



Caribbean Sea

MADEN DAM BACKS UP AUXILIARY WATER TO OPERATE CANAL

MIRAFLORES LOCKS AND SWINGING BRIDGE ON PACIFIC END OF THE PANAMA CANAL



365 SAN BLAS ISLANDS WITH PRIMITIVE INDIAN SOCIETY - COCONUTS CHIEF CROP



BASTIDAS' ROUTE. FIRST DISCOVERER OF PANAMA IN 1501

TROUT FISHING & HUNTING IN COOL CHIRIQUI HIGHLANDS

RAINY SEASON - 9 MONTHS (TWICE AS MUCH ON THIS SIDE)

COLUMBUS SAILED SOUTH ON 4TH VOYAGE, 1502

FASCINATING RUINS OF FORT SAN LORENZO FAMOUS IN ISTHMIAN HISTORY

PORTOBELLO "CAMINO REAL" 17TH CENTURY MILITARY & TREASURE ROAD FROM COLON OLD PANAMA

NOMBRE DE DIOS LOTTERY - SOME WIN, SOME DON'T!

OLE! VIVA EL TORO - Y EL TOREADOR!

DELICIOUS NATIVE FRUITS, LIKE MANGOES

BALBOA DISCOVERED PACIFIC OCEAN, 1513

BALBOA'S FIRST ROAD ACROSS ISTHMUS

BALBOA BEHEADED HERE AT A.C.L.A., 1519

EL VOLCAN ELEVATION 11,000 FT

CHIRIQUI LAGOON

MOSQUITO GULF

YOUR PANAMA HATS ARE MADE IN ECUADOR, BUT WE HAVE NICE ONES, TOO

GOOD HUNTING

TOURIST RESORT

BAY OF PANAMA

HORSE RACING

BALBOA TRANSPORTED SHIPS OVER THIS ROUTE

SUGAR CANE

AH, THAT PANAMA COFFEE!

UMMM, THAT PANAMA RUM

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

LOST SPANISH GOLD MINES

EL VALLE

OLD PANAMA, REDUCED TO RUINS BY PIRATE HENRY MORGAN, 1671

IGUANA IS GOOD EATING

PEARL ISLANDS

YES, WE HAVE LOTS OF BANANAS

DAVID

GREAT CATTLE COUNTRY

SANTA FE

PENONOME

BOATING IS FUN!

WORLD CHAMPION FISHING IN PANAMA BAY

EXOTIC COLORFUL BIRDS

DARIEN NATIVES STILL RESIST THE INTRUSION OF "CIVILIZATION!"

GULF OF CHIRIQUI

POLLERA & MONTUNO, FAMOUS NATIONAL DRESS

THE HOLLOW-LOG CAYUCO NOW USES A MOTOR!

SAN FRANCISCO

NATA

WONDERFUL BEACHES

GULF OF PANAMA

SHARK INFESTED WATERS

OLD SPANISH GOLD MINES

SHARK INFESTED WATERS

PLenty of snakes - if you're interested

PENAL COLONY AT COIBA I.

OCU PESE

CHITRE

EVIDENCE OF LOST INDIAN CULTURE FOUND HERE

LAZ TARIAS

EXOTIC COLORFUL BIRDS

LIKE TO GO ALLIGATOR HUNTING!

PANAMA - LAND OF CONTRASTS

Fascinating in its contrasts of scenery, people and customs, Panama observed its 50th anniversary as an independent republic on Nov. 3, 1933. Its 801,000 people, of happy temperament and varying color, celebrated at swank balls in the capital and informal "ping-dings" under thatched country roofs.

The majority of citizens speak Spanish, but a large number are bilingual, handling English fluently, and some Indian tribes still maintain their own languages. The people have a strong Catholic religious tradition, but are markedly liberal in granting freedom of worship, except to such extremes as an occasional "brujo" or witchcraft doctor, who may appear from time to time.

Panama's most common paradox is that the sun rises in the Pacific and sets in the Atlantic. With its capital only 8 degrees North of the Equator and a mean annual temperature of 80.3 degrees, Panama's weather is distinguished by heavy rainfall and brilliant sunshine, and the nights are surprisingly cool to visitors expecting the fabled steamy tropics. The rainfall varies from 70 inches yearly on the Pacific watershed of the Continental Divide, to 130 inches on the Atlantic side. Good housewives always keep a heater burning in the dry closets and a bottle of anti-mold liquid handy.

The Bay of Panama is famous as a deep-sea fishing grounds with huge black marlin, sailfish and tuna, as well as smaller gamefish. The annual mean tide in the Pacific is 12.8 feet and in the Atlantic 0.3 feet.

One of the first countries settled by the Spanish, Panama still has only 15.4% of its land under cultivation, and enough unexplored territory to satisfy the most adventuresome person. The ruins of its former proud capital, 168 years old when the pirate Morgan laid it waste in 1671, bear eloquent testimony to the initiative and drive of those early conquistadores.

The orderly, regimented life in the Canal Zone, administered by the United States government, presents a marked contrast to the variegated life across the unseen border separating those with Canal Zone "commissary privileges" from those who buy in the Republic. The Canal itself, 50 miles long from deep-water Atlantic to Pacific, is rightly one of the engineering marvels of the world - silently, efficiently run, and in excellent condition these many years after its opening in 1914.

For more contrasts, come visit Panama and enjoy learning them at first-hand!



Pacific Ocean

MAP OF REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND CANAL ZONE

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