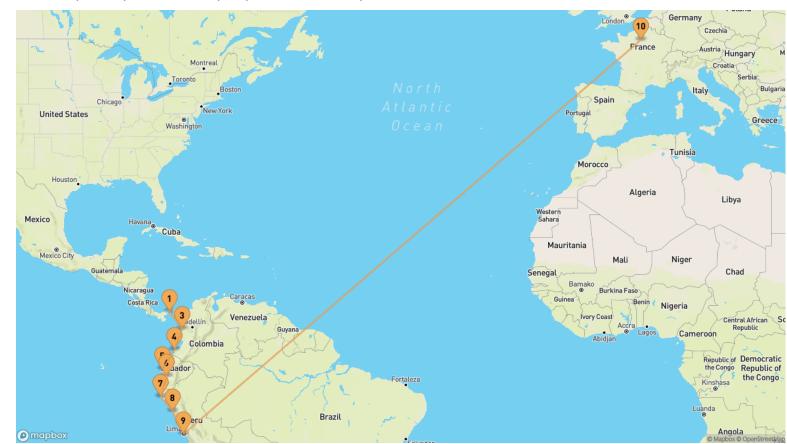
## Panama - Colombia - Ecuador - Peru Cruise

- Regions / Countries: Panama Colombia Ecuador Peru France
- Duration: 10 Days / 9 Nights
- Tags: Greenery, Secluded, Seaside, City, Mainland port, Popular, Romantic, Nightlife
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## Panama / Panama City

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### DAY 1: PARIS - PANAMA CITY (Panama)

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#### DAY 2: PANAMA CITY

A capital with many faces, Panama City is an ultra-modern metropolis where futuristic skyscrapers flourish but which has managed to preserve its historical riches and magnificent colonial-style buildings dating from the 17th century. The historic center of Panama City, the Casco Viejo, is listed

a UNESCO World Heritage Site, full of alleys surrounded by colonial buildings, charming squares and typical restaurants. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### EXCURSION 1 • PANAMA CITY AND THE MIRAFLORES LOCKS (day with lunch)

Departure by coach to the Miraflores Locks and the Visitors Center whose terrace offers a magnificent view of the first locks on the Pacific side of the Panama Canal. Screening of a documentary film on a giant screen (English with Spanish subtitles) telling the history and engineering of the Panama Canal. Continue to the Casco Viejo, the old colonial city classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and walk for about 1 hour to the Paseo Las Bovedas and the old Spanish fortifications. Free time after lunch.

Price per person (from): €140

#### EXCURSION 2 • PANAMA CITY AND THE SITE OF PANAMA VIEJO (long half-day with lunch)

On the way to the site of Panama Viejo, the old city of Panama now in ruins and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the museum and the remains of what was the first European settlement on the Pacific coast. Discovery of the old colonial city, the Casco Viejo, before reaching the heights of the dike built by the Spanish to protect the city and which offers a magnificent panorama of the modern city. Lunch and free time.

Price per person (from): €115

#### EXCURSION 3 • THE PANAMA CANAL AND GATUN LAKE BY BOAT

Departure for Gamboa and boarding local boats for a navigation of about 2 hours. After going up the Chagres River where the huge ships crossing the Panama Canal, navigation on Gatun Lake to discover this incredible biosphere reserve dotted with islands that is home to abundant tropical fauna and flora, including several species of monkeys, such as the white-headed capuchin.

Half day - Price per person (from): €80



### Colombia / Utria National Park

Greenery, Secluded, Seaside

#### DAY 3: UTRIA NATIONAL PARK (Colombia)

Utria National Park is located along the Pacific coast of Colombia and is home to three Embera Indian reserves. Free time or participation in the included excursion. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### INCLUDED EXCURSION TO UTRIA NATIONAL PARK

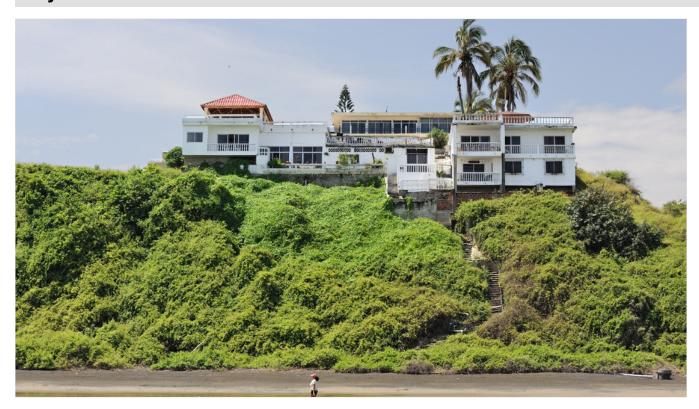
The immense mangrove swamp planted with mangrove trees of the Utria cove faces mountainous foothills covered with a lush tropical forest. Hundreds of species of birds, sea turtles and whales inhabit these places often plunged into an almost unreal mist that constantly changes the physiognomy of the landscapes. Few places in the world contain as much beauty and mystery.



## Navigation

### DAY 4: NAVIGATION

Take advantage of this day of navigation to participate in the activities offered on board. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.



