



LATIN AMERICAN PASSAGE: PANAMA TO BARBADOS

Your 15-night journey includes: 11-night expedition cruise to San Blas Island, Cartagena, Santa Marta, Aruba, Curaçao, St. Vincent; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Panama City; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Bridgetown

Step aboard the elegant Ocean Explorer and sail with Vantage Deluxe World Travel on a small ship expedition cruise to some of the world's most beautiful destinations throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Beginning in Panama City, your enchanting small ship cruise will cross the Panama Canal, counted among the modern world's seven wonders, and visit unspoiled San Blas Island. Next, you'll head to historic Cartagena and bustling Santa Marta before making your way to the Caribbean, where you'll visit scenic islands and charming city's, from Aruba to Barbados. Throughout your journey, your knowledgeable Expedition Team will guide your discoveries with 9 included features, plus you'll have plenty of leisure time for further exploration on your own.

Along with days exploring ashore, you'll enjoy sailing aboard the 5-star Ocean Explorer, a luxury vessel built for expedition travel with ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology. This elegant small ship ensures you'll feel pampered aboard with sumptuous accommodations, gourmet dining, and first-class personalized service. Treat yourself to a soothing massage at the onboard spa, soak in the top-level hot tubs as you take in the passing scenery, or head to the fitness center for a workout. You'll find everything you need on board to ensure this small ship expedition ticks all the boxes on your travel wishlist.

Reserve Today! Call Toll-Free **1 800 322 6677** - WWW.VANTAGETRAVEL.COM/EPM24

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

EXPEDITION ACTIVITIES



Behold some of the world's most beautiful beaches and unspoiled destinations led by your highly-skilled Expedition Team

PANAMA CANAL CROSSING



Cross the Panama Canal, one of the seven wonders of the modern world

PANAMA CITY



Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Panama's colorful capital on your own

SAN BLAS ISLAND



Bask in the beauty of San Blas Island's white-sand beaches and crystalline waters

CARTAGENA



Discover the charming colonial architecture, lush landscapes, and fascinating cultural heritage of Cartagena

SANTA MARTA



Explore Santa Marta, Colombia, on an included, guided tour of the city's impressive highlights

ARUBA



Aruba welcomes you ashore with its ocean breezes and warm sun, and charms you with its Dutch architecture and unspoiled beaches

CURAÇAO



Discover the best of Curaçao, with its pastel-hued buildings, lively waterfront, and vibrant open-air markets

ST. VINCENT



The volcanic island of St. Vincent, one of the most beautiful in the Caribbean, evokes visions of a peaceful island paradise

BARBADOS



From its glorious beaches and historic architecture to the 17th-century churches and UNESCO-listed Garrison, Barbados is one island worth visiting

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Accommodations:** 11 nights on board the *Ocean Explorer*, 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Panama City, and 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Barbados
- **36 meals:** 15 breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 11 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- **9 included features**
- **Panama Canal crossing**
- **Vantage Expedition Team** of highly-credentialed experts to lead your shore excursions and conduct onboard presentations on geology, history, photography, marine biology, ornithology, and more
- **The services of a Vantage Cruise Director and Program Manager**, plus shipboard commentary, regional experts, and private motorcoach for excursions
- **Complimentary Destination Manager service on board** ship to assist with all your personal requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and other special requests in port
- **Complimentary Vantage Deluxe Concierge Service** prior to your journey, to plan celebrations, activities, or provide regional expertise. Log into My Portfolio and submit a request, or send an email any time up to two weeks prior to your departure at Concierge@vantagetravel.com
- **Complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi**
- **Gratuities for local guides and drivers**
- **All transfers and baggage handling overseas**
- **Vantage 5% Travel Reward**, received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage journey

SPECIAL INTEREST



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Behold some of the world's most beautiful destinations as you make your way from Panama to Barbados
- Venture ashore on naturalist-led expeditions by versatile Zodiac landing crafts
- Attend lectures on marine biology, wildlife, history, and other educational topics

Plus, cruise aboard the 5-star Ocean Explorer, a vessel built specifically for expedition cruising, with the following features:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins, most of which have full walk-out balconies, for the most flexible style of travel — plus, suites designed for comfortable triple-occupancy as well as adjoining room options
- A culinary program offering gourmet dining incorporating regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Knowledgeable staff by region
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- Entertainment programming with 100 movie titles
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption
- Dynamic positioning technology
- State-of-the-art safety technology, Polar Code 6 compliant, and fully compliant with the latest SOLAS requirements in expedition cruising
- Rolls-Royce stabilizer system; "Safe Return to Port" technology



NATURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the clear turquoise waters and powder-white sand on some of the Caribbean's most beautiful beaches
- Visit San Blas Island and enjoy the pristine beauty of its powder-white sand and crystal-clear waters



BIRDWATCHING HIGHLIGHTS

- Panama is a top destination for birdwatchers, and San Blas Island is home to over 140 bird species. You can expect to see colorful species including toucans, macaws, tanagers, hummingbirds, and even the harpy eagle



UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Cross the Panama Canal, considered one of the seven wonders of the modern world
- Spend time in historic Cartagena, the city that inspired many of Colombian author Gabriel García Márquez's Nobel Prize-winning works
- Make time to visit Barbados's Sunbury House, the 1650 manse that today is a repository of artifacts, including the Caribbean's largest collection of carriages and the first optical machinery in

the West Indies



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS You'll enjoy a spectrum of picturesque sights and scenes on this journey. Here are a few tips to help you photograph them along the way:

- Change your perspective. Try shooting from a different angle, for example. Climb a stairwell and shoot a landscape from up high or, alternately, get low and shoot a scene from the ground. Wherever you are, embrace this artistic challenge by getting out of your comfort zone!
 - Take a selfie! You'll be glad to have a few portraits of yourself at the distinctive landmarks you'll find on this journey
- Look beyond the landmarks — sometimes everyday scenes are just as inspiring, and provide a lesson in embracing the unexpected and seizing the moment in front of you



SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

On this small ship ocean cruise, independent travelers will enjoy solo-friendly features, such as:

- Onboard Concierge services to personalize your expedition
 - Water-sport opportunities, depending on the location
 - A lively social media night and musical performances most nights
 - Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
 - Onboard entertainment, lectures, and cooking demonstrations
- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa, jacuzzis, and a gym



CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Prior to your expedition cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

- Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your suite, a gathering in the lounge, and more
- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table

- Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!
- Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free, start-to-finish service by making your requests prior to your journey or during your journey. We are one of the only companies to offer this level of service! Call 1-888-982-6824 or email Concierge@vantagetravel.com to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.

PANAMA CITY TO BRIDGETOWN

DAY 1: Fly to Panama City
Hilton Panama or similar

DAY 2: Explore Panama City at your leisure
Hilton Panama or similar

DAY 3: Tour Panama City and embark the Ocean Explorer today
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 4: Cross the Panama Canal
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 5: Discover the pristine beauty of San Blas Island
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 6: Relax on board with a day at sea
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 7: Discover Cartagena, Colombia
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 8: Savor the sites of Santa Marta, Colombia
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 9: Enjoy a day of scenic sailing on board
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 10: Enchanting Aruba welcomes you today
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DAY 11: Be charmed by colorful Curaçao
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 12: Enjoy another leisurely day on board
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 13: Set foot on picturesque St. Vincent
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 14: Disembark in charming Barbados
Hilton Barbados Resort or similar

DAY 15: Enjoy Barbados at your leisure today
Hilton Barbados Resort or similar

DAY 16: Return home



DAY 1: Fly to Panama City

Today, you'll board a flight to Panama City, Panama. If you purchased your airfare from Vantage, a representative will meet you at the airport to assist with transfers to your hotel. Check in and relax as you prepare for the adventure that awaits on your small ship expedition cruise. Dinner tonight is on your own.
Hilton Panama or similar

DAY 2: Explore Panama City at your leisure

Panama City is Central America's most cosmopolitan capital, and you'll have a full day at

leisure to explore it for yourself. Head to Casco Viejo, the historic side of Panama City and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and take a step back in time. Bask in sweeping vistas of the city's skyscrapers, explore ancient churches, and savor fresh seafood at El Mercado de Mariscos.

Included meals: Breakfast
Hilton Panama or similar

DAY 3: Tour Panama City and embark the Ocean Explorer today

Following breakfast at your hotel, you'll head to the pier to begin the cruise portion of your journey, with a tour of Panama City along the way.

Upon arrival at the pier, you'll board your elegant small ship to begin the cruise portion of your journey. There will be time to settle in and perhaps have a drink on deck as you set off on your adventure. Tonight, enjoy a special Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers.

Included Feature:

- **Panama City tour**
Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 4: Cross the Panama Canal

Crossing the Panama Canal is a maritime experience unlike any other. Completed in 1914, the Panama Canal is considered one of the seven wonders of the modern world and a marvel of engineering. Today you'll traverse the entire length of the canal, crossing its massive locks. Head to the top-level sundeck, or to the panoramic Observation Lounge, and view the full scope of this engineering wonder as you make your way to the Atlantic.

