

## **Full Day Panama Canal Transit**

After the transfer from the hotel to the Flamenco Marina, you will travel from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean on the same day. Once in the Pacific Ocean, you will be able to admire the Bay of Panama and Panama City's splendorous skyline before passing under the Bridge of the Americas.

The vessel will transit through the first set of locks, the Miraflores Locks, where it will ascend 18 meters in two distinct steps. Next, the Pacific Queen will enter Miraflores Lake, which is a small artificial body of fresh water that separates Pedro Miguel Locks from Miraflores Locks. The vessel will transit through Pedro Miguel Locks, which is one of the two sets of locks on the Pacific side, and here the vessel ascends 9 meters in one step.

After exiting Pedro Miguel locks, the ferry will travel through the Gaillard Cut, where the Chagres River flows into the canal. The Gaillard Cut (also known as Culebra Cut because its curves resemble a snake) is one of the main points of interest for visitors because it was carved through the Continental Divide and this section of the Canal is full of history and geological value.

During the Panama Canal full transit tour you will enjoy a trip through Gatun Lake, which was formed by erecting the Gatun Dam across the Chagres River. As the vessel transit through Gatun Lake you will pass the Smithsonian Research Station at Barro Colorado. It is possible to experience the Gatun Locks, which are the only set of locks in the Atlantic sector. In Gatun Locks, the vessel will be lowered a total of 26 meters in three distinct chambers. Upon arriving at Colon, you will disembark at Colon 2000, where transportation back to Panama City will be provided.

**DURATION:** approximately 8 to 9 hours.

**GUIDE:** a Spanish/English speaking guide.

**INCLUSIVE:** transfer from/to the hotel, Lunch with non-alcoholic drinks and snacks.

**NOTES:** it is a shared visit along with other visitors, from different countries. On some dates, the itinerary is inverted.