



Terms & Conditions



21-DAY HIGHLIGHTS OF CENTRAL AMERICA PERSONALLY ESCORTED TOUR

Priced From \$7,235pp*

Departing 10 November 2014 – Mexico, Cuba & Costa Rica Fully Escorted Tour

Day 18 Arenal Volcano 27 November 2014

Day at leisure to explore on your own or just relax. In the early evening you will be able to enjoy the thermal waters of the TABACON HOT SPRINGS. Tabacon offers thermal waters heated directly from the Arenal Volcano. Below are just a few of the benefits of emerging yourself into these hot mineral baths: Cleanses the blood eliminating toxins through your pores, Reactivates your metabolism, Relaxes muscles and joints, Helps regulate persons suffering from rheumatism, Rejuvenates your skin. (B)

Day 19 Arenal Volcano - Monteverde Cloud Forest 28 November 2014

Today you will explore. Hike with your guide through the secondary forest of Arenal Volcano National Park and over the lava fields at the foot of Arenal Volcano. Ride around Arenal Lake to Tilarán before taking on 35 km's of adventurous gravel road, winding your way to Sta. Elena in the Monteverde Cloud Forest region. (B)

Day 20 Monteverde Cloud Forest 29 November 2014

Your adventurous day begins with a "walk in the clouds." Start with your feet on the ground, hiking through lush forest toward the "Treetop Walkways" of Selvatura; suspended bridges, platforms and trails elevated deep within the canopy of the cloud forest. From here we are allowed a gentle, rare glimpse through the tops of giant trees into the nether regions of this hidden world that would otherwise remain a mystery to most of us. While exploring the different trails keep your binoculars or camera handy, since you might catch a glimpse of the rare and famous bird of kings – the Quetzal! Return to hotel and remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 21 Monteverde Cloud Forest 30 November 2014

Today you will be transferred to Puerto Calderas for your Crystal Cruise embarkation or to the airport for your departing flight. (B)

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT

Non-refundable deposit of AUD\$2000 per person at the time of booking. Final balance is due 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation fees apply; please refer to your travel agent for booking conditions and for further information on any applicable conditions and charges.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Although travel insurance is not compulsory, it is highly recommended by the department of foreign affairs. For further information please ask your travel consultant.

REVISION FEES

A minimum fee of \$60 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a reservation. A change to traveller name, tour date or tour itinerary within final payment dates will be treated as a cancellation and new reservation standard cancellation fees apply.

VISAS & PASSPORTS

A valid passport is required to travel internationally (some countries insist the validity be for at least six months beyond the dates of your visit.). Visa's will be required for Australian Passport holders and can be arranged at an extra cost. Any other passport holders may have other visa requirements and you will need to contact your embassy for further details.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

Passport, gratuities, vaccinations, visa application, laundry, telephone, mini bar, alcohol, beverages and food not on the regular menu as per itinerary, optional excursions, portage, travel insurance, excess baggage fees, early and late check-in and out, parking fees, entrance fees, all other items of a personal nature.

TRANSPORTATION

Motorcoaches are fully air-conditioned everywhere while touring. No use of the motorcoach is included other than as specified in the itinerary.

HOTELS

Accommodation will be twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower, based on double occupancy. Hotel taxes, service charges, state and local taxes. Single supplement applies for single travellers. We reserve the right to seek alternative accommodation in which we will advise you immediately if such a situation should occur. Hotels are subject to availability & subject to change.

SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary including entrance fees to scenic attractions (not including camera or video fees).

NATIONAL ESCORT

The services of a professional, English speaking Escort will be provided throughout your tour.



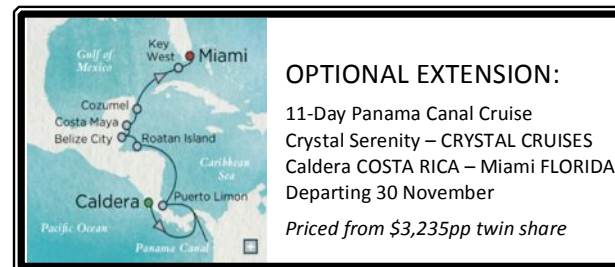
TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- 20 nights accommodation in Superior Class Standard
- Domestic Flights as per itinerary
- Tour escort and driver for the full duration of the tour
- Sightseeing highlights throughout each stop as per itinerary
- Visit to one of the 7 wonders of the world
- Three UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Priced from \$7,235 per person twin share* including internal flights