Included Feature:

- **Panama Canal crossing**
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 5: Discover the pristine beauty of San Blas Island

Today you'll visit San Blas Island, part of a group of islands located in the archipelago northwest of Panama. Many of the 378 islands found here are uninhabited, and today you'll head ashore to explore the pristine beauty found here. The powder-white sand and crystal-clear waters surrounding San Blas make this a picture-perfect destination on which to spend your day.

Included Feature:

- **San Blas Island excursion**
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 6: Relax on board with a day at sea

Indulge in the splendid amenities of the Ocean Explorer today. Lounge on the sundeck with a cocktail and a bestselling book. Get your heart

racing with a cardio workout at the gym or pamper yourself with a soothing treatment at the onboard spa. The day is at your leisure to do as you please.

Onboard Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional onboard experience. Enhance your time on board with one of our Vantage-exclusive activities, including wine and whiskey tastings, a multicourse Chef's Table Dinner, or an exclusive wine-pairing dinner.

Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 7: Discover Cartagena, Colombia

Located along the Caribbean coast of Colombia, Cartagena offers visitors charming colonial architecture, lush landscapes, narrow stone walkways, and fascinating cultural experiences. In fact, this vibrant and historic city — one of the most beautiful and well-preserved in the Americas — inspired the many works of Nobel-winning, Colombian author Gabriel García Márquez. You'll explore this incredible destination for yourself today, and learn about its history and cultural heritage during an included city tour. There will be free time to further explore on your own following your tour.

Included Feature:

- **Cartagena city tour**
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 8: Savor the sites of Santa Marta, Colombia

Santa Marta is known as the premier beach destination in Colombia. But there is more to this hidden gem than the beautiful, secluded beaches. The city's many museums focus on everything from masterpieces created by local

artists to the history of the city and the importance of former Colombian president and revolutionary hero Simón Bolívar. Coffee and chocolate lovers can find much to satisfy their tastes, as the small villages dotting the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta mountain range is known for producing rich, organic coffee and cacao. The Santa Marta Market is the place to shop for unique souvenirs and gifts made by local artisans, or savor traditional fare from street-food stalls. You'll enjoy an included tour of the city's best highlights today with time to explore further on your own

Included Feature:

- **Santa Marta highlights tour**
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 9: Enjoy a day of scenic sailing on board

You'll have a day of scenic sailing to indulge in your ship's 5-star amenities. Relax on the sundeck, visit the spa for a soothing treatment, and shop for souvenirs at the onboard gift shop. At mealtimes, savor culinary creations prepared by your skilled onboard chefs. In the evening, head up to the Observation Deck for magnificent stargazing.

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Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 10: Enchanting Aruba welcomes you today

Aruba welcomes you ashore with its soft ocean

breezes and warm Caribbean sun, and charms you with its vibrant Dutch architecture and beautiful unspoiled beaches. It should come as no surprise that this hospitable island is a favorite year-round destination for visitors. Its temperate crystalline waters are perfect for windsurfing, and its vibrant coral reef rewards snorkelers and divers with a display of colorful tropical fish and ancient shipwrecks. After a day spent exploring this lovely island you're sure to feel the special sense of happiness locals call "the Aruba effect" for yourself.

Included Feature:

- **Aruba highlights tour**
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 11: Be charmed by colorful Curaçao

Today, you'll visit colorful Curaçao. With its pastel-hued, 17th-century Dutch-style buildings; lively waterfront, vibrant open-air markets; and numerous cafés, galleries, and shops, there is more to this friendly island than just its beaches. You'll enjoy an included tour of Curaçao's favorite sites, taking in the picturesque scenery and charming architecture along the way.

Included Feature:

- **Curaçao island tour**
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 12: Enjoy another leisurely day on board

Enjoy another day at sea aboard your elegant small ship. Visit the spa, relax in the well-stocked library, sip a cocktail as you take in the panoramic views from the sundeck, or perhaps get a workout in the gym. At mealtime, savor incredible culinary creations thoughtfully prepared by your onboard chefs.

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Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 13: Set foot on picturesque St. Vincent

The largest of the island chain comprising St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the volcanic island of St. Vincent is one of the most beautiful in the Caribbean. With its wide white-sand beaches, clear sapphire-hued waters, and the sweet scent of tropical flowers permeating the air, it's easy to see why this destination evokes visions of a peaceful island paradise. You'll set out for a guided tour of this idyllic island today, viewing its top highlights for yourself.

