



# Shore Excursions

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*A Signature of Excellence*

## > the benefits of booking with us



When you book your shore excursions with Holland America Line, you can count on our Signature of Excellence<sup>®</sup> to consistently offer a superior experience ashore:

### quality

Clean and comfortable transportation equipment; we engage professional independent tour operators dedicated to customer satisfaction.

### safety

Tour operators have contractually agreed to comply with local government requirements and to carry liability insurance in amounts consistent with local standards to address personal injury and property damage claims.

### convenience

English-speaking guides; tour departure times set to coincide with the ship's schedule as well as with that of other tours so that guests desiring to do so can take multiple tours.

### peace of mind

If a tour that you have purchased through Holland America Line returns late to the ship, we will almost never leave without you. In the very rare event that the ship must leave, we will arrange at our expense to get you to the next port of call (with independently booked tours, you are responsible for rejoining the ship at the next port of call).

### variety

Around the globe, our programs include A Taste of..., Off the Beaten Track, panoramic, flightseeing and motor coach tours, with such adventures as camel rides, kayaking, diving, rock-climbing, glacier hiking and private vehicle/vessel touring.

### value

Our award-winning shore excursions offer superior quality and competitive pricing; our guests consistently rate their shore excursion experience as excellent.

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online**



Now you can easily choose your tour times, book your tours and receive confirmation of your shore excursion reservations 24 hours a day. Visit us online at

**[www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com)**

Book online now, up until five days before sailing. Make your payment online via our secure website, and receive confirmation as well as your approximate tour departure times. You can also download the shore excursions, view tour prices, find answers to frequently asked questions and read general information.

Remember, online shore excursion reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling.

general information

At the time of making your reservations online, we will advise you whether or not your reservations are confirmed or whether you have been waitlisted. Your credit card will be charged immediately for all confirmed reservations. Should space become available for a waitlisted shore excursion request, we will e-mail or otherwise contact you at that time and either immediately charge your credit card if you have already given us your credit card information or ask you to provide us with that information for immediate charge processing. Shore excursion reservations are subject to cancellation by us at any time prior to the credit card charge being accepted by your bank. If you or Holland America cancel a tour more than 5 days prior to cruise departure, we will issue a credit on the credit card that you used to pay for the reservation. For any cancellation within 5 days of departure, a credit will not be given on your credit card. Instead, we will apply an ONBOARD CREDIT ONLY policy under which the refund (less any cancellation fee) will show up as a credit to the shipboard account of the person who was to take the shore excursion. If the credit is not fully utilized during the cruise, the balance will be paid to that guest by the ship's Purser.

## > frequently asked questions



### what should i wear?

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for all shore excursions. When you visit places of worship (cathedrals, churches, etc.), we recommend dressing conservatively (shorts and sleeveless sundresses should not be worn), but casual clothing is perfectly acceptable. Dress in layers and have a jacket along. Bring an umbrella or raincoat, a hat and sunscreen.

### what about meals?

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

### how will i know what time each tour departs?

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

### i have a disability. how do i know which tours will best suit me? will i have a problem (dis)embarking the ship?

Guests with disabilities should inquire in advance whether a shore excursion will be able to accommodate their needs. We have graded the Shore Excursions according to the relative level of activity they entail. The walking icons that appear at the beginning of each tour description provide a general idea of the level of activity to expect. Please refer to the "How to Choose Your Tours" section in this brochure for specific information on the walking icons. It is important to keep in mind that shore excursion operators are subject to the laws of their own country including with respect to accommodating the needs of guests with disabilities. In most foreign countries, the laws are not as stringent as those in the United States. Please speak with the Shore Excursions Office as to whether you can expect to encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship in a particular port of call. In this regard, the decision whether or not to carry or provide other mobility assistance to a guest and their mobility assistance device (wheelchair, walker, etc.) up or down a ship's gangway, or

## frequently asked questions

on or off a tender boat, is at the sole discretion of the Captain, made based on his evaluation of guest and crew safety. We encourage you to bring a collapsible wheelchair as space limitations may restrict the ability of some tour operators to accommodate motorized mobility aid devices.

### do all the ports and tours in this brochure pertain to my cruise?

Not necessarily, as this brochure may cover more than one sailing. Please refer to your cruise itinerary to determine which ports you will visit, then turn to those port sections to see the tours. Not all tours in each port are available on all ships or all cruises.

### are there any other tours offered that are not published in this brochure?

Yes, we often add tours to our program after the brochure is published. For additional tours that may now be available in the ports you are visiting, please check our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com).

### i am traveling with friends and we would like to be on the same motor coach

The departure location for each shore excursion is printed on your shore excursion tickets. If you wish to travel with friends, please arrive at the designated meeting place together. This will enable the staff to allocate space for you on the same vehicle.

### tour durations

This brochure is designed to help you select the excursions most suited to your interests. The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations. To allow our Shore Excursions Managers flexibility to coordinate your time in port with meals and activities on the ship, exact departure times are published in the Shore Excursions Order Form on board. For more information, please attend the Shore Excursions Presentation or visit the Shore Excursions Office.

### tour descriptions

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



## > the collections of Holland America Line



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

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### Medallion Collection

A series of exclusive experiences designed to accommodate our most discerning guests, our Medallion Collection tours are each carefully chosen to provide an in-depth perspective. They offer unparalleled access to events and sights not normally readily available. First-class style, smaller groups, multi-day Overland Adventures—elite activities for a privileged few.



### Encore Collection

Been there, done that? Think again. Our Encore Collection, designed especially for repeat guests, lets you discover what lies beyond the well-known attractions you've already seen.

Barbecue with Argentine gauchos, bike the tree-lined boulevards of Barcelona, ride an Icelandic pony across a windswept beach near Reykjavik. These tours showcase hidden gems, unusual angles and inside stories that will bring you back time and again.



### World Wonders Collection

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



### Signature Collection

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

*to whom is the signature collection suited?*

The Signature Collection is for solo travelers, couples, families, friends and special interest groups traveling together. This may also be an excellent choice for non-ambulatory guests. Value and flexibility are just two of the advantages of first-class touring and luxury transportation. Privacy, comfort, safety, and personalized guide service are also yours to enjoy.

*about the transportation*

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

*also included*

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

*not included (unless otherwise noted)*

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

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

### itinerary planning

If you need help planning your personal itinerary, the Port Lecturer and/or Shore Excursions Manager can assist you and will gladly answer your questions. This can be very helpful in many destinations where travel time, location, holidays, and opening hours of attractions need to be taken into consideration in order to maximize the efficiency of your time ashore.

