

Colón, Colón Province, Panama

Panama's Atlantic port punches above its weight: the Gatun Locks are minutes away, howler monkeys roam Gatun Lake, and centuries-old Spanish forts dot the coast. Stay in the terminal or book a tour — the rewards are extraordinary.

 Docked (Colón 2000 or Cristobal Pier)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  USD (official currency)  Spanish

🗓️ MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Colón 2000 Cruise Terminal or Cristobal Pier (Pier 6) — no tendering

Best For: Panama Canal locks, rainforest wildlife, colonial history

Walk to center: Colón 2000 has shops/restaurants on-site; downtown Colón not recommended on foot

Don't Miss: Watching a Panamax ship transit the Gatun Locks

 Getting around:  Taxi  \$40–\$50 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Gatun Locks & Canal Visitor Center** — Watch ocean-going ships lift through the original Gatun Locks, the three-step flight of locks that has raised vessels...
- **Agua Clara Locks — Expanded Canal** — See the newer Agua Clara Locks built in 2016 to accommodate Neo-Panamax ships.
- **Monkey Island & Gatun Lake Boat Tour** — Cruise Gatun Lake — an artificial lake formed during canal construction — to islands teeming with howler monkeys...
- **Portobelo UNESCO Ruins** — The ruins of the Spanish colonial forts at Portobelo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, tell the story of Spain's silver...
- **Embera Indigenous Village** — Dugout canoe into Chagres National Park to visit an Embera village.

BEST WALKS

- **Colón 2000 Terminal & Duty-Free Zone** Easy · 30-60 min · On-pier — Browse duty-free shops for Panamanian coffee, rum, electronics, and jewelry.
- **Cristobal Artisan Market** Easy · 20-30 min · Adjacent to Pier 6 — If docked at Cristobal Pier, a small artisan market just outside the gate sells local crafts, molas (Kuna textiles), and souvenirs.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:09AM–6:29PM · Jun 6:00AM–6:40PM · Aug 6:11AM–6:36PM · Sep 6:09AM–6:19PM · Oct 6:07AM–6:02PM	
Apr	84°	77°	22d	 USD (official currency)	
Jun	84°	76°	30d		
Aug	83°	76°	30d		
Sep	84°	76°	30d		
Oct	84°	76°	29d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Don't walk into Colón city. The area outside the terminals has significant safety risks. All travel beyond the pier should be by organized tour or terminal-arranged taxi.
- Cash is rarely needed. Panama uses the US dollar. The Colón 2000 mall and most tour operators accept credit cards, but carry

Colón, Colón Province, Panama — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Agua Clara Locks Visitor Center | Watch ships transit the Panama Canal locks up close. | 2 Castillo de San Lorenzo Real de Chagres | Explore historic Spanish colonial fort ruins overlooking the sea. |
| 3 Inmaculada Concepción Cathedral | Visit Colón's main Catholic cathedral, a beautiful historic church. | 4 Playa Sherman | Relax on this scenic Caribbean beach near the city. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |