

# Shore Excursions

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## The Benefits of Booking With Us



## Make Your Reservations Online

When you book your shore excursions with Holland America Line, you can count on our Signature of Excellence® to consistently offer a superior experience ashore:

### QUALITY

Clean and comfortable transportation equipment; we engage professional independent tour operators dedicated to customer satisfaction.

### SAFETY

Tour operators have contractually agreed to comply with local government requirements and to carry liability insurance in amounts consistent with local standards to address personal injury and property damage claims.

### CONVENIENCE

English-speaking guides; tour departure times set to coincide with the ship's schedule as well as with that of other tours so that guests desiring to do so can take multiple tours.

### PEACE OF MIND

If a tour that you have purchased through Holland America Line returns late to the ship, we will almost never leave without you. In the very rare event that the ship must leave, we will arrange at our expense to get you to the next port of call (with independently booked tours, you are responsible for rejoining the ship at the next port of call).

### VARIETY

Around the globe, our programs include "A Taste of...", Off the Beaten Track, Panoramic, Medallion, flightseeing and motor coach tours, with such adventures as camel rides, kayaking, diving, rock-climbing, glacier hiking and private vehicle/vessel touring.

### VALUE

Our award-winning shore excursions offer superior quality and competitive pricing; our guests consistently rate their shore excursion experience as excellent.

Now you can easily choose your tour times, book your tours and receive confirmation of your shore excursion reservations 24 hours a day. Visit us online at

**[www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com)**

Book online now, up until five days before sailing. Make your payment online via our secure website, and receive confirmation as well as your approximate tour departure times. You can also download the shore excursions, view tour prices, find answers to frequently asked questions and read general information.

Remember, online shore excursion reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

At the time of making your reservations online, we will advise you whether or not your reservations are confirmed or whether you have been waitlisted. Your credit card will be charged immediately for all confirmed reservations. Should space become available for a waitlisted shore excursion request, we will e-mail or otherwise contact you at that time and either immediately charge your credit card if you have already given us your credit card information or ask you to provide us with that information for immediate charge processing. Shore excursion reservations are subject to cancellation by us at any time prior to the credit card charge being accepted by your bank. If you or Holland America cancel a tour more than 10 days prior to cruise departure, we will issue a credit on the credit card that you used to pay for the reservation. For any cancellation within 10 days of departure, a credit will not be given on your credit card. Instead, we will apply an ONBOARD CREDIT ONLY policy under which the refund (less any cancellation fee) will show up as a credit to the shipboard account of the person who was to take the shore excursion. If the credit is not fully utilized during the cruise, the balance will be paid to that guest by the ship's Purser.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for all shore excursions. When you visit places of worship (cathedrals, churches, etc.), we recommend dressing conservatively (shorts and sleeveless sundresses should not be worn), but casual clothing is perfectly acceptable. Dress in layers and have a jacket along. Bring an umbrella or raincoat, a hat and sunscreen.

#### WHAT ABOUT MEALS?

Most tour departures complement the ship's meal service hours. In-room dining is available on board.

#### HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT TIME EACH TOUR DEPARTS?

The on-board Shore Excursion Planning Form in your stateroom will show departure times. This information will also be printed on your shore excursion tickets, which you will receive on board. Approximate tour departure times are posted on our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com).

#### I HAVE A DISABILITY. HOW DO I KNOW WHICH TOURS WILL BEST SUIT ME? WILL I HAVE A PROBLEM (DIS)EMBARKING THE SHIP?

Guests with disabilities should inquire in advance whether a shore excursion will be able to accommodate their needs. We have graded the Shore Excursions according to the relative level of activity they entail. The walking icons that appear at the beginning of each tour description provide a general idea of the level of activity to expect. Please refer to the "Choosing Your Tours" section in this brochure for specific information on the walking icons. Most guests will find it beneficial to attend the Shore Excursion Presentation on board the ship for evaluating the required activity level for each tour. It is important to keep in mind that shore excursion operators are subject to the laws of their own country including with respect to accommodating the needs of guests with disabilities. In most foreign countries, the laws are not as stringent as those in the United States. Please speak with the Shore Excursion Office as to whether you can expect to encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship in a

particular port of call. In this regard, the decision whether or not to carry or provide other mobility assistance to a guest and their mobility assistance device (wheelchair, walker, etc.) up or down a ship's gangway, or on or off a tender boat, is at the sole discretion of the Captain, made based on his evaluation of guest and crew safety. We encourage you to bring a collapsible wheelchair as space limitations may restrict the ability of some tour operators to accommodate motorized mobility aid devices.

#### DO ALL THE PORTS AND TOURS IN THIS BROCHURE PERTAIN TO MY CRUISE?

Not necessarily, as this brochure may cover more than one sailing. Please refer to your cruise itinerary to determine which ports you will visit, then turn to those port sections to see the tours. Not all tours in each port are available on all ships or all cruises.

#### ARE THERE ANY OTHER TOURS OFFERED THAT ARE NOT PUBLISHED IN THIS BROCHURE?

Yes, we often add tours to our program after the brochure is published. For additional tours that may now be available in the ports you are visiting, please check our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com).

#### I AM TRAVELING WITH FRIENDS AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE SAME MOTOR COACH

The departure location for each shore excursion is printed on your shore excursion tickets. If you wish to travel with friends, please arrive at the designated meeting place together. This will enable the staff to allocate space for you on the same vehicle.

#### TOUR DURATIONS

This brochure is designed to help you select the excursions most suited to your interests. The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations. To allow our Shore Excursion Managers flexibility to coordinate your time in port with meals and activities on the ship, exact departure times are published in the Shore Excursion Planning Form on board. For more information, please attend the Shore Excursion Presentation or visit the Shore Excursion Office.

#### TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Tour descriptions may change after printing. Information that becomes available after this brochure is published will be posted in the Shore Excursions section of our website, which





## The Medallion Collection



## How to Choose Your Tours



Holland America Line is proud to present the Medallion Collection—a series of tours designed to accommodate our most discerning guests. Each of these carefully chosen tours offers a truly different experience, providing an in-depth perspective appropriate for seasoned travelers. You will find the Medallion Collection insignia, as shown, next to a select few tours in this brochure. Our Shore Excursion staff on board will gladly answer any of your questions regarding this innovative program. Space is extremely limited.

Choose the shore excursions that interest you by using the icons as a general guide to the level of activity involved, and select the shore excursions best suited to your physical capabilities. These icons will help you interpret this brochure.



**EASY ACTIVITY:** Very light activity including short distances to walk; may include some steps.



**MODERATE ACTIVITY:** Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or steps.



**STRENUOUS ACTIVITY:** Requires active participation, walking long distances over uneven and steep terrain or on steps. In certain instances, paddling or other non-walking activity is required and guests must be able to participate without discomfort or difficulty breathing.



**ADVENTURE:** This tour requires a high level of fitness; suitable for those accustomed to strenuous activity.



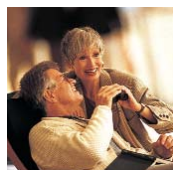
**LIMITED CAPACITY:** The number of people able to participate in this tour is strictly limited. Reasons for limiting capacity may include the number of transportation seats available, or the need to maintain a safe ratio of guides for hikes, fishing and water activities. Tours require a minimum number of participants in order to operate.



**MEAL:** This tour includes a meal—lunch on daytime tours, or dinner on evening tours.



**SNACK:** This tour includes a small snack or tasting of local specialties. The snack is not a meal.





## Shore Excursion Prices



## Acapulco, Mexico

Prices can be found on our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com) and are quoted in U.S. funds. Prices are subject to change without notice. Prices for children 12 years of age and under are available on some, but not all, tours. If no child's price is published online, the tour may be available to children at the adult rate; however, all children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged 21 or older, regardless of rate. A general guideline to pricing is found under each tour listing with symbols as follows:

\$ – up to \$50USD

\$\$ – \$51USD to \$100USD

\$\$\$ – \$101USD to \$150USD

\$\$\$\$ – more than \$150USD



## How to Book More Than One Tour in Each Port

Make the most of your time in each port by combining different half-day tours to complete a full day of sightseeing. You might want to consider a morning cooking class with an afternoon walking tour; a morning stroll through a mosaic-lined church and an afternoon of sampling local wine at a vineyard; or even a bike ride and an evening cultural performance—all in one day! Whatever your interests, and whichever pace suits you best, there's a huge variety of tours to mix and match in this brochure. To make combining easy, for tour departure times and durations, visit our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com).

### Deep Sea Fishing



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$\$

Enjoy this great adventure at sea and try to catch the “big one” on board a fully-equipped 38-foot fishing boat. Board your boat at the Acapulco pier and head to the fishing grounds just 30 minutes away. Soft drinks and beers can be purchased on board, and a box lunch will be provided. A fishing license must be purchased for \$11, and this is payable directly to the captain of the fishing boat.

*Please note: Fishing is trolling on a catch-and-release basis, but the crew may elect to keep certain fish. The captain is not a guide and may not speak English. Guests who wish to observe without fishing may participate at a reduced rate, space permitting. Observers can only be booked on board. Minimum age is 6 years.*

### Dolphin Adventure



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$\$

Get acquainted and learn to play with the gentle, friendly dolphins—enigmatic aquatic creatures. You will also have an opportunity to swim with the dolphins as they push you through the pool. You will have 50-60 minutes with the dolphins under the supervision of the trainers, and then have time to enjoy the facilities of the Water Park. A souvenir photo and video of your time with the dolphins is a perfect memento to take home.

*Please note: Bring your swimsuit and a towel. Do not wear sunscreen as it harms the dolphins' skin. All participants are required to wear a life jacket while in the pool with the dolphins. Minimum age is 4 years. This tour is not suitable for pregnant women. No shorts and t-shirts allowed in the pool.*

## Shotover Jet Boat



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$  
(20 minutes on jet boat)

Take a 30-minute scenic drive across Acapulco to Puerto Marques. You will journey to the heart of the jungle for a thrilling jet boat ride on a tropical lagoon. After a short safety orientation, board your jet boat for a breathtaking ride from the sandy beach to the heart of the steamy mangrove jungle of Puerto Marques tropical lagoon, where the *Tarzan* movies were filmed. Exotic bird life and shy crocodiles reside in the lagoon. Your jet boat driver is highly trained and skillfully takes the boat past trees and under the jungle canopy, performing complete 360° spins that are guaranteed to thrill. Shotover Jet is an eco-sensitive company, using boats powered by liquid petroleum gas (LPG), affording the best in environmental lagoon protection.

*Please note: Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. NOT recommended for pregnant women or guests who suffer from back or neck problems or cardiac illness. Cameras/videos are not recommended for this tour as you will get wet. Minimum age is 6 years.*

## Acapulco City Tour with Cliff Divers



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • \$

Marvel at the natural beauty with which Mexico is blessed, as well as man-made additions to the panorama. On the outskirts of the city, you will drive past the Acapulco Princess Hotel, constructed to resemble a pyramid, and the Mayan Palace Hotel nearby, resembling a Mayan temple. Drive past the black lagoon, where the *Tarzan* movie was filmed, featuring Johnny Weissmuller. Travel past other luxury hotels, the International Convention Center, residential areas of the permanent residents, shopping centers and see the sharp contrasts of the old and new parts of the city. During a stop at La Quebrada, you will enjoy a refreshment while you admire the skill and precision of Acapulco's world famous cliff divers and a brief Mexican folkloric show celebrating the event.

*Please note: Tour also operates with an afternoon departure which*

*does not include a shopping stop and lasts approximately 3 - 3½ hours. Tour is also available to guests whose cruise ends in Acapulco with flights after 1:00pm.*

## Acapulco Full-Day Tour



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$\$

Visit the most interesting parts of this beautiful resort city. From a scenic vantage point, admire the view as you learn about the history of this area. Continue on to the Fairmont Pierre Marques Hotel for a tasty lunch, followed by time at the hotel's pool, beach and lounge facilities. Bring your swimsuit and sunbathe, swim or stroll along the beach. Towels, changing rooms and showers are provided. A short stop will be made for those wishing to shop, then you'll continue past other luxury hotels, the Convention Center, residential areas, and the old and new parts of the city. At La Quebrada, enjoy a refreshment while you admire the skill of the world-famous cliff divers before returning to the dock.

## Beach Getaway



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Set out on a scenic bus ride through Acapulco's main avenue and along the highway leading out of town, with a photo stop at the Acapulco Bay viewpoint. Then, continue along the highway, passing by Puerto Marques Bay and the Black Lagoon, where the first *Tarzan* movie was filmed, to the Fairmont Pierre Marques Hotel. The Fairmont Pierre Marques Hotel was the recipient of the prestigious AAA Four Diamond Award in 2005, presented annually by the California State Automobile Association. Additionally, the prestigious *Travel & Leisure* publication ranked this hotel one of the 100 best hotels in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the best in Acapulco. With the soaring mountains of the Sierra Madre on one side and the crystal blue Pacific on the other, the splendid tropical paradise of the Fairmont Pierre Marques invites you to spend a beautiful day! A buffet lunch is provided as you lounge on the beach or by the pool. Relax, sunbathe, refresh yourself with a swim or stroll along the seemingly endless stretch of beach.

### Historical, Traditional & Picturesque Acapulco



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Board an air-conditioned van to explore several facets of Acapulco. You will stop at the Hotel Flamingos near the Caleta area. This was the residential area refuge for the Hollywood gang—Johnny Weissmuller, Cary Grant, Gregory Peck, Errol Flynn, and John Wayne. Visit the Acapulco Historical Museum located inside the Fort of San Diego, overlooking the bay of Acapulco. The museum contains interesting artifacts from Acapulco's history. Driving through the the most exclusive residential area of Las Brisas you will stop at the Chapel of Peace to enjoy the breathtaking panoramic view of the bay, then continue along the main boulevard, past major hotels, restaurants, boutiques and nightclubs. During a stop at Quebrada, you will admire the skill and precision of Acapulco's world famous cliff divers. There will be a short stop for shopping.