### pricing

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

### online reservations

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

### payment & tour vouchers

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

### booking on board

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

### disembarking the ship

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

## > how to choose your tours



Choose your shore excursions by using these icons as a general guide to the level of activity involved, and select the shore excursions best suited to your physical capabilities.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

## > about tour pricing



Prices can be found on our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com) and are quoted in U.S. funds. Prices are subject to change without notice. Prices for children 12 years of age and under are available on some, but not all, tours. If no child's price is published online, the tour may be available to children at the adult rate; however, all children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged 21 or older, regardless of rate. A general guideline to pricing is found under each tour listing with symbols as follows:

\$ – up to \$50USD

\$\$ – \$51USD to \$100USD

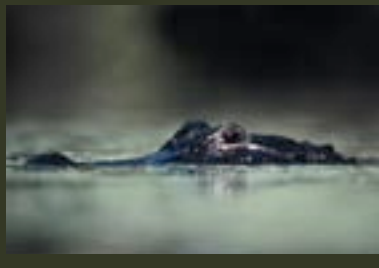
\$\$\$ – \$101USD to \$150USD

\$\$\$\$ – more than \$150USD

## > expand the experience: take more than one tour in each port



Make the most of your time in each port by combining different half-day tours to complete a full day of sightseeing. You might want to consider a morning cooking class with an afternoon walking tour; a morning stroll through a mosaic-lined church and an afternoon of sampling local wine at a vineyard; or even a bike ride and an evening cultural performance—all in one day! Whatever your interests, and whichever pace suits you best, there's a huge variety of tours to mix and match in this brochure. To make combining easy, for tour departure times and durations, visit our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com).



### Transfer to Fort Lauderdale or Miami Airport

\$ Fort Lauderdale Airport • \$ Miami Airport

Available to guests who are not participating in Holland America's "Fly Cruise Plan" and do not have a prepaid voucher in their travel documents. Direct motor coach transportation from the ship to the airport upon the conclusion of your voyage.

### Panoramic Fort Lauderdale Drive & Airport Transfer



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours

Transferring to Fort Lauderdale Airport (flights after 1:30pm only):  
With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Sit back in your comfortable, air-conditioned motor coach for a sightseeing tour of majestic Fort Lauderdale. You will travel one of America's top ten "most beautiful roadways" and navigate the intracoastal waterway known as the Venice of America. Learn about the famous Stranahan house, an original Florida trading post. Tour Las Olas Boulevard with its quaint sidewalk cafés which are popular with the rich and famous, then enjoy a view the Arts & Science District before reaching the Fort Lauderdale Airport.

### Land & Sea Excursion & Airport Transfer



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours • Available November - April only

Transferring to Fort Lauderdale Airport (flights after 2:30pm only):  
With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Transferring to Miami Airport (flights after 3:30pm only):  
With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Guests who are returning to the ship – \$\$

Blend an intracoastal paddle-wheeler cruise aboard the *Carrie B* with an informative motor coach tour of Ft. Lauderdale. You will travel one of America's top ten "most beautiful roadways" as you ride along the intracoastal waterway—the Venice of America. Learn about the famous Stranahan house, an original trading post, and cruise Las Olas Boulevard with its quaint sidewalk cafés—mecca to the rich and famous. Finally, enjoy an informative and relaxing cruise up the intracoastal waterway to view millionaires' homes and celebrity hangouts.



### SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Guests participating in these shore excursions will be among the first to disembark the ship. Board the tour bus with your luggage, as all tours will proceed directly to the airport upon conclusion. Transportation to the airport is included in the tour price listed. These tours can only be booked on board.

### Hard Rock Resort & Casino Experience



Approximately 3½ hours

Transferring to Fort Lauderdale Airport (flights after 2:30pm only):  
With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Transferring to Miami Airport (flights after 3:30pm only):  
With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Guests who are returning to the ship – \$\$

Just a short bus ride from the port is Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood. This entertainment complex features restaurants, shops, shows and gaming. Why wait hours at the airport for your flight or sit in the hotel lobby when you can enjoy an entertainment complex where you can dine, shop, play or simply relax? Also, new Seminole Hard Rock Player's Club card members can earn \$20 in free slot play. Don't miss an opportunity to visit the Seminole Okalee Indian Village for an up-close visit with Florida panthers, a black bear, macaws and river otters. There's also an alligator-wrestling show. Catch a glimpse of the Seminole way of life in a traditional village. Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum at Okalee Village features a collection of Seminole cultural and historical artifacts. Both are located in Seminole Paradise at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and are open daily. Admission fees vary. After exploring the wonderful resort, board the bus and transfer to the airport to catch your flight home or to transfer back to the ship.

*Please note: Not all venues and restaurants may be open.*



## Everglades Airboat Ride & Airport Transfer



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours

Transferring to Fort Lauderdale Airport (flights after 2:30pm only):

With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Transferring to Miami Airport (flights after 3:30pm only):

With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Guests who are returning to the ship – \$\$

The Everglades—the very name conjures up visions of mystery, raw splendor and abundant wildlife, not to mention alligators jumping up out of the murky depths at the speed of light.

Today you'll learn the fascinating truth about this magical and precariously balanced eco-system, including the real habits of alligators and how they interact with the rest of the wildlife in the park. Your exploration begins with a short narrated drive from Port Everglades to Sawgrass Recreation Park where you will enjoy a thrilling airboat ride. Keep an eye out for those shadowy alligators that disguise themselves as flotsam on the surface of the swamps. The blink of a beady eye will give them away. Then, take a stroll to view reptile exhibits and tropical bird enclosures, and to learn more about one of the most enchanting parks in North America. Refreshments are available for purchase. Bring your camera for marvelous photo opportunities.

> gatun/  
cristobal,  
panama



## SIGHTSEEING TOURS

### Authentic Emberá Indian Village



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$\$

Step aboard your motor coach which will feel more like a time machine as you travel back more than 600 years to a Central America only a few ever experience. This is a journey into the lives of the Emberá Indian Tribe—a proud people who maintain their traditions and lifestyle as it was before the Spaniards colonized Panama. A knowledgeable guide will give you an overview of Panama on the way to the jungles of the Central Region and share the history and customs of the Emberá Indians who are the keepers of the rain forest and the Chagres River. When you arrive at the Chagres National Park, you will leave the comfort of your vehicle to board a dug-out canoe that will take you to the Emberá village. Although far from luxurious, the dug-outs are sturdy craft which were critical in the conquering of the jungle and in establishing supply lines for both Indians and Spaniards. After motoring up river, you will see the village emerge from the jungle as if by magic. Keep your eyes open along the way, as the region offers abundant wildlife that is particularly active along the rivers edge. In the village, the Chief will welcome you with traditional Emberá hospitality. A series of dances have been arranged to add to this cultural exchange. Feel free to wander through the village, ask questions and interact with these quiet people. As you will be guests in their home, a common sense approach and sensitivity to their privacy is appreciated. The Emberá men and woman are spectacular craftspeople and have produced some beautiful items which will be available for purchase as souvenirs or keepsakes of this unique experience.

