located near the Tour Office where you may deposit your order form at any time.

Q. ARE THERE CHILDREN'S PRICES AVAILABLE?

A. Yes, on some tours for children age 12 and under. If you are traveling with children, please pre-reserve the number of child tickets you would like on the Cruise Personalizer. If the adult and child price is the same, please order all tickets as adult. Once onboard the ship or at one of our land excursion destinations, check your tour tickets to ensure you have received the correct number of adult and child tickets. Visit the Tour Office as soon as possible to make any necessary adjustments. Parents are also responsible for bringing a safety seat for their child.

On most helicopter and flightseeing tours, children 24 months of age and older are required to have their own seat. Children under 24 months are considered lap infants and may ride free of charge if the tour operator can accommodate them - with prior arrangement through the onboard Tour Office. Parents must show proof of age to the tour operator for any lap infant. Children under the age of 24 months are not able to participate on a helicopter tour.

Q. ARE PRIVATE SHORE EXCURSION OPTIONS AVAILABLE WHERE I CAN CUSTOMIZE MY TOUR?

A. Yes, in many ports we offer shore excursions that can be customized to your specifications. On these tours you are able to book exclusive use of the tour vehicle (automobile, boat or plane) and tailor the tour to include activities and venues you want to experience.

Due to the limited capacity and highly specialized nature of these excursions, they are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation or prior to the booking closing time for the port which is listed on the onboard Tour Order Form (whichever is first). Once onboard the ship, you may be provided with a preference card to advise the tour operator of your selected itinerary and interests. The onboard Tour Staff will gladly assist you and provide recommendations.

Please note these shore excursions are sold per transport, not per person, so only one passenger should make the reservation for the entire group. This is a private arrangement and those accompanying you are the guests you choose; Princess does not match up individual passengers to form a private group for the vehicle. The price listed includes the means of transport and/or private guide and does not include gratuities, meals and attraction entrance fees (unless indicated otherwise) as these will vary based on your choices.

Q. ARE THERE AGE OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON TOURS?

A. For most tours, there is no minimum age for children as long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Passengers under the age of 18 years cannot participate without a parent or guardian. Please review the tour description notes for the most current restrictions and any exceptions; a few operators may allow an unaccompanied minor on tour if a waiver is signed by the parent or guardian in the operator's presence. Any other restrictions imposed by the tour operator are listed in the "Special Notes" section of each tour description.

Q. IS A VISA REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THE PORTS I VISIT?

A. Please review the information detailed in the "Itinerary" section of the Cruise Personalizer regarding any applicable visas for your specific voyage.

Q. IS ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE ON SHORE EXCURSIONS?

A. Passports, visas and other documentation may be required on certain shore excursions. Please review the "Special Notes" section of the shore excursion for full details. Notarized written consent is required for children crossing international borders without both parents.

Q. ARE THE EXCURSIONS GUIDED?

A. Yes. All of our excursions include local English-speaking guides except for On Your Own tours and where otherwise noted.

Q. SHOULD I TIP THE TOUR GUIDE?

A. Tipping is a discretionary matter; however, it is customary, if one is pleased with their tour, to tip the tour guide. A

general rule of thumb is \$2 per person for a half-day tour and \$5 per person for a full-day tour.

Q. WHAT TYPE OF CLOTHING SHOULD I WEAR WHILE ON TOUR OR IN PORT?

A. During your cruise, the climate can range from temperate and cool to hot and humid. Please plan to dress in layered, light- to medium-weight clothing and comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes. Since weather conditions may vary, we suggest you also pack a sweater, a light jacket and an all-weather coat. In addition, don't forget a hat or visor, a collapsible umbrella, sunglasses, sun screen and of course your camera and extra film and batteries. Please note that for water-related excursions where we suggest you wear your bathing suit, cover-up and hat, we have placed a symbol next to the shore excursion description.

If you plan to participate on an overland tour and will need to recharge video equipment or use a hair dryer, we suggest you bring an international adapter. Whenever you plan on going ashore, we highly encourage you to leave your valuables and jewelry onboard. While ashore, please take care in protecting your purses, cameras and other personal items. Minimizing personal belongings brought ashore could expedite the security process when reboarding the ship. We suggest you carry a photocopy of your passport when going ashore as you may need your passport number to exchange currency.

