

SHORE EXCURSIONS

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STAR CLIPPER

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Panama to Montego Bay (03 January 2026)



Sat Balboa	(Isla	Flamenco), I	Panama
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Sun Panama Canal Transit Mon Portobelo, Panama

Tue at sea

Wed Bocas del Toro, Panama Thu Puerto Limón, Costa Rica

Fri at sea

Sat San Andrés, Colombia

Sun Providencia, Colombia

Mon at sea Tue at sea

Wed George Town, Grand Cayman Thu Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands,

Fri at sea

Sat Montego Bay, Jamaica

What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our excursions are led by local English-speaking guides or driver-guides.
- The length of the tours and time spent on the sites is given as an indication as it may vary depending on weather, sea and traffic conditions and on the group's pace.
- The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication.
- Transportation: roads in the islands can be winding and bumpy. Vehicles used (coasters, minibuses, minivans) have generally small seats and limited space and legroom.
- Guests will be required to sign a liability waiver to participate in some activities.

How you can book your shore excursions:

- Shore excursions can be booked onboard, using the "sign-up lists" available at the Library.
- The price of the excursion will be added to your on-board account.
- A minimum number of participants is required for each tour; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.
- To provide the best service and to avoid disappointments, please book your shore excursions as early as possible: places are limited and there is a booking deadline for each port.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation fees will be charged. Booking deadlines will be indicated on the Daily Program and on the booking forms.
- Transfers and tours ending at the airport can also be prepaid prior to your cruise.

Important notes:

- Departure times of the excursions are mentioned in the Daily Program of each port, which you will receive in your cabin the evening before each stopover.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes. The latest updated tour descriptions are available onboard the ship in a file at the Library and on Star Clippers' website (you can download the file using the QR code).





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PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT

A Panama Canal transit is a captivating and engineering marvel that takes ships through the heart of the Americas, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. This extraordinary journey involves navigating a series of locks and channels, providing a front-row seat to the incredible feat of human ingenuity.

As vessels make their way through the lush tropical landscape of Panama, passengers can witness the intricate process of rising and descending through the locks, which is both educational and awe-inspiring.

The experience offers a unique perspective on the country's rich history, stunning landscapes, and the vital role the canal plays in global trade and connectivity.

PORTOBELO - Historic Portobelo and Panama-Congo culture



Sightseeing

Portobelo is steeped in history- a secluded port on the Caribbean coast nestled in a bay once guarded by three forts. It formed part of the Spanish Crown's vast defensive system, stretching from Veracruz in Mexico to Cartagena in Colombia, designed to protect transatlantic trade routes from pirates and buccaneers.

The forts of Portobelo, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2012, are enduring examples of 17th- and 18th-century military architecture. Today, Portobelo is also a vibrant center of Congo culture, rooted in the traditions of the descendants of enslaved Africans.

During this guided walking tour, you'll visit the Church of San Felipe, home to the revered Black Christ of Portobelo, and the Royal Customs House - an architectural gem built in 1630 by the Spanish, now restored and hosting the Museum of Afro-Panamanian Memory.

At the Fort of San Jerónimo, enjoy sweeping views and take part in a cultural encounter with locals as they perform traditional Congo dances. This expressive dance form combines energetic movement, percussion, colorful costumes, masks, and song - offering a vivid connection to the African heritage preserved for generations in this region. After this immersive experience, you'll return to the cruise ship.

Please note:

- This tour is entirely on foot and involves extensive walking and standing on uneven surfaces, with some steps.
- Dress for the weather (light clothing), wear walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and water.

BOCAS DEL TORO – Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

Bocas del Toro is a vibrant Caribbean archipelago off the coast of Panama, known for its relaxed island atmosphere, colorful wooden architecture, and stunning natural surroundings. Visitors can enjoy a leisurely day exploring the lively town of Bocas on Isla Colón, relax on nearby beaches, or take in the sights from local cafés and waterfront spots. The area is also rich in Afro-Caribbean culture and offers a unique blend of laid-back charm and tropical beauty.



PUERTO LIMÓN - Tortuguero canals and banana plantation

4:00 75 € Moderate Minibus, river boat Min 15 / Max 40

Sightseeing

Set off from the pier on a short drive to our private dock in Moín, where you'll board a comfortable jungle pontoon boat designed to navigate the scenic Tortuguero Canals—often called Costa Rica's Amazon. These lush canals run parallel to the Caribbean coast and are part of a vast river system teeming with wildlife and exotic vegetation.