*Please note: Boarding local canoes requires only a minimum of dexterity and flexibility. The landing consists of a rudimentary “put*

*in” that lacks handrails or proper steps. Many hands will be available to assist, however guests will required to step up and into the vessels.*

### Panama Railway



Approximately 4½ - 5 hours • \$\$\$\$ (dome car) / \$\$\$\$ (regular car)

Experience the Panama Canal and its living history as you travel the isthmus railroad through beautiful flora and past lovely Gatun Lake. The enormous vessels that transit the canal can be seen, and you'll pass through towns and villages named for the people who built of this “path between the seas.” Watch for howler monkeys and toucans as you cross the Continental Divide from ocean to ocean in just an hour. You'll also see working locks and some of the old Canal Zone area that has now been returned to the people of Panama. At the station, board a bus for a trip out to the causeway that forms the entrance of the Panama Canal, with views of the city skyline.

*Please note: You will travel one way by train and the other way by air-conditioned motor coach.*

### Aerial Tram & Ecological Encounter



Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$\$

In the midst of the 55,000-acre Soberania National Park, the Aerial Tram allows you to discover the secrets of the upper forest canopy. The Tram takes you from the shadowy forest floor through the understory and into the sun-drenched canopy. There, you will enjoy a bird's-eye view of a thousand hues of green, interspersed with the fluorescent exclamation points of flowering trees.

### The Shaping of Panama



Approximately 7½ hours • \$\$\$

Traverse the Trans-Isthmus Highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific—the same route once used by the Spanish Conquistadors and the Forty-Niners seeking a short cut from the east to the gold fields in California. Panama is renowned for its spectacular Canal, considered by many to be the Eighth Wonder of the World. Few know of the amazing history of glory and tragedy that came to

shape this country that was once known as the Pearl of the Pacific. After 90 minutes, you will arrive at the YMCA Crafts Market with some time on your own to shop in the may crafts stalls featuring items from all over Panama. Continuing on, your scenic, get-acquainted excursion takes you through the streets of the old French Quarter of Panama City, founded in 1673 by French colonists. You'll hear tales of gallantry and piracy once common to the narrow streets of Colonial Panama, known as Casco Antiguo. Here, you will visit the beautiful vaulted promenade of Las Bovedas and the French Plaza which pays homage to those who built the Panama Canal. In addition to these monuments, a number of old houses and other attractions can be found in the downtown district. Appreciate the unique architecture, influenced by a wonderful blend of French, Spanish and Italian styles. After a buffet lunch, re-board you motor coach for the drive to “Old Panama” which was founded in 1519 and destroyed by the infamous Welsh Captain Henry Morgan in 1671. You will see the ruins of the churches and convents, colonial palaces, bridges and military buildings that attest to the grandiose past of Old Panama. You will pause for a photo opportunity of this living museum. As you leave the city to return to the ship, the road leads past many historic monuments and sights as well as a short detour into the wealthy neighborhoods of Punta Paitilla and Golf Heights, including a drive past the former residence of the infamous General Manuel Noriega.

*Please note: Photo stops will be made from the bus at the National Theater, the cathedral and the Church of the Golden Altar that was missed by the infamous Welsh Captain Henry Morgan when he sacked Panama City.*

### Miraflores Locks Observation Center



Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$

Take this opportunity to pause and view the gargantuan ships that make their way through the Miraflores Locks' chambers and visit exhibitions which include historical objects of Canal operations, interactive modules, video presentations, and models of the Panama Canal. Four exhibition halls, organized by themes, constitute the heart of the Miraflores Visitors Center: Hall One portrays the background, technological innovations, and sanitary initiatives that went hand in hand with the construction of the

Canal. Hall Two emphasizes the importance of water, conservation of the environment, protection of the Canal watershed, the diversity of fauna and flora and sustainable management. Hall Three depicts in an entertaining manner how the Canal operates and offers a navigation simulator through one of the lock culverts. Hall Four provides information on the importance of the Canal to world trade and identifies the main commodities and types of vessels that transit the waterway. The return route will take you past the former Panama Canal Zone where the military installations of the American administration are a gentle reminder of the strategic importance of the area. Today the former PCZ is very much intact and is like a photographic image of what the days of the American Administration once were. Then, head back to the ship, filled with knowledge and history that will make your canal transit far more interesting.

### Chagres River Adventure & Nature Walk



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

The Chagres River was used by the Conquistadors to move their gold across the Isthmus of Panama for transportation from Peru to Spain, and by the gold prospectors who attempted a shortcut from the US East coast to the gold fields of California. The river is now the lifeline of the Panama Canal. Board a small air-conditioned bus for the short 25-minute drive to the river, passing the Gatun Locks and directly over the massive 500-ton lock gates themselves, as you cross the Panama Canal. You will also drive past the Gatun Spillway or Dam which controls the outflow of water from Gatun Lake. After a pleasant, informative and very scenic boat ride of approximately 40 minutes, you will be taken on a guided walk into the tropical rain forest. Wildlife abounds on this trail, including various species of monkeys, sloths, anteaters, iguanas and a variety of birds. Your guide will be on the lookout, pointing out wildlife and interesting tropical flora and fauna along the way. Prior to returning to your vessel, time permitting you will stop at the Gatun Locks, largest set of the three locks to view ships as they transit the Panama Canal. Soon it will be time to return to the pier and your waiting ship.

*Please note: Wear sunscreen, a hat and sensible shoes. Delays may be encountered crossing the canal due to transiting ships.*

## AQUATIC TOURS

### Gatun Locks & Kayak in the Canal



Approximately 3¼ hours • \$\$

Your adventure starts with a bus transfer to the Gatun Locks for an one-hour visit to the Panama Canal locks where you will be able to see the operation of this great marvel of modern engineering. Next you will find yourself paddling a kayak in the Panama Canal itself. Gear up on the bank, and away you go. You'll have approximately 1¼ hours to paddle through the islands in Gatun Lake. There are 1,368 species of vascular plants, 93 species of mammals and as many as 366 species of birds in this area.

## BOAT TOURS

### The Canal Experience



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$\$\$

Experience the full wonder of the Panama Canal with a partial crossing of the canal by tour boat. Travel by ship's tender to the Gatun Yacht Club, where you will board air-conditioned transportation for the drive through the isthmus to Gamboa. Board a tour boat for a partial transit of the canal. Cruise Gatun Lake, once the largest man-made lake in the world, to the Gaillard Cut, where you cross the Continental Divide. Enter the Pedro Miguel Locks, which lower your vessel 28 feet on its way to the Pacific. Motor across Miraflores Lake to the Miraflores Locks, which lower your tour boat the final 56 feet, matching the level of the Pacific Ocean. Your cruise ends at the port of Balboa in Panama City, where you will board an air-conditioned motor coach for the return trip to the ship.