*Please note: This tour does not operate on Mondays.*

### Night Divers & Multimedia Show



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$\$

Enjoy the history of Acapulco from a new perspective at the San Diego Fort with a sound and light show that will take you back to the early days of Acapulco, as major commercial port and the importance of the fort's construction during the evolution of the city. An interesting use of technology is the water screens on the Fort's wall. After the show, visit La Quebrada cove to witness a spectacular nighttime performance by the world-famous cliff divers of Acapulco. Using skill and experience, the divers must time their dive for when the waves and waters in the cove are at their highest. The highlight of the show will be a leap from the uppermost level of the jagged cliff. With only the light from the burning fire below illuminating his way, the master diver will plunge headlong over 130 feet into the ocean waters below—a sight not to be missed! After the dive a Mexican Fiesta awaits, with colorful dances for your enjoyment.

### Xochicalco Archaeological Site



Approximately 9½ hours • \$\$\$

Xochicalco was founded circa AD 650 by the Olmeca-Xicallanca, a group of Mayan traders from Campeche, affording them an excellent position along some of the major trade routes. It was an important fortified commercial and religious center in the era following the decline of the great Meso-American states. Just 3½ hours away from Acapulco, Xochicalco is one of the most exciting and richest archaeological findings of the Mexican Republic. At “the home place of the flowers” (the meaning of Xochicalco), you can visit the new museum—one of the few museums in the world that uses only solar energy to operate. At the ceremonial plaza where the Feathered Snake Pyramid is located, archaeologists have found that this city was the cross-roads for many different civilizations, including Aztec and Maya, for a long period of time. Archaeologists believe it was dedicated to Venus, the morning star. The observatory is an amazing place where the ancients could determine the beginning of the seasons and made remarkable observations of the moon. After your visit, you will stop to admire the modern architecture of the Sun Highway, featuring one of the tallest bridges in Latin America. A box lunch, one soft drink and a bottle of water are included.





## Astoria, Oregon



## Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

### Historic Astoria & Fort Clatsop



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Explore the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies, just like Captain John Gray in 1792, and Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery in 1805. View the Astoria Column, overlooking Astoria and the beaches of Washington and Oregon, then head to Fort Clatsop, a replica of the fort as depicted in Clark's journey, for a tour. Pass back through Astoria with its famous Union Town, doughboy monument, Victorian homes and churches. Stop at the Maritime Museum to see a few of the region's prized artifacts.

### Transfer to Seaside & Cannon Beach



Approximately 4 hours • \$

Visit some of Oregon's most enchanting oceanfront communities. Seaside is a low-key resort area offering excellent seafood restaurants and quaint shops. Cannon Beach, once an artist community, is now a mecca for photographers, writers, poets and vacationers, and offers several galleries and shops. A classic photo opportunity is Haystack Rock—one of the world's largest freestanding monoliths.

### A Taste of Oregon:

#### Seafood Cooking & Oregon Wine



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

It's all about seafood! First, tour this facility dedicated to seafood preparation, where you will learn many professional purchasing and cooking tips. After a live presentation and tasting program, you'll know the secrets to preparing seafood. Next, enjoy a short drive to "the Cellar" and enjoy Oregon wines while you learn about your senses and how to put them to use right away for enjoying and understanding fine wines.

### Kayak & Snorkel Adventure



Approximately 2 ½ hours • \$

A water taxi will transport you from the main pier to the kayak launching area. Gear-up, as your friendly tour guide briefs you about the underwater life, wildlife, and ecology of the area. Paddle your two-person kayak across San Lucas Bay, an underwater park and marine sanctuary, to Lover's Beach, only accessible by water. Snorkel gear, instruction and bottled water are provided. After paddling back to the starting point, you'll return to the main tender pier by water taxi.

*Please note: The kayaking and snorkeling areas may be changed due to weather conditions. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel.*

### Beach Horseback Ride



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Come and smell the fresh salt air as you ride your horse alongside the mighty Pacific Ocean. Board a vehicle for the approximately 35-minute scenic drive to one of Cabo's Pacific beaches. There, you will meet your guide at a quaint sea-side ranch. After a brief orientation, mount your horse and set off on a leisurely hour-long ride along the cactus-lined beach. Your beach ride will take you atop a sand dune where, from January through March, you might be able to spot migrant whales. After your ride, enjoy a complimentary beverage at the ranch where you will have a short time to explore the traditional desert houses, interact with the farm animals and check out the boutique filled with local arts and crafts before returning to the pier.

*Please note: Maximum weight is 220lbs. This tour is suitable for riders of all experience levels, including first-timers. Horses do not go in the water on this tour. Wear a hat, sunscreen, enclosed footwear and long pants. Minimum age is 12 years.*

### ATV Desert & Beach Adventure



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Come explore Baja's beautiful desert and ocean scenery aboard an exciting, semi-automatic All-Terrain Vehicle. A 30-minute drive from the pier will bring you to a typical Baja California ranch alongside the mighty Pacific Ocean. At the ranch, you will receive an orientation on the proper operating techniques of the ATV; then jump on and follow your guide for a glimpse into Baja's rugged terrain. Along your ride, you will see cactus towering 20 feet tall over the trail, and stop to learn about the desert flora and fauna at a lookout point over the Pacific Ocean. Bring your camera! Your ATV will take you effortlessly over hilltops and through river washes that would leave your own car begging for mercy. From January through March, keep an eye on the ocean, as migrating whales come so close to shore that you can hear their spray.

*Please note: ATVs accommodate up to two people. Drivers must be at least 25 years of age to operate the vehicle. Minimum age is 12 years. The combined weight on one ATV cannot exceed 350 pounds. This tour is not recommended for guests who are pregnant and/or have neck or back problems. Optional drop-off at the main beach or downtown on the return. Wear sunscreen, hat, long pants and closed-toe shoes. Waiver must be signed.*

### Coastal Highlights



Approximately 3½ hours • \$

View the dramatic scenery of desert terrain, rugged coastline and unusual rock formations characteristic of the Baja California peninsula, all from the perspective of land. Visit a local glass-blowing factory to observe the craftsmen at work. Stop at Sunset Da Giorgio's restaurant for a beverage and a sweeping panoramic view of the picturesque bay of Cabo San Lucas. You'll also visit Cacti Mundo—an ecological cactus garden containing more than 750 species of cactus, many of which are endangered and almost extinct in their natural habitat. Continue to San José del Cabo, a picturesque town, where time is allocated to visiting the mission church and its shady tree-lined plaza. Finally, skirt through the small downtown sector of Cabo San Lucas, where guests wishing

to shop may leave the tour at this time. It's an easy 10-minute walk back to the tender pier. Before reboarding the ship, you will also have time at the dockside flea market for shopping.

*Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes. Venues may be substituted depending on availability.*

### Discover Todos Santos



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Operates only on sailings that do not call at Pichilingue

Join a knowledgeable English-speaking guide and board an air-conditioned bus for a trip back in time. The Cape region is indeed striking in appearance, from arid desert and white sand coves to swaying palm trees and deep blue sea. Your drive will take you north to admire the contrasting coast scenery of the expansive Pacific Ocean on one side, while on the other, a forest of Cardon cacti goes on as far as the eye can see. Your destination is Todos Santos, a small oasis village that sits peacefully next to the Pacific Ocean. Once in Todos Santos, which means "All Saints," you will have time to walk around the old Jesuit mission, explore the small shops, glance through one of the many art galleries and visit the famous Hotel California that inspired the Eagles back in 1969. Returning to Cabo San Lucas, you may choose to remain in town for some last-minute shopping or return to the ship.

*Please note: Casual, conservative attire is recommended. Some shops may be closed on Sundays.*

### Baja Jeep Safari



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Explore Baja California's rugged desert aboard a rugged Jeep Wrangler. Your destination is La Candelaria—a small oasis village in the middle of the desert. After being assigned to a 4x4 Jeep, you will set out across the desert caravan-style, following your local guide. Along the drive you will be shown some of the local flora and fauna that is found all over the Baja. There are several working ranches along the way, where you will see herds of cows and goats roaming the roads. Keep your camera ready as there are many photo opportunities. Driving will be shared

among the four guests in the Jeep. At La Candelaria, you will be served a delicious snack and a local drink at the local boarding school, which is home to approximately 75 students during the school week. A portion of your tour cost will be used to purchase of supplies and materials for the school. Take a short walk to the working ranch of Don Jesus, where he and his family have lived for many decades. Don Jesus is a skilled artisan specializing in the fabrication of wooden furniture. You will also visit his neighbor, Lorena, who is an artist specializing in ceramic pots and water-color paintings. As her works are in high demand there are not always samples available for viewing. Back in the convoy, you will continue your exploration down one of Baja's largest river washes until it reaches the Pacific Ocean. At the beach, you will be given some free time to comb the beach for shells or just relax and watch the waves crashing on the shore. Your return trip to the pier will be along Baja's famed Highway 1.

*Please note: Vehicles driven feature manual transmission. Automatic transmissions are not available. All vehicles are four-wheel-drive. Minimum age to drive vehicle is 25 years. Guests wishing to drive must present a valid driver's license and must also know how to drive a vehicle with manual transmission. There will be time for a short practice before leaving the pier area. Total drive distance is about 45-55 miles. Total drive time is about two hours, with 1½ hours being off-road. Route and destination contained in tour may vary depending on local weather conditions. Signature on liability rental waiver is required before participation. Time behind the wheel will vary depending on the number of participating drivers in each vehicle.*

### Half-Day Sportfishing Adventure



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$\$\$

Cabo San Lucas ranks as one of the best sportfishing destinations in the world and draws anglers from the four corners of the earth. The hundred-boat sportfishing fleet of Cabo San Lucas practices catch-and-release fishing only—but most of the boats return with some good fish tales!

*Please note: Up to six guests per boat. There will be an additional charge of \$11 for a fishing license, payable at the pier. A box lunch is provided. Your captain and mate are not guides and may not speak English.*

### Discover Scuba for Non-Certified Divers



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$\$

This experience for non-certified divers will introduce you to the underwater world of Cabo San Lucas. After video instruction and a training session in the pool, a short boat ride will take you to practice your new simple scuba skills in shallow water at a small beach in front of Pelican Rock, under the direct supervision of the instructor. Pelican Rock attracts a wide variety of tropical fish, including king and Cortez angelfish, Moorish idols, parrotfish, butterfly fish and yellowtail surgeons. A colorful collection of invertebrates, starfish, sea fans, urchins and small sponges fill the nooks and crannies of the rocks.

*Please note: Wetsuit and all equipment are provided. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. Waiver release form must be signed. Participants should be in good physical condition. Minimum age is 12 years.*

### Certified One-Tank Scuba Dive



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$\$

Cabo San Lucas is surrounded by one of the most extensive sub-marine canyon systems in the world—host to over 750 species of marine life. This creates some of the best and most diversified scuba diving in the world. A competent staff will take you to the dive shop for an orientation and marine life briefing. Bottom time will depend on your air intake, at a site selected for the best conditions of the day.

*Please note: Wetsuit and all equipment are provided. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. Waiver release form must be signed. Bring your C-card.*

### Snorkel & Sail to Santa Maria Cove



Approximately 3¼ hours • \$\$

Join the La Princesa, a hightech 50-foot sailing catamaran, or a similar vessel, for a wonderful tour. You'll head first for famed Lover's Beach, past the sea lion colony, and to the towering rock formations of Land's End. From Land's End, you'll cut across the bay and head east down the coast towards Santa Maria Cove. The coastline is pristine and sparsely populated, punctuated by rocky coves and prominent headlands. Anchoring in the protected, palm-studded tropical Santa Maria Cove, there will be a snorkeling class upon request for those wishing to participate, and all guests will be outfitted with snorkel gear and flotation vests. You will have one hour to snorkel the tranquil waters of this lovely cove where the reefs are teeming with colorful tropical fish. After your swim, you will be served your choice of a soda, beer or a Mexican cocktail. There is an open bar policy throughout the trip, but no alcoholic beverages are served before the snorkel portion of the tour. On the return trip, relax and enjoy the spectacular scenery.

*Please note: The boat used will be determined by the tour operator based on the conditions of the day. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel.*

### Land's End Boat Tour & Scenic Drive



Approximately 2½ hours • \$

Discover pristine beaches from a comfortable motorized catamaran. From the decks you will view towering rock formations and the famed Los Arcos—a dramatic natural rock monument that arches out of the sea. An enlightening narration by J.M. Cousteau comments on the underwater life, wildlife, ecology and major points of interest in the area, including the early history of Baja California. After the 45-minute boat ride, a vehicle takes you on a 15-minute non-guided, non-air-conditioned scenic drive to Sunset Da Giorgio's restaurant, with an unforgettable view of Land's End, its famed arches and your ship at anchor. Enjoy a beverage and take pictures of the view before taking a taxi shuttle to the pier.

### Pirate Ship Historical Sail with Snorkel & Whale Watch Options

The tall ship *Sunderland*, built in 1885, is the oldest English tall ship left in the world that sails the Mexican Riviera. You will experience the power of the sails and learn about the maritime history that evolved around the town of Cabo San Lucas. Step aboard, feel the wooden deck under your feet, and see the crew dressed in pirate garb as you relive the excitement and adventure of yesteryear on the placid seas of Cabo San Lucas. In an area rich in pirate lore and buried treasure, those who think Baja is only about missions and cave paintings cannot afford to miss this aspect of local history. This ship is very similar to the one Thomas Cavendish used to take the Spanish treasure galleon *Santa Anna*, in these very waters. Cannons poke their snub noses from gun ports, completing the feeling of stepping back in time. On your way out of the harbor, you will hear about Mexico's pirate maritime history as your professional captain and naturalist take you past the world-famous arch of Land's End and Lovers Beach, and out into the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortez. Choose from the two seasonal itineraries (A or B) below based on the date you will be in Cabo San Lucas:

#### A. Pirate Ship Historical Sail & Snorkel



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Operates approximately April - December

You'll anchor out in the marine park to enjoy the sun-drenched climate and swim in the beautiful water where marine life makes this an excellent place to snorkel. A swim platform provides easy access into the water and snorkeling equipment is included. A non-alcoholic bar and bottled water are served.