Please be mindful that in some of the countries you will visit, the local people may have somewhat more conservative views concerning dress than those to which you are accustomed. Generally shorts, tank tops, and short skirts are not acceptable dress when visiting churches or places of worship. Specific information regarding appropriate dress in these ports is provided with the shore excursion. For all golf tours, collared shirts and either long pants or Bermuda-style shorts are required (no cut-offs, bathing suits, etc.).

Q. WILL I MISS MEALS IF I GO ON SHORE EXCURSIONS?

A. Our wide variety of dining venues, including a 24-hour buffet, means there are always meal options available onboard that fit within the shore excursion timing you select.

Q. IS THERE TIME FOR SHOPPING ON THE EXCURSIONS?

A. Shopping is, for many, an important part of travel and, wherever possible, time for this activity is allowed within the framework of many of our shore excursions. Please note, however, that the actual amount of time available for shopping is generally limited.

Q. DO THE EXCURSIONS INCLUDE MUCH WALKING AND STAIR CLIMBING?

A. All of our excursions involve some walking and some excursions include more walking and stair climbing than others. Walking may be over uneven surfaces such as cobblestone city streets or the rocky pathways of ancient ruins. On many excursions, it is necessary to negotiate stairs. Please keep in mind that many of the buildings you will be visiting may have been constructed well before conveniences such as elevators were invented and have been preserved in their original state. Please refer to our tour symbols with each excursion description for more information and guidance.

Q. WHAT ELSE SHOULD I ANTICIPATE IN PORTS?

A. Keep in mind that some sites you will be visiting are extremely popular among both tourists and locals. Therefore, you may encounter crowded conditions, whether participating in one of our tours or sightseeing on your own. Regrettably, we have no control over this situation. With regard to photography, some venues may prohibit the use of flash cameras, so fast-speed film is recommended. In some places, photography or video may be prohibited altogether or a fee may be imposed. We ask that you observe any restrictions and, if in doubt, ask your guide for assistance.

Q. AM I REQUIRED TO WEAR SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON TOUR?

A. Yes, on certain tours it is mandatory that you wear the appropriate safety equipment in order to participate. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to snorkel vests, life vests, helmets, etc.

Q. WHAT IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A CERTIFIED DIVE TOUR?

A. An open-water scuba certification card must be presented in order to participate in a certified dive tour. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate divers with either a Junior Open Water or a Scuba Diver rating due to the depth limitations imposed by these certifications. The sport-diving industry recommends that divers take an update course if they have not been diving within the last six months. Please note that some dive operators may reserve the right to refuse to take divers who cannot provide proof of the date of their last dive or scuba review course. We recommend you bring a log book or proof that you have recently completed a review course.

There are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you will be required to complete a medical-history form and liability waiver/release form that will be supplied onboard or by the tour operator. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or the need to take medication to control blood pressure, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraines headaches, recurrent ear problems, severe motion sickness and presently taking prescription

medicines with the exception of birth control. Passengers are welcome to bring and use their own personal equipment, but it must be stored in their stateroom and there is no reduction in the tour price.

Q. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN AN INTRODUCTORY/DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING TOUR?

A. Yes, there are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you must complete a medical history form and liability waiver/release form that will be provided on board or by the tour operator at the beginning of the tour. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure, presently taking prescription medicines with the exception of birth control, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraine headaches, recurrent ear problems, and severe motion sickness. For Introductory Scuba Diving tours there is a minimum age of 10. Passengers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Q. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN A SNUBA DIVING, HELMET DIVING OR UNDERWATER SCOOTER TOUR?

A. Yes, there are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you will be required to complete a medical-history form and liability waiver/release form that will be supplied onboard or by the tour operator. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure, presently taking prescription medicines with the exception of birth control, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraine headaches, recurrent ear problems, and severe motion sickness. For helmet or SNUBA tours there is a minimum age of 8 years and passengers must weigh at least 75 pounds. For underwater scooter tours there is a minimum age of 10.

Q. ON SPORTFISHING EXCURSIONS, DO I GET TO KEEP THE FISH I CATCH?

A. Most sportfishing tours offered by Princess are part of a catch-and-release program. Fish that are edible and not endangered are typically landed and kept by the boat crew. Please remember you have purchased an opportunity to catch fish, not a guarantee of doing so. As one of our boat captains said, "We guarantee fishing, not catching."