*Please note: Tour duration varies. Canal transits are scheduled and controlled by the Panama Canal Authority. The return drive from Panama City to the ship is approximately 90 minutes.*

### Eco Cruise on Gatun Lake



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

This specialized tour will focus on three essential elements surrounding the Canal and its hinterland—culture, history and ecology. Prior to the construction of the Panama Canal, the vast jungle area that is now the Gatun Lake was teeming with an overwhelming abundance of wildlife. As the region was flooded to create the lake, animals took refuge on the mountain peaks, which are now the many islands that dot the renowned lake. With your interpretive guide you will slowly cruise the back channels, island and bays that make up this unique ecosystem. Glide past lush rain forests to a secluded region of the lake and witness firsthand the splendor and excitement of the jungle. Exotic birds, monkeys, sloths, iguanas, and crocodiles are just a few of the animals that you might see in their endemic habitat. The sights, sounds and scents that make up this beautiful, tropical jungle will engulf you. Cameras are a must as this is considered the world's premier location for viewing monkeys and other animals in the wild. Before or after your cruise on Gatun Lake, you will have the opportunity to visit the Gatun Locks, the largest and most important of the three sets of locks on the Panama Canal.

*Please note: Wear sunscreen, a hat and sensible shoes.*

### Fishing at Gatun Lake in the Panama Canal



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$\$

Gatun Lake is one of the best places in the world to catch freshwater bass. For almost a century people have gone fishing in this lake and have come back with very good results. The surrounding area offers the perfect fishing setup amid lush rain forest and a lake bottom full of algae that the fish love to eat. Start your fishing excursion at a favorite fishing hole. Your guide and boat driver will help the you get your tackle ready. This is catch-and-release fishing. During the tour the boat is moved several times for a change in scenery and different fishing opportunities.

*Please note: All gear is included. Bring a hat and sunscreen, and a rain coat is from October through December as showers are a common occurrence.*



## > half moon cay, bahamas



Many of the shore excursions and watersport “toy” rentals on Half Moon Cay require that you sign a waiver release form.

### ADVENTURE TOURS

#### Stingray Adventure



Approximately 1 - 1½ hours • \$

Enjoy an educational encounter with the southern stingrays that make their home at Half Moon Cay. A short tram ride brings you to Stingray Cove where you’ll learn about the stingrays’ behaviors, habitat, feeding and breeding. After a safety briefing, grab your snorkel gear and enter the wading area with your guide to touch the rays’ silky wings and feed these amazing creatures. A safety net ensures that other marine life remains outside the area. Return to the Fort San Salvador Welcome Center by tram.

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

#### Horseback Riding by Land & Sea



Approximately 1½ hours (45 minutes of riding) • \$\$

Saddle up for the experience of a lifetime! After a short tram ride to the corral you’ll receive an orientation before setting out on a ride along winding trails up to the highest point on the island for a panoramic view of Half Moon Cay and the surrounding islands before you continue along the bay, back to the corral. Enjoy refreshments as your horse is “dressed” for swimming in a special saddle pad and a rope halter (no saddle), then you’ll venture into the ocean for the sensation of riding a horse while it’s swimming! Ride the tram for the trip back to the Welcome Center.

*Please note: Wear your swimsuit under jeans or long pants. Bring*

tennis shoes, sunscreen, towel and camera. Sandals not permitted. Minimum age is 10 year. Maximum weight is 250 lbs.

## Parasailing



Approximately 1 hour (5-minute ride) • \$\$

Don a “parachute” and take off from behind a speed boat as the wind catches your chute, lifting you into the sky. A platform is attached to the boat for a dry landing. Life vest provided.

*Please note: Maximum weight 250 lbs. Altitude varies but may be as high as 450 feet.*



## SIGHTSEEING TOURS

### Guided Tour by Bicycle



Approximately 1¼ hours • \$

Explore the island retreat on smooth, newly-resurfaced roads, pedaling from the oceanfront water sports rental center along Half Moon Beach to Bone Fish Lagoon. Your guide leads you to locations of historic significance and describes the history of the early inhabitants to the present day. The guide also identifies the flora and fauna on the island, pointing out plants used for medicinal purposes by the locals, and the many species of birds in this renowned, bird-watching sanctuary.

*Please note: Ride covers approximately three miles. Helmet provided. All bikes are equipped with a basket and a flag. Minimum age is 12 years. Water and soft drinks are included. Wear comfortable shoes and long pants.*

### Historic Nature Walk



Approximately 1¼ hours • \$

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

beginning with the island’s first visitors, piracy, slavery and the present-day. You will also stop at some small historical ruins.



## AQUATIC TOURS

### Floating Foam Mats



All day • \$

Do nothing! Relax on a floating foam mat and while away the day on the beach or on the water. Wear plenty of sunscreen.

### Kayaking



One-person kayak – \$ per hour

Two-person kayak – \$ per hour

Look down as you paddle across the beautiful, crystalline waters of the bay, and you’ll see fish, coral and a sandy bottom rich with marine life. Paddle solo or with a partner for fun in the sun!

### Sunfish Sailboats



\$ per hour (1 - 2 guests per boat)

Sunfish sailboats offer a fun and interesting way for amateur sailors to improve or practice their skills. Instruction is provided. All participants must wear a life vest.

### Aqua Trax Adventure



Approximately 1 hour (30-minute ride) • \$\$

Experience Half Moon Cay from the natural inner saltwater lagoon on a guided personal watercraft adventure! After a short tram ride, you’ll arrive at the safety briefing area and have time to get used to your personal sit-on watercraft. Depart single file with a lead guide and a guide bringing up the rear. Traveling along the picturesque shoreline of the island you’ll navigate around the natural reef formations, inlets, islands and sand spits before stopping for a cool drink. Buoyed courses will allow you to test

your watercraft skills. With your guide, you'll briefly stop at the tidal outlet, the Indian village and Stingray Cove.

*Please note: Minimum age is 16 years. Bring a valid driver's license. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. One person per watercraft.*

### Hobie Catamarans



\$ per hour (1 - 4 guests per catamaran)

Sail a hobie-cat on Half Moon Cay's beach with breezes to push you along and clear water below! Instruction is provided. All participants must wear a life vest.

### All-Day Snorkel Gear Rental



\$

Designed especially for those who are new to snorkeling, this tour is based on the beach. Rental staff members will be on hand to provide assistance with fitting gear if needed. There is no coral at this site, so you will be able to stand up whenever you wish.

