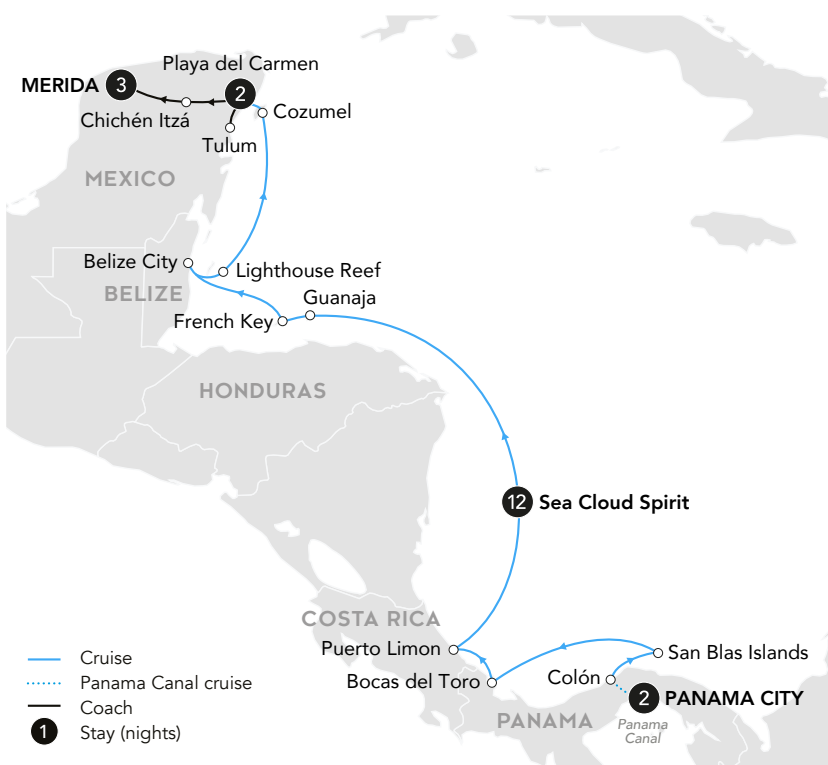


PANAMA TO MEXICO SAILING EXPEDITION WITH SEA CLOUD SPIRIT

Just 24 guests will join this rare adventure. Beginning in Panama, we transit the Panama Canal before embarking Sea Cloud Spirit to explore Caribbean islands. Our elegant three-masted sailing ship then skirts the shores of Central America on its way to Mexico. Discover ancient ruins of the Maya, wander tranquil beaches, snorkel crystal-clear waters and coral reefs, and admire the flora and fauna of Costa Rica, Honduras and Belize.



A JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Panama City - San Blas Islands -
 Puerto Limon - Guanaja - Belize
 City - Cozumel - Playa del Carmen
 - Tulum - Mérida

20 Days Expedition Voyage
 Departing 11 March 2027

Day 1 Panama City (Panama)

Your private transfer brings you from Panama's airport to Hotel La Compañía Casco Antiguo. Enjoy some time at leisure before meeting your fellow travellers and Tour Host Team during dinner at our hotel.

Day 2 Panama City

A full-day's exploration awaits us. At Panamá Viejo, we see the ruins of Old Panama. The site's bell tower affords panoramic views of the city. Then visit the colonial-era neighbourhood of Casco Viejo, whose colourful Spanish-colonial homes are adorned with charming balconies and potted plants. After stopping for lunch, we continue to the Biodiversity Museum. The building's eye-catching design – the work of innovative architect Frank Gehry – lures us inside. A celebration of Panama's biological and cultural diversity, the museum's interactive exhibits, projections, animations and models make for an immersive and educational experience.

Our Welcome Dinner takes place at Villa Ana 1928. Exquisitely styled and set within an Art Deco mansion, the restaurant takes us on an intoxicating journey of art, jazz and gastronomy.

Day 3 Panama Canal, Colón, Embark Sea Cloud Spirit

A short drive brings us to Flamenco Marina, where we board a privately chartered boat for our transit of the Panama Canal. Navigating the Miraflores Locks, our vessel ascends 16.5 metres over two stages, before entering Miraflores Lake. We then arrive at the Pedro Miguel Locks, where it is raised a further nine metres. Entering the Gaillard Cut, an artificial channel carved through the Continental Divide, signals the final leg of our passage along this marvel of engineering. Disembarking in Gamboa, we then take the road to Colón, where we meet our sailing ship, Sea Cloud Spirit. Invited across the gangway, we embark the ship and acquaint ourselves with our comfortable cabins. For the next 12 nights, we make our home aboard this aesthetically charming vessel. We enjoy dinner aboard the ship this evening, before setting sail.

