Cruise Details

Name:	Pura Vida – Costa Rica Up Close
Reference:	HAPAGEUX2801
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	MS EUROPA 2
Regions:	Panama Canal
Departs On:	07 Jan 28
Departs From:	Panama City
Arrives On:	20 Jan 28
Arrives At:	Panama City
Cruise Nights:	13
Total Vacation Days:	14

Itinerary

Day 1: Panama City (Panama)

Arrives On: 07 Jan 28

Day 2: Panama City (Panama)

A fascinating mix of modern elegance and tropical charm awaits visitors to Panama City. The imposing skyline rises above the blue sea, an impressive contrast to the Casco Viejo, the historic old town: colourfully restored buildings and flower-filled courtyards with charming cafes, galleries and squares invite you to while away some time. A walk along the Cinta Costera promenade offers marvellous views of the sea and the city. Vibrant city life combined with exotic flair – Panama City offers an unforgettable urban experience.

Arrives On: 08 Jan 28

Day 4: Quepos (Puerto Quepos) (Costa Rica)

Quepos is located on the tropical Pacific coast of Costa Rica and is the gateway to the spectacular Manuel Antonio National Park. The region's lush rainforests and wild beaches are home to an impressive array of wildlife: howler monkeys, iguanas and sloths can all be found here and, with a little luck, observed at close range. The town of Quepos itself has a relaxed atmosphere, where local restaurants and bustling markets invite you to while away some time and experience the friendly Costa Rican culture.

Arrives On: 10 Jan 28

Day 5: Playa Flamingo (Costa Rica)

With a tropical atmosphere, turquoise waters and the exclusive amenities of a marina, Marina Flamingo welcomes you to the beach of Bahia Potrero. Enjoy carefree hours under the Costa Rican sun or dive into the colourful underwater worlds of the Pacific Ocean. Nature lovers set off from here on adventures in the surrounding area, observe exotic birds or enjoy boat trips along the coast.

Arrives On: 11 Jan 28

Day 7: Puerto Quetzal (Guatemala)

A journey through scenic coffee plantations leads from Puerto Quetzal to the colonial city of Antigua: at an altitude of around 1,600 m (5,249 ft), it boasts well-preserved architecture and views of the Pacaya volcano, one of the most active volcanoes in the world. Puerto San Jose, where a black volcanic beach attracts locals and visitors alike, is also located near Puerto Quetzal. The area around Puerto Quetzal is an ideal starting point for exciting excursions and explorations of Guatemala. Thanks to the long lay time, you'll enjoy fascinating experiences until the evening hours.

Arrives On: 13 Jan 28

Day 8: Acajutla (El Salvador)

On the Pacific coast of El Salvador, Acajutle combines the maritime flair of a major port city with beautiful natural scenery that invites you to relax and unwind. The beach of Acajutla stretches along the coast for around 1.5 km (0.9 mi.), offering plenty of space for relaxation. For a typical local meal, there are numerous restaurants serving fresh seafood. In the surrounding area, the dense cloud forests of Cerro Verde National Park awaken the spirit of discovery, while Izalko volcano demonstrates the grandeur of Central America's natural world.

Arrives On: 14 Jan 28

Day 10: Puntarenas (Costa Rica)

In western Costa Rica, on the Gulf of Nicoya, Puntarenas invites you to relax, explore and enjoy its lively atmosphere, historic architecture and authentic gastronomic scene. A stroll along the Malecon waterfront promenade offers wonderful views. Gaze out over the Pacific Ocean and treat yourself to a break in one of the excellent fish restaurants serving ceviche, a regional speciality. The surrounding area offers beautiful beaches and unique nature experiences. Whether you opt for extensive sunbathing or outdoor activities, Puntarenas offers a wide range of opportunities for unforgettable experiences.

Arrives On: 16 Jan 28

Day 11: Tortuga Island (Costa Rica)

Isla Tortuga – the “Turtle Island” – fulfils tropical holiday dreams with its fine sandy beaches, turquoise-blue water and exotic nature. The uninhabited island is a hotspot for snorkelling enthusiasts. Countless species of fish frolic among colourful coral reefs. Alternatively, relax to your heart’s content under palm trees or keep an eye out for monkeys as you go on a hike.

Arrives On: 17 Jan 28

Day 12: Puerto Jimenez, Costa Rica (Costa Rica)

In southern Costa Rica, Puerto Jimenez is the gateway to Corcovado National Park, famous for its dense rainforests and beautiful beaches. But the former gold mining town itself also boasts impressive exotic charm, hospitality and tropical surroundings. Perhaps you would like to spend a few relaxing hours on the beach or uncover the secrets of the jungle.

Arrives On: 18 Jan 28

Day 14: Panama City (Panama)

Arrives On: 20 Jan 28

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