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Destination **CARIBBEAN & ANTILLES**

Itinerary **Miami, Montego Bay, Cartagena, Colon, Puerto Limon, Isla de Roatan, Belize City, Miami**

Ship **MSC POESIA**

Departure port **Miami, United States**

Departure date **3 January 2027**

Arrival date **14 January 2027**

Duration **11**

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Belize City, Belize
Tuesday 12 January 2027**BLZ02 - LAMANAI & THE NEW RIVER SAFARI**

English

Excursion details Whether you're a history fan hoping to see ancient temples and pyramids, or a lover of the outdoors looking to delve into unspoiled wilderness, you'll enjoy this approximately six-hour excursion to an eco-park and archaeological site. Board your bus at Belize City Port for a journey lasting around 70 minutes. After arriving at AyinHa Eco Park, you'll transfer to a riverboat for a ride up the New River Lagoon, Belize's largest lake. As you glide through the water on a trip lasting approximately 40 minutes, take in the rainforest scenery around you and keep an eye (and ear) out for some of the wildlife that inhabits the region, although sightings cannot be guaranteed. You'll end the boat trip at Lamanai, a large Maya ceremonial site dating back to around 1500 BC. The Maya people inhabited Belize for centuries before the arrival of Spanish colonisers in the 16th century. Learn all about their culture and way of life during an approximately one-and-a-half-hour guided tour of temple ruins, including the Mask Temple, famous for its four-metre-high stone masks thought to depict a Maya king. Afterwards, you'll make the return journey by riverboat, lasting approximately 30 minutes and ending back at AyinHa Eco Park. Then there's around one hour and 20 minutes to enjoy a Belizean-style lunch and spend some free time using the park's facilities, perhaps including souvenir shopping. There's also the option to purchase drinks (including local beer and rums) during this time, at guests' own expense. Finally, board your bus again for a return drive to the port, lasting approximately 50 minutes. Important Information: Sightings of wildlife are not guaranteed. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility, trouble walking or for guests using wheelchairs, scooters or strollers as the trails are bumpy and cannot accommodate them. The climbing of the Temples is optional; however, no climbing will be permitted if there is rain and the temples are wet. Guests will walk approximately 1.25 miles at the ruins on uneven terrain.

Adult: € 151.00
Child: € 106.00 .**BLZ04 - ALTUN HA & THE OLDE BELIZE RIVER**

English

Excursion details A ceremonial centre and trading hub occupied by the Maya people for many centuries until around 1000 AD, Altun Ha was once home to as many as 10,000 people. The striking ruins of this ancient city are the first stop on an excursion lasting around six hours, which also takes in another important part of Maya history: the Belize River. The day starts with a transfer of about 90 minutes to the Altun Ha archaeological site, which stretches across eight square kilometres and features two main plazas and around a dozen temples and other structures. The most striking of these is the 16-metre-tall Temple of the Masonry Altars, where, in 1968, archaeologists found what is considered the crown jewel of Belize - a large carved jade head of sun god Kinich Ahau (which now sits in the Central Bank of Belize and is therefore not on display at Altun Ha). The tour of the site lasts about one hour. Next, it's a trip of about 45 minutes to Burrell Boom village, located on the banks of the Belize River, which was once an important trade artery for the Maya people. On route, keep a lookout for local wildlife, although sightings cannot be guaranteed. In Burrell Boom you'll be able to enjoy some traditional cuisine at the waterside Iguana Stop restaurant during a lunch of about 45 minutes, before a transfer of approximately two hours takes you back to the ship. Important Information: Sightings of wildlife are not guaranteed. The order of the tour may be inverted. The climbing of the Temples is optional, however no climbing will be permitted if there is rain and the temples are wet. The transfer to and from Altun Ha takes approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes each way. Guests will walk approximately 0.5 miles at the ruins on uneven terrain.

Adult: € 112.00
Child: € 78.00 .



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BLZ05 - XUNANTUNICH & MARIMBA LUNCH



English

Excursion details On this excursion of around seven hours you'll get to explore Xunantunich, a Maya site that includes a 40-metre-high pyramid. Reach this archaeological hilltop settlement via a hand-cranked ferry ride and refuel after your exploration with a Belizean-style lunch. Begin with a transfer drive of approximately two hours from the port to Xunantunich in the Cayo District, in western Belize, not far from the Guatemalan border. Before arriving at the entrance to this ancient city, you'll be ferried across the Mopan River on a hand-cranked vessel, taking around 30 minutes. Then it's time for your approximately one-hour tour of Xunantunich, which sits on a ridge above the river. This Maya city of stone pyramids, palaces and temples was abandoned by around AD 1000 before British explorers began investigating it in the 1890s. Its most prominent structure is El Castillo - 'The Castle'-a pyramid standing 40 metres high, which was the site's largest temple. A climb to the top rewards you with views of the surrounding rainforest and the towns that sit on the border between Belize and Guatemala. Afterwards, it's a roughly 15-minute ferry transfer back across the river, followed by a bus journey of 15 minutes or so to Hode's Place, an outdoor restaurant in San Ignacio. You'll have around one hour to enjoy a traditional Belizean-style lunch accompanied by marimba music before the transfer drive back to the port, lasting around two hours. Important Information: This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility, trouble walking or for guests using wheelchairs, scooters or strollers as the trails are bumpy and cannot accommodate them. The climbing of the Temples is optional, however no climbing will be permitted if there is rain and the temples are wet. The transfer to and from Xunantunich takes approximately 2 hours each way. Guests will walk approximately 0.5 miles at the ruins on uneven terrain.

Adult: € 121.00
Child: € 85.00 .



BLZ07 - CALYPSO TRAIN TOUR



English

Excursion details Enjoy around one hour of sightseeing in Belize's largest city from aboard the Calypso Train, an open-sided trolley. After a short briefing you'll board the train and begin your trip. One of the first landmarks you'll pass is the tomb of Portuguese-born Baron Bliss, known as Belize's most important benefactor, even though he never set foot on the mainland. There's a short pause here, where you can also see the lighthouse that stands next to his tomb. Next, your journey takes you over the bustling Swing Bridge that spans Haulover Creek. This iron bridge was made in Liverpool, England, and installed here in 1923. There's then a short pause at one of the most striking sights on the route, the two-storey colonial mansion, Government House, which once served as the residence of Britain's superintendents and governors in Belize. This brief pause also allows you to see St John's Cathedral, constructed between 1812 and 1820 out of bricks brought as ballast from Europe in British ships. It has since survived multiple hurricanes to become the oldest building in Belize. After this you'll travel through the historic downtown area, where narrow streets are lined with small shops, hotels and colonial architecture. Next, you'll return over the Swing Bridge and travel on Princess Margaret Drive (Princess Margaret visited Belize in 1958) before riding along the coast, enjoying views of the Caribbean Sea and then passing the Central Bank of Belize. Your tour ends when the Calypso Train returns to the port, and you can then shop for souvenirs - time permitting - before returning to the ship. Important Information: Should inclement weather be forecast be sure to bring a rain poncho or other rain gear. Guests are recommended to bring their camera.

Adult: € 45.00
Child: € 31.00 .



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