**Azuero’s Folklore in a Half-day tour**

Discover Panama’s culture and folklore in a half-day visit to Azuero where you will meet its skillful artisans who keep traditions intact; these traditions date back to colonization times. Particularly, you will be able to have regard for the make-up of the so-called polleras, traditional dresses that were worn by women in Spain during the conquest, which are hand-made painstaking dresses consisting of a decorated neck blouse which descends up to the waist and a long skirt with two ruffles and a crinoline. Its making may even take up to two years. You will also be able to have regard for the mastery of its inhabitants when manufacturing the eye-catching masks made up with paper mache which seem like bright-colored demons or animals; they are used in traditional festivities such as Corpus Christi and *Diablicos Sucios*. Through dances, *Diablos Sucios* [Dirty Devils], representing the evil, confront the *Diablo Blanco* [White Devil], Archangel Gabriel who represents the good. These dances were performed by missionaries in order to Christianize native communities. At the end of the tour, you will discover the secrets of drums, the main instrument of the Panamanian traditional music. Manufacturing a drum requires a vast experience regarding the selection of both the wood and the leather. Wood should be cut carefully and it should be moistened, then, it should dry in the shade and last but not least, leather is mounted until a unique and wonderful sound is reached.

DURATION: approximately 4 hours.

TIME: 8:30 a.m., subject to confirmation.

GUIDE: Spanish/English speaker guide.

IT INCLUDES: shuttle service from/to the hotel and visits.

RECOMMENDED OUTFIT: comfortable clothes and shoes for walking, hat, sunscreen and sunglasses.