



Half-day Panoramic Visit to Panama City and Miraflores Locks

The tour starts at the Panama Canal, a magnificent work of engineering, in fact, it is the greatest and most expensive human feat of its time, the one Balboa had dreamt about since 1513. After thirty and forty minutes of route, you will reach the Visitor Center of Miraflores Locks, from which you will be able to see in detail ships moving along the canal inaugurated in 1914 and the way it operates. This work divides the lowest and narrowest point of the Isthmus of Panama, it reaches eighty kilometers length and connects the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean Sea and allows the crossing of ships in approximately eight hours, every day of the week, 24 hours per day. It uses a lock system that works as water elevators for lifting ships from the sea level to the level of Gatún Lake, given the fact that the difference is of approximately 26 meters height. Forthwith, you will visit the Amador Causeway, an artificial street that was built for communicating Naos, Culebra, Perico and Flamenco Islands with the continental part of the city; they were used for protecting the canal entrance. Nowadays, it offers one of the most spectacular panoramas of the city where the Bridge of the Americas and the line of ships that are waiting to go through the canal are visible. The tour continues at the Biomuseo or Museum of Biodiversity designed by Frank Gehry, the creator of the Bilbao Guggenheim Museum in Spain. It exhibits the amazing biodiversity of Panama by means of its eight rooms. The tour continues at the neighborhoods located at the foot of Ancón Hill – the highest point in the city – which belonged sometime to the so-called Canal Zone where U.S. army officers and officials lived in during the U.S. administration of the canal. Lastly, there will be a brief stop for contemplating an incredible view showing on one hand skyscrapers, part of a modern and lively city, and on the other hand the little historic center and its wonderful gulf.

DURATION: approximately 4 to 5 hours.

TIMES: to be agreed. It may be done both in the morning and in the afternoon.

GUIDE: a private Spanish speaker guide.

INCLUSIVE: shuttle service, visits and entrances.

NOTES: the Biomuseo is closed on Tuesdays and it is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Miraflores Locks Visitor Center opens everyday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ATTENTION: Visits order may be modified according to the times of the Museum and the Visitor Center.

