

APPLE VACATIONS®

PANAMA OR BUST PTY

Central America

World-class attractions where two worlds meet. In the bridge between North and South America is Panama, a destination of incredible variety that melds Caribbean, Latin, Central American, and colonial flavor with unbound nature. Discover exotic tropical rainforests, beautiful mountain refuges, Caribbean-like beaches, 1,000 islands, seven living Indian cultures, a sophisticated capital city, historical Spanish sites, and of course, the Panama Canal.

1 Panama Viejo (Old Panama)

Located in the southwest of the city, the historical district of Panama Viejo, the "first" Panama City, is home to ruins of fortresses, cities and other jewels from a time when pirates were the rulers of the oceans. Once surrounded by walls to provide protection from pirates, Panama Viejo was built by the Spaniards in the 1670s to relocate the city destroyed by Sir Henry Morgan.

average temperatures
75°F to 90°F
lows highs

Van Who?
70% of Panamanians never heard of Van Halen's hit song "Panama".

Smooth Sailing!

Panama is south of hurricane alley, so it is generally not affected by tropical storms or hurricanes!



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Hotels with
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Here Comes the Sun

Panama is the only place in the world where you can see the sun rise on the Pacific and set on the Atlantic.

NON-STOP FLIGHT TIMES

TO TOCUMEN INT'L:

Boston 6 hours
Chicago (ORD) 5.25 hours
Los Angeles 6.5 hours
New York (JFK) 5.5 hours

Panama is in
Central Standard
Time Zone (CST).

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Casco Viejo

The "second" Panama City, a 28-block area with a massive, historic sea wall built to escape the fate of the Old City, dates back to the 17th century and is an architectural gem. Beautifully restored and authentically unrestored buildings line the cobblestone streets along with trendy plazas, shops and restaurants, creating a bustling street life.

Panama holds world records in regards to bird watching as it is home to more birds than the US and Canada combined. Call for a new Alfred Hitchcock movie?

Panama's currency is the US dollar but the National currency is called the Balboa. Cents are called centavos.

Spanish is Panama's official language, although a large number of Panamanians are bilingual with English being the most common second language.

MUST SEES

Embera Community

Gatun Lake

El Valle de Antón

PANAMA CANAL

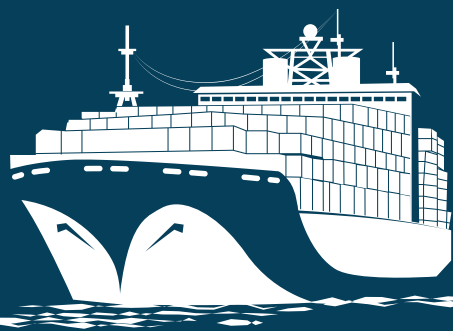
The 8th Wonder of the World is not a site to be missed!

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Modern Panama City

Set on a beautiful bay with a Manhattan-like skyline, Panama's "third" city boasts a booming business district, first- world infrastructure, world-class casinos, great restaurants, attractive neighborhoods and the only rainforest in the world within city limits in the Metropolitan Park. Located near the Pacific entrance of the canal, it is a shopper's paradise with goods available from every corner of the world.

Have you ever seen 5,000,000-ton vessels rise in the water, only to drop more than 50 feet as they cross from one ocean to another? The Panama Canal is one of the largest and most difficult engineering projects of our age. Completed in 1914, it took more than a decade and 250,000 people from all corners of the earth to build.



There is a toll to be paid to pass through the canal. Fees are based on the type of vessel, its size and its cargo. The average toll is roughly \$54,000. The highest toll was over \$375,000 by a cruise ship and the lowest toll was 36 cents charged to...a swimmer! Question is, where did he keep the change before he had to pay?