*Please note: Wear your swimsuit; bring a towel and camera.*

*Minimum age is 8 years. Flotation vests are included.*

#### B. Pirate Ship Historical Sail & Whale Watch



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

Operates approximately January - March

Set off in search of whales. Sailing without the noise of motors and with the aid of hydrophones, you can listen to the singing of humpback whales as you sail among them in their natural



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environment. An open bar and bottled water, juices and soda are complimentary, along with a bowl of fresh fruit.

*Please note: Bring your camera.*

### Deluxe Coastal Cruise & Whale Watch Option

Enjoy a coastal cruise of the Cabo San Lucas area, with the seasonal option of adding a whale watch excursion. Choose from the two seasonal itineraries (A or B) below based on the date you will be in Cabo San Lucas:

#### A. Deluxe Coastal Cruise Only



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

Operates approximately April - December

Set out by comfortable motorized catamaran on a delightful coastal cruise to admire breathtaking landscapes, unspoiled beaches and secluded coves. View spectacular golf resorts and impressive developments along both the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific Ocean coastlines. You will visit the famed Los Arcos area, where a dramatic natural rock monument arches starkly out of the sea at the very tip of the longest, most desolate peninsula in the world. Cruise alongside the towering rock formations, visit the sea lion colony of Cabo San Lucas and the famous Lover's Beach—one of the few beaches in the world that shares two seas—before heading back into the marina. An open bar is included.

#### B. Deluxe Coastal Cruise with Whale Watching



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

Operates approximately January - March

Between approximately January and March, these waters are visited by thousands of whales that make their yearly migration toward the warmer tides in the Sea of Cortez. Here, at least six different types of whales spout and breach as they swim around the Gulf. They include the California grey whales, the finbacks, the humpbacks and the mighty blue whales—the largest animal ever to inhabit the earth. Keep your camera handy! The Cousteau Society has done some of their very best film-making right here!

*Please note: This tour is only offered January through March, when the whales are most likely to be seen.*



Loreto,  
Mexico

### Kayak the Baja



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

Your tour will start with a drive along the miles of desert coastline that fringe the rugged Baja Peninsula and are ideal for exploration. Upon arrival at a resort, your guide will give you an introduction and safety briefing. Stable, two-person sea kayaks are used, and the pace is comfortable and relaxed. Anyone in average physical condition can participate. No previous paddling experience is necessary. Your kayaking will begin at this topographically diverse shoreline with striking scenery and expansive views of Loreto Bay.

*Please note: Minimum age is 10 years; maximum weight is 220 lbs. You will get wet, so dress accordingly.*

### San Javier Mission



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$

Travel by van for approximately two hours to San Javier—the second oldest town in all of the Californias. En route, you will see a charming little orchard at the bottom of a canyon with a natural spring and fruit trees. The orchards of the Jesuits introduced the first irrigation system on the peninsula and are working to this day. San Javier was founded by Spanish Jesuit Miguel del Barco in 1699, and it is classified as the most beautiful and one of the best-preserved missions. A light, traditional local lunch will be served before your return drive to the pier.

*Please note: The main road to the Mission is winding and bumpy. A light jacket is recommended.*

## Loreto Walking Tour



Approximately 1½ hours • \$

Three hundred years old and still “undiscovered,” Loreto is one of the oldest cities in all Mexico. Walk along Main Street seeing the houses from the late 19th century, the city hall building and the downtown plaza. You will visit the Mission Church, founded in 1697 by Salvatierra, an Italian Jesuit, home to wonderful old paintings and a magnificent altar from the 17th century. Then step into the museum to appreciate the juxtaposition of two different worlds—Indian traditions, costumes and artifacts, and original art pieces brought by the missionaries from Europe, Asia and Mexico’s mainland.

*Please note: Wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes for walking on cobblestone streets. Guests carrying a video camera may be charged a fee of \$3 at either the Church or Museum.*

## Oasis

### Horseback Ride



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

At the pier you will meet your English-speaking guide and board the waiting van that will take you on a 25- to 30-minute drive from town to the rendezvous point. Your horse adventure begins next to the stream bed of San Telmo, where after brief instruction and horse assignment, your guide will lead you on a peaceful horseback ride to the stream of Las Virgenes. Admire the desert flora and watch for the fauna of the Sierra de la Giganta, as you travel through the extraordinary rock formations for about 45 minutes. Arrive at a natural spring, where you will taste different fruits of the region, with bottled water and snacks. Here you will have time to stroll or take a 30-minute rest. Then, your guide prepares the horses to begin the return route via the stream beds. After your approximately 1½-hour total ride, you will board the waiting vehicle to return to the tender pier.

*Please note: A portion of the road to the rendezvous point is gravelly and bumpy. Guests must be in good physical condition. Minimum age is 10 years; maximum weight is 220 lbs. Wear a hat, sunscreen, long pants and closed-toe shoes.*



## Mexican Fiesta & Traditional Clambake



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Experience a delightful Mexican tradition on this excursion. Your taste buds will savor the flavors of a delectable Mexican buffet, including a clambake and welcome margarita. The live music will have your feet tapping, and the traditional decor and dancers of the ballet folklórico will bring you pure delight. *Olé!*

## Snorkeling at Coronados Island



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Travel by motorized skiff for approximately one hour to a lovely white sand beach called El Atracadero Blanco. Approximately three miles long and 2½ miles wide, it is located on the west side of Coronados Island. Snorkel gear is provided for you, along with a light lunch and refreshments. While snorkeling from the beach you may have the chance to view sea lions and angel fish among other species that give this area life. During the time on the island, enjoy a nice walk on the nature trail.

*Please note: Jellyfish may be encountered. Wear closed-toe shoes if you intend to take the nature hike. Wear your swimsuit under your clothes; bring a hat and sunscreen.*

## Los Angeles, California



### Getty Museum & Rodeo Drive



Approximately 5½ hours • Flights after 4:30pm only  
 With prepaid transfer voucher – \$  
 Without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$  
 Returning to the ship – \$\$

This tour departs the pier for the Getty Center, passing through the Los Angeles area and the National Cemetery. Disembark the bus and walk to the tram that will drop you off at the Getty Center and Gardens. Spend time on your own looking at the famous collection of art (admission included) and explore the gardens that overlook the city of Los Angeles. Reboard your coach and continue on through West Los Angeles into Beverly Hills where 70,000 people live in this affluent neighborhood. Stop for lunch on your own at Rodeo Drive—shopping area for the rich and famous! Re-board the motor coach and continue through Century City. The tour concludes at Los Angeles International Airport or back at the pier.

### Transfer to Los Angeles Airport

Approximately 45 minutes • \$ • Flights after 12 noon only  
 As a convenience to guests who have not pre-booked an airport transfer, we offer transportation to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) on the day of disembarkation.



### Highlights of Los Angeles with Rodeo Drive or the Farmers' Market

Drive to the famous landmarks of Los Angeles. Pass the Los Angeles Coliseum, Sports Arena, Museum of Natural History, University of Southern California and drive through the downtown area. At Olivera Street, one of the oldest streets in the city, you will have a short time to stroll through this historic area, complete with Mexican handicraft shops, sidewalk stalls, and cafes. Reboarding the coach, you will head for Hollywood, crossing Sunset Boulevard en route. At Mann's Chinese Theater, you will have approximately 15 minutes to see where past and present screen stars have left their hand and foot prints in the concrete. Next, choose ONE of the options (A or B) below to complete your tour:

#### A. Highlights of Los Angeles & Rodeo Drive



Approximately 4 hours • Flights after 3:00pm only  
 With prepaid transfer voucher – \$  
 Without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$  
 Returning to the ship – \$\$

Enjoy a city tour as described above, then you will drive along fashionable Rodeo Drive, shopping area of the rich and famous. The tour concludes at Los Angeles International Airport or back at the pier.

#### B. Highlights of Los Angeles & the Farmers' Market



Approximately 4 hours • Flights after 3:00pm only  
 With prepaid transfer voucher – \$  
 Without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$  
 Returning to the ship – \$\$

Enjoy a city tour as described above, then continue on to the Farmer's Market, where you will have some time on your own for lunch and shopping. The tour concludes at Los Angeles International Airport or back at the pier.



## Manzanillo, Mexico

MANZANILLO, MEXICO

### Colima & Comala with Lunch



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$

This leisurely tour begins with a scenic 1 - 1½-hour drive to the Plaza Principal—the main square of Colima City. See the beautiful 19th-century cathedral and the small museum of Colima. Continue with a brief stop at the Pyramids of La Campana—small, tiered pyramids and archeological ruins dating back to the first century. Next is Comala—a charming, 500-year-old community, located in the shadow of two volcanoes. A Mexican *botana* (snack) lunch and a beverage will be served at a sidewalk café next to the main plaza. Surrounded by the sounds of local mariachi bands, you'll feel as if you have stepped back in time. The return ride to Manzanillo includes a short stop at a colorful roadside coconut stand, and a chance to stretch your legs.

*Please note: Local custom dictates that no shorts are allowed in the cathedral. This shore excursion is designed to show you the "old" Mexico.*

### Manzanillo City & Shopping



Approximately 4½ hours • \$

The city of Manzanillo has long been recognized as Mexico's gateway to the Pacific Rim. Drive through the busy port facility and along the Santiago Peninsula for views overlooking Las Hadas, the marina, the twin bays, and the beach where 10 was filmed. Stop at a restaurant overlooking the Bay for a complimentary beverage. There will be a little time allowed at the shopping bazaar for a look at typical Mexican crafts, then continue to Club Santiago and drive through lush banana plantations. On the way back, you will pass by the local market and will stop if traffic permits. Manzanillo's old-town plaza is your last stop. Spend a few minutes walking through the square

or shopping in the local stores. From here you can return directly to the ship or stay in the plaza and return to the ship later by complimentary shuttle bus.

### Deep Sea Fishing



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$\$

Manzanillo is the sailfish capital of the world and, nestled in Mexico's beautiful Gold Coast, it is the ideal paradise for the avid sports fisherman (or woman). And if you're after marlin or tuna, this is the place. Enjoy the thrill and excitement of deep sea fishing where many have won outstanding prizes and recorded amazing catches in many of the international tournaments held annually in these waters!

*Please note: All equipment and bait are included, with a light snack, soda, beer and bottled water.*

### Cuyutlan Turtle Experience



Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$

Driving along the coastal freeway you will enjoy the natural wilderness scenery while heading to Armería town, passing by large coconut, banana and lemon plantations. This little community is one of the largest lemon producers in the country. Continue to the El Tortugario ecological center, where you will enjoy the magical experience of getting close to the underwater world. You will meet face-to-face some of the largest turtles you have ever seen. You will learn how El Tortugario, the largest turtle sanctuary in Mexico, helps to ensure that this endangered species will live on. Enjoy this fantastic interactive experience with these amazing creatures. There is also an iguana center and crocodile sanctuary, where you will be delighted by one of the most impressive ecosystems in the region. On your way to lunch, you'll stop at the Salt Museum housed in a 19th-century salt warehouse that contains a very accurate depiction of a salt works. Cuyutlan Beach is your next stop where, at a picturesque restaurant, you will enjoy a delicious typical snack of Mexican *botana* and refreshments. Hear the history of the *Ola Verde*—a devastating wave that virtually erased this small town many years ago.



## Manzanillo Beach & Shopping



Approximately 6½ hours • \$

Your tour begins with a visit to the main plaza of the downtown area. Here you will start your walk through the marketplace to find Mexican souvenirs and trinkets not normally found in large shopping areas. You will drive through the port of Manzanillo, one of the largest ports of the Pacific Coast, along the main boulevard towards the Peninsula de Santiago to enjoy a scenic view. Overlooking the famous Las Hadas Resort & Marina and the magnificent Twin Bays of Manzanillo, you will be in awe of the spectacular winding narrow streets and white-washed homes and resorts. Continue towards the Miramar Flea Market, where you will find a large variety of arts and crafts, pottery, clothing, leather goods, onyx, and various other handcrafted goods to purchase and take home. For relaxation, you will drive to a beach club—a serene and tranquil place—to catch some sun on a golden beach. Relax and read a book, or join in the fun of organized beach activities.

*Please note: Bring a towel, sunscreen and your camera.*

## Resort Getaway



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

One of the most scenic and luxurious resorts in Mexico can be found in Manzanillo. Boarding a transfer shuttle, you'll travel around the Bay of Manzanillo to an exclusive resort in Santiago Bay. A short walk will lead you to a waiting lounge chair, towel, and the opportunity to swim in one of the pools, participate in beach activities in the small cove of the hotel's private bay, or just relax in the sun. Changing rooms are available. A buffet lunch will be served in the restaurant facilities at the hotel with complimentary drinks. In the early afternoon, a transfer shuttle will take you back to the pier in Manzanillo and the ship.