As you cruise through this unique waterway system, admire orchids, water lilies, and the lush rainforest canopy mirrored in the calm waters. Keep your eyes open for local wildlife including monkeys, sloths, toucans, iguanas, lizards, and a variety of tropical birds. Complimentary cold drinks and snacks will be provided during the tour.

Next, you'll visit a rural tourism project where you'll walk easy trails through some of Costa Rica's most important crop plantations. A local guide will share insights into the country's agricultural staples—coffee, cocoa, and bananas—offering a rich, authentic look at local life and farming practices.

The tour concludes with a brief stop at a souvenir shop before returning to your ship.

Please note:

- Pontoon boats are covered on top and open at the sides; there is no onboard toilet.
- Wildlife sightings are likely but not guaranteed. Do not feed or touch any wild animals.
- Dress for the weather (light clothing), wear walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and water.
- Estimated driving times: port to Tortuguero: 20 minutes; Tortuguero to banana plantation: 30 minutes; banana plantations to the port: 30 minutes. The order of visits may vary.

PUERTO LIMÓN - Crops, Flavors and Traditions of Costa Rica



Sightseeing

After a 45 minutes bus ride from the port, you will reach a sustainable farm where you will discover a unique blend of culture, history, and Costa Rican agricultural heritage.

The first part of your journey takes you through some of the most important crops for the Costa Rican economy. You will start with the coffee plantations, where you'll uncover the fascinating process behind one of the country's most iconic exports. From there, you'll explore cocoa trees and discover how cocoa is transformed into the delicious chocolate cherished throughout the region. As the tour continues, you'll walk among banana plantations and learn about the different species grown here, including the unique red and Creole bananas that add diversity to the farm. The visit then leads you to the pineapple fields and then to a traditional "trapiche", a Costa Rican sugar mill. Here, you will see how sugar cane juice is extracted, boiled, and molded using age-old methods. You'll have the chance to sample fresh "guarapo" and traditional sweets made on-site.

The tour continues to the farm's animal area, where you'll meet Watusi cattle, miniature cows, donkeys, hens, turkeys, and more. You will then enjoy an equestrian show featuring several breeds such as the Frisian-Creole, Costa Rican Creole, and Quarter Horse. Skilled riders will demonstrate the elegance, agility, and power of these magnificent animals through a series of maneuvers and traditional field tasks.

At the end of your visit, relax with fresh fruit refreshments, including passion fruit juice, before returning to your ship, take time to explore the souvenir shop, which offers handmade sweets, locally produced coffee and chocolate, artisanal crafts, and natural products that support sustainable development and local artisans.

Please note:

- Please note that the tour includes walking over uneven terrain.
- A short briefing on safety rules to ensure an enjoyable visit.
- Dress for the weather (light clothing), wear walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and water.
- The journey between the port and the farm takes approximately 45 minutes. The order of visits may vary.



PROVIDENCIA - Exploration Tour at Cayo Cangrejo

Active & Adventure | Snorkeling

Enjoy a scenic speedboat ride from Aury Dock to Cayo Cangrejo ("Crab Cay"), a tiny islet covering just 2 hectares and part of the Old Providence McBean Lagoon National Natural Park. Upon arrival, disembark at the dock and climb a short staircase to begin your island exploration. This excursion highlights the rich flora and fauna of the cay. Swimming and snorkeling in the surrounding waters offer a close look at the area's vibrant marine life. Hawksbill turtles, barracuda, snapper, and countless colorful fish swim alongside visitors in the island's crystal-clear coral waters. A second highlight is the panoramic viewpoint at the top of the cay. A sandy path, shaded by coastal trees, leads to the stone outcrop that offers sweeping views across the national park.

Please note:

- This tour is suitable only for guests in good physical condition who are confident swimmers
- Due to environmental regulations, only 15 participants may snorkel at a time. While one group snorkels for approximately 30 minutes, others will explore the island on foot or have free time for swimming. This rotation ensures all guests experience both activities in a relaxed and respectful way.
- Wear your swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, water shoes and a t-shirt.
- Snorkeling equipment is not provided, please bring it from the ship.
- There is a 30 minutes boat transfer between the port and Cayo Cangrejo.

SAN ANDRES - Snorkel adventure in San Andrés



Active & Adventure | Snorkeling

Experience the beauty of San Andrés during an invigorating tour on the water. Located in the southwestern Caribbean Sea and part of the UNESCO Seaflower Biosphere Reserve, San Andrés is renowned for its warm, crystal-clear waters that average 27°C year-round. With underwater visibility often exceeding 30 meters, it offers ideal conditions for underwater exploration.