In Alaska only, if your tour is not designated as catch and release, your catch can be processed and shipped home for an additional charge as arranged by the tour operator. Because of its perishable nature and U.S. Customs regulations, your catch may not be sent outside of the United States in most cases. Due to federal regulations, your catch may not be stored onboard the ship, but may be prepared for dinner onboard. Fish caught while at our lodges in Alaska, needs to be shipped home if not part of a catch-and-release program. In Alaska, fishing licenses are required and can be purchased on your boat for \$20 per person in cash (rates subject to change). Fishing for king salmon requires an additional \$10 retention tag (rates subject to change). Children under 16 do not need a license. Fish runs are dependent on spawning seasons, so during May and late-September fish stock may be more limited. Go to www.adfg.state.ak.us for more details on licensing requirements and fishing regulations in Alaska.

Q. WHAT SHOULD I KNOW BEFORE TAKING A HELICOPTER TOUR?

A. Due to weight and balance limitations, as well as passenger safety and comfort, the helicopter excursion companies have advised that passengers weighing 250 pounds or more (fully clothed) will be assessed a surcharge to reserve adequate space onboard the helicopter. The surcharge amount will be indicated in the "Special Notes" section of each tour.

Because of the limited capacity and high demand for helicopter tours, they are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation. Children 24 months of age and older are required to have their own seat. Children under 24 months are considered lap infants and may ride free of charge if the tour operator can accommodate them - with prior arrangement through the onboard Tour Office. Parents must show proof of age to the tour operator for any lap infant.

Carry-on bags are not allowed and limited secure storage is provided at the heliport. Helicopters may carry up to six guests depending on combined group weight. The flight length is approximate and flight route may vary due to weather conditions. Helicopter tours may be cancelled on short notice due to weather or safety issues. Warm clothing and sunglasses are recommended on helicopter tours. Dressing in layers is practical and lets you adjust your attire to meet changing conditions.

For helicopter tours in Denali National Park, a surcharge is not charged for guest over 250lbs. The helicopter company will assign aircraft and seats based on weight and balance. While every consideration is made to keep traveling companions and/or families together, this is not always possible for safety reasons.

Q. DOES PRINCESS OWN THE TOUR COMPANIES IN THE PORTS?

A. No, all of the shore excursions are operated by local, independent companies not by Princess; Princess retains a

portion of the total sale. We selected only the most reputable companies available to provide your excursions. The companies providing your excursions are selected by Princess based on their excellent reputation for service and safety.

Q. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PASSENGERS?

A. Our answer, of course, depends on the type and degree of the disability. The goal of Princess Cruises is to provide a safe comfortable cruise experience for all passengers. If you will be using a mobility device during your sailing we strongly recommend you travel with a person physically fit to assist with your needs both onboard and ashore.

If passengers are able to walk on their own, we recommend tours designated as requiring a moderate level of activity. The transport on some tours may be able to accommodate a collapsible wheelchair stored below the bus; scooters or motorized wheelchairs are often too large. If confined to a wheelchair, we would recommend reserving the excursions identified as wheelchair accessible (see Tour Symbols listed for each tour) or a private vehicle shore excursion. We also recommend that non-ambulatory passengers be accompanied by someone who is able to assist them throughout the duration of their day. Our Tour Staff can provide more information on touring options for non-ambulatory guests. Physically challenged passengers participating on a shore excursion must contact the Tour Office at least 48 hours prior to your excursion to ensure arrangements can be made to meet your particular needs.

Embarking and disembarking can be challenging for those with limited mobility. Many major ports of call provide easy access for wheelchairs and scooters. However due to various conditions: steepness of the gangway, weather, shoreside facilities and tidal and sea conditions, passengers using mobility devices may be required to transfer to a stair climber or be precluded from going ashore. Princess staff will make every effort to assist but are not allowed to individually physically lift more than 50 pounds (22 kg).

Some ports of call require the ship to anchor off shore. Passengers are then taken to shore by small boats or tenders. When tendering is required, passengers using mobility devices will not be transferred into or out of the tender, if lifting in excess of the above limitation is required. Many tender ports do not provide wheelchair access so even if the passenger can board the tender they may not be able to disembark ashore. Again the shoreside facilities, movement of the tender, weather and tidal conditions can also preclude tendering.

The decision to allow any passenger to board a tender or disembark the vessel will be made by the Captain on the basis of the safety and welfare of all involved and is final. If passengers are unable to tender or disembark because of circumstances outlined above there will be no refund or credit for missed ports. While Princess recognizes your disappointment the safety of both passengers and crew takes precedence.

