SOUTH AMERICA - SOUTH AMERICAN EXPLORER: TEMPLES, JUNGLES & THE PANAMA CANAL | DISCOVERER



TRIP CODE

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DEPARTURE

06/04/2027

DURATION

10 Days

LOCATIONS

Peru, Ecuador, Colombia & Panama

INTRODUCTION

This coastal exploration links major cultural centers with lesserâ□□visited natural areas along the Pacific side of the Americas, from Peru's arid coastline to the tropical forests farther north. Explore preâ□□Columbian archaeological sites, observe rainforest and mangrove ecosystems and visit ports that highlight the region's living traditions. Opportunities for Zodiac cruising, guided nature walks and local cultural interactions within these coastal communities. Wildlife sightings are a particular highlight of this itinerary which may include diverse marine life, tropical birdlife, monkeys and species unique to the region's varied climates.

The voyage also includes a full Panama Canal transit, offering insight into its historic engineering achievements, operation and strategic importance. As the voyage progresses into Central America, the landscape shifts toward dense rainforest and mangrove habitats, offering additional opportunities for natureâ□□focused excursions. Educational programming onboard provides contextual support for each region's history, archaeology, ecology, conservation and the way these modern-day communities are evolving. The itinerary balances time ashore with scenic cruising, giving a broad overview of landscapes ranging from tropical forests to desertâ□□influenced coastlines.

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DAY 1: Embarkation in Callao

'Vibrant' barely captures this incredible city, capital and main port of Peru, and one of South America's most thrilling cities. From incredible gastronomy, ancient monuments and world-class museums, the Peruvian capital offers experiences to wow even the most seasoned traveller! After embarking the vessel in the afternoon and completing the required safety briefings and drills, join your fellow explorers on the outer decks and toast your expedition as we sail out from the port of Callao, on course for adventure! The following embarkation transfers are included: *Lima International Airport to the Port of Callao, and the ship. Flight details need to be provided at least 14 days prior to departure. Your flight must arrive into Lima no later that 12pm to allow sufficient time for transfer and embarkation. *From the meeting point in Lima to Callao Port and the ship



DAY 2: Salaverry

Salaverry is a modern port, but it opens onto one of the Americas' most layered cultural landscapes. Successive Indigenous peoples have inhabited this stretch of northern Peru for tens of thousands of years — the Moche, who raised the colossal mud-brick Huacas de Moche, the Temples of the Sun and Moon; the Chimú, who succeeded them; the Inca, who absorbed both; and finally the Spanish. Our shore excursion takes you deep into this archaeological wonderland, peeling back layer upon layer of an extraordinary human story. There is the opportunity to visit the impressive Chan Chan Archaeological Complex, the largest adobe city in the Americas. During this excursion you will see the Nik An Palace, exploring ceremonial plazas, audience halls, reservoirs and other important structures. After this, continue on to Trujillo and its historic city centre before heading back to port.



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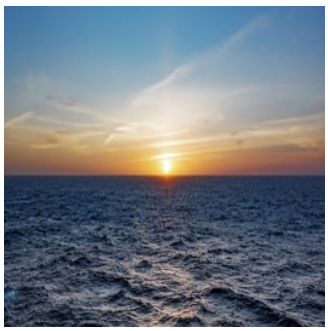
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DAY 3: At sea, en route to Puerto Lopez

As we approach the Equator, join your Expedition Team on the outer decks to watch for the abundant marine life of this region. The chilly Humboldt current sweeps up the Peruvian coast from Antarctica, bringing oxygen and nutrient-rich waters which nourish plankton. These in turn feed the anchoveta fish, which are feasted on by everything from whales to human beings. Watch the skies for sleek blue-footed boobies, elegant noddies and rapacious frigate birds! Alternately, join your Expedition Team in the Theatre to expand your mind and learn from our onboard experts about the ecology, culture and incredible history of this bountiful region.



DAY 4: Puerto Lopez, Ecuador

Sitting in a wide bay just above the Equator, Puerto Lopez brims with life above and below the water. Known as a beach destination throughout South America, Puerto Lopez is famous for its golden beaches, lively fisheries and the wildlife which comes to enjoy nature's bounty. Humpback whales are common seasonal visitors and frigate birds and pelicans loiter around the water ready to snap up any scraps. Puerto Lopez is also the gateway to the vast forests of Machalilla National Park, an internationally important wetland which brims with incredible animal and plant life. Spend your first day in Ecuador exploring this incredible wilderness, led by expert local guides.



DAY 5: Manta, Ecuador

The great city of Manta is one of Ecuador's largest ports – while relatively unknown outside the country, most people will have eaten tuna which is caught and processed in this bustling city. Manta is also home to the legendary toquilla straw hat which is by far the most popular souvenir for visitors and still handmade in the nearby town of Montecristi – just don't call it a Panama hat! Manta is also the centre of Ecuador's valuable chocolate industry – indeed, this is where the world's favourite treat originated, and Indigenous people in the area have been enjoying cacao for thousands of years. Prepare your tastebuds!