This excursion includes two distinct snorkeling stops. The first is a shipwreck, now a thriving marine habitat where you can observe how nature has transformed this sunken structure into a haven for sea life. The second stop takes you to a vibrant coral reef, home to hundreds of colorful fish species and a diverse underwater ecosystem. Immerse yourself in the unique underwater world of San Andrés, where each moment reveals the island's natural

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- This tour includes a water-based activity and is suitable for guests in good physical condition.
- Guests must know how to swim.
- Wear your swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, water shoes and a t-shirt.
- Snorkeling equipment is provided.



SAN ANDRES - Coco Plum Beach Day Pas

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5:00	99 €	Easy	Local taxis	participants

Beach

The tour begins with a scenic drive through the San Luis area, one of the most beautiful and traditional parts of San Andrés Island, accompanied by an English-speaking guide. You'll arrive at the charming Coco Plum Beach Hotel, where you can spend a relaxing day enjoying the stunning beach. There will be ample time to unwind, take a stroll along the shoreline, or simply enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

A delicious BBQ lunch will be served, featuring local flavors and a beachside view. After lunch, you'll be transferred back to the pier, where you will return to the ship by tender.

Please note:

- Wear a swimsuit under your clothing and bring a towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, water, and cash in US dollars.
- Transfers are operated by local taxis and may accommodate a maximum of 4–5 passengers.
- BBQ Lunch Menu: Grilled beef tenderloin, BBQ chicken breast, grilled fish skewers, coconut rice, plantain, sweet coconut dessert. Four drinks per person included (bottled water, local beer, or soda).
- Beach chair, umbrella, and towel are included.

GRAND CAYMAN - Barrier Reef Snorkel & Kaibo Beach



Snorkeling | Beach

Just off the north shore of Grand Cayman lies one of the world's most stunning marine environments, home to some of the deepest waters and the famous "North Wall," as well as the island's own "Barrier Reef." These natural wonders attract snorkelers and divers from across the globe, drawn by the area's vibrant underwater beauty and mystique. During this adventure, you'll have the opportunity to snorkel above the Barrier Reef, where schools of colorful tropical fish and diverse marine life await your discovery.

Following approximately one hour of snorkeling, the boat will set course across the waters of the North Sound, gliding past scenic mangrove forests before arriving at the Kaibo Yacht Club on the island's tranquil North Side.

Upon arrival, you'll be welcomed with a complimentary fruit or rum punch served on board before disembarking to enjoy the serene atmosphere of Kaibo's beach and club setting.

At Kaibo beach, guests can unwind on the beach, explore the surroundings, or simply soak up the relaxed Caribbean vibes. After your time at Kaibo, the cruise continues back to the Cayman Islands Yacht Club. From there, you will be transported to George Town, where you'll have the opportunity to browse local shops before returning to the ship.

Please note:

- This tour includes a water-based activity and is suitable for guests in good physical condition.
- Guests must know how to swim.
- Wear your swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, and a t-shirt.
- Snorkeling equipment is provided.
- Guests will have free time at the beach. Beach chairs can be rented at an extra cost directly at Kaibo Beach Bar.
- There is a 15 minutes transfer by minibus between the port and the departure point of the boat.



GRAND CAYMAN - Seven Mile beach kayak & snorkel adventure

4:00 105 €

Moderate to

Strenuous

Minibus Kayal

Min 12 / Max 24 participants

Active & Adventure | Snorkeling | Beach

Your excursion begins with a transfer from the port to the northern start of Grand Cayman's world-renowned Seven Mile Beach. Here, your kayak and snorkel adventure begins. After a brief safety orientation, you'll gear up and set off from Mollie's Beach Club, paddling along the coast under the guidance of experienced instructors. You'll explore nearby coral reef systems and snorkel sites, discovering the rich marine life that thrives just off the shore.

Upon your return to Mollie's Beach Club, unwind in a reserved sun chair and enjoy some well-deserved relaxation. Guests can also browse local artwork and artisan crafts on display throughout the venue or purchase drinks on the Big Gun Deck, where signature Schooner Cocktails pay tribute to the sailing vessels that once traveled the Caribbean Sea. A convenient shuttle service will be available to take you back to the port.

Please note:

- This is a physically demanding tour, recommended only for guests in very good physical condition. It is not suitable for those with heart conditions, asthma, leg or chest injuries, or pregnant women. Participants must be able to swim.
- Min age is 12 years (minors must be accompanied by an adult). Max weight is 225 lbs (approx. 102 kg).
- Double sit-on-top kayaks will be used, and before the tour begins, participants will receive practical instructions on how to maneuver them.
- Please wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring aqua or water shoes, sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, a t-shirt for sun protection, a bottle of water, a towel from the ship, and extra dry clothes. Snorkeling equipment is provided.
- A complementary Fruit Punch is included. Guests can purchase extra drinks and snacks at the bar of the beach club.
- There is a 15 minutes transfer by minibus between the port and the beach.