For more information on the terms and conditions for Princess Shore Excursions, please refer to the Special Information section. Every effort will be made to accommodate all passengers on the tour of their choice but, tours are operated by independent local companies and not by Princess. The final determination to let any passenger participate is made by the tour operator and therefore if, in the judgment of the tour operator, the safety or comfort of any passenger is in question, guests may be denied participation. This evaluation may not be able to be determined until meeting directly with the local tour operator.

Special Information

CONDITIONS In selling tickets (including coupons or vouchers) or otherwise promoting or making arrangements for Excursions— whether for air, land or local water transportation; tours; sports or any other recreational activities; shore accommodations or meals or for any service, facility or activity other than onboard Princess' cruise ships – Princess acts only as agent for the independent tour operator supplying such excursions or services. Participation by a passenger in Excursions is conditioned upon such passenger's acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in the Passage Contract contained in the Cruise Ticket, the Excursion Ticket and, depending on the activity, other documents which, among other things, expressly release Princess from any liability for such participation. Participation may also be subject to the independent tour operators' own terms and conditions.

EXCURSION TIMINGS Departure times for each tour will be listed on princess.com in the Cruise Personalizer. For Shore Excursions, they will also be listed on the Tour Order Form, which you will receive onboard. These have been published according to information from our Tour Operators, but are subject to change should the vessel's arrival time at any port be delayed, or the itinerary for any particular excursion be amended. Please note that the time shown will be the time the last tour vehicle leaves the pier or hotel. Passengers are requested to report to the specified departure location (either onboard ship or shoreside) at the designated time, as delay on your part can interfere with the pleasure of your fellow passengers.

EXCURSIONS WITH LIMITED PARTICIPATION Shore Excursions may be purchased in advance of your cruise departure or onboard ship on a first-come, first served basis. Many of our excursions have limited participation and reservation requests will be processed in the order received. When excursions are fully subscribed, additional requests will be placed on a waiting list in the order received. Land Excursions can not be waitlisted but we actively request more space wherever possible from our tour operators; if a tour is sold out we encourage guests to revisit the Cruise Personalizer at a later date and they can also check for more availability at the tour desks in our Alaska ports.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS Coats, wraps, umbrellas, cameras, handbags, traveling bags and similar personal articles remain at all times through the tour under the passenger's custody and control. Be careful that you do not leave your possessions unattended at any time in the car or coach in which you are traveling.

PRICES The prices for Excursions are subject to change without notice; are per adult, per child or in some cases per vehicle. Prices are confirmed at the time of booking. All quotations made include conveyance according to the itinerary and, where applicable, meals, refreshments, guides and entrance fees, unless otherwise stated. Children, other than infants in arms, will be charged full fare unless noted otherwise.

SHOPPING Where possible, time for shopping has been allowed within the framework of some excursions. However, excursions are not primarily designed for shopping, and time allowed for this purpose may be limited.

REFUNDS No refunds can be made on any ticket, coupon or voucher unless notice of cancellation is given before the closing date indicated on the booking form for the excursions involved. The times when bookings will close will be published onboard. In the event of any excursion being canceled for reasons beyond our control, a full refund will be made. However, should any excursion have to be abandoned through force majeure or difficulties en route, the best possible refund will be arranged according to the circumstances. Land Excursions that were pre-reserved, charged and then cancelled due to weather or other operator approved cancellation will be refunded using the same credit card used to book your excursions. These refunds will typically be reflected on your credit card statement between 7-10 business days after cancellation. Tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of a cancellation by the vendor.

TRANSPORTATION Passengers should appreciate that standards of transport vary considerably throughout the world. Air-conditioned coaches are not available in many areas, and in some, local buses are the best available. Cars or taxis are also used at some ports where coach or bus transportation is not available or limited. Passengers wishing to travel with friends should all leave the ship together, as this will help the Tour Staff to allocate them space in the same vehicle. For the comfort of all passengers, smoking is prohibited aboard all sightseeing vehicles.

WITHDRAWAL OF TOURS The Tour Operator reserves the right to withdraw any excursion through lack of demand and to make any alterations that they may deem advisable for the comfort of the passengers, bearing in mind the convenience and best interest of each group.

ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT. It is our policy to maintain a positive and proactive position in relation to the environment. We realize that there is much work to be done to achieve our company goals. To this end we are continually striving to increase awareness of any environmental issues that are likely to affect any of the excursions we offer. We work closely with our local agents to convey any environmental messages in our shore excursion programs and therefore ask you to support us in our efforts by respecting the cultures, customs and environmental issues of the various destinations we visit.