



# New Years Eve in Panama Convention

6 days | Dec 28 2023—Jan 02 2024

From its verdant landscapes to the vibrant culture, Panama is a little country that makes a big impression. Join fellow Group Coordinators and Go Ahead Tours staff to make your way through the country's lush valleys and modern cities. You'll discover the nation's diverse wildlife, taste traditional cuisine, and cruise along the Panama Canal on this adventure through one of Central America's most underrated destinations.



## Your tour package includes

- 5 nights in handpicked hotels
- 5 breakfasts
- 2 lunches
- 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 1 cooking demonstration
- 1 liquor tasting
- 1 chocolate tasting
- 5 sightseeing tours
- Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

- Rainforest Discovery Center
- Panama Canal cruise
- Casco Viejo
- Fundación Calicanto
- Panamanian cooking demonstration
- Island catamaran cruise
- New Year's Eve in Panama City
- Rum distillery tour and chocolate tasting
- Miraflores Locks

## Tour pace

You will walk for at least 2.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads, unpaved trails, and muddy paths, with some hills.

# New Years Eve in Panama Convention

6 days

## Panama City → 5 nights

### Day 1: Arrival in Panama City

Welcome to Panama! Transfer to your hotel and settle in.

### Day 2: Rainforest Discovery Center & Panama Canal cruise

*Included meals: breakfast, welcome dinner*

Make your way just outside of Panama City to immerse yourself in nature at the Panama Rainforest Discovery Center, a park which focuses on wildlife conservation and environmental sustainability.

- Explore the park's expansive network of trails
- Observe a variety of wildlife, flora, and fauna
- Climb to the top of the park's observation deck to view the forest canopy
- Relax at the visitor's center and watch hummingbirds fly around

Later, spend the day exploring the legendary Panama Canal—a feat of engineering.

- Board a covered boat in the town of Gamboa and float alongside commercial and private boats as you sail along Gatun Lake
- Learn about the manmade lake, which plays an essential role in helping ships pass through the Panama Canal
- Try to spot wildlife including Panamanian tamarins, green iguanas, crocodiles, and birds along the lake's jungle-lined shoreline

Tonight, get to know your group during a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

### Day 3: Convention Tour meeting, sightseeing tour of Panama & cooking demonstration

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Join your group for a Convention Tour meeting, a series of presentations and discussions designed with Group Coordinators' questions, experiences, and interests in mind.

- Begin with a keynote address by senior members of Go Ahead Tours staff, followed by an insider's view of the company and tours
- Discuss tour planning and recruiting best practices with Go Ahead Tours staff and your fellow Group Coordinators
- Get an overview of the many benefits available to you as a Go Ahead Tours Group Coordinator and learn about new program updates

- Enjoy coffee, tea, mineral water and an included lunch

Afterwards, meet up with a local guide and spend some time exploring Panama's capital city.

- Pass the Frank Gehry-designed Biomuseo and view the city's modern architecture as you drive down Amador Causeway
- Take a walking tour of the UNESCO-listed Casco Viejo neighborhood
- Visit the Plaza de Francia, a memorial dedicated to the French laborers who lost their lives in the first failed attempt to dig the Panama Canal
- Visit Plaza de la Independencia to see where Panama declared independence from Colombia
- Step inside the Church of San Jose to marvel at the ornate Golden Altar and see the Metropolitan Cathedral
- Walk through Parque De Santa Ana and past the historic La Avenida Central shopping street
- Learn about the culture in El Chorrillo neighborhood, which was bombed during the U.S. invasion of Panama in 1989
- Enjoy free time in the Casco Viejo neighborhood

Tonight, visit Fundación Calicanto, a local NGO. Hear about the organization's work as you interact with community members during a cooking demonstration before sitting down to enjoy the food during a family-style dinner.

### Day 4: Island cruise & New Year's Eve celebration

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Board a catamaran and cruise to a nearby island. You'll spend the day relaxing aboard the boat, sunbathing on the beach, and looking for marine life as you snorkel in the turquoise water.

Tonight, head to a local restaurant and enjoy a celebratory dinner and champagne toast to welcome the new year.

### Day 5: Distillery tour & Miraflores Locks

*Included meals: breakfast, liquor tasting, tasting, farewell dinner*

Enjoy a restful morning or opt to take part in a rum and chocolate tour and tasting at a local distillery.

- Learn the history of the craft rum and its production process
- Sample silver, spiced, and bar blend rum paired with chocolate

This afternoon, head to the Miraflores Locks and enjoy exclusive access to one of the most important areas of the Panama Canal.

- Step inside the Miraflores Visitor Center to discover how the canal was built
- Stand within a few feet of incoming ships and watch as they cross through the locks

This evening, celebrate your trip during a farewell dinner.

---

## Flight Home

### Day 6: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

For more information, contact

[grouptoursite.ca/tours/panama-convention](http://grouptoursite.ca/tours/panama-convention) | 1-800-742-1731

TICO-2395858 | CPBC-73991 | OPC-702373