

DISCOVER, EXPLORE, EXPERIENCE

Panama



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Let's make
your dream
vacation
a reality

Time is the most valuable resource on earth. We believe spending your time traveling is one of the most important aspects of life. It can change the way you see the world.

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Our story

Ghyd, a mission-driven company, has been transforming the travel industry for the past 5 years. With partners all over the world, we strive to create unparalleled experiences for those seeking luxurious, tailored vacations. Whether you're traveling for the first time or you're an experienced globetrotter, we're always at your fingertips, ready to share our expertise and Ghyd you on our way.

And, when you travel with us, you're also contributing to a better world. We partner with hundreds of different groups to help them achieve their fundraising goals. To date, we've helped raise more than \$6M for various causes that focus on efforts like education and wildlife conservation.

22

Years of travel experience

5k+

Satisfied guests

4k+

Fundraising events

3k+

Itineraries created

\$6M+

Raised for our partners

5

Years in business



Who we are

Our passion for curating authentic experiences is so much more than a job. Here at Ghyd, we all live and breathe travel. That's why we're here for you every step of the way.

What do you love most about your job?

I love that our clients trust us with their extremely valuable vacation time. Since I've been in this business for awhile, I understand what it means to have a week off with your friends and family, so I truly love when I can make those "ahhhh" moments happen for others.

Johnson Small, Owner, Ghyd



Traveling with Ghyd

At Ghyd, our goal is to provide a seamless experience that begins before you start packing. Every aspect of our travel process is designed with your needs in mind. We understand that the journey is just as important as the destination, and building a solid relationship prior to your arrival are the details we pride ourselves on.

WE HAVE THE EXPERIENCE

When you travel with Ghyd, you're traveling with over 22 years of combined experience. Our time is spent making sure your time is never wasted.

WE EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

What you see is what you get; we've inspected every property, checked every linen, and taken every photo. When you arrive at your destination, you'll always find exactly what you expected.

WE KEEP IT PERSONAL

We get you. From the time of purchase, until the time you return home, our team will always be with you to ensure that your trip is everything you've imagined.

WE DO OUR HOMEWORK

Every destination, every vendor, and every relationship has been researched from all angles. We offer only the best services that our locations provide.

WE DESIGN FOR YOU

At Ghyd, we understand that one trip can create memories and relationships for a lifetime. Designing your custom itinerary is a critical piece in making your dream vacation a reality.

WE CHECK EVERY DETAIL

We always take the extra step to make sure every aspect of your trip exceeds your expectations. That's why we vet every experience ourselves to make sure it's worth your while.

What our guests are saying

"Thank you so much for helping us have the vacation of a lifetime!! We are so appreciative of all that Ghyd has done for us! We will definitely be planning another trip back to Costa Rica for sure!"

Barry & Heather, South Carolina

"We simply can't say enough about the quality of everything! Ghyd makes all aspects of the visit available; from numerous excursions, amazing food, transportation, to the phenomenal villas."

Dale, Louisiana

"Getting back into work mode hasn't been easy! We had a great time and appreciate everything Ghyd did for us. We couldn't have asked for a better location with amenities. Top-notch service all around!"

Aaron, Colorado



Panama

Panama, the narrow isthmus that connects the Americas, offers both Caribbean and Pacific coastlines. With mountains, tropical rainforests, and coastal plains, it boasts fantastic weather year-round.

82°F

Average temperature

12 hrs

Average daylight

81°F

Average water temperature

CAPITAL

Panama City

TIME DIFFERENCE

UTC-5 (same time as Washington, DC,
during Standard Time)

LANGUAGES

Spanish (official), indigenous languages,
Panamanian English Creole, English

AREA - COMPARATIVE

Slightly smaller than South Carolina

WHAT TO EXPECT

Panama is the narrow strip of land that connects North and South America – with Costa Rica located to the north and Colombia to the south. Like many Central American nations, Panama offers miles of both Atlantic and Pacific coastlines.

Have you dreamed of catching a sunrise AND a sunset over the ocean? It's the ONLY place in the world where you can see it rise over the Pacific and set over the Atlantic. Whether you're a seasoned traveler or preparing for your first international trip, Panama provides something for everyone.



