



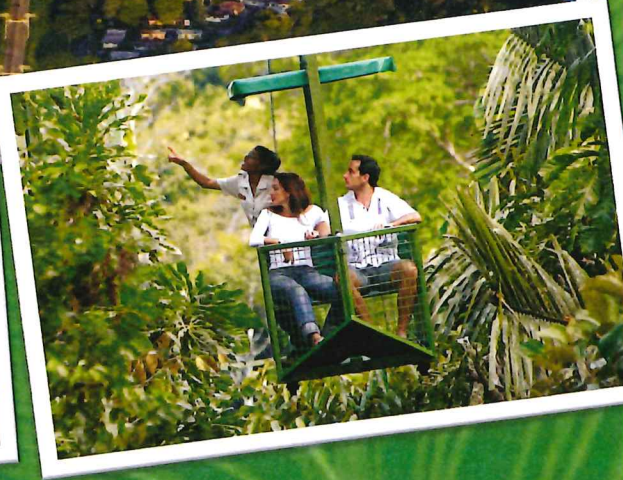
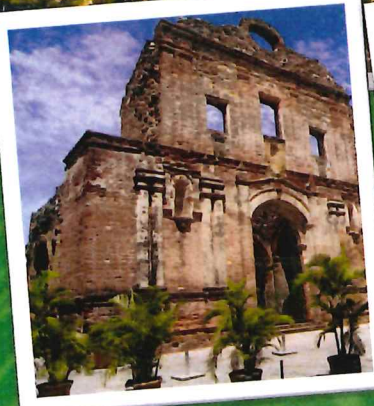
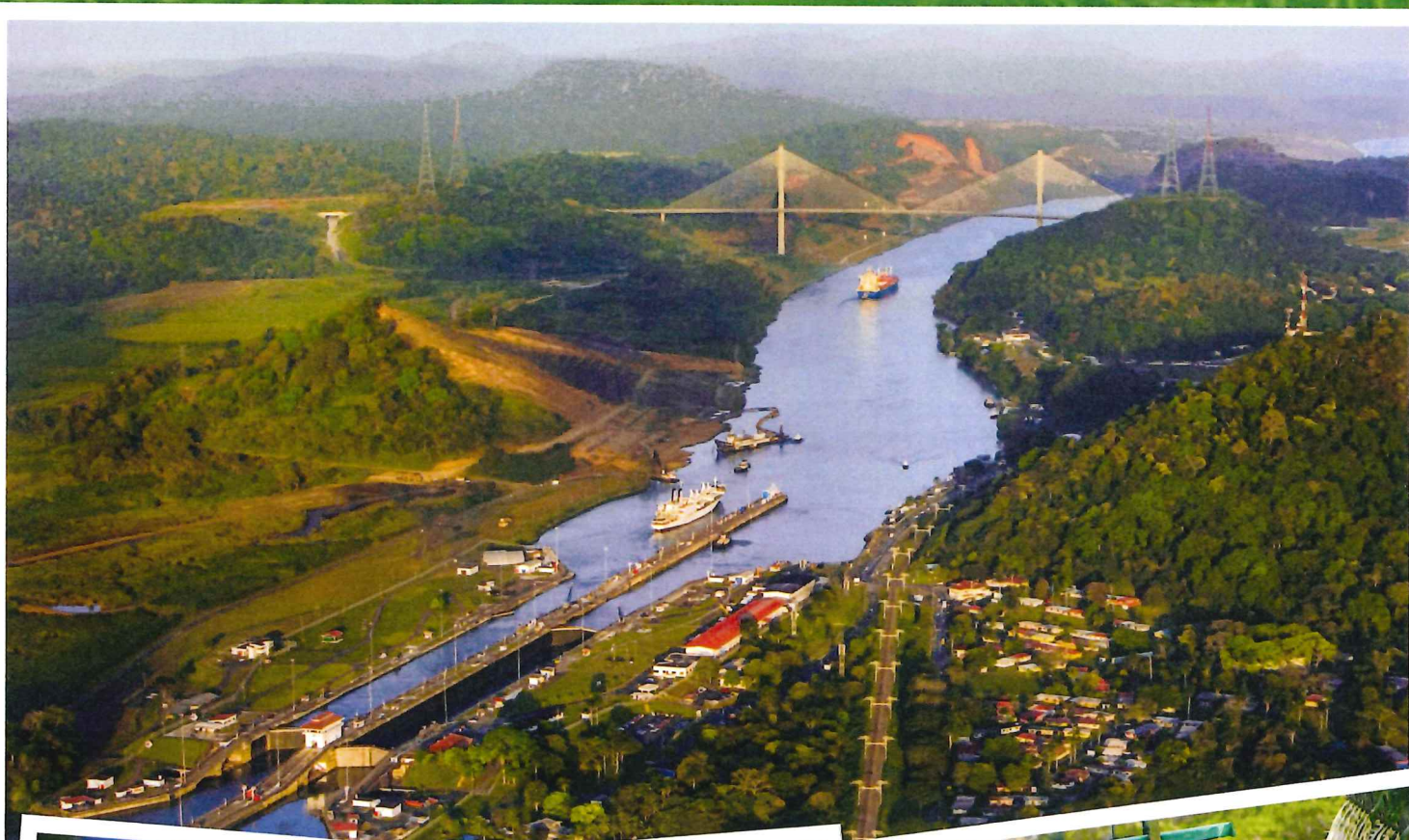
Wendinger Travel

