

FULL TRANSIT PANAMA CANAL CRUISE FROM FT LAUDERDALE, FL TO LOS ANGELES, CA



Departing Saturday 1st April 2023 to Tuesday 18th April 2023 - 18 days / 17 nights

Channel your inner explorer as you traverse the Panama Canal and see why it's considered one of the seven wonders of the modern world. Your incredible journey begins in Ft Lauderdale, FL where you'll set sail for beautiful ports throughout Central and South America. The scenic coastline beauty will take your breath away. Crossing the Panama Canal is more than a journey – it is a rite of passage.

We travel aboard the Brilliance of the Seas which will satisfy thrill seeking cruisers as well as those who just want to relax and take it easy. The wide variety of dining, from sushi to steak, will keep every passenger satisfied. Active cruisers will delight in the rock climbing wall, mini golf, sports court and fitness center with fitness classes. Live shows on the center stage, game shows, outdoor movie nights and the arcade are all options for the entire family to have a great time. Little passengers have their own areas for exploring and creating at Adventure Ocean. Bars and lounges of every type can be found onboard, so nightlife will be just as entertaining as daytime activities.

Aboard the beautiful Brilliance of the Seas



Day to Day Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Rapid City, SD and drive to Sioux Falls, SD

Late morning we head to Sioux Falls for our overnight prior to our early morning flight for Ft Lauderdale, FL.
Overnight Sioux Falls – No Meals included.

Day 2: Depart Sioux Falls to Ft Lauderdale, FL

Today we leave Sioux Falls at 6.am for our flight down to Ft Lauderdale... arriving early afternoon.
Overnight Ft Lauderdale, FL CA – No meals included

Day 3: Transfer to ship and depart from Ft Lauderdale aboard the beautiful Brilliance of the Seas at 4:00 pm

A leisurely morning before we head to the port and board our floating home for the next 14 nights.
Breakfast at the hotel – Lunch and dinner aboard ship. Overnight Cruise Ship

Day 4: At Sea – Overnight Cruise Ship.

Time for you to explore this amazing ship at your leisure...
Overnight Ship with all meals included

Day 5: At Sea – Overnight Cruise Ship.

All meals included

Day 6: Cartagena, Columbia – 8.00am to 4.00pm

The old walled city of Cartagena reflects a turbulent history of conquistadors and pirates. Climb "las murallas" for an unforgettable view of the harbor. Shop for emeralds and leather goods along the cobblestone streets of this enchanting city.

Overnight cruise ship – all meals included

Day 7: Colon, Panama – 9.00am to 7.00pm

The province of Colon is a small Caribbean province in Panama that is rich in history and incomparable scenery. It boasts the Panama Canal Zone and close proximity to the canal itself, in all its splendor and majesty. The weather is warm with average temperatures from 24C to 30C year-round. One of the highlights of visiting the Colon province is the Caribbean towns, like Portobelo and La Guaira. Visitors here will savor the vibrant, boisterous Caribbean flair, the rich food culture, the traditional Calypso music, and the traditional Congo dances, declared Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. Immerse yourself in the African legacy at the Casa de la Cultura Congo which provides information workshops and the creation of stunning arts and crafts.

Overnight cruise ship – all meals included

Day 8: Panama Canal Transit – 6.00am to 6.00pm

The Panama Canal cuts across the Isthmus of Panama in a narrow land bridge between North and South America. Prior, ships had to sail around the tip of South America. It takes about 8 hours to cross the Canal's 50 miles (77km). That saves days. If a ship had to navigate down and around Cape Horn at the tip of South America and back up the other side, it would have to travel nearly 12,500 miles (20,000 km).

Overnight cruise ship – all meals included

Day 9: At Sea – Overnight Cruise Ship. All meals included**Day 10: Puntarenas, Costa Rica – 8.00am to 5pm**

The main city in this province is the city and port of Puntarenas. Just about 13 ft. above sea level, this area has long been a place where Costa Ricans would travel to for vacation. The Europeans first settled in Puntarenas in 1519 by the explorer Hernán Ponce de León, who named the area Villa Bruselas. It took a while before Puntarenas' Gulf of Nicoya was used as a port but when coffee production reached exportable volumes in the country in 1840, the port was opened. The area is now a hub for maritime transportation and has a large cruise ship port where you can catch a ferry to the islands and mangroves in the Puntarenas Estuary.

Overnight cruise ship – all meals included

Day 11: At Sea

Overnight cruise ship – all meals included

Day 12: At Sea

Overnight Cruise Ship. All meals included

Day 13: At Sea

Overnight cruise ship – all meals included

Day 14: Cabo San Lucas, Mexico – 9.00am to 6pm

Cabo San Lucas is a city located at the southern tip of the Baja California Peninsula which has not only beautiful desert landscapes & beaches, it is also known worldwide for being one of the most popular vacation destinations, the Marlin Capital and home of The Arch, also called "Land's End", where the Sea of Cortez & the Pacific Ocean meet.

