Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Secrets of Panama and Costa Rica
Reference:	EMERALD2C02220228-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	South America
Departs On:	22 Feb 28
Departs From:	Puerto Caldera
Arrives On:	11 Mar 28
Arrives At:	Bridgetown
Cruise Nights:	18
Total Vacation Days:	19

Itinerary

Day 1: Puerto Caldera (Costa Rica)

Your exciting Central American adventure begins in the port city of Puerto Caldera, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht. From here, you'll then embark on a memorable discovery of Panama and Costa Rica's west coast. Please book your flight to arrive into San Jose prior to 12:00 PM.

Arrives On: 22 Feb 28

Day 2: Tortuga Island (Costa Rica)

The Curú National Wildlife Refuge and Farm are situated in Nicoya Peninsula, in north-west Costa Rica. Some of the country's most beautiful beaches and protected bays can be discovered here. Costa Rica's first private national wildlife refuge is a prime example of a successful sustainable development program. You can still see cattle grazing, as well as tropical fruits cultivated here, such as mangoes.

You'll also get to see Isla Tortuga, one of Costa

Rica’s top destinations, approximately an hour away from the inviting shores of Nicoya Peninsula. Isla Tortuga boasts a pristine sandy beach fringed with palm trees, lapped by crystal-clear waters. You can relax at the beach, enjoy a hike, or go snorkelling in the transparent, turquoise waters.

Arrives On: 23 Feb 28

Day 3: Quepos (Puerto Quepos) (Costa Rica)

Welcome to Quepos, a small, booming harbour town, popular as one of the prime spots for sport fishing, as well as gateway to the renowned Manuel Antonio National Park. As a tropical inlet backed by rainforest, the park offers a variety of outdoor adventures. After the fall of the banana plantation that laid the original foundations for the port, Quepos replaced its former industry with ecotourism – meaning there are now many other attractions to enjoy. Quepos is also frequented by numerous scientists and naturalists, who come to study this region's fantastic biodiversity.

Arrives On: 24 Feb 28

Day 4: Golfito (Costa Rica)

A ‘gulf within a gulf,’ Golfito Bay is known for its unspoiled landscapes, framed by the lush tropical mangroves of Corcovado and Piedras Blancas national parks. This is home to some of the richest biodiversity on the planet, and lies within one of the most vibrant destinations in Costa Rica. Here, eco-adventurers, boaters, surfers, and outdoor lovers come to explore and connect with nature, immersed in an array of fun and exciting activities. A hidden gem where the Costa Rican jungle meets the sea, Marina Golfito allows you to experience this Central American country from a stunning new perspective.

Arrives On: 25 Feb 28

Day 5: Cébaco Island (Panama)

Cebaco Island is situated in the province of Veraguas and part of the buffer zone for Coiba Island National Park. This is Panama’s third-largest island after Coiba Island and Isla del Rey. It is estimated, there are around 500 residents living on the island, mainly distributed in communities in the northern parts. Isla Cebaco is also popular for its gorgeous beaches.

Arrives On: 26 Feb 28

Day 6: Playa del Muerto (Panama)

Darién National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage-listed Site, covering around 5,750-square kilometres (2,220-square miles). This vast park is among the largest and most precious protected

areas in all of Central America, extending across almost the entire Panama-Colombia border, as well as a stretch to the Pacific Ocean. Darién National Park offers an exceptional variety of habitats – sandy beaches, rocky coasts, swamps, mangroves and tropical forests – which makes it a rich and welcoming habitat for diverse wildlife. There are two indigenous tribes, known to both Panama and Costa Rica, which reside today along the park's riverbanks.

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Day 6: Darién National Park (Panama)

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Day 7: Pearl Islands (Panama)

Today, you'll discover the Pearl Islands, located on the Pacific Coast of Panama, in the Gulf of Panama. Cruise to one of the 200 islands and islets, many, tiny and uninhabited and enjoy its superb beaches and beautiful coral reefs. The waters are alive with vibrant tropical fish and an incredible diversity of marine life, offering a captivating glimpse into the region's rich underwater world.

Arrives On: 28 Feb 28

Day 8: Panama City (Panama)

After breakfast, you'll have time to explore Panama City, the capital of Panama. Framed by the Pacific Ocean, Panama's largest city boasts a historic old centre, Casco Viejo, which charms visitors with its cobblestoned streets, colonial-era landmarks and pretty plazas lined with cafés and bars.

In the afternoon, you will be welcomed back on board your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the second half of your journey.

