

PANAMA CANAL

AT A GLANCE



Traversing the 50-mile Panama Canal on an award-winning Norwegian ship is a rite of passage your clients will remember for a lifetime. With convenient departures from five different ports and opportunities to visit exotic destinations, a Panama Canal cruise vacation is truly a unique adventure. It's no wonder why Cruise Critic named Norwegian the best cruise line serving the Panama Canal and Central America.

Ports of departure:

- Miami, Florida, USA
- Tampa, Florida, USA
- Los Angeles, California, USA
- San Francisco, California, USA
- New York, New York, USA

Ports of call:

- The Caribbean: Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Grand Cayman, St. Maarten
- The Bahamas
- Central America: Belize, Guatemala, Costa Rica Honduras, Nicaragua
- South America: Colombia
- Mexico: Mazatlán, Puerto Vallarta, Acapulco, Cabo San Lucas

Ships that sail here:

- Norwegian Bliss
- Norwegian Dawn
- Norwegian Gem
- Norwegian Jade
- Norwegian Joy
- Norwegian Pearl
- Norwegian Star

Norwegian's Panama Canal cruises

A Panama Canal cruise with Norwegian allows your clients to choose from multiple itineraries, each with their own charming ports of call, while experiencing one of the seven wonders of the modern world, the engineering marvel that is the Panama Canal. Whether your client is an experienced cruiser looking to experience a fresh destination, or a new cruiser searching for a new adventure, a Panama Canal Norwegian Cruise will satisfy their craving for a tropical experience filled with history, culture, nature and plenty of breathtaking scenery.

How does a Panama Canal cruise differ from other cruises?

A Panama Canal cruise offers some of the most diverse cruise destinations in the world. A Panama Canal Norwegian cruise will delight your clients as they experience the once-in-lifetime journey through the Panama Canal. When they return home, they will tell stories of San Felipe de Barajas in Cartagena, the fort considered to be the most outstanding feat of Spanish military engineering in the New World, or Colonial Antigua, founded by Spanish conquistadors in the early 16th century and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

*The Panama Canal operates
24 hours a day, 365 days a year.*



What type of cruiser is your guest?

Understanding why your client might want to set out on a Panama Canal cruise will give you extra leverage in recommending the destination. Here are some reasons why Panama Canal cruises are very popular:

- Traversing the Panama Canal
- Spectacular scenery and amazing wildlife
- Historical, archaeological and cultural sites
- Variety of activities (fishing, snorkeling, rainforest tours, beaches, etc.)
- Perfect destination for families—there's something for everyone
- It's romantic
- Opportunity to visit NCL's private island, Harvest Caye (some itineraries)
- Variety of cultural experiences
- Nightlife and gaming (at some ports)



PANAMA CANAL PORT TIPS



What to bring:

- A valid passport, not expiring within six (6) months of the return of your cruise
- Specific visas may be required for entry into some **European, Asian, Australian, South American** and **Cuban** ports. Some must be obtained in advance; some can be obtained onboard
- Pack for a range of conditions. Dress in layers that can be easily mixed and matched and serve more than one purpose
- Pack a mixture of short-sleeved shirts, shorts, sun dresses, pants and light-weight jackets. Consider including more than one bathing suit for water activities
- Pack a rain-proof jacket or umbrella
- Wraps and shawls are lightweight and convenient for plane or train rides
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Medications
- Bring sunglasses and plenty of sunscreen
- Finally, advise clients to be sure to bring a camera (one that they can carry with them easily), as well as charger cords and memory cards or sticks

Temps:

Ports of call on a Panama Canal cruise primarily have tropical climates, with the potential for some rain.

Daytime high temperatures will typically range from the mid-70s to high 80s.

Currency:

Currency varies by country. U.S. dollars can be converted to local currency on ship before visiting a port. Local currency can also be withdrawn at an ATM or exchanged at banks or hotels.

In May 2018, Norwegian Bliss made history as it became the largest cruise ship ever to pass through the Panama Canal.

Norwegian's award-winning casinos offer the only certified slots at sea and the most popular table games, including Blackjack, Craps, Baccarat, Roulette, Pai Gow Poker, Texas Hold 'Em.

Suggested hotels:

Miami, Florida

- Pullman Miami Airport
5800 Blue Lagoon Drive
Miami, FL 33126

San Francisco, California

- Hilton San Francisco Airport Bayfront
600 Airport Blvd
San Francisco, CA 94010

Los Angeles, California

- Hilton Los Angeles Airport
5711 W. Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Upsell:

- Balcony rooms for unforgettable views

Which airports to fly into:

Miami, Florida

- Miami International Airport (MIA)
Tampa, Florida
- Tampa International Airport (TPA)

Los Angeles, California

- Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)

San Francisco, California

- San Francisco International Airport (SFO)

New York, New York

- John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)
- LaGuardia Airport (LGA)
- Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)

Helpful websites:

- norwegiancentral.com
- ncl.com/cruise-destinations/panama-canal-cruises



Distances between ports are relatively short, allowing for calls on several very different places in a short amount of time.

With more than 20 different itineraries, your clients can choose Panama Canal cruises that last anywhere from 10 to 21 days.

Only Norwegian offers the freedom and flexibility of Freestyle Cruising and Freestyle Dining, with no dress code, pre-assigned seating or dining times.



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