



OVERFLY OF THE PANAMA CANAL ON HELICOPTER

Arrival at 9 a.m. to Albrook airport, former U.S. army base, to overfly the Panama Canal. Once the check-in is done, we will take off and overfly the area of the former U.S. bases of Albrook and Clayton. On the left side, we will see the Panama Canal and the first locks of Miraflores and then those of Pedro Miguel. We will continue toward Gamboa's zone which is equidistant from the Pacific and Atlantic Ocean. The canal's dredging division is located in this area, and if it is berthed, we will be able to have regard for the "Titan" floating crane, a trophy from the Second World War, built in Germany for repairing submarines and it is nowadays used for maintenance works in the canal. We will overfly the rainforest of Sovereignty National Park, bathed by Gatún Lake, the largest artificial lake in the world until 1936 that was formed with the construction of the canal. It has an area of 465 km². If you are lucky, you will be able to see along its riversides crocodiles and manatees and countless islets as well as ships that are navigating through the canal.

After a flight time of half an hour, we will see the coasts of the Atlantic Ocean and the locks that operate on that side, the old ones that began to operate in 1914 and the new ones that are 40% bigger than the others and that have been recently opened (2016), with aerial views to San Lorenzo National Park and the city of Colon.

We will turn to the West shore of the canal to return by the Pacific Ocean. We will go deep into Chagres National Park, basin of which provides 60% of the water that feeds the canal, while flying by the forest and then by the river. We will pull up to fly over the Centennial Bridge, Culebra Cut, the narrowest point of the canal, the new locks of the Pacific area, the Bridge of the Americas, the first bridge that connected both sides in 1962; it is the dockland having the largest port system in Latin America. We will end by overflying the modern city of Panama and its majestic skyscrapers. Finally, we will land at the Albrook airport where our tour finishes.

Flying time on helicopter: 1 tachometer hour.

Note: the tour is subject to weather conditions.