Arrives On: 29 Feb 28

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Today, we pass through the Panama Canal, the most famous attraction in Panama. Considered one of the 'Seven Wonders of the Modern World,' this man-made canal was built to significantly decrease the travel time for ships between the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea. Since its completion in 1914, the Panama Canal has seen in excess of 900,000 vessels and is regarded by many as a feat of engineering, which was originally considered impossible to build. On board your luxury yacht, you'll experience this historic waterway for yourself.

Arrives On: 01 Mar 28

Day 10: San Blas Islands (Panama)

Welcome to the San Blas archipelago, a group of islands located just north-west of Panama scattered across the sparkling Caribbean Sea. There are 378 islands within the archipelago, spread across an area of roughly 259-square-kilometres (100-square-miles). Most of the islands are uninhabited, but on some of the larger ones, you may get an opportunity to meet the native people, known as the Kunas. Formally called Kuna Yala (”Land of the Kuna”), San Blas is an autonomous territory of Panama, famed for its untouched nature and traditional culture.

Arrives On: 02 Mar 28

Day 11: Cartagena (Colombia)

Located along the coast of the Caribbean Sea, Cartagena de Indias uniquely combines the charm of colonial architecture and vibrancy of modern life. This dynamic port city is well-known for its fascinating cultural festivals, breathtaking landscapes and excellent cuisine. It also bears the legacies of storied Latin American history within its UNESCO World Heritage-listed walled Old Town and narrow stone walkways. As one of the most well-preserved cities in the Americas, Cartagena de Indias has inspired many artists throughout the ages.

Arrives On: 03 Mar 28

Day 12: Santa Marta (Colombia)

The welcome sign to Santa Marta reads, “Here you can have it all” - alongside its beautiful beaches and vibrant city life, Santa Marta boasts a rich history and culture; the oldest remaining city in Colombia, dating back to 1525 and the nation’s first Spanish settlement.

Arrives On: 04 Mar 28

Day 13: Oranjestad (Aruba)

The capital of Aruba, Oranjestad welcomes with a unique blend of old and modern, lending a special charm to this bustling harbour city. Enjoy strolling along the streets lined with a variety of boutiques and striking residential buildings. Among the remarkably well-preserved architecture is the green ‘Stadhuis’, which houses the City Hall. Another interesting site is the Aloe Museum and Factory, which dates back to 1890 and illustrates the fascinating story of aloe production, on which the economy was once dependent.

Arrives On: 05 Mar 28

Day 14: Willemstad (Curaçao)

Today, you’ll stop at Willemstad, the charming capital of Curaçao and a vibrant port city renowned for its stunning blend of culture, rich history, and colourful architecture. Nestled along the southern coast of the island, Willemstad is divided into two main districts, Punda and

Otrobanda, which are connected by the iconic Queen Emma Bridge, a pontoon bridge that swings open for ocean-going vessels.

Arrives On: 06 Mar 28

Day 15: Kralendijk (Bonaire)

This island group makes an attractive destination for nature lovers and eco-tourists alike, as all the islands offer excellent opportunities for snorkelling and swimming, as well as hiking. Bonaire, just off the north coast of Venezuela, is famous for its pioneering conservation efforts, with a large section of the island under protection status. Today, enjoy exploring Kralendijk, the colourful capital of Bonaire, popular for its heritage architecture and lovely sandy beaches.

Arrives On: 07 Mar 28

Day 17: Mayreau Island (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

Today, you'll arrive at Mayreau, the smallest of the Grenadines' uninhabited islands, with a surface area of just four square kilometres (1.5-square miles). The population of Mayreau is no more than 250 residents, who live in the village on the island's highest point, Station Hill. The charming little church and community centre at the top of the hill provide spectacular views across the islands. On a clear day, you can observe both Grenada and Saint Vincent, as well as other nearby islands, showcasing the vivid colours of the reefs and waters surrounding the Tobago Cays.

Arrives On: 09 Mar 28

Day 18: Port Elizabeth, Bequia (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

Discover Bequia Island, a hidden paradise in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, revealing idyllic, secluded spots and a distinct lack of traffic. This beautiful island offers visitors a chance to experience an authentic Caribbean lifestyle, without the hustle and bustle of mainstream beach tourism. Delight in exploring untouched pristine beaches and truly relax and unwind amid stunning nature.

Arrives On: 10 Mar 28

Day 19: Bridgetown (Barbados)

Your time onboard your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht comes to an end in alluring Barbados and its vibrant capital, Bridgetown. After bidding farewell to the crew and your fellow guests, you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home, or to continue your journey. Please book your flight to depart out of Bridgetown after 01:00

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