



Nature's lush paradises and a colourful underwater world; age-old Maya culture and Havana's new rhythm.

Costa Rica's national parks – a green paradise

As more than a quarter of Costa Rica's surface area is protected in the form of nature reserves, it provides a safe home for a truly unbelievable variety of flora and fauna. There seems to be no end to the natural highlights that await you in this peaceful little country, which has had no armed forces since 1948. The numerous national parks boast majestic volcanic craters and mysterious cloud forests alongside picturesque beaches and evergreen rainforests. The Tortuguero National Park can only be reached by sea or air because its landscape of canals and lagoons is so impenetrable.

Several relaxing days at sea

Besides crossing worlds and discovering new lands, we let relaxation take a front seat on our yacht for four whole days. Plenty of time to enjoy life under the white sails and be spoilt in every way.

The world's second largest coral reef

The Belize Barrier Reef is a 256-kilometre-long (159 miles) reef system which contains countless small coral islands. The Lighthouse Reef Atoll features a particularly special natural wonder: the Great Blue Hole. This circular submarine sinkhole, with a diameter of over 300 metres (0.19 miles), was formed during the last ice age and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Donning your snorkel and getting an underwater view is obviously another great way to discover the impressive beauty of the reef.

Maya cities in Mexico and Belize

The sophisticated culture of the Maya in Central America, which began roughly 5,000 years ago and ended around the time of the Spanish conquest, is still a mystery. Their ceremonies seem to have been gory, their step pyramids imposing, and their stone carvings required a great deal of skill. On our trip you will discover three mystical Maya strongholds: Tulum, in Mexico, is the only Maya city situated on the coast; Altun Ha and Lamanai are located in Belize. Constructed on the banks of an inland lagoon, Lamanai remained populated for roughly 3,000 years. Excavations have revealed that over 20,000 people lived there around 700 AD.

Havana: a lively myth among rum, rhythm and revolution

Fat cigars, American vintage cars, baroque churches and facades of faded magnificence – Havana truly is a myth in itself. With the rapprochement of Cuba and the U.S., the heart of this diverse capital is now beating even faster. Whether on the Malecón seafront promenade, or in the little streets of the old town – an optimistic vibrancy permeates the warm summer air.

A lecturer accompanies the trip

Knowledge, entertainment and facts – our expert is on hand to give talks on a wide variety of specialist subjects. He will also be on board to answer any questions that you may have.



Central America first-hand – a Windjammer voyage to six countries from Costa Rica to Cuba: San José (Puerto Limón) – Cienfuegos

SEA CLOUD	13 nights
15 Jan. to 28 Jan. 2018	SC-1802
15 Jan. San José (Puerto Limón)/Costa Rica	
Guests arrive individually in Puerto Limón.	
Embarkation on the SEA CLOUD.	
16 Jan. Puerto Limón/Costa Rica	13.00
Boat tour through the Tortuguero canals.*	
17 Jan. Corn Islands/Islands del Maíz/Nicaragua	09.00 14.00 ⌚
18 Jan. At sea	
19 Jan. At sea	
20 Jan. Roatán/Honduras	08.00 18.00 ⌚
Cable car trip through the treetops and excursion to the beach.*	
21 Jan. Belize City/Belize	13.30 ⌚
Excursion to Altun Ha.*	
22 Jan. Belize City/Belize	18.00 ⌚
Excursion to Lamanai with boat trip.*	

23 Jan.	Lighthouse Reef/Belize	08.00	13.00	⌚
	Snorkelling excursion to the Great Blue Hole.*			
24 Jan.	At sea			
25 Jan.	Cozumel/Mexico	07.00	18.00	
	Excursion to the ancient Maya city of Tulum or beach buggy tour and snorkelling.*			
26 Jan.	At sea			
27 Jan.	Cienfuegos/Cuba		17.00	
28 Jan.	Cienfuegos/Cuba			
	Disembarkation. Guests return home individually.			

Itinerary subject to change!

⌚ at anchor

* These excursions are not included in the cruise-only rate.



Combination:

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