Presents

Exploring the Panama Canal and Beyond

February 19 - 26, 2026

\$3,850 Per Person, Double Occupancy from Minneapolis



This is an exclusive travel program offered by Wendinger Travel and InterTrav

Day By Day Itinerary

Thurs., Feb. 19 – MINNEAPOLIS / PANAMA CITY

We depart Minneapolis early this morning to begin the journey to Panama City, Panama. On arrival at Tocumen International Airport we'll meet our Tour Guide who will travel with us throughout our stay in Panama City, followed by a short drive to our downtown hotel.

Cosmopolitan and compact, Panama's capital city spreads along the shores of a broad Pacific bay at the southern entrance to the Panama Canal. At a crossroads between two continents and two oceans, Panama City has served for centuries as a commercial route between the Old and New Worlds.

Fri., Feb. 20 – PANAMA CITY (B,L,RD)

Today we explore Panama City, beginning our day in nearby Balboa, named for Vasco Nunez de Balboa, the first Spaniard to see the Pacific Ocean. We'll enjoy a VIP Tour of the Miraflores Locks Visitor Center to enjoy a presentation by the Panama Canal Authority on the history of the Panama Canal. Then we're headed to Casco Viejo, the most colorful and intriguing part of the city, full of historic buildings, quaint plazas, charming sidewalk cafes and museums, for a walking tour and visit of the handicraft market. After lunch, we'll continue our sightseeing with a visit to Panama Viejo where Pedro Arias de Avila founded the first Spanish City on August 15, 1519. We'll visit the Old Panama Museum tracing the nation's history from the arrival of Balboa until 1977 and step inside the Cathedral Metropolitana, a site that has been a silent witness to some of the most relevant historical events in Panama.

Sat., Feb. 21 – PANAMA CITY (B,L) (Trans-Isthmian Route)

Today we travel across the Isthmus of Panama to the Caribbean province of Colon, lying at the Atlantic entrance to the Panama Canal. We'll begin with a visit to the Agua Clara Visitor Center, home to the new Panama Canal Expansion Observation Center. After taking in the unparalleled view, we'll stop in the projection room to appreciate all the history and efforts that thousands have marked throughout the first centenary, and learn about the plans for the near and distant future. Afterward, we'll enjoy lunch at the Shelter Bay Marina, located at the Caribbean entrance to the Panama Canal. This afternoon we'll continue our sightseeing with a visit to Fort San Lorenzo, built at the mouth of the Chagres River to protect the entrance to the Las Cruces Trail. This 400-year-old colonial trail was used by the Spaniards to transport gold across the isthmus that led to Panama City and the Pacific Ocean.

Sun., Feb. 22 – PANAMA CITY (Panama Canal Tour)

(B,L)

One of the great engineering feats of the 20th century, the Panama Canal accomplished what nature forgot to do; it connected the Atlantic to the Pacific and reduced the 12,000-mile sailing distance between New York and San Francisco by more than 7,000 miles. Without question, the best way to experience this magnificent wonder is from the deck of a transiting ship.

This morning we travel to the town of Gamboa and board the *Pacific Queen* for a journey through the Panama Canal. We'll begin by cruising through an 8.5-mile-long portion of waterway named the Gaillard Cut. The narrowest section of the Panama Canal is flanked by the backbone of the Continental Divide and with luck, we may see toucans and parrots bursting from the green forests that line the waterway. Before reaching the first set of locks, we'll cruise beneath the Centennial Bridge. Then we'll enter the Pedro Miguel Locks, where our boat is lowered 30 feet in one step. From here we enter Lake Miraflores, a small artificial body of fresh water that separates the Pedro Miguel Locks from the Miraflores Locks, the tallest in the locks system due to the extreme tidal variation of the Pacific Ocean. In two steps, our boat will be lowered 56 feet in the almost 1¼ mile long lock set, where the transition takes place from fresh to salt water. Next, we'll see the Third Cut, a canal dug in the 1940's to permit the passage of U.S. battle-ships, before sailing under the Bridge of the Americas, reuniting land divided during construction of the canal. Once in the Pacific Ocean we'll enjoy an offshore view of Panama City's fabulous skyline before arriving at the Flamenco Resort and Marina.