Overnight Cruise Ship. All meals included

Day 15 : At Sea

Overnight cruise ship – all meals included

Day 16: Ensenada, Mexico – 8.00am to 5.00pm

"The wine capital of Mexico". Surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortez, Ensenada is the largest municipality in Mexico. Its vast natural offerings attract nature buffs that enjoy the outdoors. Two National Parks are located here: Constitucion de 1857 and Sierra San Pedro Martir. This last one is also the home of the National Astronomical Observatory and "El Picacho del Diablo" (devils peak), the highest mountain in the Baja peninsula. Find Natural Protected areas like Valle de Los Cirios, Islas del Golfo, la Biósfera de Isla de Guadalupe, among others. Discover and live Ensenada!

Overnight Cruise Ship. All meals included

Day 17: Los Angeles & flight home – 7.00am disembarkation begins

Breakfast on the Ship arrive back into Sioux Falls early evening and overnight Sioux Falls.

Day 18: Sioux Falls back to Rapid City

After breakfast we depart the hotel mid-morning for our journey back to the Black Hills.

Staterooms & Pricing:

Inside Stateroom - \$4,795 per person based on double occupancy



Oceanview Stateroom - \$4,995 per person based on double occupancy



Balcony Stateroom - \$5,495 per person based on double occupancy



- **\$250 PER PERSON DISCOUNT IF BOOKED AND PAID IN FULL BY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022!!!**

Itinerary at a glance:

Price: from \$4,795 per person based on double occupancy

Starts: Saturday April 1st 2023 - **Ends:** Tuesday April 18th, 2023

What's included?

- You will be transferred from Rapid City to Sioux Falls by road and overnight on the 1st April 2023 then checked in for your flight to Ft Lauderdale the next morning.
- On the return, you will be met at Sioux Falls Airport and then transferred to your hotel for overnight and be back in Rapid City on the 18th April.
- See above transfers from Rapid City, SD – Included in the prices quoted.
- Round trip coach class air from Sioux Falls to Ft Lauderdale, FL and return from Los Angeles, CA
- Airline fees for 1 x 50lb suitcase per person, 1 pre-cruise overnight Ft Lauderdale, FL
- 14 nights aboard Cruise Ship and Full Transit Panama Canal - Daytime
- All Meals once onboard ship and all onboard Gratuities - Stateroom Attendants and Dining Room Staff
- All Taxes and Fees (Ship and Air) plus All Transfers from Airport / Hotel /Ship / Airport
- Services of an ABS Escort

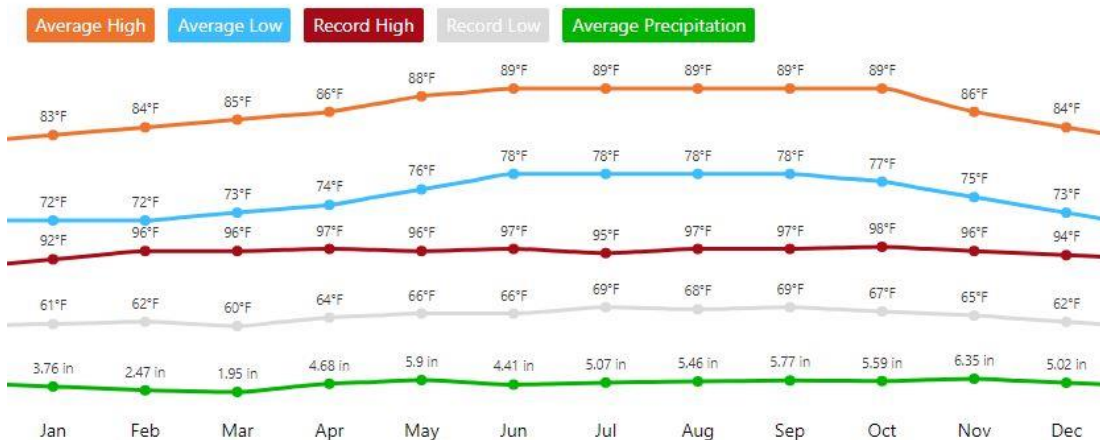
How to book

Deposit due of \$1,500 per person. Further deposit of \$1,000 November 15th 2022

Final Balance on or before January 3rd 2023

You will need -A Full Passport for this tour.

Weather



June is on average the WARMEST month.

January is on average the COOLEST month.



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