Getting there

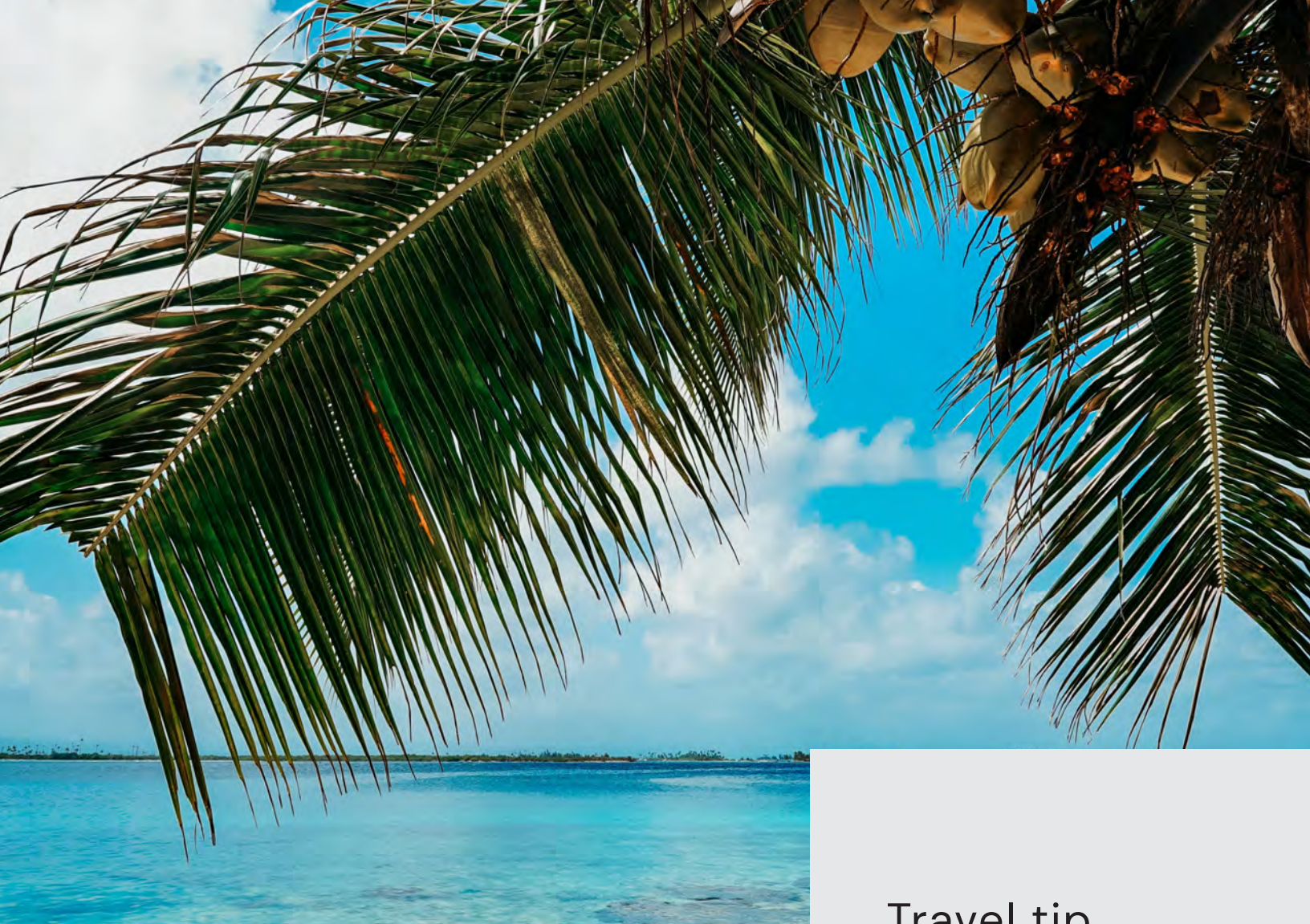


FLIGHTS

Panama City International Airport (PTY) is the closest airport to our properties in Panama. We suggest choosing an airline with a royalty program or one you're familiar with. Direct flights may be offered.

ON THE MAP

Panama is located in Central America, bordering both the Caribbean Sea and the North Pacific Ocean, between Colombia and Costa Rica.