*Please note: At the resort there are water toys for you to rent at your own expense, such as wave runners, kayaking and snorkel equipment.*

## Snorkeling Adventure



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Manzanillo offers many attractions, but none as breathtaking as its warm, tranquil underwater world. Your tour begins with a short walk to board a catamaran. Your destination is the San Luciano coral aquarium, passing by La Roca de Elefante (Elephant Rock), which can only be reached by boat. Capture with your camera dramatic scenes of the rock and the La Bufadora cliff as you head to the coral aquarium developed over the sunken boat, *San Luciano*. Snorkel right from the boat as schools of yellowtail, surgeonfish and king angels swim by. Snacks, beer and sodas will be served on board as you bask in the Mexican Pacific sunshine. Afterwards, enjoy a scenic view as you sail out to Elephant Rock and take in the spectacular coastal views while sailing over the tranquil waters of the Gold Coast.

*Please note: Snorkel equipment is provided on board. An underwater camera and extra film is recommended. Changing rooms are available on the boat. Bring a beach towel and sunscreen.*

## Open Air Exploration & Beach



Approximately 4½ hours • \$

Start your adventure by boarding an open-air, All-Terrain Vehicle, and head to Manzanillo's downtown area. Visit the main plaza where you will have some free time for shopping. Next, you will head to El Colomo for a brief stop at this farming village. You will then drive through some dusty acres of banana and papaya plantations where your tour guide will explain all about the flora and fauna of the area. At Las Brisas beach, a cold drink awaits you at a small beach hotel. Here, you will have free time to swim in the calm ocean or simply just relax at the swimming pool. There's even a pool for kids. Soak up the sun and work on your tan on the beach or poolside, or enjoy the shade of the charming beach umbrellas. For the more active crowd, there is beach volleyball. Lunch can be purchased at your own expense at the beachside restaurant.

*Please note: Tour is by open-air vehicle—dusty, windy and fun. At the beach you will have about one hour of free time. Bring your swimsuit, sunscreen, sunglasses, towel and a hat.*

## Magical Pueblos



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$

Discover the magical *pueblos* (old towns) of Mexico! Start with a scenic drive to famous Nogueras, where you will feel as if you have stepped back in time. The vegetation and narrow streets of this very picturesque small village are quite stunning. Visit the Nogueras museum that is housed in an old, colonial-style Mexican *hacienda*. From here, you will drive to the famous Magic Zone—an uncommon experience! From a distance you will see the impressive active Fire Volcano and the dormant Nevado de Colima (weather permitting). At an old, local coffeehouse the owner will demonstrate the roasting process and you can do some tasting! You will love the smell of freshly-made coffee. Head over to the local bread bakery to observe the baking process. Then, you will enjoy a local Mexican *botana* (snack lunch) and two beverages in Comala—a mixed-race town where the fusion between the pre-Hispanic culture of the west and the colonists has jointly influenced the inhabitants' lifestyle. This intriguing blend has been preserved and enriched for more than five centuries. Since the 1960s, the town of Comala has been known as the White Town of America. In 1988, the State of Colima declared it Historical Monument and in 2002 it became part of the Magical Pueblos initiative led by the Federal and State Tourism Offices. After lunch, head back to Manzanillo.

*Please note: Wear comfortable shoes; bring extra film and a light jacket. This is a trip into old Mexico and is not commercialized.*



## Mazatlán, Mexico

### Kaktus Island Kayak Adventure



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Ride five minutes by taxi to the Embarcadero and from there, on a 22-foot skiff, you'll be transferred five minutes to Goats Island. You will receive kayaking instruction, then climb onto a sit-on-top-style kayak, which requires no prior experience for a 75-minute paddle around Kaktus Island. You will have time to stroll, collect shells, play volleyball, sunbathe and swim in the calm waters. A refreshment is served at Goats Island.

*Please note: Bring a towel, sunscreen, camera, a hat and swimsuit. There is no lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk. Minimum age is 7 years. Maximum weight is 240 lbs.*

### Mazatlán Sportfishing



Approximately 7 hours • Fishing \$\$\$\$; Observing \$\$

In the waters off Mazatlán, marlin run from November to May and sailfish from April to November. This is an ideal location for old pros to try their luck, and for hopeful beginners to experience the thrill of a catch. Board a 43-foot fishing boat with radio and safety equipment on board. Your experienced crew will pilot you to the fishing grounds and provide tackle and bait, and fishing tips if needed. Water, ice and limited beer and sodas will be provided on board, as well as a box lunch.

*Please note: A minimum of four participants is required per fishing boat. Fishing license included. Your captain is not a guide and may not speak English. Observers can only be booked on board the ship subject to availability.*

### Mazatlán Pacifico Brewery



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Discover the secrets of Pacifico Beer, made in Mazatlán since 1900, and famous around the world. Travel to the original place where the Pacifico Brewery was born more than 100 years ago. You will have a lesson in history, learn some fascinating beer facts and discover everything you need to know about producing beer! After touring the processing areas, you'll have one of the most magnificent views of Mazatlán and its surroundings while you taste a sample of Pacifico Beer.

*Please note: Wear comfortable closed walking shoes and long pants. Tank tops, bags and photographing the manufacturing processes are not permitted. Minimum age is 12 years. Minimum age to sample beer is 21 years.*

### Shrimp Feast!



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Come and enjoy one of Mazatlán's greatest pleasures—fresh shrimp! A short drive from the pier will bring you to the exclusive residence of Villa de la Cruz, where your Shrimp Feast will take place. The backdrop of the Sierra Madre mountain range, the ocean, city and ships in the harbor will set the mood for your afternoon. Gracing the mountainside of Cerro de la Cruz, this lush private residence will be the setting for an afternoon of world-famous Mazatlán shrimp and Mexican hospitality. Enjoy an all you can eat buffet of three different varieties of freshly-caught shrimp or traditional taquitos, while refreshing your feet in the pool and listening to the live music. Chips, salsa and guacamole will also be served along with an open bar of margaritas and Mazatlán's very own Pacifico Beer. After your meal you can relax by the pool or walk through the beautiful historical downtown with its trendy Plaza Machado and city market at its center. Roundtrip transportation is provided from the ship, returning to either the ship or the historical downtown district of Mazatlán.

### Colonial Route & Shopping



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

See firsthand the wonderful heritage of Mexico's villages and cottage industries. Your first stop is at a brickyard where adobe bricks are made and fired much as they have been for several centuries. Make a brief stop in the quaint, rustic little village of Malpica to visit a floor tile factory, where the tiles are made by hand. A traditional wood-fired bakery offers you a freshly-baked cookie and bottled water or a soft drink. Then, you will stop in Concordia—a thriving country seat founded by Captain Francisco de Ibarra in 1565 and now famous for its hand-hewn stone church more than 200 years old. Step inside and admire the handiwork. At a colonial furniture and clay pottery factory, you will be able to see handmade clay flower pots, jars and a variety of pieces.

*Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes.*

### The Best of Mazatlán



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$

Your tour begins with an interesting ride along Mazatlán's oceanfront for a distant view of the lighthouse and offshore islands. Continue into the heart of the old downtown for a short visit to the imposing cathedral. On the waterfront, you'll stop at a rocky promontory to admire the brave cliff divers, then drive to the El Cid Resort before stopping at the Aztec Theater to enjoy a folkloric show featuring the famous Papantla Flyers. These daredevil Totonac Indians ascend a 75-foot pole and descend on ropes spinning around the pole back to the ground. A drink is served at the theater. After the show, you have time to browse or shop at the Golden Zone. Spend your afternoon swimming, sunning and relaxing at a beautiful beach resort, where your guide will provide you with towels, a place to change, and show you where lunch will be served. Your guide will advise you when transportation by taxi in groups of four will be provided back to the ship.

*Please note: A buffet lunch is included. Bring your swimsuit and beach gear. Leave your valuables on board the ship.*

### Deluxe City Tour with Papantla Flyers



Approximately 4 hours • \$

An interesting ride takes you past the inner harbor, the shrimp fleet and El Faro lighthouse, through Mazatlán's residential districts and downtown section. Pass the market, Olas Altas section, and stop at the imposing Cathedral. From here, you'll return to the waterfront drive for a short stop at a rocky promontory to admire the brave high divers. Then, pass miles of sandy beaches and drive by the El Cid Resort en route to the Golden Zone, followed by a 45-minute shopping stop to see and purchase quality Indian crafts. End your tour with a folkloric show featuring the famous Papantla Flyers. These daredevil Totonac Indians ascend a 75-foot pole, and descend on ropes spinning around the pole to the ground. A complimentary beer, soft drink or bottled water is served at the show.

### Old Mazatlán Walking Tour



Approximately 4 hours • \$

Start your tour with a short taxi ride from the pier to the Continuity of Life Monument. Several sculptures line the beachfront and your guide will explain their history as you make your way on foot to a rocky promontory to watch the local Cliff Divers. Continue through Old Mazatlán, past the Military Hospital, the Bank of Mexico building and into the heart of the old downtown area. Visit the House of Music, a museum, old houses and the magnificent and recently restored Angela Peralta Theater, named in honor of the world famous Mexican opera singer. Refreshments are served at a typical café in the Old Town. After visiting the cathedral, which dates back to 1875, your final stop will be the city market, where your walking tour ends. Take a taxi back to the Golden Zone to browse on your own and make your own way back to the ship, or return directly to the ship.

*Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes for uneven sidewalks.*

### Sierra Madre, Concordia & Copala



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$

Rich in mineral wealth and extremely rugged, the Sierra Madre mountains are the subject of legends. Follow the historic Mazatlán to Durango highway, stopping at a brickyard where adobe bricks are handmade and fired. Winding into the foothills, you will visit a traditional Mexican furniture-making store and a potter's home where roof tiles, jars, flower pots, and dishes are produced. At Concordia, step inside a colonial church, then stop at a local restaurant for a refreshing soft drink, beer or bottled water. Continue on into the mountains to the village of Copala, once a thriving Spanish gold mining town founded in 1565. Colonial houses and a spectacular church are located here. A Mexican-style lunch will be served. Back in Mazatlán, you will have an hour to shop in the Golden Zone before returning to the ship via Mazatlán's scenic waterfront drive.

### Stone Island



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$

Cruise the harbor channel for 30 minutes, enjoying an open bar while you transfer by boat to Stone Island. Watch for the shrimp and tuna fleets, the famous Pacifico brewery, a view of the cruise ship and the Baja ferry boats. A typical cart tractor ride will then bring you to the quiet township where fishermen still sleep in hammocks under the stars. You'll have approximately four hours to spend in this setting, perfect for relaxing and swimming on miles of uncrowded, palm-lined beaches. Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride or horseback ride along these 12 miles of beaches where there are a reported million and a half coconut trees. An island-style lunch (fish, chicken, salad, rice, beans, homemade tortillas and salsa) is served in a rustic restaurant. Beer, soft drinks and domestic drinks are included.

*Please note: Wear your swimsuit under your clothes; bring a towel, sunscreen and hat. Comfortable walking shoes recommended. Local vendors frequent the beach areas.*



## Estuaries & Birdwatching



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$

This is an ideal opportunity for bird-watchers and nature-lovers to spend a day in absolute relaxation. In the tropical atmosphere of the Mexican Pacific Coast, travel one mile south of Mazatlán where your boat is ready for an estuary run through the natural beauty of four miles of mangroves. As you travel, watch for glimpses of your ship, the Pacifico Brewery, the Mexican Navy Base and shrimp and tuna fishing fleets along the harbor. You will also see some of the shipyard industries. Enjoy your guided cruise down mangrove and palm tree-lined waterways in Mexico's largest estuary/wetlands system. Explore the private world of the Mexican brown pelican, blue heron, seahawk, osprey and other exotic water fowl in this protected wildlife refuge. Disembark the boat and board your transportation for a ride through a peaceful area with a variety of fruit trees and a coconut plantation on the way to a typical beachfront restaurant, where you will enjoy a delightful fish luncheon and have time to swim and relax. Optional water activities are available for purchase.

*Please note: Bring a towel if you intend to swim.*

## Salsa & Salsa



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Ready to drink, dine and dance in a whole new hands-on way that will have you shouting *Olé*? First, you will learn the art of mixing a zingy Mazarita (Mazatlan margarita) from the local expert. Then, drink your own libation as you experience a hands-on cooking class to learn about Mexico's fabulous hot and zesty spices. You'll make a variety of sassy salsas while dining on fresh cheese quesadillas and chicken taquitos. After your cooking instruction, get ready for some action and a different kind of salsa! A salsa dance instructor will teach you, step by step, the moves and swings of the salsa. By the end of the day you will be ready for the dance floor and will be armed with fantastic recipes. After class you will have the choice to relax on the beach, enjoy one of the hotel's pools, or shop the recommended stores of the famous Golden Zone, which are only a two-minute walk away.

*Please note: Minimum age is 16 years.*



## Pichilingue, Mexico

## El Serpentario Reptile Center & Cactus Nursery



Approximately 2 ½ hours • \$\$

Mexico boasts the largest variety of reptiles of any country in the world. At the El Serpentario Reptile Center, you will find an outstanding collection of the four major classes of reptiles: snakes, lizards, turtles/tortoises and crocodiles. While the primary goal is to show and educate people about Mexican animals, the center also features many of the more fascinating reptiles from all over the world: albino cobras, giant pythons and curious lizards from four continents. A collection of spiders, scorpions, centipedes and other arthropods make their home at the Serpentarium. Travel 30 minutes by air-conditioned van to the Serpentarium, where you will have the opportunity to explore at your leisure after your naturalist guide shares his/her knowledge of the residents. Many of the exhibits are outdoors in pits landscaped with plants of a particular habitat. Reptile encounters and a live show will give you the chance to touch harmless specimens and talk with the friendly experts.

*Please note: Minimum age is 7 years.*

## Paradise Cove Kayaking



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

Come and discover one of the Sea of Cortez's hidden treasures. From the pier you will be transferred via air-conditioned van to Balandra Beach where you will be assigned a kayak and given a short instructional briefing on the proper use and technique of your kayak. Once on the water, you will kayak along some of the most pristine waters in the area. The depth at times will be less than a foot. Your guide will lead you into Paradise Cove with an abundance of local bird and marine life from herons to pelicans and frigate birds. Your kayak paddle will also take you deep into

the natural mangrove forests into a world you might not encounter anywhere else. Upon returning to the beach, you will have a short amount of time to relax on the beach or explore the shoreline. Bottled water and sodas will be available.