Day 4 San Blas Islands

Our first stop sees us disembarking to meet with members of the local Guna community, who inhabit the San Blas Islands. The women of the village are renowned for the colourful clothing, known as *mola*, that they handcraft from cotton. While here, we also learn about some of the ceremonial traditions and rituals practiced by the Guna people. We return to the ship for lunch, enjoying a relaxing afternoon on board. You may also like to snorkel in the crystal-clear Caribbean waters.

Day 5 Day at Sea

Relax during a day's sailing, as our elegant vessel navigates the waters of the Caribbean Sea. Take the opportunity to further acquaint yourself with the ship's amenities or simply claim your preferred position up on deck.

Day 6 Bocas del Toro

Arriving amid the idyllic islands of the Bocas del Toro archipelago, our captain drops anchor along the shores of Bocas City.

It's here we disembark for a choice of Your World experiences:

- ★ Board a local boat for the short trip to Cayo Coral. This serene setting presents opportunities for snorkelling alongside the traditional overwater houses which populate the calm waters along a reef. One of these stilted structures is a restaurant, which can be reached via a ladder straight from the water. You may also see bottlenose dolphins swimming and playing in the waters here.
- ★ On neighbouring San Cristobal Island, a different experience awaits, as you discover the art of chocolate making. Tour the plantation on the island's cocoa farm and hear about the delicious journey of the cocoa bean, from harvesting to fine chocolate, and of course, try some for yourself. While here, keep watch for local wildlife, including colourful Dendrobatid frogs, monkeys and sloths.

Day 7 Puerto Limon (Costa Rica)

Skirt Central American shorelines and cross the border into Costa Rica. Sea Cloud Spirit docks in the port of Puerto Limon, where we disembark for a day of exploration.

Join your preferred Your World experience, within one of Costa Rica's national parks:

- ★ Take a coastal drive to Cahuita National Park. Join a local guide for a walk through the rainforest, whose tranquil trails begin just steps from the adjoining sandy beach. The park is home to monkeys, sloths, and red-tailed squirrels, who you may spy within the surrounding trees.
- ★ Alternatively, venture north to Tortuguero National Park. A boat ride along the canals here offers a close-up look at a thriving ecosystem, inhabited by toucans, monkeys and lizards, as well as an array of orchid species and water lilies. Following your cruise, adjourn to a banana plantation to learn about the cultivation process.

Days 8 & 9 Days at Sea

Sea Cloud Spirit continues its gradual northerly sailing of the Caribbean. Over the next two days, set your own schedule, whether relaxing along the Sun Deck, entranced by billowing sails, or catching up on a good book in the library. Come evening, enjoy gazing at the stars up on deck and dining upon a carefully curated menu in the ship's restaurant. Soon our vessel rounds the headland that straddles Nicaragua and Honduras.

Day 10 Guanaja (Honduras)

Further north, we reach the island of Guanaja. Disembarking Sea Cloud Spirit, we join one of two Your World experiences:

- ★ Travel by boat to Michael Rock, a rocky headland jutting out from the island. Along the way, cruise through mangroves and past waterfalls along forested hillsides. At Michael Rock, immerse yourself in crystal-clear waters and snorkel along its vibrant coral reef.
- ★ Alternatively, spend the morning on Graham Cay, a tiny private island off the coast of Guanaja. Its white sands, turquoise waters and remote location ensure a relaxed Caribbean vibe. While away the hours paddle boarding or kayaking, or embark upon a nature walk within this pristine environment.

Day 11 French Key

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast aboard the ship this morning, before we set off to explore French Key, lapping up a final day of Caribbean island paradise. Soak up this tranquil seaside setting, swimming in its azure waters or taking in the sights from beneath the shade of a swaying palm.

Day 12 Belize City (Belize)

Welcomed ashore in Belize, we acquaint ourselves with its cultural wonders during a Your World experience:

- ★ After taking a tour of the major landmarks in Belize City, take the road to Altun Ha to see some of the ancient temples of the Maya. The strategically positioned site, whose first settlement dates to around 1,000 BCE, was once a stop along the region's main trading route. Survey the 13 remaining buildings, which are assembled around two main squares. Ascend the steps of the main temples, including the Temple of the Sun God, for an overview of the site.
- ★ A drive inland will take you to Tower Hill Bridge. From here, board a speedboat for a cruise of the New River. As you wind your way along the remote waterway, keep watch for howler monkeys and exotic birds, as well as the occasional crocodile. Disembarking, follow paths through the lush jungle to arrive at the archaeological site of Lamanai. Explore these ruins, which were still inhabited by the Maya as recently as the 17th century, and climb the towering 'Big Temple' for impressive panoramic views.