CAYMAN BRAC – Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

Cayman Brac, the easternmost of the Cayman Islands, offers a glimpse into a quieter, more rugged side of the Caribbean. It is the most dramatic of the Cayman islands with a massive central limestone outcrop, known as "The Bluff", rising steadily along the length of the island up to 140 feet (43 m) above sea level at the eastern end. Known for its serene beaches and lush hiking trails, the island is a haven for nature lovers and those seeking a peaceful escape. Enjoy the island's unspoiled natural beauty and beaches and relaxed atmosphere.

MONTEGO BAY

Star Clippers offers the following transfer services (optional, at an additional cost):

- Shared transfer to Sangster International Airport.

Suitable for flights after 12:30. Departure from the pier at 09:30, arrival at the airport at 10:00.

Private transfers to Sangster International Airport or to hotels.

Pick up from the pier for private transfers is no later than 10:00.

- Private transfers from hotels to Sangster International Airport.

This service can only be pre-booked prior to your cruise and cannot be booked onboard.

Transfers can also be booked prior to your cruise. Bookings made onboard during the cruise are always subject to availability. If you wish to book a private transfer, we recommend that you book well in advance prior to your cruise, as the number of vehicles may be limited at certain times of the year.

For information and reservations please contact our reservations department or your travel agent.

The ship will be alongside at one of the cruise piers of Montego Bay's port.

Sangster International Airport (MBJ) is located 7 km from the cruise port (approx. 20 minutes drive).

All guests are requested to leave the ship by 10:00am. There is no left-luggage service at the cruise terminal.



EXCURSIONS ACTIVITY LEVEL:

- ✓ **Easy**: excursion accessible to all participants, as it mainly takes place by bus or boat. Any footpaths and stairs that need to be negotiated are short or easy.
- ✓ **Moderate**: a certain basic level of fitness is required; excursion involving moderate walking sometimes over uneven or unpaved paths and stairs.
- ✓ **Moderate to strenuous**: active participation is required; excursion involving walking long distances over uneven or steep terrain. May involve several flights of stairs or extended staircases.
- ✓ **Strenuous**: a good level of fitness is required; an excursion involving extensive uphill walking on inclines, uneven terrain with many steps. Excursion involving off-road driving, not suitable for pregnant women or anyone with a medical condition (back, neck, etc.) that could be affected by bumpy roads.
- ✓ **Active (sport)**: Very good physical condition, stamina and skill are required. Passengers should be fit and active to participate in tours involving hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, cycling or similar activities.

The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication.

MAIN EXCURSIONS CATEGORIES:

- ✓ Sightseeing: it gives a quick but enriching overview, visiting and seeing the main attractions, landmarks and places of interest in a particular area, often including popular spots and sometimes hidden gems.
- ✓ Panoramic: it involves a limited number of long drives with commentary by the guide, no internal visits and generally limited walking between stops.
- ✓ Active & Adventure: Hiking, kayaking, Zip line, 4x4 off-road.
- ✓ Outdoors: Activities like hiking that let you explore the natural beauty of the region.
- ✓ Wildlife: Wildlife: Get up close to the region's fauna and learn about them in their natural habitats.
- ✓ Snorkeling. Guests participating in the snorkeling must be experienced swimmers. Itinerary and snorkel sites are subject to change due to sea and weather conditions. Check in the tour description to see if the snorkeling equipment is provided or if you must bring the equipment from the ship.
- ✓ Boating: Experience the destination from the water, whether it's sailing, cruising, or other maritime activities.

WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING WHEN GOING ASHORE ON EXCURSION:

- ✓ Unless special clothing suggestions are included in the excursion description, we recommend functional clothing and comfortable footwear.
- ✓ Comfortable shoes to help with any steep paths and uneven cobbles.
- ✓ A hat or cap, sun lotion, insect repellent.
- ✓ Water.
- ✓ For boat excursions or excursions including beach stop: swimsuit, beach towel, sunglasses, sunscreen, water shoes, snorkel mask.
- ✓ Mobile phone or camera to capture the moment.
- ✓ Ship card to get back on board.
- ✓ Some cash (US \$ is widely accepted, bring Euros for French islands).
- ✓ A copy of the Daily Program, to check last tender or last gangway time, tender schedule, lunch time, etc.
- ✓ For ports with tender service (ship at anchor), bring a rucksack or fanny pack so that your hands are free to hold on to the safety grip when boarding the tender.