



Brief Panama: Panama City and Canal, Gamboa Rainforest and Embera Indians



Panama Canal

This brief tour includes a visit to the Soberania National Park and Gamboa Rainforest Resort. From there, we will take an aerial tram that traverses a mile-long tract of Humid Forest which features the sound of birds and howler monkeys. Yampu travelers then take a partial transit on the Panama Canal and return to Panama City for an evening folkloric night show with dinner. On the last day of the tour, we visit the Embera Indian community. All transfers and most services (except at Gamboa and the canal) are provided on a private basis.

Panama Canal Transit Market operates only on Saturdays, so ideal start date for this trip is Thursday (or Friday if you tour Soberania National Park the day after). This can be modified to suit your schedule by rearranging the itinerary. You also choose the type of accommodation (3-Star to 5-Star hotels).

This tour includes international airfare from Miami (US), on non-holiday dates. You do not need to fly via Miami; Yampu will fly you the most direct way to your city of destination. Depending on your travel dates and proximity of travel, we will quote you the most economical surcharge from your city or country of origin.

Pricing

Occupancy Type	3-star	4-star	5-star
Double/Triple	\$ 2425	\$ 2525	\$ 2807
Single	\$ 3168	\$ 3284	\$ 3849

Prices shown above are per person, in US Dollars (\$).



Embera Indians



Panama City

Itinerary

Day 1

Thursday

Upon arrival in Panama City, private transfer to your hotel.

Day 2

Friday

Mini-hiking and aerial tram ride: Soberania National Park and Gamboa Resort

Day 3

Saturday

Pick up from Gamboa for a Partial Canal Transit (operates only on Saturdays)

Your trip departs from the Flamenco Marina, and you will travel from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic. You will be able to admire the Bay of Panama and Panama City's skyline, and later you will pass under the Bridge of the Americas. At Miraflores Locks, the vessel will ascend 54 feet in two distinct steps. You will then enter Miraflores Lake, which is a small artificial body of fresh water that separates Pedro Miguel Locks from Miraflores Locks. Next, the Pacific Queen will enter Pedro Miguel Locks, which is one of the two sets of locks on the Pacific side, and here the vessel will be raised the last 27 feet to get into Gatun Lake. Once at Gatun Lake, you will sail through the north end of the Gaillard Cut, where the Chagres River flows into the Canal. The Gaillard Cut is also known as Culebra Cut because its curves resemble a snake ("culebra" in Spanish) and is one of the main points of interest for visitors because it was carved through the Continental Divide. The vessel will travel the Cut's 13.7 kilometers on the way to the Panama Canal Dredging Division in Gamboa where passengers disembark and transfer back to Flamenco Pier.

Note: Exact itinerary may vary depending on where the transit starts.

Panamanian night tour

Enjoy an oasis of flavor and folklore characteristic of the countryside, and taste delicious Panamanian-style dishes in comfortable and elegant surroundings at Las Tinajas Restaurant in the center of Panama City. Includes transfer to and from hotel, typical Panamanian dinner, cover charge, service charge and dance show. Available only on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Day 4

Sunday

Embera Indigenous Encounter (Private Tour)

This adventure takes us to the indigenous community in Chagres National Park. We will get to know the culture of the Embera Indians, and witness the artisans and enjoy their knowledge of botanical plants. Their cultural dances and music will take you back centuries. If you would like, you can paint your body as they do with the fruit known as Jagua. We can also observe the grand variety of birds found in the area. Walk in the jungle, explore waterfalls, and learn from a magical culture—all in one day. Includes ground and river transportation, snacks and soft drinks, lunch and a specialized guide.

Day 5

Monday

Transfer to the airport to take the flight back home, or choose from optional add-ons in Panama, extension to Costa Rica or other Central American countries.

Price includes:

Prices include international airfare from Miami to Panama City return, hotel accommodation with daily continental breakfast, guided tours in English, meals where specified, entrance fees, transportation between hotels, transfers between airport and hotel, naturalist guides and taxes. Local airport taxes that are payable in the country of destination are not included. Taxes and security fees that can be paid at time of ticketing are already included in the quote (if airfare has been included in the quote).

Full Canal Transit Tour Dates (10 hours – \$58 surcharge):

2009: Jan 17 / Feb 21 / Mar 21 / Apr 18 / Jun 20 / Jul 18 / Aug 15 / Sep 19 / Oct 17 / Nov 21 / Dec 19