STAYING SAFE

Panama remains one of the safest Central American countries to visit. We do advise practicing normal travel precautions that would be taken when visiting any foreign country, but take comfort in knowing that the people are very friendly, and extreme weather doesn't happen often.

Travel tip

Don't let your guard down to snap the perfect picture for your Instagram account. Keep an eye out at all times and use good judgment when talking to strangers. A big joy of travelin is the opportunity to meet new people and learn about their cultures. If someone near you is acting suspiciously, or if you feel uncomfortable, leave the area immediately.

Ask us for more smart travel tips to keep your mind at ease!

The facts

CURRENCY

Panama was the first Latin American country to adopt the US currency as its own. While the US Dollar is the official currency, the national currency is the Balboa.

PANAMA CANAL

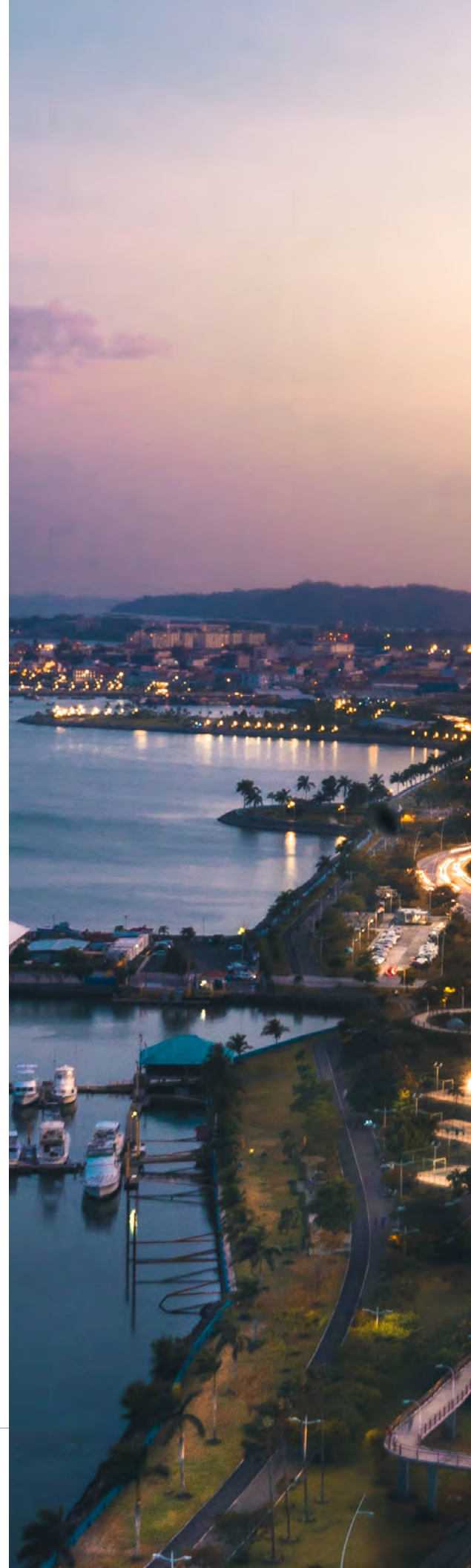
The Panama Canal stretches 50 miles from Panama City on the Pacific coast to Colón on the Atlantic side.