### Discover Todos Santos



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$

Approximately 1½ hours each way from La Paz, the oasis town of Todos Santos is known for its lovely culture. Travel by motor coach or van to this beautiful town, boasting a view of the Pacific Ocean, green crops, palm groves, and mango and avocado trees. As you take in the natural beauty of the area and the colonial architecture, you will have time to visit the shops and art galleries. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant before you begin the journey back to Pichilingue and your waiting ship.

*Please note: Casual, conservative attire is recommended. Some shops may be closed on Sundays.*

### Artisans of La Paz



Approximately 2½ hours • \$

Visit the seaside town of La Paz and some of the cultural highlights it has to offer. Travel through the thriving downtown area with its boulevards, shops, restaurants and mile-long waterfront promenade. Three stops will be made during your tour. Visit a pottery factory, enjoy and observe a weaver's display of local crafts, and stop at the public market. At the end of your tour, you will have the option to be dropped off downtown at the Artisans' Market and return to the ship via the shuttle bus, or you may choose to return directly to the ship with the tour.

*Please note: Minimum age is 7 years.*

### Highlights of La Paz



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Depart from Pichilingue, and as you travel to La Paz, you will see the surrounding desert as an intriguing, unique and extremely beautiful ecosystem full of endless surprises. Over centuries, its flora and fauna have evolved endemic characteristics due to their relative isolation. Strange-looking valleys contain cardon and cirios cacti, elephant trees and thorny chollas forming a spiny green carpet on the sandy earth. Hawks, wrens, woodpeckers, roadrunners and Xantus hummingbirds live here, as well as desert bighorn, foxes, coyotes, pumas, desert mice and squirrels. In La Paz city, you'll take in the thriving downtown area with shops and restaurants in colonial-style houses. Learn about the colors and characteristics of Sea of Cortez pearls, found only here. Visit the cathedral and relax for a scenic drive to the beautiful beach at the end of the bay. Under a palapa, a complimentary soft drink or bottle of water will be served.

*Please note: Minimum age is 7 years.*

### Balandra Bay Snorkel



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Discover a site where the impressive volcanic rocks of the eastern Baja Peninsula plummet into the Sea of Cortez, where you can snorkel and enjoy an extraordinary biological abundance and diversity. Balandra is a shoal bay where you can clearly see the bottom in more than 20 feet of water. This bay features eight attractive inlets and beautiful beaches, one with the famous Mushroom Rock geological formation. Travel by boat for 30 minutes to Gaviota Island, where you will have the chance to snorkel among a wealth of colorful sea life, and then arrive at one of the beautiful sandy beaches either to relax and bask in the sun or to hike to breathtaking views of the surrounding islands and mountains.

*Please note: Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a beach towel, hat and sunscreen. Snacks, soft drinks and bottled water are included. Minimum age is 10 years.*

## Snorkeling at Los Islotes



Approximately 6½ - 7 hours • \$\$\$\$

La Paz is one of the most beautiful locations for people who love eco-tourism (snorkeling and diving are the biggest attractions). The Sea of Cortez provides a large variety of marine life, such as sea lions, whales, dolphins, Cortez angel fish, and parrot fish, making this an excellent place for taking great photos. A 1- to 1½-hour boat ride will bring you to Los Islotes (sea lion colony)—a National Park where beginners and experienced snorkelers can enjoy snorkeling and swimming with sea lions. The water depths here vary between 5 to 45 feet. The sea lions live here all year and love to have people around. The dive masters and guides will be more than happy to provide information on how to use snorkel equipment.

*Please note: Wear your swimsuit under your clothes; bring a towel and sunscreen. Snorkeling is from the boat. Use of wetsuit is included. Jellyfish may be encountered. Snorkel sites will be chosen based on the current weather. Rough seas at times prohibit boats from going to Los Islotes. Not recommended for those prone to sea sickness. Actual snorkel time is approximately 2½ hours. Lunch is included. Minimum age is 10 years. Maximum weight is 400lbs.*

## Introduction to Scuba Diving



Approximately 6½ - 7 hours • \$\$\$\$

Travel 1- to 1½-hours by boat to Los Islotes and participate in a 20-minute lesson on board your dive boat covering the basics of scuba diving. Then, the divemaster will guide you step-by-step into the water, no deeper than 10-15 feet—perfect for beginners.

*Please note: Scuba equipment is provided. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. Waiver release form must be signed. Dive sites will be chosen based on the current weather. Rough seas at times prohibit boats from going to Los Islotes. Not recommended for those prone to sea sickness. Actual dive time is will depend on your air intake. Lunch is included. Bottled water and sodas are included. Minimum age is 12 years. Maximum weight is 400lbs.*

## Certified Two-Tank Scuba Dive



Approximately 6½ - 7 hours • \$\$\$\$

La Paz and the surrounding islands are considered one of the best spots for scuba diving in the world. Depart in a dive boat for a 1- to 1½-hour ride, heading for the same area as that of the Introduction to Scuba Diving and those guests snorkeling at Los Islotes. Actual dive sites will be selected based on the best conditions on the day of your dive.

*Please note: Scuba equipment is provided. Bring your C-card. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. Waiver release form must be signed. Dive sites will be chosen based on the current weather. Rough seas at times prohibit boats from going to Los Islotes. Not recommended for those prone to sea sickness. Lunch is included. Minimum age is 12 years. Maximum weight is 400lbs.*



## Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

### PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO

#### Eco-Safari Off-Road Adventure



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$

See the real Mexico and pristine wilderness areas in an open-air, all-terrain vehicle. You will be driven through clear mountain streams that have cut towering canyons deep into the rugged sierras, and on into the lush jungle where your knowledgeable guide shows you the strange life and color that exists beneath the canopy. See 19th-century villages and hear of the age-old culture they cherish and preserve. Domestic beverages are provided and lunch will be served at a beautiful, secluded beach, where you may even find the opportunity for a late afternoon dip in the ocean, before the return to the ship.

*Please note: Bring your swimsuit, a towel, light jacket, sunscreen and a change of clothing. There is an optional 45-minute hike over the hills. Minimum age is 8 years. Not recommended for guests with back or neck problems. Pregnant women are not permitted on this tour.*

#### Countryside on Horseback



Approximately 4 hours • \$

Discover the Mexican countryside the way it was meant to be discovered, on horseback! After a short drive, you will arrive at a *hacienda* where your guide will conduct a short orientation, then match each rider with a horse that suits his or her ability. Riding along the Mascota River, you will pass through quaint little villages, viewing local scenery and vegetation including mangos, bananas, and an assortment of different trees. Wear your swimsuit under your riding clothes, and if conditions permit, you may enjoy the hot springs and a swim on horseback! After, you'll head back and enjoy a complimentary drink.

*Please note: Maximum weight is 220 pounds. Minimum age is 12 years. Long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended. Guests must*

*be in good physical condition. During certain times of the year, the river rises and forces the tour to follow the mountain trail, canceling the swim.*

#### Dolphin Encounter



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

This interactive program allows non-swimmers and swimmers alike to learn more about the Pacific bottlenose dolphin. Standing waist-deep in the water, you will be introduced to the beautiful dolphins in a hands-on close encounter lasting approximately 15 to 20 minutes. They are as curious about you as you are about them, and you can take full advantage of this unique opportunity to pet them gently. During the encounter you will learn ways to ensure their preservation and foster the well-being of these amazing creatures.

*Please note: Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel and a change of clothes. Minimum height is 4'5". No sharp jewelry or sunscreen may be worn as these are harmful to the dolphins' skin. Children under 18 must be accompanied in the water by an adult.*

#### Swim with the Dolphins



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$\$\$

This dolphin adventure is a magnificent experience that you will cherish for a lifetime. As one of the few dolphin educational centers in the world, the staff believe that through interactive programs, a deeper understanding of dolphins and their environment will result, and in doing so, promote worldwide conservation of these incredibly intelligent creatures. Dolphin swim groups are kept small, with 6 to 8 people interacting with two dolphins at one time, providing the best opportunity for contact and interaction as you swim alongside these lovable creatures. Lifejackets are provided and are required during the program. This enables maximum focus of attention on the dolphins rather than on staying afloat.

*Please note: Minimum age is 5 years. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult in the water. No sharp jewelry or sunscreen may be worn as these are harmful to the dolphins' skin.*



## Wild Dolphins & Snorkeling with Whale Watch Option

This tour offers a wonderful opportunity to combine sun and fun while discovering the real wonders of nature that the bay has to offer. The Bay of Banderas is one of the few bays in the world to offer a sanctuary for such a great profusion of nature and sea life. A top-of-the-line motorized catamaran carries you out to the shelter of the Marietas Islands whose waters offer an ideal ecosystem for a prolific array of sealife. The Bay of Banderas offers dolphin encounters year-round. These friendly, lovable mammals like nothing more than to swim alongside the boats, showing you their athletic prowess. Professional guides are always on hand to help, advise and to ensure, above all, that you have fun. Your tour is completed with a relaxing afternoon break on a beautiful, secluded, white sandy beach. Choose from the two seasonal itineraries (A and B) below based on the date you will be in Puerto Vallarta:

### A. Wild Dolphins & Snorkeling



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$

Operates approximately April - mid-December

Dolphins are friendly, lovable mammals who like nothing more than to swim alongside the boats, showing you their athletic prowess. The catamaran will stop long enough to give you the opportunity to explore the rocky caverns and archways of Marietas Island by snorkeling or kayaking. Look out for the giant manta rays, sea turtles and an abundance of multi-colored fish.

*Please note: Bring your swimsuit, towel, hat, sunscreen, and a light sweater. Snorkel and kayak equipment are provided. Wild dolphins may be seen, but you will not swim or snorkel with wild dolphins on this tour.*

### B. Whales, Wild Dolphins & Snorkeling



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$

Operates approximately mid-December - March

Humpback whales are regularly sighted in the bay from December through March. These magnificent mammals can often be seen soaring out of the water or swinging their

enormous tails to and fro. The catamaran will stop long enough to give you the opportunity to explore the rocky caverns and archways of Marietas Island by snorkeling or kayaking. Look out for the giant manta rays, sea turtles and an abundance of multi-colored fish.

*Please note: Bring your swimsuit, towel, hat, sunscreen, and a light sweater. Snorkel and kayak equipment are provided. Wild dolphins may be seen, but you will not swim or snorkel with wild dolphins on this tour.*

## Canopy Adventure



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$\$

Enjoy a truly thrilling ecological experience that offers you the unique opportunity to glide through the treetops on a network of cables suspended high above the jungle trails in Puerto Vallarta's tropical forest. On this spectacular eco-adventure tour, you will experience what can only be described as a breathtaking view of one of the most beautiful and complex biological communities on earth. Just 60 minutes from Puerto Vallarta, in the heart of the tropical forest of the Sierra Madre Mountains, lies a private eco-reserve—a biological paradise where you will discover a stunning profusion of Mexico's tropical flora and fauna. With the assistance of an experienced guide, you can sail from tree to tree and platform to platform on a network of pulleys and horizontal cables mounted between 30 and 90 feet above the ground of the tropical forest. This exciting adventure consists of 14 observation platforms, 11 horizontal traverses, a Tarzan swing, two hanging bridges and a thrilling vertical descent. Participants are under the constant supervision of highly qualified personnel who have received over 200 hours of formal training in canopy tour operations and safety techniques. They use only top-quality equipment that is regularly and rigorously inspected and maintained.

*Please note: Liability waiver must be signed. Wear closed-toe shoes. Maximum weight is 250lbs. Minimum age is 8 years; minimum height is 4 feet. Climbing and walking are involved. Not recommended for persons who have heart trouble, suffer from vertigo or have a fear of heights. Pregnant women are not allowed on this tour.*

## Sierra Madre Hiking Adventure



Approximately 4 hours • \$

Take this exciting expedition through the Sierra Madre Mountains. The hills encircling Puerto Vallarta are cloaked in tropical deciduous forest, alive with color and abounding in wildlife. Your hike begins at a *hacienda*, and within minutes of starting out, you will be amazed by the diversity and scenery. A knowledgeable eco-guide, well-versed in the flora and fauna of the region, can answer any questions and point out the highlights. Along the route, stop in a secluded volcanic hot water spring for a soothing dip and wonderful views. After relaxing at the hot spring, it's time to head back to the ranch. Tour the ranch grounds to get a feel for a real working hacienda where horses, cattle and ostriches are raised, and botanical gardens boast more than 100 different trees and plants.

*Please note: Minimum age is 12 years. Wear shorts and sturdy, closed-toe shoes (they will get wet). Bring your swimsuit for the hot springs or swimming in the river (if conditions permit). This is an active excursion, suitable only for those in top physical condition.*

## Puerto Vallarta Overview



Approximately 4 hours • \$

Ride along the main highway to the Old Town, then pass through the cobblestone streets of the city with a stop at City Hall and the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Near Gringo Gulch, you'll see from a distance the homes of Elizabeth Taylor and the late Richard Burton. Admire the elegant residential area of Conchas Chinas and some upscale hotels. At the south end of town, a photo stop will be made at a charming restaurant where a complimentary beverage will be served, then there's time for shopping in the Old Town area. Rejoin your motor coach for the return ride to the ship, or you may stay downtown and return to the ship on your own.

