



Why Panama?

PANAMA HAS A GREAT VARIETY OF ATTRACTIONS ALL IN CLOSE PROXIMITY. Exotic tropical rainforests, gorgeous mountain refuges, Caribbean-style beaches, seven living Indian cultures, a Miami-style capital city, historic venues, adventure tours, diving, rafting, kayaking - not to mention one of the world's engineering marvels - The Panama Canal.



PANAMA IS THE BEST PLACE FOR ECOTOURISM TODAY

Panama's position as a narrow land bridge connecting two continents has endowed it with some of the world most pristine and bio-diverse rainforests in national parks covering 5 million acres. A key indicator of its bio-diversity: Panama has 944 recorded bird species, more than the U.S. and Canada combined. Furthermore, all that great nature is very accessible, with some of the best locations less than an hour from Panama City.

PANAMA HAS A WIDE SELECTION OF BEACHES AND ISLAND VENUES

With two coasts, countless islands and beaches, there is much to choose from for beach vacations from the full service resorts to exotic island getaways and the islands of the San Blas Indian reservation.



PANAMA IS SAFE

Panama has the highest rating for tourist safety from the prestigious Pinkerton Intelligence Agency. In addition, as noted in the newsletter of the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) Panama has a first-world infrastructure of roads, business services, medical care and telecommunications.

PANAMA IS WORLD CLASS FOR ADVENTURE

International experts rave about river running in Panama which includes rafting, kayaking and motorized river boats. There are rivers in Panama where you can ride 20 sets of rapids in one afternoon. Canopy, trekking, rappelling and surfing offer similar world-class experiences for the hard and soft adventure seeker.

PANAMA: THE AFFORDABLE EXOTIC DESTINATION

Panama has just begun to promote itself as a tourism destination and so prices are some of the best in the market.

PANAMA IS CLOSE

As part of Central America, Panama is just a short plane ride away. Seven major US cities offer direct daily flights to Panama

City: Los Angeles, Newark, Miami, Houston, Dallas, Atlanta and Orlando.

PANAMA HAS WORLD CLASS FISHING, DIVING, SNORKELING AND SAILING. One place in Panama, Piña Bay, holds 170 world fishing records. There are five world class diving areas: Coiba National Marine Park, the Pearl Islands, Bocas del Toro archipelago, Portobello and for historical diving the Panama Canal.



PANAMA IS TOURIST FRIENDLY

English is spoken as a second language and the Panamanian people are among the friendliest in the world. The currency is the US dollar. The infrastructure is first-world, including excellent roads, a sophisticated business sector, the second largest Free Trade Zone in the world and a banking sector with 100 banks. You can even drink the tap water.