Day 13 Lighthouse Reef

About 80 kilometres offshore from the Belize mainland lies a fascinating marine ecosystem. Surrounded by the vivid underwater world of Lighthouse Reef, the 'Great Blue Hole' is a renowned scuba and snorkelling site that has been named a National Monument and World Heritage site. From the air, it comprises a near-perfect circle, housed within the reef structure. Beneath the surface of the water, the vast reef reveals its remarkable geology, formed over thousands of years and home to an array of coral, sponges and stalactites. Snorkel at two distinct sites, where angelfish, barracuda, and various species of shark are frequently spotted.

Day 14 Cozumel (Mexico)

During our final day at sea, Sea Cloud Spirit reaches into Mexican waters and docks, late afternoon, on the island of Cozumel, off the Yucatán Peninsula. Find yourself a secluded stretch of beach on which to relax, stroll the promenade, or explore the town before we reconvene aboard the ship for a celebratory dinner.

Day 15 Disembark Sea Cloud Spirit, Playa del Carmen

Farewell the ship and crew as we disembark Sea Cloud Spirit for the final time. A short ferry ride then takes us across to the mainland and the coastal city of Playa del Carmen, which we explore today. The Riviera Maya features an awe-inspiring underground river system. Led through the water by our specialist guide, we cannot help but be rendered spellbound by the many stalactites and other geological formations occupying the limestone cave. Over the next two nights, we stay at Chablé Maroma, a boutique beachfront property. Acquaint yourself with our accommodation while enjoying a Maya recipe workshop, agave spirit tasting session, or by simply relaxing and enjoying the spa facilities. Tonight, savour a private dining experience in an underground cave.

Day 16 Tulum, Playa del Carmen

This morning's coastal drive brings us to the town of Tulum. The Maya ruins here occupy a beachfront setting, which makes for an exquisite contrast. After exploring these well-preserved stone structures, we are invited to enjoy exclusive access to a local cenote for some private dining, our lunch of tacos and margaritas ensuring a contented afternoon. On returning to our resort, you may take the afternoon as you please, with yesterday's activities again on offer.

Day 17 Chichén Itzá, Mérida

We leave Playa del Carmen and traverse the Yucatán Peninsula inland to Chichén Itzá. You may have chosen to depart early this morning, arriving in time to watch the sun rise over the monuments of the revered site. An expert archaeologist also sheds light on the iconic El Castillo, as well as the other notable monuments across this ancient setting.

For those who have chosen a slightly later start to their day, enjoy breakfast at Chablé Maroma before following your fellow guests to Chichén Itzá and taking a private tour of the archaeological site.

With our explorations complete, we adjourn to the city of Valladolid for lunch at the Hotel Mesón del Marqués. Our travels then continue onward to the state capital, Mérida. A city of colour and culture, Mérida keeps us captivated during the final three nights of our remarkable journey. Wandering pathways through palms leads us to the vibrantly coloured buildings of our final residence, Hacienda Xcanatun.

Day 18 Rio Lagartos, Las Coloradas, Mérida

With a full day of discovery ahead of us, we head straight to the wildlife reserve of Rio Lagartos to see its resident pink flamingos. Our location along a narrow headland on the tip of the Yucatán Peninsula means we also enjoy sea views during today's lunch. At nearby Las Coloradas, witness the area's sublime pink waters, which result from the presence of microorganisms in the highly concentrated salt water.

Day 19 Mérida

A southerly drive sees us arriving at the archaeological site of Uxmal. The megalithic structures here comprise one of the most significant sites in Mexico. It's here that we look upon the colossal Pyramid of the Magician, whose curved edges and sheer, stepped structure intrigues and delights. Our travels then bring us to Oxkintok, a lesser-known temple complex featuring a mysterious cave. We return to the hotel for lunch. This evening, we explore the city of Mérida, home to many elegant mansions. We are invited inside to admire their architectural elements and interior design. Following visits to the studios of painter and sculptor, William Gaber, along with his contemporary, Marco Castillo, we celebrate our grand journey during a Farewell Dinner.

Day 20 Mérida

Farewell your Tour Host Team and fellow guests this morning as our time together draws to a close.