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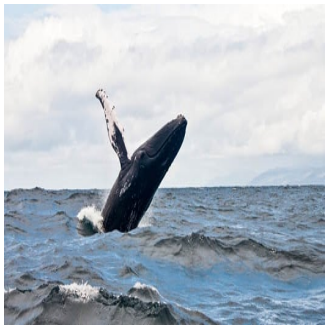
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DAY 6: At sea, towards Utria National Park



Days are sea are never dull and are the perfect opportunity to refresh and indulge the mind and body. Join your Expedition Team in the Theatre to hear expertly crafted lectures relevant to your destination or join them on the outer decks to watch for wildlife. Work up a sweat in the sleek onboard gym, or simply relax in our hot tubs and watch the soaring frigate birds accompany us on to our next destinations – the rich natural paradise of Colombia.

DAY 7: Utria National Park, Colombia



The coral-fringed sea fades into verdant mangrove forests and blends into the forested mountains beyond. This is Utria National Park, one of Colombia's largest and most diverse National Parks. The diversity of this incredible natural wonderland needs to be seen to be believed – over 380 species of birds are recorded from the park, as well as a huge variety of mammals including primates, sloths and jaguars, as well as incredible numbers of amphibians and reptiles. The marine environment is no less diverse, holding vast coral reefs, sea turtles and over 180 species of fish. The park is also the home of the Indigenous Emberá people, who have lived in this Eden since time immemorial, and whose rich culture and traditions are as vibrant today as they have ever been.

DAY 8: Bahía Solano, Colombia



Between the balmy equatorial Pacific and the impenetrable jungle lies Bahia Solano. A world away from the metropolises of Medellín and Bogota, this sleepy village could be another world entirely! Sapphire waterfalls cascade down the mossy mountains and drooping flowers perfume the air – with no buildings higher than a palm tree, this charming town exists in harmony with its tropical surroundings. Far off the well-beaten tourist trail, Bahía Solano is one of the best places in South America to experience nature, with jungles, coral reefs and hiking trails easily accessed from town, stewarded largely by guides belonging to the Indigenous Emberá people.

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DAY 9: Panama Canal Transit

No other piece of global infrastructure on Earth carries quite as much significance as the Panama Canal. Constructed by American companies between 1904 and 1914, the Canal revolutionised global transport, reducing journey times and eliminating the need to transit the dangerous waters of Cape Horn and the Magellan Straits – now, transiting between oceans takes mere hours! During our transit, you will have ample opportunity to admire this engineering marvel, which includes the vast artificial Lake Gatun. Despite its commercial significance, the lake is surprisingly beautiful and brims with wildlife, including monkeys, crocodiles and a plethora of tropical birds. As we exit the Canal, toast your successful package and look back upon your thrilling expedition at the Captain's Farewell Cocktail Party. *Please note that while we will make every effort to ensure that passage can be secured through the Panama Canal on the stated day, intervention from the Panama Canal Authority may alter the date and time of our intended passage.



DAY 10: Disembarkation in Colon, Panama

Colón is the dynamic second city of Panama, and the country's gateway to the Atlantic Ocean – and indeed gateway to the Pacific for the vast number of vessels lining up to transit the canal. After a fond farewell to your fellow explorers and the Expedition Team and Crew of Discoverer, descend the gangway back to dry land, ready to return home from nearby Panama City airport, or continue to explore vibrant central America. On the morning of disembarkation, we provide transfers for you and your luggage from the ship to one of the following: * Downtown Panama City * Panama City Tocumen International Airport located 64km (40miles) from the port of Colon. We recommend booking a flight departing after 2:00 pm (14:00) to allow sufficient time for disembarkation and transfer.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Inclusions

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Accommodation onboard the Discoverer in booked cabin category
All meals onboard the Discoverer including snacks
Beer & soft drinks with lunch; beer, wine & soft drinks with dinner as well as 24/7 tea, coffee & hot cocoa
1GB WiFi card for use on your personal devices (additional can be purchased for a fee)
Onboard lecture program from Expeditions Team and Naturalist Guides.
All scheduled shore excursions and Zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost)
Citizen Science program
Photography Coach available throughout the voyage
Use of onboard gym, sauna, pool and jacuzzi
Access to onboard medical clinics
Access to onboard fitness centres
All port taxes and landing fees
Digital Voyage Log
Group Transfers between Airport/City and Port for embarkation and disembraktion

INCLUDED ON ALL SUITES
Wine and fruit on arrival
In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages
Complimentary laundry service
In-room espresso machine

EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights other than specified
Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified
Meals & beverages other than those specified in the pre-departure information
Pre or post cruise travel expenses other than specified
Visa (if applicable) and passport fees
Travel insurance (compulsory)
Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings
Paid adventure options and all personal expenses
Tobacco, or selected premium beverages
Miscellaneous extras
Onboard communication charges, such as outgoing phone calls or WiFi, not listed under inclusions
Medical care or emergency evacuation
Laundry and communication charges on board
Gratuities for Expedition team and crew
For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets.

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Contact Us for details. Single occupancy cabins are available with a surcharge or for those willing to share you can be matched with someone of the same gender in selected cabins and pay the twin share price. Subject to availability.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for single cabins) Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations. *Please note that while we will make every effort to ensure that passage can be secured through the Panama Canal on the stated day, intervention from the Panama Canal Authority may alter the date and time of our intended passage. In rare and unforeseen situations, an operator may apply a fuel surcharge after your booking has been confirmed and paid. This is outside our control and uncommon, but transparency with our travelers is important to us.
Price Dependent upon	Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

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