### Snorkel by Boat



Approximately 1 ½ hours (45 minutes snorkeling time) • \$\$

Travel by boat to a site off the coast of Half Moon Cay to snorkel from the boatside in limpid waters that teem with gloriously colored fish and coral. All snorkel equipment will be provided.

*Please note: Wear your swimsuit; bring sunscreen and a towel.*



## BOAT TOURS

### Eco Lagoon Cruise



Approximately 1 ¼ hours • \$

Board boat with glass bottom viewers and cross the lagoon, as you learn about Half Moon Cay and the Bahamas' history, culture, flora and fauna. Stingrays, nurse sharks, lemon sharks, bone fish,

conch, sea urchins and assorted marine life are raised here. Half Moon Cay is also an official sanctuary for birdwatching. Through the boat's glass floor, discover a series of living reefs, where fish, coral and anemones are plentiful. Your final stop will be at a reconstructed Arawak Indian fishing village.

*Please note: Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.*

### Glass-Bottom Boat



Approximately 1 hour (45-minute boat ride) • \$

Explore the undersea world without getting wet on a glass-bottom boat. The crystal-clear waters provide great visibility, and ideal opportunity to appreciate the unique coral formations and colorful tropical fish that abound in this unspoiled environment.

*Please note: This tour is not recommended for guests who suffer from motion sickness.*

### Deep-Sea Fishing



Approximately 2 hours (1 ½ hours fishing time) • \$\$\$

Try snagging "the big one," as you fish the waters of Half Moon Cay in search of wahoo, snapper and grouper, assisted by the crew. Fishing is catch-and-release. All equipment provided.

*Please note: Bring a hat and sunscreen. No restrooms available.*

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## SIGHTSEEING TOURS

### Colors of Aruba



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Discover Aruba’s distinctive countryside. Traveling by motor coach you will have a chance to glimpse the island native iguanas and goats, cacti and wind-sculpted divi divi trees on the rugged windward coast. Here you will also find some of the island’s most popular landmarks—the Casibari Rock formation, the California Lighthouse and an ostrich farm. Meet the farm’s feathery inhabitants, then you can choose to be dropped off at the cruise terminal or in the downtown shopping district.

### Natural Wonders of Aruba



Approximately 3 hours • \$

Make the scenic trip to Aruba’s Butterfly Farm—a tropical garden teeming with butterflies. Observe the life cycle of these fascinating animals from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. Pass countless divi divi trees and cacti as you journey to the Aloe Balm Facility for a guided tour of the production process that creates aloe lotions and creams. Finally, you will pass the Gold Mill Ruins at Boca Mahos, and in Oranjestad, you may choose to stay in town or return directly to the ship.

### Aruba Town & Countryside



Approximately 3 hours • \$

Enjoy a tour of picturesque Aruba, including the harbor of Oranjestad, outdoor markets, arts and crafts, Santa Cruz and Frenchman’s Pass—a historic battlefield. Pass by the Gold Mill ruins and the famous divi divi trees shaped by the trade winds. Head to the Casibari Rocks and the quaint village of Noord, and your final stop will be at the Aloe factory to view the harvest and the production of Aruba’s aloe plant. In Oranjestad, you may choose to stay in town or return directly to the ship.



## AQUATIC TOURS

### Aruba Certified One-Tank Scuba



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$

Transfer from the pier to Palm Beach and board a boat that’s ready to travel to one of Aruba’s most popular dive locations—either a popular reef or a shipwreck. After the dive, return to the beach for an opportunity to relax and sunbathe if time allows.

*Please note: Scuba equipment is provided. Wear your swimsuit; bring a towel and your C-card. Waiver release form must be signed.*

### Aruba Beginning Scuba



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$

Discover the world of underwater wonders with this introduction to scuba. Experienced instructors provide basic instructions in a hotel pool, then it’s on to a dive boat for transfer to a shallow dive location where the instructors will guide small groups on a real dive over a World War II shipwreck. Return to the hotel if time permits to sunbathe and relax after an unforgettable experience!

*Please note: Scuba equipment and instruction are provided. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. Waiver release form must be signed. Minimum age is 12 years.*



## BOAT TOURS

### Aruba Sea & See



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

The *Seaworld Explorer* is a state-of-the-art semi-submarine that does not submerge—you descend into the hull of the boat and sit in air-conditioned comfort five feet below the surface of the water, exploring the sealife through large windows. View the *Antilla* shipwreck with huge coral heads and thousands of tropical fish. Returning to shore, you’ll drive to the California Lighthouse, the

awesome Casibari Rock formations and the spectacular Natural Bridge formed by the wind and sea. In Oranjestad, you may choose to stay in town or return directly to the ship.

*Please note: Children age four and under not permitted.*

### Ticket to Paradise



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

A white coral beach, palm trees, mangroves, a natural pool and pristine turquoise water are just a ferry ride away. De Palm Island offers spectacular coral formations complete with a huge variety of tropical fish including the friendly blue parrot fish. All snorkeling equipment and instruction will be provided. After your snorkel experience, take advantage of an open bar with snacks. Sea trekking and snuba are also available at your own expense.

*Please note: Restroom facilities and freshwater showers are available.*

*Bring a towel, hat and sunscreen.*

### Atlantis Submarine Underwater Adventure & Shipwreck Exploration



Approximately 1½ hours • \$\$\$

Get up-close-and-personal with the exotic marine life while diving to depths of 150 feet in the *Atlantis* submarine. See colorful schools of tropical fish, huge sponge gardens, and mystical coral fields without getting wet!

*Please note: Guests must be able to access the sub via a ladder with 11 steps.*



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### ADVENTURE TOURS

#### Rain Forest Horseback Riding



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$\$

Enjoy the best of the rain forest, jungle and rivers with this unique horseback riding adventure. After a 30-minute drive from Puerto Limón, you will arrive at Cedar Ranch, a private, 50-hectare reserve protecting virgin stands of pristine tropical forest. Your adventure will start at the farm when you mount your horse. Over the next two hours, your horse will take you on a ride through green pastures and virgin rain forests, and along the banks of the Banano River. Bring your binoculars—this is a great opportunity to observe birds. In addition, the beautiful bluejean frog and the *Dendrobates auratus* frog abound on the magnificent kapok trees, among many other species of flora and fauna. Finally, you will arrive at the top of the hill to observe great views of the Banano River and its surroundings. When you return to the ranch, you will be treated to tropical fruit and bottled water. You will also have the opportunity to buy souvenirs at the air-conditioned store. This is a great combination for an adventure near Limón. If you like fun, nature and relaxation, horseback riding is waiting for you.