*Please note: Shorts are not permitted in the cathedral. Wear flat, comfortable shoes, as walking over cobblestones is required.*

## Town, Country & Tequila



Approximately 5 hours • \$

This half-day excursion combines the charm of both old and new Mexico. Boarding an air-conditioned motor coach, you'll begin your tour in the area known as Marina Vallarta. A stop will be made in one of the small villages to see a local church. Next, you will visit a *hacienda*, one of the finest tequila factories in the area. On the site, there is also a working ranch where Arabian horses and African ostriches are raised. During the tequila tour you will learn first-hand the process used to manufacture the powerful and legendary tequila of the blue agave cactus. Indulge in free samples of various grades and flavors of tequila. *Ole!* On the way into central Puerto Vallarta, you will be given some time to browse and do some shopping. In the downtown area, enjoy a walking tour that will consist of the beautiful and popular Malecon (the Boardwalk), the Cathedral of our Lady of Guadalupe, various sculptures, and the old town City Hall with breathtaking views of the waterfront and the charm of the cobblestone streets. You may choose to return to the ship or remain in town to continue shopping, returning to the ship later on your own by taxi ride or local bus.

*Please note: Shorts are not permitted in the cathedral. Tequila samples are only given to guests 21 years and older.*

## Puerto Vallarta Discovery Tour



Approximately 4 hours • \$

Drive northeast of Puerto Vallarta to the town of El Pitillal. This truly local village is where most of the workers in the area live. Passing the beautiful church and Main Square, you will stop at a small replica non-working tequila factory, where you can taste test various tequilas. Watch a Huichol Indian in full costume make the fine beaded works of art for which they are known. Pass through the downtown area, through Old Vallarta, up the highway to Conchas Chinas—the Beverly Hills of Vallarta. View Mismaloya Beach, where the movie *Night of the Iguana* was filmed. Stop at a tile factory to see upstairs how tiles are formed, painted, fired and processed. If time permits, a brief shopping stop will be included.

## Rhythms of the Night



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Operates when the ship is in port until 10:30pm

Rhythms of the Night is an amazing journey that will transport you to a spiritual land that time forgot. Take a scenic sunset cruise across Banderas Bay to the isolated cove of Las Caletas, where flickering torches and swaying palms set the mood for a mesmerizing performance that will leave you breathless. Here you will find the Rhythms of the Night folklore show—a magical paradise that feels like a step back to a time of pagan mysticism and legend. Follow a torchlit path past live portrayals of forgotten rituals and customs. The aromas of grilled steak, chicken and fish lure you towards secluded beachside tables for a dinner accompanied by freshly prepared vegetables, salads and hand-made tortillas. Over coffee and dessert, the pulsing beat of native drums summons you to an outdoor amphitheater, where a hypnotic performance will keep you spellbound. Stories of an ancient civilization are revealed through music and dance as one of Mexico's most innovative contemporary dance troupes takes you on a magical and mystical journey. The evening ends with a nightcap and dancing under the stars on the short cruise back to Puerto Vallarta.

*Please note: Open bar on the boat. Dress warmly as it can get cool in the evening.*

## Two-Tank Certified Dive



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$\$

This Puerto Vallarta boat dive allows you to experience two of the best sites, ranging from reefs to dramatic walls that provide habitat for a variety of tropical and subtropical fish. The occasional turtle or manta ray may also be encountered. The choice of sites depends on the prevailing weather and sea conditions. Lunch and domestic drinks will be served after the second dive. Non-alcoholic beverages are available at any time.

*Please note: Wetsuit use included. Scuba equipment is provided. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. Waiver release form must be signed. Bring your C-card. You must have logged a dive within the last 12 months. Minimum age is 10 years.*

## Discover Scuba



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$\$

This is a Learn to Dive PADI Scuba program that offers the unique opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the underwater world in the easiest, safest and most fun way possible. Take a one-hour boat ride to Las Caletas, where you will learn the basics of scuba diving with a theory session and a confined water practice before heading to the ocean for a dive at the reefs of Las Caletas. After your dive, enjoy lunch and beverages with some time for relaxation on the beach.

*Please note: Scuba equipment is provided. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. Waiver release form and medical questionnaire must be signed. Minimum age is 12 years.*

## Las Caletas Hideaway



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$\$

A launch will take you one hour each way across the bay to Las Caletas—the former hideaway of Movie Director John Huston. This idyllic paradise of small beaches is yours for the day. There is kayaking and snorkeling for all abilities with qualified instructors and all equipment included. Take a nature walk or learn how to make a seafood paella before you enjoy a buffet lunch and open bar. Whatever you decide, this world famous hideaway with friendly staff catering to your every need will be a memory to treasure.

*Please note: Wear or bring your swimsuit, a towel, sunscreen and a hat. Lunch and cooling beverages are included.*

## Pirate Ship Snorkel & Sail Adventure



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$

Board the pirate ship *Marigalante*, for a delicious Mexican buffet-style breakfast. The entertainment is provided by the crew and continues with a spectacular setting of the sails where all the ladies help the pirates hoist them. As a reward, there is a high energy dance session before you reach Majahuitas Beach. Two hours are spent at this beautiful setting, where you may kayak

through the gentle waters of the Pacific Ocean, or marvel at the underwater marine life while snorkeling. Ride the waves on your boogie board, play a game of volleyball with your friends and family, or relax and enjoy the shade of the many palm trees. There are also kids' activities on the beach. Reboard the *Marigalante*, and the pirate crew will serve a delicious lunch of BBQ ribs and chicken. Enjoy a fabulous pirate show where the proud captain and his crew fight off an enemy captain in a fabulous exhibition of swordsmanship and impressive acrobatics, and humor. To end this impressive performance, the captain and all his pirates surprise you with a sensational fiesta and two fun contests where you may win some fun prizes. Arrive back at the port re-energized and ready to explore Puerto Vallarta for the rest of the afternoon.

*Please note: Guests must be able to negotiate some steps in order to (dis)embark the pirate ship. There may be a delay (dis)embarking the tender boats that take you to the beach.*

### ATV & Village Tour



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Get ready for some real adventure as you are about to be a road warrior for a day. You will depart from the pier to a *hacienda* where you will be given a detailed safety orientation and issued a mandatory helmet for your tour by All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV). Following your guide, take off convoy-style, driving through the back roads. There is no better way to explore Mexico's countryside and villages than on your own semi-automatic, four-wheeled ATV. Don't wear your favorite clothes because while driving through the countryside, you will cross some water and ride into the beautiful, but dusty, foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains. Returning to the *hacienda*, you will enjoy a refreshing drink and delicious snack of genuine Mexican beef, chicken or mushroom tacos made with handmade corn tortillas. You will have some free time to explore the grounds, purchase some souvenirs and test your skills at wall climbing.

*Please note: One driver and one rider per ATV. ATVs can accommodate up to two people. Rider tickets can be purchased on board the ship. Drivers must be at least 18 years of age to operate a vehicle and must show a valid driver's license. Minimum age is 6 years. The combined weight on one ATV cannot exceed 350 pounds. This tour*

*is not recommended for guests who are pregnant or have neck or back problems.*

### A Taste of Mexico & City Highlights



Approximately 3½ hours • \$

Have you always wanted to know the secret ingredients of your favorite Mexican dish? Here's your chance to find out. With hundreds of places to eat in Puerto Vallarta, there is something to satisfy everyone's taste, as the chef create dishes from every culture imaginable. So, come spice up your cooking skills! Board an air-conditioned motor coach that will whisk you away to the center of Puerto Vallarta. There, you will take a guided walking tour through the highlights of this charming and exciting resort town situated on the Bay of Banderas. You will see the always popular *Malecon* (the main boardwalk area), the sea horse sculpture, incredible ocean-side views and the breathtaking cathedral, Our Lady of Guadalupe. While in the downtown area, you will be given the chance to shop along the way and purchase souvenirs and mementos of your time in Mexico. Then, it's on to River Cuale Island, where you will be enchanted by the sights and sounds of this small island nestled in the heart of downtown Puerto Vallarta, with shops, statues and history—all yours to enjoy. You'll then take a short walk to the main road where your motor coach will be waiting to take you to your cooking lesson. Your destination is a gourmet Mexican restaurant where the chef will be waiting to tantalize your palate with authentic Mexican fare that you will learn to prepare yourself. Bring your appetite and have fun becoming the next Mexican chef du jour!

*Please note: For hygiene reasons, please wear a short-sleeved shirt and leave your hand jewelry in a safe place on the ship.*

### Sea Lion Encounter



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Sea lions are lovable rascals—comical, mischievous, playful and very friendly! Fast, agile and adorable, sea lions are fascinating to be around. It is certain that their inclination to engage in play and include humans in their games is what makes sea lion encounters so exhilarating, and you are sure to cherish this encounter for a long time to come. This is a fun way to really get

acquainted with our affectionate marine mammal friends! A trainer will brief you on sea lion physiology and behavior before you enter the water and have an opportunity to play, pet, shake a flipper or two, and possibly receive a big fishy kiss!

*Please note: Minimum height 4'5". Maximum group size of eight people in any one session. Do not wear sunscreen or jewelry as they harm the sea lions' skin.*

## Yelapa & Majahuitas



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$

Relax on board a modern catamaran as you cruise south of Puerto Vallarta, following the spectacular tropical coastline of Banderas Bay. Your journey takes you past some of the most picturesque scenery in Vallarta, where dolphins and humpback whales are often sighted during the winter months. Wade in the water from the catamaran to the tranquil beach of Majahuitas, an unspoiled area of natural beauty on the southern coast of Banderas Bay. Only accessible by sea, Majahuitas is the tropical cove of everyone's dreams. With swaying palms, white sands, crystal clear waters and gentle surf, Majahuitas offers ideal conditions for swimming, snorkeling and kayaking. Eco-tourists will certainly enjoy the abundance of wildlife in Majahuitas. Many species of birds and reptiles inhabit the area and, from Thanksgiving to Easter, the bay is full of sea turtles, dolphins, giant manta rays, and humpback whales. Whatever your fancy, be it getting in touch with nature or just enjoying a leisurely day of sun worshiping, the Majahuitas experience will leave you with pleasant memories of an unforgettable day. Your second stop is at Yelapa, an old, charming Mexican fishing village set in its own natural cove. Just a day trip from Puerto Vallarta, Yelapa has become a must on many visitors' lists, but there are no roads in and this tropical paradise is only accessible by boat. This tiny village is a true escape from civilization. If you love the outdoors and want to spend time exploring nature, this idyllic spot is perfect for you. Hike through the jungle to the Cola de Caballo waterfalls, swim in the cove's protected waters, or just relax on the expansive sandy beach. As you cruise back to Puerto Vallarta, an on-board *fiesta* wraps up a day of fun-in-the-sun with an open bar, dancing, music and entertainment provided by the crew.

*Please note: Bring your swimsuit, towel, hat, sunscreen, and a light*

*sweater. Bring your camera. Snorkel and kayak equipment are provided. Minimum age for these activities is 8 years.*

## Mini-4WD Adventure



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

Get ready to be a real road warrior for a day. You will depart from the pier for a 25-minute ride to a *hacienda*, where you will be given a detailed safety orientation and issued mandatory goggles and helmet for your mini-4-wheel-drive ride. Following your guide, take off in convoy style, driving through the dusty countryside of Mexico. There is no better way to explore Mexico's countryside and villages than in a fully automatic, two-seater Yamaha Mini 4x4. Don't wear your favorite clothes, as you will cross some water and ride into the beautiful but dusty foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains. Once back at the *hacienda*, enjoy a refreshing drink and a delicious snack of beef, chicken or mushroom tacos on handmade corn tortillas. You will have some free time to explore the grounds, purchase some souvenirs, and test your skills at wall climbing. After, you'll relax during the 25-minute bus ride back to the pier.

*Please note: Minimum age to drive is 18 years. Valid driver's license must be shown. Minimum age to participate is 12 years old. Tour is not recommended for pregnant women, or guests with neck or back problems. Wear closed-toe shoes. Each Mini 4WD seats two guests. Singles will be paired up. Drivers can be switched halfway through the tour. The ranch reserves the right to refuse any person who may appear under the influence of alcohol and or drugs. Terrain is mainly flat, dirt roads—dusty, but fun! Optional bandanas for the dust are available.*

## America's Cup Challenge



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$

Experience the thrill of racing the famous *Australia One*—a new-generation America's Cup race boat in Puerto Vallarta. You'll actively participate in one of the most exclusive sporting events in the world as you grind the winch, trim the sails or take the helm to help lead your crew to victory—a once-in-a-lifetime adventure where no prior sailing experience is necessary. An



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international crew will show you the ropes and guide you (hopefully) to victory!

*Please note: Wear soft-soled shoes, sunscreen and sunglasses.*

*Minimum age is 12 years.*

### Outdoor Challenge



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$\$\$

Experience the thrill of discovering the flora and fauna in the jungles of the Sierra Madre on this Outdoor Challenge. Designed for maximum adventure, the Outdoor Challenge takes place in an area of pristine, unspoiled forest where scenic beauty and rich ecological habitats create a true tropical paradise. This active excursion brings out the kid in you! The adventure begins with a *panga* boat ride and off-road adventure to the heart of the tropical forests, where you'll learn a variety of wilderness techniques, ride mules, splash through streams, rappel through waterfalls into natural river pools, and soar 250 feet above the ground over the jungle foliage on a 1,000-foot series of amazing ziplines! The trip leaders' knowledge of the landscape and wildlife makes this tour an unforgettable adventure, and their expertise ensures a fun and educational trip into the wilderness. Discover and explore the extraordinary flora and fauna hidden away under the canopy of the jungle.

