

Casco Viejo Walking Tour

"Old Colonial Quarter"

Tour Highlights:

A little historical briefing before entering the "Casco Viejo" (Old Colonial Quarters). The Capital of the Republic of Panama, Panama City is known as having, "3-Cities-in-1". The City of Old Panama (the first City established on the Pacific side of the Continent), was established in 1519 (40+ years before St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States). Old Panama was destroyed in JAN1671 (which was 105 years prior to the 4th. of July, 1776).

Contrary to local lore, the pirate Henry Morgan did not burn down the city of Old Panama. Instead, once the very numerous & heavily-armed pirate army was approaching, the locals decided to undertake the sad chore of planned destruction, thus leaving the conquering forces with a reduced amount of spoils. After this incident, the locals decided to move the remains of Old Panama to a nearby location. This "Second City" was established 2 yrs. later in the (5-mile-away) location that eventually became known as the, "Old Colonial Quarters" (Casco Viejo). And it still stands to the point that the United Nation's "UNESCO" has declared it one of the 7 locations in the Republic of Panama known as a, "World Heritage Site". Presently, modern-day Panama City is considered the third City.

In this 2nd. of 3 locations that make up Panama City, we will visit these in the Casco Viejo:
(& not necessarily in this order):

- ✓ The French Plaza, The Spanish Colonial Dungeons & fortifications & walking promenade
- ✓ The Flat Arch
- ✓ The Presidential Palace
- ✓ The Bolivar Plaza
- ✓ The Panama Canal Museum
- ✓ The Metropolitan Cathedral
- ✓ The San Jose Church with the Golden altar
- ✓ The National Theater
- ✓ The Fish Market

Includes:

- ✓ Ground transportation & Professional Tour Guide
- ✓ Bottle of water

What to bring:

- ✓ Comfortable cloths, cap, suntan lotion, & camera (with lots of memory space, & a fully-charged battery).
- ✓ Cash (in small-denominations) for the purchasing of handicrafts & souvenirs

Important Tour Information:

- ✓ A (personal) Professional Tour Guide conducts the tour
- ✓ Major credit cards accepted
- ✓ Tour Guide gratuity is not included in the tour price
(& 15 – 20 % recommended)

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