*Please note: Waiver must be signed.*

#### Sloth Sanctuary & Jungle Canoeing



Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$

Luis and Judy Arroyo, owners and operators of the Aviarios del Caribe Sloth Sanctuary, will greet you upon arrival. A seven-minute video will introduce you to the on-going scientific studies being carried out here. For the next 40 minutes you will glide through the lush tropical vegetation that surrounds the Estrella

River, experiencing the exuberance of Costa Rica's rich Caribbean humid tropical rain forest biodiversity. It is common to see monkeys, sloths, river otters, caimans, myriad birds, butterflies and amphibians. You will also be introduced to the individual animals in the Arroyos' care, and learn their stories and the prognosis for their future. Volunteers will conduct this portion of the tour, during this time you will learn the wonders of these little-known creatures, followed by a guided easy walk through the humid tropical lowland forest on a well-kept path. At the conclusion of the tour, enjoy icy cold tropical fruit juices and a seasonal tropical fruit buffet. On the way back to the ship, you'll stop briefly for shopping.

### Rain Forest Aerial Tram



Approximately 7½ - 8 hours • \$\$\$

If walking through a rain forest seems exiting, then imagine the experience of traveling on top of it! This is a reality in the central mountain rain forest of Costa Rica. The Rain Forest Aerial Tram has become an adventurous and unique eco-tourism sightseeing experience. It takes visitors on a 70-minute excursion through the canopy of the rain forest allowing you to discover the beauty of the hanging gardens of air plants, animals and birds hidden at the top of diverse tall trees. Home to two-thirds of all rain forest species, the rain forest canopy is a little-known world of tremendous beauty and extraordinary biological diversity. The tramway runs through a private reserve that borders the Braulio Carrillo National Park. This contributes to the protection of one of the richest canopy communities in the world. The canopy is full of both known and unknown plant species. See canopy life and discover new things in the natural history world. The lower, outbound leg of the tram ride will skim over hilltops and introduce you to the sub canopy, a dark world of overburdened limbs dripping with mosses, ferns and orchids. Lianas and vines drape over branches and traverse forest spaces where they are commonly used as paths by many animals. The return leg reveals an even more dramatic portion of the trip as the cars glide on a journey through and above the canopy. Before returning to the pier you will enjoy a tasty Costa Rican lunch.

*Please note: Lunch is included. Light clothing, rain gear, hat, sun block and insect repellent are recommended.*

### Jungle Kayaking



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$\$

Guests participating in this adventure will experience something unique—rain forest kayaking in Costa Rica. After a 1¼-hour ride from the pier, you will arrive at Matina's Dock. Enjoy a delicious buffet of tropical fruits and Limón's Afro-Caribbean Calypso music. From there, a 15-minute boat ride will bring you to a rain forest Lagoon. Before heading out, guests will receive safety instructions and a demonstration about the use of the equipment. Surrounded by lush tropical forest, there is a great deal of pleasure in the tranquility and the sounds of the jungle. Softly paddling from time to time, you will make your way through this amazing lagoon for approximately 1½ hours. The heavy annual rainfall nurtures this area, extremely rich in flora and fauna. There are plenty of chances to observe orchids, water lilies, and other aquatic plants. You may also be able to spot sea birds, monkeys, iguanas, sloths and toucans. It is both a relaxing and invigorating experience.

*Please note: Not suitable for wheelchair guests. Bring a change of clothes, sunscreen and insect repellent; wear a hat and sturdy shoes that will get wet.*

### Costa Rica Off-Road Adventure



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

This tour goes places in Costa Rica where most vehicles dare not venture. Your adventure begins when you walk up the gangway to board an all-terrain vehicle that is one of a kind in Costa Rica and head south along the coast that connects Limón with the Panama border. After leaving the main road, you will come upon the small village of Bananito where you will learn about the history of the railroad in Costa Rica. Now it is time to head for the mountains! As you drive along, you will view forests, cattle ranches, banana plantations and an area with a view point, while you will enjoy delicious tropical fruits. In the next part of your journey, passing through various rivers and over interesting bridges, the tour heads up a mountain road to the remote area of Valle de la Estrella, where you will see how the people work in the banana-packing plant. Then it is time to head north, back to civilization.

## Rain Forest Canopy Adventure



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$\$

Adrenaline aficionados will love this tour. You will glide through the treetops on eight double-cable ziplines that stretch high above the ground, connecting 10 platforms that sit in the tops of rain forest trees. The longest cable is 1,700 feet long, and reaches heights up to 197 feet. You will have the wind in your face, the rain forest canopy at eye-level, and spectacular views of the surrounding countryside. The platforms are arranged at different heights, offering several levels of excitement. After the first platform the cables become progressively more thrilling. If you've had enough, you can return to the lodge after platform two. Adventurous souls, however, will push on all the way to platform ten.



## SIGHTSEEING TOURS

### Veragua Rain Forest, Aerial Tram & Research Station



Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$\$

Board your air-conditioned transportation and for the Veragua Rain Forest, Aerial Tram & Research Center. Less than one hour from Limón, you will find yourself completely immersed in the breathtaking and vibrant rain forest with amazing panoramic views. This is a world-class, sustainable development adventure park. Your naturalist guide will lead you through the live snake, frog and butterfly exhibits in an unparalleled interactive set-up, designed with the scientific expertise of the National Biodiversity Institute (INBio), a world renowned research and conservation organization. You will then enter the open-air gondola system that will take you on an enchanting ride through the canopy level of the rain forest. As you pass by giant 300-year-old trees on the way down to the river bank, you will be surrounded by uninterrupted views of the virgin rain forest of the largest park in Central America, La Amistad National Park. Upon reaching the river, you will be able to disembark and enjoy a leisurely stroll through the Trail of the Giants alongside the Victoria River, so named for

the gigantic trees that line it. They have watched over the river for centuries. Your adventure continues with a ride back through the rain forest canopy, by gondola, up to the biological research station. View the operations of the dedicated researchers and you may even be lucky enough to witness the discovery of new plant and animal species. After this gratifying adventure, there will be a buffet of fresh tropical fruits and juices. Browse in the souvenir shop for something to take home.

*Please note: Tour is suitable for wheelchairs.*

### Pineapple Farm: A Taste of the Tropics



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

You will leave Puerto Limón for a short, evocative tour through the lowland rain forest to the Hacienda Ojo de Agua pineapple plantation, owned by a family company dedicated to producing both fresh and dehydrated pineapples. At the farm, you will learn firsthand about the technique of growing and harvesting of one of Costa Rica's main export products. The pineapple originates from the Americas, and its original name is *ananas*, which means "exquisite fruit." From a sweeping overlook, you will appreciate the vastness of the plantation and the open scenery of Limón Province. Continuing on, you will visit the processing and dehydrating plants, finally arriving at the plantation's handsome souvenir shop to browse for keepsakes and, of course, to savor the sweet flavors of premium-quality fresh and dried pineapples.