#### **Ecuador / Manta**

#### DAY 5: MANTA (Ecuador)

Manta is the second largest seaport and a seaside resort in Ecuador, with beautiful beaches in the city center. Founded in 1535, the area was already inhabited before the arrival of the Spanish and served as a supply post for the Mantas and Mayan peoples. Free time or participation in the Optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### EXCURSION 4 • BIRD WATCHING ON CORAZON ISLAND (day with lunch)

Departure by coach (approximately 1h45) to Caraquez Bay. Board local boats for a navigation of approximately 2 hours to Corazon Island, a true ornithological refuge in the heart of protected nature. This heart-shaped mangrove island is a nesting site for one of the largest colonies of frigate birds in the Pacific, as well as a multitude of other bird species. Return to Manta after lunch. Price per person (from): €170

#### EXCURSION 5 • THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF MONT JABONCILLO

Visit the archaeological site of Mount Jaboncillo to discover the remains of a pre-Columbian society unique in its complexity and development. Established in the region between 900 and 1500 AD, its influence extended to the Gulf of California. The area around the site is home to an exceptional ecosystem whose significant biodiversity depends on the different water cycles, including summer fog.

Half day - Price per person (from): €90

#### EXCURSION 6 • DISCOVERY OF MANTA AND MONTECRISTI

Panoramic tour of Manta passing by the seaside promenade, the shipyard, the fish market... Visit to the Cancebi Museum dedicated to pre-Columbian history and ethnology followed by a discovery of the traditional weaving factory of cabuya, a plant similar to agave. Continue to Montecristi, the original homeland of Panama hats and discover the manufacturing process. Finally, demonstration of the use of tagua nuts or vegetable ivory used in the making of local crafts. Half day - Price per person (from): €70



### Ecuador / Guayaquil

#### DAY 6: GUAYAQUIL

The economic capital of Ecuador, Guayaquil is the most important port on the west coast of Latin America. The Pearl of the Pacific, as Guayaquil is nicknamed, was founded in 1537 by Francisco de Orellana. Built at the end of the 19th century, the Las Peñas neighborhood and the beautiful boulevard along the Rio Guayas mix modernity and picturesqueness. An unusual visit is a must to the cemetery of Guayaquil, one of the most beautiful in the world. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

### EXCURSION 7 • DISCOVERY OF GUAYAQUIL

Departure for the heart of Guayaquil and discovery of the emblematic places of the city: the beautiful buildings of the 9th of October avenue, the Centenario park, the Bolivar park and its free-roaming iguanas, the Malecon, the craft market, the Moorish tower, the city hall, the hemicycle of the Rotunda, the district with its colorful houses of Las Penas... Visit of the municipal museum with its rich archaeological, pre-Columbian, colonial art and religious art collections.

Half day - Price per person (from): €60

#### **EXCURSION 8 • THE CASTILLO COCOA FARM**

On the way to the Castillo farm whose production is dedicated to cocoa, passing in front of the protected forest of Cerro Blanco, one of the best preserved forest reserves in Ecuador. Welcome with a small snack then discovery of the process of transformation of Ecuadorian cocoa, one of the best in the world, from the seed to the final product: sowing, planting, harvesting, fermentation and drying. Tasting during the visit to understand all the tastes that vary from one stage to another.
half day - Price per person (from): €90



## Navigation

DAY 7: NAVIGATION

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### Peru / Salaverry

#### DAY 8: SALAVERRY (Peru)

Salaverry is the port of access to the city of Trujillo in Peru. "City of eternal spring" on the edge of the Pacific, Trujillo is a distillation of Peruvian history. Considered the cultural capital of the country, the city experienced the expansion of great civilizations before the arrival of the conquistadors.

Incredible remains of pre-Columbian citadels, the archaeological site of Chan Chan, the largest adobe city in the world, perfectly preserved colonial buildings, the city of Trujillo has one of the richest heritages in South America. Free time or participation

to optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### EXCURSION 9 • TRUJILLO AND THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

Departure for Trujillo and discovery of the city passing in front of the most beautiful buildings of the colonial era with colorful architecture. Discovery of the cathedral built between 1647 and 1666 and its baroque interior then visit of the anthropological and archaeological museum which covers a period from prehistory to the arrival of the Conquistadors in 1532.

Half day - Price per person (from): €80

#### EXCURSION 10 • TRUJILLO AND THE TEMPLES OF THE SUN AND THE MOON

On the way to the foot of the Cerro Blanco mountain and the exceptional remains of the pre-Columbian Moche civilization. Visit the largely intact Temple of the Moon and the Temple of the Sun, both built in adobe and where you can still see incredible frescoes. Continue for a panoramic tour of Trujillo passing in front of the most beautiful buildings of the colonial era: the main square and the cathedral built between 1647 and 1666.

Half day - Price per person (from): €80

#### EXCURSION 11 • THE SITE OF CHAN CHAN AND HUANCHACO

Visit the archaeological site of Chan Chan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, whose development is one of the most important in pre-Columbian America. This impressive complex of ten citadels forming independent units built in adobe preserves palaces and fortresses testifying to the extraordinary wealth of the Chimu empire. Continue to Huanchaco beach to discover the manufacturing techniques of traditional reed boats of local fishermen.

Half day - Price per person (from): €90



Peru / Lima

DAY 9: LIMA - PARIS

Breakfast on board. Disembarkation and transfer to the airport. Flight to Paris on a special or regular flight. Night flight with or without stopover.



## France / Paris

City, Mainland port, Popular, Romantic, Nightlife

### DAY 10: PARIS

Arrival in Paris.

