

Caribbean Sea

# Colón

Bahía de Manzanillo

Bahía de Limón

Puerto de Cristóbal

Canal Frances

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Gatún Locks,  
Gatún Dam  
Fuerte San Lorenzo

Panama Railroad

Corredor

Zona Libre

Puente Silvio Salazar

Sheraton

Millennium Plaza

Estadio Armando  
Dely Valdés

Portobelo,  
Panama City

Parque del Paseo del Centenario

Statue of Jesus

Statue of Christopher Columbus

Grand Cafe

Torre

Hotel Washington

Cathedral

Plaza de Chaco

Colón 2000  
Cruise Terminal

Radisson

Estadio

Paseo del Centenario

Ave. del Frente  
Calle 1  
Calle 2  
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Calle 17  
Calle D  
Calle E

Ave. Meléndez  
Ave. Justo Arce  
Ave. Justo Guerrero  
Ave. Amador Guerrero  
Ave. Herrera  
Ave. Balboa

Ave. Santa Isabel  
Ave. Roosevelt  
Ave. Santa Isabel

Calle Escobal  
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Paseo de Lesseps  
C. Porto Bello  
C. Limón  
Margarita

Ave. Gorgas  
Ave. Roosevelt  
Calle D  
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Río Folk

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## Colon, Panama

## Port information

<b>Currency</b>	Local currency in Panama is the Balboa, which has parity with the U.S. dollar. U.S. Dollars are accepted everywhere.	<b>Language</b>	Spanish, but English is spoken and understood in many tourist areas
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## Getting around

<b>Distance to town centre</b>	To Colon Town centre is about a 20 – 30 minute drive but can sometimes take approximately 45 minutes due to congested traffic. To Panama City downtown, it's approximately 85 minutes' drive.	<b>Main highlights</b>	<b>Portobelo</b> is a picturesque Spanish colonial town and UNESCO World Heritage Site about an hour drive, just along the coast from Colon. Portobelo is worth visiting for its pretty sea views, the ruins of five Spanish forts and a Spanish colonial treasure house (the Aduana Real), which was restored in 1998. In the 16th century, Portobelo Treasure House was the holding place for Peruvian gold and loot that was seized in Latin America for shipment to Spain. Spanish galleons came and went constantly until English pirates (notably Sir Francis Drake) repeatedly raided Portobelo's treasures and dislodged the Spaniards. <b>Fort San Lorenzo</b> , a 17th/18th century Spanish fort that guarded the Chagres River -- the main route to and from the Pacific. The fort was attacked and the Spanish soldiers massacred by the pirate Henry Morgan in 1690 prior to his attack on Panama City. In the early 1700s it was bombarded by the English fleet of Admiral Vernon (whom Mt. Vernon is named for.) Approximately 50 minute drive from the port.
<b>Taxis</b>	There are plenty of taxis. Drivers are regulated, and their runs are closely monitored. Taxi organizers will take your name, your ship, your departure time, your expected time of return and the name and number of the driver with whom you are travelling. Look for the central desk at the Colon 2000 complex.  Some taxi drivers will offer lower fares than the official tariff if approached directly, but we would recommend taking the official route for peace of mind.		
<b>Main Highlights</b>	<b>Auga Clara Locks</b> are the newest and most interesting locks in the Panama Canal are approximately 30-minute drive from the port. These impressive locks give a great insight into the workings of this fabulous piece of engineering. The locks are open to visitors from 9am to 4pm, seven days a week.		

## Essential information

<b>Tourist information</b>	There is no tourist information Centre.	<b>Shopping</b>	Depending on our berth, there are some shop facilities close to each dock.																										
<b>Internet access</b>	Government internet: Known as "Internet para Todos"	<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> As with all tourist destinations, please keep a close eye on valuables	Just a ten minute drive from the port you'll find a shopping centre selling bargain-priced electronics, perfumes, cosmetics and luxury items like fine china and jewellery. You will also find some native craftwork.																										
<b>Nearest beaches</b>	There are two beaches in the area, which are a taxi ride away from the port. For a quick dip, take a taxi to Langosta beach (also known as Playa La Angosta) approximately 45 minutes' drive, or head to Isla Grande, a small island about an hour's drive from Colon. The island itself, about a five-minute boat ride from the small village of La Guayra, is one of Panama's most popular holiday spots and offers water sports, a relaxed Caribbean atmosphere and beach bars. A taxi ride there is expensive, the price should include some waiting time and access to the island. Negotiate all of this in advance.																												
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