*Please note: Wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes (athletic shoes or boots). Tour consists of a series of seven ziplines as well as two rappels through waterfalls, a double cross, mule ride and 20-minute hike. Guides help participants use high-angle equipment and techniques. Elements are situated between 10 and 250 feet above the ground. This tour is physically demanding and is not suitable for young children, overweight or unfit people. Guests who are pregnant are not permitted on this tour. Not recommended for those with heart, seizure or balance disorders, or back, neck or shoulder problems, or a fear of heights. Maximum weight is 220 lbs. Minimum age is 16 years. Tour operator reserves the right to refuse those who they do not feel are fit to participate. A light snack and water bottle is included. Cameras are not permitted for safety reasons. Bring a change of clothes and insect repellent. Waiver form must be signed.*



## San Diego, California

### San Diego City Tour & Airport Transfer



Approximately 3 hours • Flights after 3:00pm only

With prepaid transfer voucher – \$

Without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Guests returning to the ship – \$\$

Explore San Diego, driving through La Jolla, a charming seaside town situated high atop the cliffs, and the beach communities of Point Loma. Pass through the Gas Lamp Quarter downtown and cross the bridge to Coronado Island. See the reputedly haunted Hotel del Coronado, drive through Balboa Park and see Bankers Hill, with a short shopping stop in the Old Town.

### Transfer to San Diego Airport

Approximately 45 minutes • \$

As a convenience to guests who have not pre-booked an airport transfer, we offer transportation to San Diego Airport for guests with flights departing after time 12:30pm on the day of disembarkation.



## San Francisco, California

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

### Scenic San Francisco



Approximately 3½ hours • Flights after 3:00pm only  
 With prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$  
 Without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$  
 Guests returning to the ship – \$\$

Explore one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Marvel at the beautifully restored Victorian homes in the historic Pacific Heights area. Enjoy the serene lakes and lawns of Golden Gate Park, and Italian North Beach with its cafés and bistros, before entering the hustle and bustle of Chinatown. Other highlights might include a drive over the world-famous Golden Gate Bridge, as well as an introduction to some of San Francisco's neighborhoods, each with its own special charm. Pass by the historic Cliff House on the Great Pacific Highway with expansive views. Weather and time permitting, Twin Peaks provides spectacular views of the city known as the Jewel of the West. The tour ends with an optional stop at Pier 39 where you may choose to spend some time exploring the numerous shops and attractions of the waterfront before returning to the ship or transferring to the airport.

### Muir Woods & Sausalito



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Crossing the spectacular Golden Gate Bridge, you'll have a chance to visit one of the few remaining groves of virgin coastal Redwoods. These world famous trees are among the tallest and oldest in existence. The nature trail at Muir Woods leads you into the heart of the cathedral-like grove of trees. Take a moment to enjoy the serenity of this majestic setting while learning the fascinating history of the giant Redwoods. After your visit with nature, continue on to the artist colony of Sausalito. The winding roads, cliffside homes and houseboat havens make this a unique area in the San Francisco region. Here, you will have time to explore the many art galleries, boutiques and quaint shops that abound in this bayside village. Enjoy a view of the spectacular San Francisco skyline across the bay as you stroll around this picturesque city on the water.

*Please note: This tour is available only to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in San Francisco.*

### Transfer to San Francisco Airport

Approximately 45 minutes • \$

As a convenience to guests who have not pre-booked an airport transfer, we offer transportation to San Francisco Airport for guests with flights departing after 12 noon on the day of disembarkation.



## Seattle, Washington

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

### Seattle's Waterfront Lifestyle & Airport Transfer



Approximately 3½ hours  
With prepaid transfer voucher – \$  
Without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Meet your driver/guide dockside, then set out for a narrated drive to Lake Union. Step aboard a sightseeing boat and enjoy both Lake Union and Lake Washington on this 1½-hour cruise. Hear live narration on the fascinating history and interesting facts of Seattle. See Gasworks Park and the historic houseboat and floating home communities, including the home featured in the movie *Sleepless in Seattle*. Your tour will bring you through the Montlake Cut into Lake Washington, passing by the University of Washington's Husky Stadium, cruising further into the lake past the world's longest floating bridge. Here, you will catch a glimpse of the residence of Seattle's most-recognizable Microsoft multi-billionaire. Explore Seattle's unique blend of city living and the natural beauty that surrounds it, with the chance to view both Mt. Rainier and the Cascade Mountains. Limited food and drinks are available for purchase on board. After returning to Lake Union, you'll reboard your motor coach for a narrated ride to the SeaTac International Airport.

*Please note: Available to guests with flights departing after 1:30pm.*

### SeaTac Airport Transfer

Approximately 45 minutes • \$

As a convenience to guests who have not pre-booked an airport transfer, we offer transportation to the airport for guests with flights departing after 11:30am on the day of disembarkation.

### Seattle Highlights, Winery & Airport Transfer



Approximately 4 hours  
With prepaid transfer voucher – \$  
Without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Set out for a narrated drive through Seattle's downtown core. You'll pass by some of the sights that have made Seattle famous, including two new sports stadiums, the Pioneer Square historic district, the beautiful downtown shopping area, and the world-famous Space Needle, located on the grounds of the Seattle Center. You'll then head out to the renowned Woodinville wine district, and enter the grounds of either the Chateau Ste Michelle or Columbia Winery. Take a guided tour through their wine-making facilities and afterwards you'll have a chance to sample their varietals. There's plenty of time to explore the gift shop and bring home a few bottles if you like! Finally, you'll transfer to SeaTac International Airport in time for your flight.

*Please note: Available to guests with flights departing after 3:00pm.*

### Best of Seattle & Airport Transfer



Approximately 3½ hours  
With prepaid transfer voucher – \$  
Without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Past and present thrive side by side in Seattle, and you'll see the best of what Seattle has to offer. View Seattle's new sports stadiums, then discover the historic flavor of Pioneer Square, Seattle's birthplace dating back to 1852. Pass the International District and tour through the downtown core and shopping district and circle the Seattle Center campus on your way to the Space Needle, where you'll soar to the top by elevator for an unforgettable vista of the Emerald City. From here, you'll head over through newly renovated Belltown to the Pike Place Market, the West Coast's largest and oldest open air farmers market. Here you'll have the opportunity to browse the hundreds of curio shops and local artisan stalls. Don't forget to check out the "Flying Fish", one of the more famous vendors at the Market. Your tour ends with a transfer to SeaTac International Airport.

*Please note: Available to guests with flights departing after 2:00pm.*



## Topolobampo, Mexico

### TOPOLOBAMPO, MEXICO

#### The Copper Canyon by Train



Approximately 18 hours • \$\$\$\$

Holland America Line is thrilled to offer one of the world's great train rides as a shore excursion for our guests. The Copper Canyon Train is a notch in the belt of serious travelers, and the canyon itself is legendary for its breathtaking scenery and stunning landforms. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. However, it is essential that you bring a spirit of adventure! This is not a typical train ride in any sense. This rugged, full-day adventure will begin with a meeting time on board of 4:00am for a 4:30am departure (subject to change). Take a two-hour drive by motor coach to the town of El Fuerte where you will board your privately chartered train on the Chihuahua Pacifico railway. Enjoy a leisurely morning and a continental boxed breakfast on board the train while you traverse the magnificent Sierra Madre Mountain range, and eventually enter the Copper Canyon, only accessible by rail. Your approximately six-hour rail journey (each way) will wind through tunnels and bridges as you climb from sea level to 7,200 feet. Arrive at Posada Barrancas, where lunch will be served at the Posada Barrancas Convention Center. Before or after lunch, there will be a short transfer by school bus to the Mirador Hotel where you will have the chance to admire the vastness of the Copper Canyon from the terrace of the hotel. A Tarahumara dance presentation will be held outside the entrance to the hotel. Board the train for your journey back to El Fuerte. Enjoy an afternoon boxed snack, and then transfer by motor coach from El Fuerte for your return to the ship. The journey up and back will be along the same route, considered by many to be one of the most scenic rail routes in the world.

*Please note: The train cars are not wheelchair accessible. Bring a coat due to the elevation and possible weather systems moving through. In December and January, in addition to your coat, bring*

*hat and gloves as there could be snow at the higher elevations. Occasional fog can limit the view at the top of the canyon. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended as the terrain is uneven at the stops. Guests who have a heart condition or respiratory difficulties should note that the tour gains over 7,000 feet in elevation in a short period of time. For your enjoyment, there is a car on the train selling beverages and snacks (US dollars; only cash accepted).*

#### Bay, Birds & Dolphins Cruise



Approximately 2½ hours • \$

Explore the historic Bay of Topolobampo, founded initially by north American settlers who came in the late 1800s with the idea of establishing a Socialist utopian community. From the yacht club, enjoy a relaxing two-hour cruise aboard a comfortable 42-foot boat. Your experienced captain will take you close to the playful dolphins that abound in the bay and play near the boat. Then, you will cruise to Bird Island to see different species of birds in their natural habitat.

*Please note: Bring a sweater or windbreaker as it can be cool December through February. Minimum age is 5 years.*

#### Los Mochis City, Gardens & Shopping



Approximately 4 hours • \$

On your visit to the central area of Los Mochis, you will first view plantings of endemic and introduced plant species, colorful flowers and trees of the Botanical Gardens. The Gardens have been neglected for many years, but the city is now embarking on an ambitious restoration program that will come to fruition over the next decade. Don't miss the local regional museum that illustrates the progress of life in the state of Sinaloa. You will pass by the Sugar Factory and explore the Cathedral Sagrado Corazon de Jesus, and the main plaza of Los Mochis on a one-hour walking tour. Finally, you will have some time on your own for shopping.

*Please note: It is a 30-minute drive each way to Los Mochis.*



### Land of Zorro with Native Culture or River Float Options

It is a two-hour drive to El Fuerte—a colonial city with lovely architectural highlights. You will start your walking tour at a historical mansion, built in the 1880s, and now the famous Hotel Posada del Hidalgo. Hear the legend of Don Diego de la Vega, *el Zorro*, who was said to be born in this old mansion. Lunch will be served here, followed by a folkloric show. Afterwards, visit an 18th-century Spanish church, the Municipal Palace, the colonial main plaza, the fort museum and lookout point, and various old houses that recall an era of opulence. Enjoy a delicious lunch with barbecue grilled meats and local black bass fish fillets (in season), and corn on the cobs. To complete your tour, choose either the Tehuecos village or the river float option (A or B) below:

#### A. Land of Zorro & Native Culture



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$\$

In addition to visiting El Fuerte as described above, travel to the Indian village of Tehuecos, where you will meet members of the Mayo tribe, related to the Apache and Navajo tribes of the old west, and see how they make pottery and crafts. Watch the Mayo Natives perform their ancient dances in an authentic village setting.

#### B. Land of Zorro & River Float



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$\$

Board a river raft for a 50-minute gentle float down a nearby river (no white water). The rafts carry eight persons each with padded seating, and you will be provided with a lifevest. There is a captain to row, so you do not need to touch the water at any time. Relax and enjoy the scenery, birds, palms and tropical plants. A naturalist-guide will accompany the tour and will point out the tropical plants and birdlife seen along the river's edge. Disembark the raft at El Fuerte and walk to the main plaza, where you will begin a guided walking tour of the town as described above.

*Please note: Minimum age is 5 years.*

### Mango Plantation Hacienda & Flower Nursery



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

On the way to the city of Los Mochis, your guide will provide narration on the region and its culture, and will tell you about the all-important sugar industry that is the backbone of the local economy. Passing by the Sugar Factory, your guide will describe the sugar refining process and you will have a chance to try a piece of sugar cane. On the outskirts of Mochis city, you will pass agricultural fields of different crops including corn, tomatoes, and peppers. Visit Mariposa Hacienda, a real working Mexican plantation growing mangoes and greenhouse flowers. Hear how the produce is grown at the hacienda, and you will have time to purchase mango ice cream, mango candy, and mango marmalade—also produced here. On the way back, a short stop will be made at a local Mayo-Indian community where artisan bread is baked in brick ovens. A sample of fresh bread will be offered. Return to the pier in Topolobampo.

*Please note: Minimum age is 5 years.*







## Vancouver, B.C., Canada

VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA

### Highlights of Vancouver & Granville Island



Approximately 3½ hours • \$

Discover the highlights of Vancouver, a city of mountains, seascapes, forests and unique architecture, including the soaring cedars of Stanley Park, exotic Chinatown and historic Gastown. Your motor coach will proceed directly to Stanley Park, which covers 1,000 acres, of which 800 acres are forested. There will be a short stop at the totem pole collection before you continue to Brockton Point Lighthouse for glimpses of the North Shore Mountains, West Vancouver and the Lion's Gate Bridge. Meandering through the park toward English Bay, you will travel through downtown Vancouver to historic Gastown, the city's oldest neighborhood. On your way out of the downtown area, you will pass through the second largest Chinatown in North America. Cross the bridge to Granville Island for some free time to explore the area that was once a mudflat on False Creek inlet, but now boasts a huge indoor vegetable market, theatres, a hotel, galleries, boutiques, restaurants, marine stores and a brewery.

*Please note: This tour is available only to those guests whose cruise does not begin or end in Vancouver.*

### Stanley Park & Scenic Grouse Mountain



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Tour Vancouver's famous Stanley Park to marvel at the 1,000 acres of forest, trails, gardens, restaurants and beaches surrounded by a six-mile sea wall. Stopping in the park at the totem poles, learn about and photograph these native carvings. Crossing the magnificent Lions Gate Bridge, you will head to Vancouver's North Shore suburban neighborhoods. You will drive to Grouse Mountain, one of Vancouver's most beautiful local mountains, for a gondola ride to the top of the mountain where you can

enjoy incredible views of the city and surrounding areas.

Returning to Stanley Park, you will stop at Prospect Point to take in the ocean views and the islands in the distance. Pass English Bay beach and the densely populated West End residential area, and cross the Burrard Street Bridge to drive through the prestigious Shaughnessy neighborhood en route back to the ship.