### Coastal Highlights & Banana Plantation Tour



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Departing the Pier of Puerto Limón and heading towards the south, you will pass Cieneguita, the oldest part of Limón. The province of Limón covers an area of 3,583 square miles with a population of 169,000. Many are black descendants from Jamaica originally brought here by Minor C. Keith to build the railroad that proved almost impossible. Many of these Jamaicans stayed in the area after completion of the railroad to work on the cacao and banana plantations. Their houses were built on stilts, as the conditions of coastal swamps, landslides, flooding, jungle fevers and heavy rains made for hard-won battles. Continuing your

journey, you will pass Limón International Airport, banana and cacao plantations, and beautiful vistas of the Caribbean Sea from a coast adorned by palm trees. Keep an eye out as you may spot white egrets, blue herons, king fishers, pelicans, iguanas, flycatchers, roadside hawks and black shouldered kites. During the tour, you will be able to visit a banana-processing plant to see how bananas are selected, cleaned and packed for export. After your visit to this small banana village, a short stop will be made at Colon Caribe, a large shopping plaza, where you can purchase local souvenirs to take home.

### Tayutica Hacienda



Approximately 7¼ hours • \$\$\$

Tayutica Hacienda in the hills of Turrialba belongs to the Ortuño family, whose wealth comes from sugar cane, coffee and macadamias. Learn about the ancient methods of cultivation and processing the sugar cane, where you can see how the extract of the sugar cane is cooked, filled into the molds and converted into a delicious sweet with macadamia nuts. See the process of cultivating coffee—from the red coffee berry to the roasted coffee bean, followed by a coffee tasting session. Visit the green house, with exotic orchids, and the macadamia drying and peeling plant. Enjoy the view of the valley, the Reventazon River and its impressive dam, and lunch is served in a covered hall surrounded by exotic gardens. A store offers souvenirs at factory prices.



### Caribbean Train, Eco Cruise & Countryside



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

You'll board a historic but newly-restored car of an open-air train that will give you an exclusive opportunity to enjoy Costa Rica's storied Caribbean region. This train has facilitated Costa Rica's banana industry and passes through incredible landscapes. Stops are frequent, so you can enjoy the dense wildlife such as sloths, monkeys and other colorful creatures that live along the tracks.

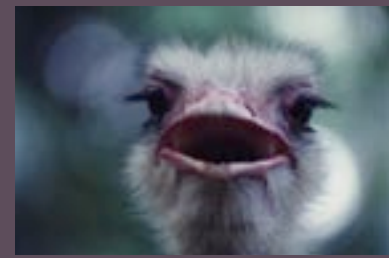
The next part of the tour will take you by boat into the Tortuguero Canals where waterfowl, whiteface and spider monkeys and many other animals are easily spotted. Fresh fruit, ice cold water and beer are served at the take-out point. Upon returning to Moin's private station, your journey continues as you travel by bus to visit a banana plantation and packing plant, to get an up-close look at the processing of this delicious tropical fruit.

### The Tortuguero Canals



Approximately 1¼ hours • \$\$

It's a 1¼-hour ride to the Matina Embarcadero, where you will hear Limón's Afro-Caribbean Calypso and enjoy refreshments. Then, board a Mawamba to cruise through the jungle canals of Costa Rica's Caribbean coast. The Tortuguero Canals are known as Costa Rica's "Amazon," because of the surrounding rain forest. Heavy annual rainfall fills the area with orchids, birds, monkeys, crocodiles, sloths and toucan. Disembark the boat in Moin to board motor coach transportation back to the ship.



## SIGHTSEEING TOURS

### Willemstad Trolley Train



Approximately 1¾ hours • \$

Transfer by taxi across the Queen Juliana Suspension Bridge, 200 feet above Willemstad. In the Punda section of town, you will board a trolley train for a tour of Curaçao's distinctive Dutch colonial architecture and the sights and sounds of island life. Stop at the “wedding cake” house and see the Pietermaai Cathedral; drive past the floating fish and vegetable market, Mikve Emmanuel Israel (the oldest synagogue in the Western Hemisphere) and see Queen Wilhelmina Park and the Waterfort Arches. Finally, visit Fort Amsterdam, built in 1635 with its beautiful Protestant church. Return taxi transportation to the ship is included, or you may choose to stay in town and return to the ship on your own.

*Please note: You may enter the cathedral if it is open.*

### Curaçao Country Drive



Approximately 3½ hours • \$

Explore the northwestern part of the island on this scenic excursion. Your first stop is at a former slave hut—now a museum displaying interesting objects used by the island's African population. Continue to the impressive caves of Boka Tabla, located near the northernmost point of the island. You'll see how the powerful Caribbean Sea created a natural bridge here. On the west side of the island, you'll discover a typical fishing village. Your guide points out how the locals used to live in this area. Don't miss the statue that is said to protect the fisherman, located in front of the Westpoint Church. Next, travel to Knip Beach, one of the Caribbean's finest strands, designated a natural swimming



pool by UNESCO in 1973. The hilly landscape around this area is indicative of Curaçao's volcanic origins. Returning to the ship, you will pass by the salt flats of St. Willibrordus and see the multitude of flamingoes that have claimed this territory as their own. Your guide will also point out the home of Jan Kok. Local legend tells of a very handsome Dutchman who conquered the heart of many a Curaçao damsel.

### Ostriches & Aloe



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Venture outside the city to visit two interesting farms in Curaçao. First, crossing the Queen Juliana Bridge at 200 feet above sea level, take in the spectacular view of the capital, Willemstad. Heading northeast, you will pass by the Franklin D. Roosevelt House, the American Consulate on the island. Your guide points out interesting sites along the way before you arrive at the Aloe Plantation of Curaçao, where an aloe expert explains the wonderful traits of, and many uses for, this “miracle” plant. Continue on to the Ostrich Farm, the largest of its kind outside Africa. Following a warm reception, embark on a safari vehicle with the ostrich farm guide, and enjoy an opportunity to interact with Earth's largest birds. You may have a chance to try hand-feeding these birds, while others look on! Experience the ostrich's development from egg to adult, and perhaps witness a little surprise emerging from an egg. Keep your eye out for the ostrich dance, performed by a male named Don Juan. The return drive to the ship follows a southeasterly course and affords views of Curaçao.

### Highlights of Curaçao & Folkloric Show



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Dutch influence is ever-present in Curaçao. Your first stop is at the Curaçao Museum, with old-world, authentic furnishings in a 19th-century military hospital. Your guide will play some songs on the Carillon (the largest organ), then visit the gallery to see the Snip—the first plane that crossed from Europe to the New World. By coach, view the lovely capital of Willemstad, crossing the Queen Juliana Bridge at 200 feet above sea level. Watch for the Franklin

Roosevelt House and the American Consulate. Next you'll visit the Distillery of Chobolobo, where the world-famous Blue Curaçao liqueur is still made by hand according to an ancient recipe based on the peels of the orange brought by the Spaniards in the 15th century. Finally, enjoy a charming folkloric show, where dancers demonstrate the *Tumba*—the rhythmic dance of the island. A brief “workshop” is included!