**Mon., Feb. 23 – PANAMA CITY
(El Valle de Anton)**

(B,L)

Today we travel to the picturesque mountain town of El Valle de Anton, known simply as El Valle. As we'll soon find out, El Valle has a geologically unique setting; it's nestled in the second largest volcano crater in the world. This 5 by 3-mile crater was created when a volcano blew up five million years ago. Look up, those "mountains" surrounding El Valle are the edges of the giant crater. We'll enjoy a scenic nature walk allowing you to spend time in the lush forest before reaching the Chorro el Macho Waterfall, a towering 85-foot waterfall that drops into a natural swimming pool. For the thrill seekers in our group, you'll have an opportunity to take part in an *optional* Canopy Zipline Adventure through the rainforest canopy, an exciting adventure you're sure to remember forever! El Valle's great variety of attractions also includes an open-air handicrafts market. Be sure to have your cameras ready for this colorful market. The Ngobe-Bugle Indians flock to the traditional market to sell their crafts, including the figurines of ranas doradas, the endangered yellow-and-black poison dart frogs synonymous with El Valle.

**Tues., Feb. 24 – PANAMA CITY / GAMBOA (B,L)
(Gatun River & Embera Quera Indigenous Village)**

(B,L)

This morning we depart Panama City and travel to the shores of the Gatun River, the main feeder to Lake Gatun, the freshwater lake that provides the 52 million gallons of water necessary to operate the locks every time a ship passes through the canal. Here we'll embark aboard a motorized piragua, or dugout canoe, and travel up river to an Embera indigenous village. The journey takes us through Chagres National Park, the largest of the National Parks protecting the Panama Canal Watershed. Along the way, we'll be on the lookout for the Little Blue and Green Heron, Great Egret, Kingfishers, along with Keel-billed Toucans and Ospreys. On our arrival at the Embera Quera village, we'll be greeted with music and dancing followed by an introduction to their local customs and relationship with nature. We'll enjoy a traditional lunch, and you'll have an opportunity to be painted with the traditional jagua, a natural dye the Embera Quera use to adorn their bodies. Afterward, we'll be on our way to the Gamboa Rainforest Resort where we'll spend the last two evenings on tour in the heart of the Panamanian rainforest.

Wed., Feb. 25 – GAMBOA

(B,HD)

The day is at leisure in our resort allowing you to do as much or as little as you'd like. As you'll soon discover, the resort amenities provide a variety of adventure and educational experiences, or you can

relax and work on your tan poolside. Exploring the rainforest has never been easier. For a bird's eye view of the Soberania National Park, a must-see destination for avid bird watchers, climb aboard the specially designed aerial tram and glide quietly through the rainforest canopy to encounter plants and animals rarely seen by visitors on the ground.

Thurs., Feb. 26 – GAMBOA / MINNEAPOLIS (B)

(B)

This morning we travel to Tocumen International Airport in preparation for our return journey home. No better time to celebrate a beginning of new friendships and reflect on memories of our *Exploring the Panama Canal and Beyond* vacation to last a lifetime!

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The Vacation Price Includes:

- ◆ Roundtrip economy class airline transportation from Minneapolis
- ◆ Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying Panama Tour Guide
- ◆ First-class hotel accommodations
- ◆ All meals as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary
- ◆ Sightseeing as detailed in the Day by Day Itinerary including applicable entrance fees
- ◆ Luggage handling and portage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotels
- ◆ Airline taxes and fees, and all taxes for included ground services

The Vacation Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees and destination entry requirements; gratuities to the motor coach driver(s) and Panama Tour Guide; luggage handling at airports; meals other than those stated above; and Travel Protection.

TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations may be made by check or major credit card. Credit cards can be accepted for payment(s); however, the vacation price reflects a 4% cash discount. Please call InterTrav at 630-377-5840 to arrange payment by credit card; 4% of the payment amount will be assessed on credit card payments. You will be invoiced for the balance of payment due on or before **Friday, November 20, 2025**. Reservation requests received after **Friday, November 20, 2025**, are subject to tour availability.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 25 persons and includes planning, and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of May 1, 2025. In the event of a marked increase in tariff rates, the cost is subject to revision.

TOUR PRICING: This is a package tour in which group airfares and land tour costs have been combined in the most advantageous way. Should you wish to deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, this will eliminate the advantages of the package tour price. There will be a service charge of \$100 per person for altering the airline itinerary, plus any additional charges assessed by the airlines.

CANCELLATION: If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there is a cancellation charge equal to the per person deposit up to 100 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 99 and 65 days prior to departure, there is a cancellation charge equal to 50% of the tour cost. For cancellation within 64 days of departure, the cancellation charge is 100% of the tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone and must be sent in writing to: Wendinger Travel, P.O. Box 386, New Ulm, MN 56073, or emailed to info@wendingertravel.com.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: You will be given the option of purchasing Travel Protection at the time you sign-up for the tour. Plans help protect you and your travel investment and help provide coverage for unexpected circumstances. The plan cost is non-refundable after the 14 day free look period and rates are based on trip cost. For a complete description of coverage and to see all the covered reasons for cancellation, please call 507-359-3111 or e-mail info@wendingertravel.com.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: Your tour requires a passport valid for a minimum of three months beyond the date of arrival. If you do not already have your passport, or it will expire before your return date, we suggest you apply for it immediately. No visas are required for your tour. However, if you are a citizen of a country other than the United States, you must advise us in writing with your Reservation Application, as other travel documents may be required.

RESPONSIBILITY

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