**Based on a minimum number of 21 passengers. Booking conditions apply.*

**Luxury Class accommodation upgrade available upon application.*



OPTIONAL EXTENSION:

11-Day Panama Canal Cruise
Crystal Serenity – CRYSTAL CRUISES
Caldera COSTA RICA – Miami FLORIDA
Departing 30 November

Priced from \$3,235pp twin share



For more information, please contact:

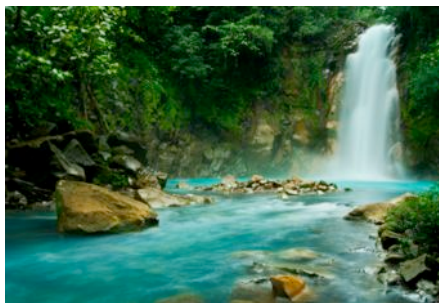


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Day 1 Arrive Mexico City
10 November 2014

Welcome to Mexico! Meet and assist on arrival by a local representative and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2 Mexico City
11 November 2014

Today you will discover the heart of this exciting city. After your morning tour you will enjoy lunch at a traditional Mexican restaurant. This afternoon you will have a tour to the San Juan Markets, Casa de los Azulejos 'House of Tiles', and the Gran Hotel. You will also stop by Café Opera – formally an exclusive patisserie back in the 1800's now it has been transformed into one of the most traditional bar and restaurants in Mexico City. (B, L)

Day 3 Mexico City
12 November 2014

Today you will enjoy a full day tour to Cuernavaca, Taxco - famous for its silver and considered the pearl of colonial art and architecture, and Xochicalco. Once back in Mexico City you will visit Colonial Condesa where you will taste mouth-watering tacos! Condesa avenues are wide and lined with trees and filled with restaurants, cafes, boutiques and art galleries. Enjoy your evening tasting traditional tacos and beer! (B, L, D)

Day 4 Mexico City - Merida
13 November 2014

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Merida. Upon arrival into Merida you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to relax or explore. Merida is a mestizo city that sings outdoors in the evenings, provides hailstorms at midday and offers a horsedrawn carriage tour of its Paseo Montejo in the afternoons. (B)

Day 5 Merida
14 November 2014

Full Day Tour to the archaeological ruins of Uxmal & Kabah today. Uxmal is one of the most well known of the Maya cities, and rated by many archaeologists as the finest. Kabah is home to the stunning façade of the Codz-Pop (meaning "rolled-up mat"). (B, L)

Day 6 Merida – Chichen Itza - Cancun
15 November 2014

This morning depart your hotel for your tour to Chichen Itza, the most important Mayan site in Mexico. Declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and one of the 7 wonders. Visit the pyramid known as "The Castle" or Temple Kukulcan, the Ballgame Court, the Skull Temple, Jaguar's Temple, the Observatory, the One Thousand Columns Square & the Sacred Well. Continue to the beautiful Cenote of Ik Kil, where you have the opportunity of swimming. Afterwards continue onto Cancun where you will spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 7 Cancun
16 November 2014

Today you enjoy a half-day tour to Tulum. Approximately eighty miles south of Cancun, Tulum in ancient times was developed as a holy inner city that ascended high above the majestic crystal blue seaside of the Caribbean and was protected by 3 enormous walls and a steep cliff. Remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy the wonderful talcum-powdered turquoise beaches! (B)

Day 8 Cancun - Havana
17 November 2014

Transfer today to the airport for your flight to Havana. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Situated on the north coast of the island and built around a natural harbour, Havana (La Habana), is one of the most lively and colourful cities in the Caribbean. A unique destination and one of the most famous cities in the world, Havana is a living time capsule of times past, from its Spanish colonial history to the enduring legacy of Revolution, characterised by such icons as the 1950s American Cars and famous mural of Che Guevara overlooking Revolution Square. (B)

Day 9 Havana
18 November 2014

Today you will start the day enjoying a half-day Colonial Walking tour of Havana. Old Havana, World Heritage Site (UNESCO, 1982), is Havana's most historically rich and oldest part. At the end of the tour you will be taken to Miramar area, around 15 minutes from the historical centre for lunch at a local Paladar. After lunch enjoy a panoramic city tour through modern Havana, riding in a vintage car. Havana's eclectic architecture offers visitors some unforgettable sights. This evening you will enjoy a night out at Café Taberna Beny More in the heart of the Old Town, listening to the music of a great band reminiscent of the 1950s music. Excellent dancers accompany the band to let you have a glimpse into Cubans great dancing skills. (B, L, D)