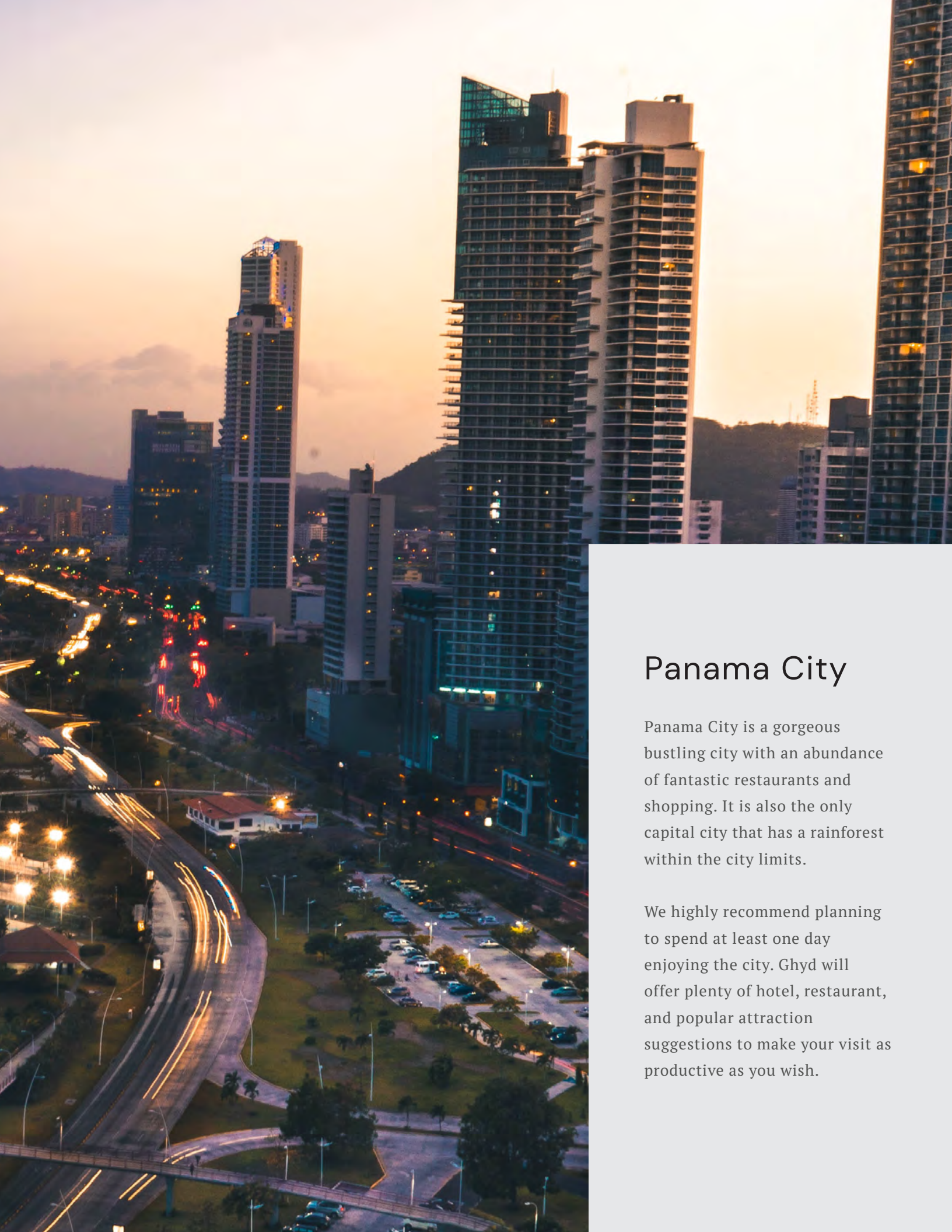
FLORA AND FAUNA

Panama has the most diversified wildlife of all the countries in Central America as it's home to species native to both North and South America.

GEOGRAPHY

Panama is the only place in the world where you can see the sun rise on the Pacific and set on the Atlantic. At it's narrowest point, the Atlantic and Pacific are only 30 miles apart, meaning you can swim in both oceans in the same day.





Panama City

Panama City is a gorgeous bustling city with an abundance of fantastic restaurants and shopping. It is also the only capital city that has a rainforest within the city limits.

We highly recommend planning to spend at least one day enjoying the city. Ghyd will offer plenty of hotel, restaurant, and popular attraction suggestions to make your visit as productive as you wish.



Resort access

All of Ghyd's properties are exclusive private villas that aren't operated by the resort, however, you can still enjoy all of the resort's fabulous amenities!

Buenaventura

On the shore of Buenaventura, Panama, nestled among lush, tropical gardens and a lagoon with views of the Pacific Ocean, you will find a family-friendly, luxury resort created to exceed your expectations.

The Buenaventura Golf & Beach Resort is located on a pristine stretch of beach, framed by graceful Spanish Colonial architecture, beautiful landscaped by pools, an 18-hole Nicklaus Design golf course by Jack Nicklaus, and the exquisite Corotú Spa.