Included Feature:

- St. Vincent highlights tour
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 14: Disembark in charming Barbados

Thanks to its rich British heritage, few places can blend calypso music and cricket as seamlessly as Barbados. And Bridgetown is the heart of this picturesque island. From its glorious beaches and historic architecture to the 17th-century churches and UNESCO-listed Garrison, this is one island worth visiting. After disembarking the *Ocean Explorer*, you'll enjoy a tour of this beautiful island on the way to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to spend at your leisure with dinner on your own.

Included Feature:

- Scenic tour of Barbados
Included meals: Breakfast
Hilton Barbados Resort or similar

DAY 15: Enjoy Barbados at your leisure today

You'll be able to explore more of Barbados for yourself with a full day at leisure today.

Pay a visit to Harrison's Cave, an amazing gallery of stalactites and stalagmites, with streams of crystal-clear waterfalls forming deep emerald pools. Or, pop into historic Mount Gay Rum Distillery, established in 1703 and known as the birthplace of rum, and follow up a tour of the fully-operational rum making headquarters with a tasting. Barbados is also known for having some of the world's most beautiful beaches, with crystalline waters and powder-soft sand. Spend an afternoon soaking up the sun on one of these legendary beaches.

Included meals: Breakfast
Hilton Barbados Resort or similar

DAY 16: Return home

Today, you'll transfer to the airport for your flight back to the U.S.

Included meals: Breakfast

Please Note: Ocean cruising is not the same experience as river cruising; as such, you may experience fluctuating tides and weather patterns that may involve some rocking of your vessel. Itineraries will include all activities as planned except in extreme cases that can't be controlled by your shipboard crew. Day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Cruise Director or regional expert.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Ocean Explorer

Quick facts

Launch: 2021

Length: 104.4 Meters

Max Capacity: 162 guests — 134 for polar expeditions

Cabins: 77, including a landmark 15 solo cabins — 80% of all cabins feature a private veranda

The intimate *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey* are the cruise industry's newest and most premier small ships built for global expedition travel, and ready to go to some of the world's most far-reaching destinations. Accommodating just 134 guests, the ship is outfitted with the latest satellite, sustainability, and navigation capabilities, including SOLAS "Safe Return to Port" requirements and ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology, a significant enhancement for smooth sailing in polar seas.

On all Vantage expedition cruises, education is an essential component of the journey. Enjoy talks from notable scholars, onboard historians who travel alongside you, and handpicked regional experts. On polar expeditions with Vantage, you'll attend lectures, lessons, and activities offered by a 17-member Expedition Team of experts in fields ranging from biology to oceanography.

In your downtime, you'll find relaxation and luxury aboard the *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey*. Visit the gym or onboard spa for a facial, massage, even a haircut. Soak in the hot tub after a rewarding day of sightseeing. Enjoy gourmet fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus outstanding culinary experiences built into your journey. And because there's no more than 134 fellow travelers on expedition cruises, you'll enjoy small group outings by day and share meals, stories, and fun with new friends by night. These fabulous expedition vessels offer:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins
- 30 triple-ready cabins available
- Vantage offers FREE roommate-matching services if you'd like to be paired while you travel

- Spacious, all outside-facing cabins
- 134-guest capacity
- Zodiac trips to get as close as possible to nature
- The latest satellite and navigation capabilities, including ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology
- Intimate crew-to-passenger ration, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption

Amenities:

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining and regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Hot-rock cooking restaurant
- Multistory lounge and lobby
- Three bars and various lounges
- Top deck observation deck for gatherings, lectures, performances, and more
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager (not available on expeditions)
- On expeditions, enjoy the services and curated lectures of a 5- or 17-person Expedition Team, comprised of experts in their field
- Knowledgeable staff by region; expedition cruises will be led by an experienced Expedition Team
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- 20+ live TV channels featuring popular US news channels, the Food Network, the Travel Channel, and National Geographic
- Entertainment and video on demand for 250 classic movies

Ocean Explorer Gallery



Hilton Panama ★★★★★

Located at the Balboa Avenida waterfront, Hilton Panama is withing close proximity of downtown Panama City and the Cinta Costera, and is connected to neighboring Starbay Casino. On-site amenities include a luxury spa, outdoor pool, fitness center, and a selection of restaurants. In-room amenities include luxury toiletries, coffeemaker, flat-screen television, minibar, free Wi-Fi, and room service.



Hilton Barbados Resort ★★★★★

Situated on the site of the 17th-century ruins of Charles Fort, this stylish resort offers its guests a comfortable retreat with modern amenities. On-site amenities include a luxury spa, fitness center, tennis courts, outdoor pools, beach access, and five restaurants. In-room amenities include luxury toiletries, coffeemaker, flat-screen television, and free Wi-Fi.