*Please note: This tour is available only to those guests whose cruise does not begin or end in Vancouver.*

### Vancouver City Tour with Airport or Hotel Transfer



Approximately 3½ hours

With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

For guests departing Vancouver on flights late in the day, this excursion provides an excellent opportunity to visit one of Canada's most beautiful and cosmopolitan cities. You will see highlights from Vancouver's varied urban scenes, including bustling downtown, historically renovated Gastown district, exotic Chinatown and Stanley Park—nestled near the city center and resplendent with its lush forests, totem poles and scenic promenades. Drive along Robson Street, through Vancouver's business district and Queen Elizabeth Park. Your tour concludes at Vancouver Airport or one of the Holland America Line's Vancouver Hotel Properties (Pan Pacific, Fairmont Waterfront Centre, Fairmont Vancouver Airport).

*Please note: This tour is only available to disembarking guests transferring to Vancouver Airport with flights after 4:00pm, or transferring to Holland America Line Vancouver hotel properties.*

### Motor Coach Transfer to Seattle



Approximately 3¼ hours • \$

Transferring to Seatac Airport (flights after 2:00pm only)

As a convenience to interested guests, a motor coach transfer service is available from dockside to SeaTac Airport. While not a sightseeing tour, this transportation also serves the downtown Seattle Sheraton and Fairmont Olympic hotels.

### Vancouver Airport Transfer



Approximately 40 minutes • \$

Transferring to Vancouver Airport (flights after 11:15am only)  
As a convenience to guests who have not pre-booked an airport transfer, we offer transportation to the airport for guests with flights departing Vancouver on the day of disembarkation.



Victoria,  
B.C., Canada

### Butchart Gardens & Short City Drive (Daytime Calls)



Approximately 3 ½ hours • \$\$

This tour provides you with the very best of Victoria, combining the city's unique highlights with a visit to the world-famous Butchart Gardens. Take in Chinatown and the Gates of Harmonious Interest, along with Olde Towne and scenic Marine Drive. At the Butchart Gardens, see how the Butchart family transformed the Gardens from a barren rock quarry to what is now one of the world's best known horticultural attractions, covering more than 55 acres. The Gardens are a lush paradise of flowers, rare trees and winding paths created more than 100 years ago. Enjoy the cascading fountains and foot bridges connecting the many themed gardens, including the beautiful Sunken Garden, the Japanese Garden and the Rose Garden. A map will help you on your self-guided tour.

*Please note: This tour operates only during daylight calls in Victoria.*

### Enchanting Butchart Gardens (Evening Calls)



Approximately 3 ½ hours • \$\$

As darkness falls, an extraordinary world comes to light at the Butchart Gardens near Victoria. Colored lights provide an interplay of light and shadow, transforming the famous Gardens into a fairyland scented with summer blooms. One of the largest underground wiring installations in North America helps this vibrant wonderland of flowers, rare trees and winding paths to take on an enchanted aspect. The magnificent Ross Fountain, the centerpiece of these lush gardens, dances with creative lighting effects. Enjoy cascading fountains, footbridges, music and outdoor entertainment while you learn how a barren rock quarry metamorphosed into a world renowned horticultural attraction. During July and August on Saturday evenings you will be treated to the Butchart Gardens fireworks display, choreographed to music. During early May and September, daylight is limited and this tour is operated predominately in low light with subtly illuminated gardens.

*Please note: This tour operates only during evening calls in Victoria.*

### Victoria Highlights & Craigdarroch Castle



Approximately 2 ½ hours • \$

Discover Victoria's rich history and scenic beauty on a tour of this charming Provincial Capital. Driving through the stately downtown core you will see Government St, the Legislative buildings, and Chinatown's Gates of Harmonious Interest. See the last remnants of Fort Victoria in Olde Towne together with Bastion Square, the home to the 'Hanging Judge.' Follow Antique Row to Craigdarroch Castle. This Canadian National Historic Site was built in the 1800s. It is a 39-room, 20,000-square-foot mansion featuring only the finest building materials. Marvel at the intricate paneled woodwork, stained glass windows and Victorian-era furniture. Climb the tower for a superb view of the surrounding areas including the Lieutenant Governor's mansion. Marine Drive leads you back to the ship with vistas of the Olympic Mountains and Strait of Juan de Fuca.

### Grand City Drive & Empress High Tea



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

This elegant excursion takes in the finest of Victoria's English traditions. Travel through the exclusive Uplands and Oak Bay residential areas with lovely manicured private gardens. Enjoy stunning views along Marine Drive with Mt. Baker and the Gulf Islands as a backdrop. You will stop atop Mt. Tolmie with vistas of Victoria and its surrounding sea and mountain panoramas. The next stop is the landmark Empress Hotel, where the rich and famous and genuine royalty have enjoyed the Victoria tradition of High Tea at the Empress. Pastries, Devonshire cream, jellies and other fare combine with the Empress Hotel's own private blend of tea to create the atmosphere of a by-gone era. Seated in the Tea Lobby, you will discover the fine dining ambience that embodies all that is Victoria. During evening calls, the Empress Tea is available exclusively through Holland America Line.

### A Taste of Victoria: City Lights, Wine & Chocolate



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

Take an orientation of Victoria, departing from Ogden Point. Your guide will point out the majestic Legislative Building, the Empress Hotel and the picturesque inner harbor. Continue to Chinatown (the oldest in Canada) passing through the Gates of Harmonious Interest and Antique Row, with a wealth of history dating to the gold rush days. Then, you will continue through scenic farmland to the Church & State Winery. On arrival you will be greeted with a sampling of wine and introduced to the winery. From here you will proceed to the barrel room where you will learn about the wines and hear about the latest taste sensation which involves wine tasting and pairing with world-renowned Rogers Chocolate Truffles. Enjoy some free time browsing the wine/gift shop or simply stroll through the winery at your leisure.



### Ale Trail & Pub Tour



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Victoria is perhaps best known for its flowers and gardens, but it has a secret treasure that few visitors have time to really enjoy—pubs! Some are in the traditional English style; others are truly Canadian. Three separate pubs and select samples of local brews at each location are included. Enjoy some of the finest brews found in Canada as you tour with new friends and old! Light appetizers are provided at two of the stops; other food and beverage items may be purchased.

*Please note: Minimum age is 19 years.*

### Orca Whale Watching by Day or by Evening

Although sightings can't be guaranteed, these excursions boast a 90% success rate of seeing seals, sea lions, porpoises and numerous species of sea birds, as well as the killer (orca) whales that make their home in these waters. The high-speed *Expedition* catamaran is the best platform for viewing whales and offers comfort second to none. Experienced naturalists on board use hydrophones so you can hear the whales communicate in their natural environment. See the unique habitat that is also a haven for a myriad of bird life combined with the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

### Orca Whale Watching by Day



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Tour Victoria's Inner Harbour and surrounding coastline in an enclosed, high-speed boat, then head for open water to observe the abundant local wildlife as described above.

### Orca Whale Watching by Evening



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Evening is often feeding time for the more than 80 resident killer (orca) whales living in these waters. Head for open water to observe the abundant local wildlife as described above.

## Victoria Highlights



Approximately 2 hours • \$

Discover Victoria's rich history and scenic beauty on a tour of this charming provincial capital. Driving through the stately downtown core you will see Government Street, the Legislative Buildings, Chinatown and the last remnants of Fort Victoria. Follow Antique Row before passing Craigdarroch Castle and the Lieutenant Governor's mansion. The Mt. Tolmie Lookout high above the city offers breathtaking views of downtown Victoria and the surrounding countryside. Come away with lasting memories of this delightfully "British" city.

## Victoria by Horse-Drawn Trolley



Approximately 1 hour • \$\$

Experience Victoria at the pace of yesteryear. Your horse-drawn trolley awaits, with blankets to keep you warm in the cool evening breeze. The trolley is drawn by two magnificent draught horses dressed in fine harness and the passenger area is covered to provide protection in the unlikely event of a summer shower. Your guided tour heads out from the pier along the Victoria waterfront and then travels through the historic James Bay residential neighborhood. You will wind your way back along the harbor with stunning views of the thousands of lights trimming the Legislative Buildings.



## Zihuatanejo, Mexico

## Highlights of Ixtapa & Zihuatanejo



Approximately 3 hours • \$

Zihuatanejo is a small fishing village that preserves its quaint customs and way of life, in spite of the continuous intrusion of progress. Because of its small size, in a short time you will see the major hotels and other points of interest. Then, make a short trip to Agua de Correa to get the real "feel" of a typical Mexican town, and continue five miles to Ixtapa—the computer-planned resort area. See the Palma Real Golf Club, beautiful beaches, modern luxury hotels and restaurants along the ocean. Look around the shopping center and stop for a cooling refreshment. You can leave the motor coach in the Zihuatanejo shopping area and take the short walk back to the dock.

## Isla Ixtapa



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Join this delightful island getaway! A short ride takes you to Playa Linda, where a small boat is waiting to transport you to the charming Isla Ixtapa—a protected natural reserve. The island is located just north of the main Ixtapa beach and is fringed by three beautiful beaches. Take a swim or lounge on the beach. Snorkel equipment is included. A delicious lunch of local flavors and beverages will be served.

*Please note: Wear your swimsuit; bring a towel, sunscreen and hat. Not suitable for physically challenged guests.*

## Snorkel Adventure



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Enjoy a snorkel adventure in Zihuatanejo on board the 96-foot, cruising catamaran, *Dancer*. Cast off from Zihuatanejo Bay and motor 45 minutes to Playa Manzanillo. Anchoring near a coral reef and close to the beach, you can swim, snorkel or walk on the beach for an hour. Back on board, a continental breakfast will be served as the *Dancer* runs back into the bay of Zihuatanejo. A DJ will play your favorite music while you enjoy an open bar of domestic beer, tequila and local drinks.

*Please note: Snorkeling takes place from the side of the boat in deep water. Life jackets are provided to everyone who wishes to snorkel. All equipment is provided. Wear swim attire and bring a towel and sunscreen.*

## Las Gatas Snorkel & Jungle Hike



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Ferry in a local *panga* (about a 10-minute ride) from the pier in Zihuatanejo to Las Gatas Beach Club, a Robinson Crusoe-style resort. Guests wishing to snorkel along the rocks nearby will depart with their guide, whereas beginners can access another snorkel area via the beach. All snorkeling is guided. Participate in the guided nature walk into the jungle and up to the lighthouse to learn about the local flora and fauna. You will then be served a buffet-style lunch including guacamole and chips, quesadillas, potato salad, fruit salad and two beverages (including beer).

*Please note: Kayaks are available for rent. For those not wishing to make the full hike to the lighthouse, there is a half-way point in the jungle where you can return with the guide.*

## Town & Countryside



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Discover the local way of life as you tour the village of Zihuatanejo. Take in the panoramic view of this tranquil bay with your ship gleaming in the distance. Visit a tropical plantation of bananas, mangos and pineapples. Witness the ancient workmanship of terra cotta, then relax at a remote beach called Barra the Potosi, where you will be able to watch wild birds and enjoy a refreshment under the shade of a *palapa*. Return to civilization and stop at a vantage point to admire a bird's-eye view of the planned resort region of Ixtapa.

## A Visit to Petatlan



Approximately 4 hours • \$

Travel to Petatlan to visit one of the most revered shrines in Mexico, the Church of Father Jesus de Petatlan. Board an air-conditioned motor coach for a drive through Zihuatanejo and Agua de Correa en route to Petatlan. You'll pass coconut and mango plantations along the way. Disembark in the main square and enter the church which boasts high-arched ceilings and superb stained-glass windows. Its statue of St. Father de Petatlan draws the faithful from all over Mexico and the world, who come in search of miraculous cures. After your visit, explore the plaza and enjoy a beverage.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **GUIDES, SERVICES & TRANSPORTATION:**

In certain interesting but off-the-beaten-track places, professional guides and vehicles are at a premium. The best available are engaged. For all tours other than the Signature Collection, it is exceptional for drivers of public hire vehicles to speak any language but their own and it is not always possible to obtain air-conditioned buses or taxis in many ports. However, we do our utmost to find the very best excursion packages for your touring pleasure. Guests who leave during a tour for which transportation is included must thereafter provide for their own transportation and services at their own expense. Transportation standards vary from country to country.

### **SELF-GUIDED EXCURSIONS:**

Guests who do not join these prearranged shore excursions must rely on whatever transportation is available in each port. If you choose to devise your own excursion, we suggest that you remind the driver or tour escort of the ship's sailing time. Of course, the ship's facilities are fully available to guests while in port.

### **CONDITIONS:**

Shore excursions are "Non-Holland America Line Services" for the purposes of your Cruise Contract. This means that shore excursions are not owned or operated by Holland America. Refer to your Cruise Contract for a full statement of your rights and obligations as well as those of the Owner of the Ship, Holland America Line Inc. and certain other persons and entities with respect to Non-Holland America Line Services. In particular, please note that you are assuming the entire risk of utilizing Non-Holland America Line Services subject only to whatever terms or arrangements are made by you or on your behalf with the third party furnishing the Non-Holland America Line Services. Holland America does not assume liability for injuries or damages that occur during or as a result of shore excursions, nor is Holland America Line liable for loss of or damage to any baggage or other property which occurs ashore, for any reason whatsoever. Shore excursions are subject to cancellations or changes. Shore excursion operators reserve the right to deny participation to guests based on such criteria as they may establish. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult aged 21 or older.

### **ABOUT PRICING, REFUNDS & CANCELLATIONS:**

Rates and descriptions are current as of the printing date. Prices are subject to change without notice and descriptions may vary from the actual tour provided. All cancellations that are made less than 10 days prior to cruise departure are subject to a 10% cancellation fee. There will be no exceptions. In addition, if you cancel your tour reservation after the booking deadline stated in the Shore Excursion Planning Form on board, or if you cancel a Signature Collection® shore excursion within 10 days of sailing, a 100% cancellation fee will apply since transportation and services will have already been arranged.