Our properties

At Ghyd, all of our accommodations offer you the space and privacy in a style that fully embodies our luxury standard. You'll always get a private pool, a pristine outdoor living space, and a breath-taking villa. Make yourself at home and live the retreat of a lifetime.



Casa de Brisa

Casa de Brisa is a luxurious, uniquely designed private estate located in one of Panama's premier resorts.



Up to 8 guests



4 bedrooms



4 ensuite baths

"The smoked salmon tasting under the rancho is something I will never forget!"

Ivy, Montana

Casa de Brisa, meaning "house of the breeze," was built with relaxation in mind. Its design encourages natural airflow between rooms, transporting guests to an easy state of relaxation, kissed by ocean breezes. The modern interior boasts an open floor plan, creating a welcoming Panamanian atmosphere with lots of natural sunlight and all the amenities of a luxury getaway.

Architecturally unique, Casa de Brisa offers the highest standard of comfort: one might say it even encourages bliss.





OPEN FLOOR PLAN FOR ENTERTAINING
MINUTES FROM MARTINI BEACH
LARGE POOLSIDE RANCHO

The location

The Buenaventura Golf & Beach Resort in Río Hato is a premier beach resort located on the Pacific shoreline of Panama. This prime location puts you in close proximity to world-class beaches such as Playa Blanca and El Faro beach, as well as many outdoor adventures from hiking to offshore fishing. Fun for the entire family awaits with five separate pools and three different beach clubs. Ghyd guests have access to all the resort has to offer.

Airport

Panama City International Airport (PTY)

Distance from the airport

1 hr 50 min without traffic or stops

Featured amenities

- Private pool
- Air conditioning
- Outdoor grill
- Complimentary WiFi
- Toiletries & linens
- Private laundry

Bedrooms



Bedroom 1

1 king bed



Bedroom 2

2 full beds



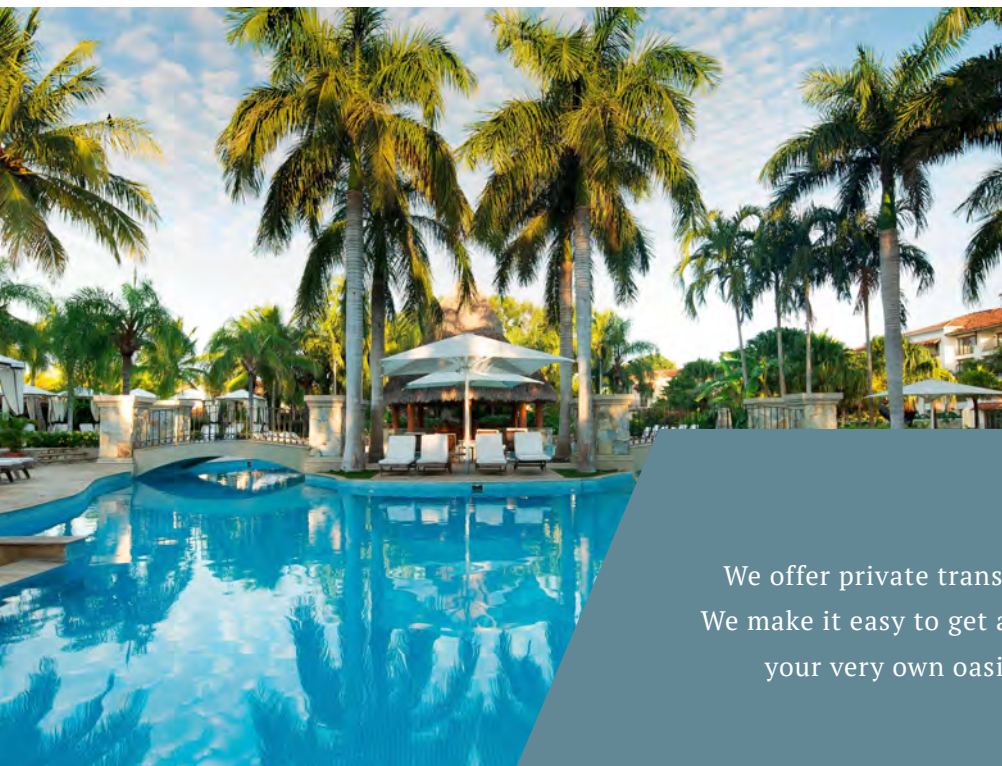
Bedroom 3

2 full beds



Bedroom 4

2 twin beds



Private transportation

We offer private transportation service to and from the airport. We make it easy to get around, so you'll never waste time finding your very own oasis. Ask us about reserving a private driver.