### Curaçao Beach Express



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Travel to the west side of Curaçao on a one-of-a-kind, hand-painted Tropical Bus. The Beach Express takes you to the “other side” of the island where nature reigns and the beaches are unspoiled. Enjoy the scenery as your host provides you with interesting information about Curaçao. You'll pass by historic plantation houses, panoramic mountain views, wildlife, salt flats and flamingos. After a fun and relaxing ride you will come to Cas Abou, a famous beach where you can enjoy swimming in the beautiful Caribbean waters, snorkeling or just relaxing.

*Please note: Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring sunscreen, sunglasses and a towel. Snorkeling equipment and beach chairs are provided. Bathrooms and showers are available.*

### Curacao Sea Aquarium



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

The perfect opportunity to accompany family and friends who go diving and/or snorkeling. You will be picked up dockside by a local authorized taxi. From there you are driven to the Curacao Sea Aquarium Park, where a tour guide will show you around and explain what the Curaçao Sea Aquarium has to offer. View many different coral reef fish, sharks, turtles, dolphins, sea lions and more. Then, join your family and friends after their dive/snorkel activity to look at their pictures taken by a professional photographer. To complete the tour, there will be enough time to see more of the aquarium and dolphins at the Curaçao Sea Aquarium. A local authorized taxi will bring you back to the ship.



## AQUATIC TOURS

### Animal Encounters: Dive or Snorkel Options



Snorkel: Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Dive: Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$

Travel by local authorized taxi to the Curaçao Sea Aquarium. At the Sea Aquarium, you'll hear a safety briefing, then get ready for 30 - 45 minutes in the water with a certified PADI instructor. This is an exciting water adventure for first-time or experienced snorkelers/divers in just 12 feet of water. Feel the thrill of hand-feeding sharks, turtles, stingrays and beautiful Caribbean fish. Safety comes first at the Curacao Sea Aquarium, so sharks and turtles are fed through holes in fitted Plexiglas windows. PADI-certified instructors will lead you step by step through all the phases of this unforgettable adventure. So even if you have never snorkeled or dived in your life you can join this unforgettable adventure. After the time in the water you will see photos of your adventure. Prints can be purchased. To complete the tour there will be enough time to visit the aquarium. A local authorized taxi will return you to the ship.

### Curaçao Dolphin Encounter



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$\$

A safe and exciting interactive dolphin program for all ages, this will be the adventure that you will never forget. Step onto a shallow platform to actually embrace and caress the most amazing animals of the sea—the dolphins. A dolphin behaviorist will teach you dolphin biology, behavior, and conservation. No aquatic skills are required for this safe and unforgettable dolphin experience.

*Please note: Do not wear sunscreen or jewelry as these can injure the dolphins' skin. Pregnant women are not allowed to participate. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.*

### Curaçao Dolphin Swim



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Enjoy this exciting adventure that includes close interaction with these amazing mammals in the dolphin pool. You can really touch the dolphins, play some games with them, hitch a ride on their dorsal fins, and experience a sloppy dolphin kiss! An informative talk shares facts and statistics about the dolphins.

*Please note: Minimum height is 4'3" tall. Participants must be experienced swimmers, accustomed to using fins, and be height and weight proportionate. Ratio of guests to dolphins is 6:2. Actual swim time with dolphins is 30-40 minutes. Do not wear sunscreen or jewelry as these can injure the dolphins' skin. Pregnant women are not allowed to participate. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.*



## BOAT TOURS

### Curaçao See & Sea Island Tour



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

Board the *Seaworld Explorer* semi-submarine and sit in air-conditioned comfort five feet below the surface of the water. View sealife through large windows over a wall dropping sharply several hundred feet. See tropical fish such as yellowtail snapper, sergeant majors, parrotfish and queen angelfish, as well as delicate colonies of coral. Watch as a diver is surrounded by hungry fish that he feeds by hand in front of your window. Back on land, cross the Queen Juliana Bridge and continue to the *Negrta*—an 84-foot replica sailing schooner with a tasting room for Blue Curaçao liqueur and Ponche Cuba. In the Punda section, your guide points out the major landmarks. You may choose to stay in town and return to the ship on your own.

*Please note: Minimum age is 5 years.*

faithful from all over Mexico and the world, who come in search of miraculous cures. After your visit, explore the plaza and enjoy a beverage.

### guides, services & transportation:

In certain interesting but off-the-beaten-track places, professional guides and vehicles are at a premium. The best available are engaged. For all tours other than the Signature Collection, it is exceptional for drivers of public hire vehicles to speak any language but their own and it is not always possible to obtain air-conditioned buses or taxis in many ports. However, we do our utmost to find the very best excursion packages for your touring pleasure. Guests who leave during a tour for which transportation is included must thereafter provide for their own transportation and services at their own expense. Transportation standards vary from country to country.

### self-guided excursions:

Guests who do not join these prearranged shore excursions must rely on whatever transportation is available in each port. If you choose to devise your own excursion, we suggest that you remind the driver or tour escort of the ship's sailing time. Of course, the ship's facilities are fully available to guests while in port.

### conditions:

Shore excursions are "Non-Holland America Line Services" for the purposes of your Cruise Contract. This means that shore excursions are not owned or operated by Holland America. Refer to your Cruise Contract for a full statement of your rights and obligations as well as those of the Owner of the Ship, Holland America Line Inc. and certain other persons and entities with respect to Non-Holland America Line Services. In particular, please note that you are assuming the entire risk of utilizing Non-Holland America Line Services subject only to whatever terms or arrangements are made by you or on your behalf with the third party furnishing the Non-Holland America Line Services. Holland America does not assume liability for injuries or damages that occur during or as a result of shore excursions, nor is Holland America Line liable for loss of or damage to any baggage or other property which occurs ashore, for any reason whatsoever. Shore excursions are subject to cancellations or changes. Shore excursion operators reserve the right to deny participation to guests based on such criteria as they may establish. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult aged 21 or older.

### about pricing, refunds & cancellations:

Rates and descriptions are current as of the printing date. Prices are subject to change without notice and descriptions may vary from the actual tour provided. All cancellations that are made less than 5 days prior to cruise departure are subject to a 10% cancellation fee. There will be no exceptions. In addition, if you cancel your tour reservation after the booking deadline stated in the Shore Excursion Planning Form on board, or if you cancel a Signature Collection private vehicle tour, a 100% cancellation fee will apply since transportation and services will have already been arranged.