

NEW IN 2017! PANAMA TOUR

From clear turquoise seas and cosmopolitan city to the coffee farms and cloud forests of Chiriquí, Panama can be as relaxed or as thrilling as you wish.



■■■ Panama

Panama is a major, up-and-coming, leisure and business destination with the fastest growing economy in North America. At the crossroads of two oceans and two continents, Panama City has become the capital of international finance and so much more, due to the multibillion-dollar expansion of the Panama Canal. Combine this dollar-based economy of favorable banking and financial services with 1,550 miles (2,490km) of coastline, 1,500+ islands, mountainside to seaside in less than an hour, a lively metropolis and rich cultural traditions, and you have found a perfect hotspot.

■■■ LOCATION

Panama is the southernmost country of Central America, bordering Colombia to the southeast and Costa Rica to the northwest. It shares a coastline with the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Because it bridges North and South America, Panama is often referred to as the "Crossroads of the Americas". The 51 mile (82km) Panama Canal bisects the Isthmus of Panama and connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. This canal is one of the most important maritime shipping routes in the world. Panama has the unique distinction of having the sun rise over the Pacific Ocean and set over the Atlantic.

■■■ CULTURE

In the history of the countries of Latin America, Panama has served as a meeting point and has had its culture forged by various cultures and traditions that combined to create unique complexity and exotic environment. The country's ethnic diversity is reflected in the traditional products found there, such as woodcarvings, ceremonial masks and pottery as well as in its distinctive architecture, cuisine and festivals.

■■■ WEATHER

Panama's dry weather is primarily defined by its two seasons: dry and wet. The rainy season typically lasts from May to December. The dry months are typically between January and April. While the seasons are defined as "rainy and dry", the country does not experience rain or drought every day, depending on the year and the region.

TRIP LENGTH & DATES

5 days, 4 nights
 August 16 - 20, 2017

PRICING

# PER ROOM	COST PER PERSON
Double	\$2,100
Age over 12 as 3rd & 4th in room	\$1,750
Age 12 & under as 3rd & 4th in room	\$1,400

- * Single supplement \$350.
- * \$75/pp (cash, USD) for gratuities will be collected at the start of the program.
- * Quad occupancy per room max: 2 adults per room plus 2 children ages 12 or under.
- * 3rd & 4th pricing based on ages 3+
- * Please note pricing subject to change

Price includes: Lodging, full time CRKA guides/naturalist, daily transfers to activities, all activities listed, all Glatt kosher meals under strict supervision, all taxes & fees.

Price does not include: Airfare, miscellaneous hotel charges and optional tours.

Adventures are moderate and appropriate for all age groups.

- * Custom group departures available year round upon request. Private or small groups of 2-13 participants & large private groups of 14 +

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SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1 - ARRIVAL IN PANAMA CITY & HALF DAY CITY TOUR & CANAL

Welcome to Panama!

You will be picked up at Tocumen International Airport upon your arrival. After exiting customs at the airport, you should look for a Truly Panama sign which will be held by our representative who will take you to the hotel.

Visit the Casco Viejo - discover the charms and history of this area commonly called the walled city. Night at Radisson Decapolis Kosher Breakfast included

DAY 2 - EMBERA NATIVE EXPERIENCE

This adventure begins driving deep into the Panamanian jungle from where you will take an Embera canoe and sail down the Chagres River. You will have the opportunity to learn and interact with the Embera natives, their music, traditions and typical dances and explore the rainforest.

Finally, you will have time to buy handcrafted souvenirs.

Night at Radisson Decapolis

DAY 3 - PANAMA CITY & ECO TOUR ON GATUN LAKE

Upon arriving in Panama City, you will visit Gatun Lake which is a large artificial lake to the south of Colón, Panama. Enjoy an amazing boat ride on Gatun Lake and see the surrounding exotic rainforest.

Prepare for Shabbat. Dinner at kosher restaurant. Night at Radisson Decapolis.

DAY 4 - SHABBAT SERVICES AND LUNCH AT THE SYNAGOGUE

Shabbat services at synagogue. Lunch at the synagogue and walking option on Panama Bay.

DAY 5 - FLY TO DAVID - PANORAMIC TOUR OF BOQUETE'S CLOUDFOREST

Early in the morning you will be transferred to the International airport for your domestic flight to the province of Chiriquí, where our staff will welcome you and take you to the beautiful town of Boquete where you will be for the next three nights.

On this day you will enjoy hiking through the breathtaking landscapes of Boquete, where you will immediately be enchanted by the little mountain village together with its rich climate and the lush vegetation.

DAY 6 - ZIP LINE ADVENTURE & COFFEE TOUR

Fly high above the canopy of a beautiful forest on an amazing 3.5 km zip line adventure!

Next, visit a working coffee plantation, see the entire process from tree to cup and even roast your own cup of Geisha Coffee! Watch an authentic cupping ceremony to see how coffee beans are selected, roasted and enjoyed.

DAY 7 - RETURN TO PANAMA CITY

Enjoy the city and an opportunity to do some shopping. Transfer to airport for departure.

Airfare: please note airfare is not included in the price of your tour. Airlines that service Panama are American Airlines, Copa, Delta, United, Avianca, and Jet Blue.

Please feel free to contact CRKA for help with airline information and ticketing.

Accommodation: Our coffee eco-resort is an ideal place for rest and relaxation at the Boquette. The resort has been designed so that each room has a panoramic view. The resort is close to many of the main attractions in the area yet maintains a silent tranquillity.

All rooms at the resort are spacious Junior Suite class rooms. Rooms are equipped with two queen sized beds, air conditioning, satellite television, hot water, hair dryer, telephone. Some rooms are designed for wheelchair access.

Laundry service is available to hotel guests. All meals, activities and davening will take place at our conference center complete with beautiful panoramic views. Ask one of our travel experts to go over the program details to make sure this tour is truly the right one for you.

*** Please note that the itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the tour operator.** ■ ■ ■



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