Casa Teca

Casa Teca is a sophisticated, stunning sanctuary located in one of Panama's premier resort communities.



Up to 8 guests



4 bedrooms



4 ensuite baths

"My only regret is that we didn't stay longer. Casa Teca is as unique as it is luxurious."

Tiffany, South Carolina

Casa Teca, meaning "teak house," is a custom-designed Panamanian gem with an open floor plan. It's most unique feature – a collection of over 25,000 pieces of teak wood – serves as both art and functional living space. All of the doors open to the center of the villa, encouraging a natural breeze throughout.

Open any door, and you'll walk out to the most stunning pool and outdoor corridor. Casa Teca offers a warm, relaxing environment that is sure to take your breath away.





BREATH-taking OUTDOOR LIVING SPACE
MINUTES TO MARTINI BEACH
CHEF'S KITCHEN

The location

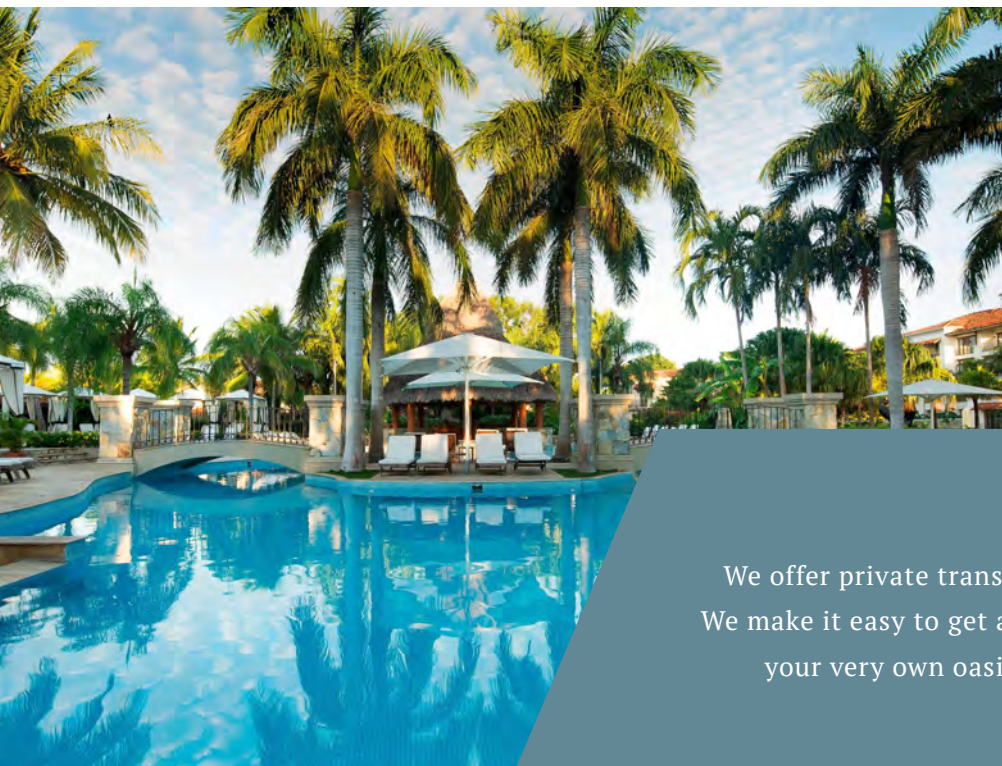
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- Private laundry

Bedrooms



Bedroom 1
1 queen bed



Bedroom 2
2 full beds



Bedroom 3
2 full beds



Bedroom 4
1 full bed



Bedroom 5
1 day bed w/ trundle

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Activities for everyone

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If we offer it, we've done it. At Ghyd, we make sure that all of our experiences have been rigorously vetted to ensure the standard of excellence we not only expect, but demand.

Golf clinic

Schedule a one hour golf lesson at the Buenaventura golf course.