Day 10 Havana
19 November 2014

The province of Pinar del Rio, just west of Havana, offers a wonderful different experience from that found at the beach resorts. Because of the rich and fertile soil, this is where many of Cuba's tobacco and coffee plantations are clustered. A beautiful setting, with many rivers and natural springs, the area is under conservation as an ecological biosphere. Largely untapped by tourism, the towns and villages along the coast retain all the charm of the classic 1950s time warp, with their horse-and-cart traffic and thatched-roof barns dotting the landscape. (B, L)

Day 11 Havana - Trinidad
20 November 2014

Today you will travel across to Trinidad. On the way you will enjoy a half-day city tour of Santa Clara. Explore the historical past of Santa Clara through its revolutionary legacy. Situated in Central Cuba, Santa Clara is steeped in history as a result of the battles that took place during the Cuban revolution. After the tour you will continue onto Trinidad visiting along the way the Sugar Mill Valley area. Enjoy an evening dance at Casa de la Trova for some more traditional Cuban dancing. (B, L)

Day 12 Trinidad
21 November 2014

Your day will split into walking through cobbled streets among local villagers and visiting the Escambray mountains. You will be taken to Trinidad city's most popular visitor attractions such as Plaza Mayor, the Museo Romantico and la Canchanchara bar for a taste of the homonymous cocktail prepared with rum, lemon and honey. A delicious lunch will precede your ascent to Topes de Collantes country resort to admire its natural diversity and taste a stimulating locally-produced coffee at Casa del Café. Take some pocket money with you and buy a coffee bag there, whether for preparing at home or giving as a present, this is a purchase you won't regret. (B, L)

Day 13 Trinidad
22 November 2014

Today enjoy a full day by Catamaran to Cayo Blanco. This excursion it is mandatory to carry your original passport on you. Cross in a catamaran to Cayo Blanco and enjoy snorkeling along the coral reef with the best quality equipment. After a welcoming cocktail, enjoy time at the beach. You will have a seafood lunch and the opportunity to drink as much as desired in the Cuban open bar. (B, L)

Day 14 Trinidad - San Jose
23 November 2014

Today will be an early start as you travel across to Costa Rica! You will be met by a local guide and transferred to the airport in Havana. Upon arrival into San Jose you will be met and transferred to your hotel. San Jose is located in the Central Valley, a fertile upland basin 3,773 ft above sea level in the heart of Costa Rica. The valley itself is surrounded by three majestic volcanoes, the largest of which is Irazu. (B)

Day 15 San Jose – Tortuguero National Park
24 November 2014

Depart your hotel and drive along a scenic route of lush pasturelands and banana plantations, through the Braulio Carrillo National Park. You'll stop for a typical Costa Rican breakfast before arriving at the village of La Pavona. From there you navigate by boat up the Tortuguero River, alongshore a small peninsula bordered on the other side by the Caribbean Sea. On arrival at the lodge, check in and enjoy a hearty lunch before taking off with your local naturalist guide on a walking tour of the bustling village of Tortuguero and its immediate surroundings. If you wish, you can walk along the beach back to the lodge instead of taking the boat. (B, L)

Day 16 Tortuguero National Park
25 November 2014

A full day of activities may begin with the unforgettable sights and sounds of an optional early morning tour to experience the awakening of Tortuguero wildlife. After a well-deserved breakfast your guide will take you on a walk exploring the surroundings of the lodge, visiting the aquarium, frog garden, butterfly garden and biodigester. Head back for lunch. In the afternoon, enjoy a boat tour through the quiet backwater canals of the national park, for up-close observation of the flora and fauna so unique to this special part of the world. (B)

Day 17 Tortuguero National Park - Arenal Volcano
26 November 2014

After breakfast, embark by boat for Caño Blanco or Matina. From there you will head off by bus to a typical Costa Rican restaurant for a delicious home-cooked lunch. Continue your journey to Arenal Volcano where you can enjoy the hot springs this region has to offer and relax in a warm soothing bath of waterfalls and natural pools against the backdrop of fresh night-time air and a starry sky. (B, L)