

Panama Canal Full Transit from East to West



Departing Sunday March 17th 2013 for 17 days / 16 nights

Join us on this fantastic full transit Panama Canal Cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas. The Panama Canal is one of the manmade wonders of the world...but no cruise would be complete without taking time to explore the beautiful and exotic islands along the way. The 2,435-guest Vision of the Seas has beautiful onboard amenities too. There's the very soothing Day Spa, two pools, six whirlpools, and the Masquerade Theatre, which features nightly entertainment, like contemporary musical stage productions. And that's just the beginning of your cruise vacation. Our beautiful ship has thousands of windows showcase the world's most memorable coastlines and ports including:

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Fort Lauderdale lies along the Atlantic Ocean at the mouth of the New River, 25 miles north of Miami. Its warm tropical weather attracts many people throughout the year. For sun-worshippers, the city has six miles of beaches. There are also many recreational waterways with extensive boating facilities, access to every conceivable watersport, a variety of fascinating museums and trendy restaurants, and an array of entertainment venues.

Cartagena, Colombia

Cobbled streets, balconies with blooming bougainvillea, and pastel plazas make Cartagena one of Latin America's most photogenic cities. But it's not just another pretty seaport. Founded in 1533, this Spanish-Colonial city is steeped in history. Its location made it a popular port for plunderers and pirates. Today thrill-seekers will find a perfect mix of old and new with a twist of island attitude.

Colon, Panama

As the capital of Colón Province on Panama's central Caribbean coast, Colón lies at the very heart of the country's rich history and innovation. This important port town is less than an hour's drive from Panama's most historical attractions, so it's easy to fit in visits to sites like the Panama Railroad, Gatun Locks, and old Spanish fortress Fort San Lorenzo. And of course, crystal blue waters and pure white sand are always a sweet setting for a cruise vacation kick-off!

Panama Canal (Cruising Canal)

The canal is both an engineering marvel and one of the most significant waterways on earth. Stretching 50 miles from Panama City on the Pacific side to Colón on the Atlantic side, it provides passage for over 12,000 ocean-going vessels per year. Seeing your ship nudge its way through the narrow canal, with vast tracks of virgin jungle on both sides, is an unforgettable sight. Sure, it may take only a day to cruise the canal but the memory will last a lifetime.

Puntarenas, Costa Rica

Tiny Puntarenas, on the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica, is situated between the volcanic beaches of the Golfo de

Nicoya and some of the country's highest mountain peaks. Within a half-hour's drive from the port, tropical jungles give up their secrets to the casual observer. Trees flash with color as macaws, toucans and parakeets take flight, and howler monkeys scream in the distance. In the capital city of San Jose, you'll find museums, theaters and shops.

Puerto Quetzal (Guatemala City), Guatemala

Guatemala's largest Pacific Ocean port is also the gateway to some of the most fascinating and beautiful sightseeing in the country. Head north, through plantations where the air is perfumed with sugar cane and coffee, across mountain ridges overlooking beautiful Lake Atitlan. Or take a full-day tour from the coast. Cruise past volcano-guarded mountains, to the colonial capital of Antigua, where cobblestone streets and period architecture evoke the area's age-old Spanish colonial heritage.

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

This once-sleepy fishing village became a popular resort after *The Night of the Iguana* was filmed here in 1964. Nestled on the 28-mile curve of Banderas Bay, Puerto Vallarta has steadfastly held on to its character. Red tile roofs and rows of balconies, spilling over with colorful bougainvillea, still line its cobblestone streets. A pleasure for both the eye and the camera.

Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

Once referred to as the "millionaire's sandbox," Cabo San Lucas is Mexico's jewel resort at the very tip of the Baja Peninsula. Its remote location and unspoiled beauty make this a seaside paradise.

San Diego, California

San Diego is California's "first city," with roots dating back to 1796. San Diego's beautiful harbor is a lovely place to stroll and explore. Historic Seaport Village, along the Embarcadero, is filled with fascinating shops and galleries. But if you wish to explore further, San Diego offers a world of excitement.

*Sailing Itinerary****

Day	Port ***	Arrive	Depart	Activity
18-Mar	Fort Lauderdale, Florida		4:30 PM	
19-Mar	Cruising			
20-Mar	Cruising			
21-Mar	Cartagena, Colombia	7:00 AM	3:00 PM	Docked
22-Mar	Colon, Panama	9:00 AM	7:00 PM	Docked
23-Mar	Panama Canal (Cruising Canal)	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	Cruising
24-Mar	Cruising			
25-Mar	Puntarenas, Costa Rica	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	Docked
26-Mar	Cruising			
27-Mar	Puerto Quetzal (Guatemala City), Guatemala	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	Docked
28-Mar	Cruising			
29-Mar	Cruising			
30-Mar	Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	7:00 AM	3:30 PM	Docked
31-Mar	Cabo San Lucas, Mexico	7:00 AM	3:00 PM	Tendered
01-Apr	Cruising			
02-Apr	San Diego, California	7:00 AM		

Cabins and pricing



Inside cabin - \$3,295
per person double occupancy sharing an
Inside cabin



Ocean view cabin - \$3,995
per person double occupancy sharing an
Ocean View Cabin



Private balcony - \$4,695
per person double occupancy sharing an
Ocean View Cabin with Private Balcony



Itinerary at a glance

Price: from \$3,295 (pp based on double occupancy)

Starts: Sunday March 17th 2013

Ends: Tuesday April 2nd 2013

What's included?

- Flights from Rapid City to Ft Lauderdale, returning to Rapid City from San Diego
- 1 checked bag per person FREE (airline fees paid)
- Pre Cruise overnight in Ft Lauderdale
- All transfers to and from the ship
- 15 nights aboard Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas
- All meals and entertainment aboard ship
- 9 Ports of Call
- All Dining & Stateroom Gratuities aboard ship
- All air taxes
- All cruise taxes
- All baggage handling
- Fully escorted

How to book

- \$500 due at time of booking
- Balance due December 17th 2012 or at time of booking if after this date

What you'll need

- A Passport is required for this Cruise
- Suntan lotion for that warm sun
- A camera for the beautiful scenery

Weather

The weather in this region is normally hot at this time of the year - you can see average temperatures from weather.com

Travel Advice

Please visit the travel advice section of this site for further information and government advisories and warnings.



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