An expert will teach you the skills of a golf professional before you head out onto the 18-hole Nicklaus Design par-72 championship golf course.

Price	Please inquire for more info
Deposit	Non-refundable – please inquire for more info
Group size	4 person minimum

WHAT TO EXPECT

The essential part of this training is to have a good foundation from six important aspects: grip, stance, alignment, posture, ball position, and dynamics. Then, the most important task is to design a work plan to meet goals in the short and long term for each player.

The main purpose of this clinic is to keep you motivated and having fun in each of these practices.



Golfing in Buenaventura

The 18-hole Nicklaus Design par-72 championship golf course has been carefully planned to enhance the natural landscape within this luxurious community providing a challenging and enjoyable experience for players. The championship golf course measures 7,383 yards from the back tee and allows for multiple tee placements in order to accommodate various skill levels. The well-placed bunkering and water features combined with the natural elements will require the player to think their way around the golf course with proper shot selection and execution being rewarded.

Price **9 holes**
(Mon-Fri): Please inquire for more info
(Sat-Sun): Please inquire for more info

18 holes
(Mon-Fri): Please inquire for more info
(Sat-Sun): Please inquire for more info

Deposit Non-refundable – please inquire for more info

BOOKING

Booking early with us will be less expensive than booking tee times while you are in Panama.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Golf cart
- Water
- Use of the driving range

NOT INCLUDED

- Golf clubs and balls

**Rentals available at the golf course for additional fee*

WHAT TO EXPECT

Buenaventura Golf Club takes the golf experience in Panama to the next level. Golfers will enjoy the uniqueness of Buenaventura's golf – from a state-of-the-art club house waiting for golfers after their game to specialized golf instructors, all expectations will be met.





Culinary experiences

These experiences are a good way to get a taste of true Panamanian traditions – from ceviche to Spanish inspired cocktails.

Visit a local market for a fresh taste of Panama

The R o Hato Fish Market is about 10 minutes away from Buenaventura Resort. You'll find fresh fish that was caught that morning and produce that was just harvested. If you're a real foodie, you'll want to stock up on some local ingredients and make an authentic Panamanian meal!

Smoked salmon tasting

Join Gonzalo from the Culinary Boys for a unique Salmon tasting experience. You will learn about smoked salmon and its creation process. While listening to Gonzalo go through the process, you'll enjoy up to 4 pounds of salmon!

You can check out the Culinary Boys on Facebook and Instagram.

Price	Please inquire for more info (paid at the time of the tasting)
Deposit	Non-refundable – please inquire for more info (paid in advance)
Booking	Book at least two days in advance
Duration	1 hour
Group size	10 person maximum

THINGS TO KNOW

- Gonzalo will come to your villa
- You get to keep any leftovers
- The salmon is smoked in the traditional Scottish way
- The salmon is Kosher



Paella meal

A chef will come to your private villa with a stovetop for a unique culinary experience with your whole group. Paella is a great dish for sharing and brings everyone together around the table. If you don't finish your meal, you get to keep the leftovers and savor more later!

Price	Please inquire for more info (paid at the time of the tasting)
Deposit	Non-refundable – please inquire for more info (paid in advance)
Booking	Book at least three days in advance
Group size	10 person maximum

WHAT TO EXPECT

Choose from the following types of paella:

- Seafood Paella
- Valenciana paella (meat - no rabbit)
- Vegetable paella

WHAT IS PAELLA

Paella is a rice-based dish that originated in Spain. Traditionally rice was mixed with local veggies and protein and cooked in a shallow frying pan. Saffron is heavily used in traditional paella and in Panamanian Paella you will see more tomatoes in the base. People used to add whatever was in their gardens to paella so it was common to find rabbits and snails mixed in. Now, people prefer chicken, steak, and a variety of seafood.



Cocktail tasting

A trained mixologist at the Palapa Bar in Buenaventura will create three extraordinary cocktails for you and your group. They will blend the local flavors of Panama with different liqueurs to make drinks you've never experienced before. By the end of the tasting you will be able to impress your friends back home by mixing up some unique cocktails!

Price	Please inquire for more info (paid at the time of the tasting)
Deposit	Non-refundable – please inquire for more info (paid in advance)
Booking	Book at least one week in advance
Group size	8 person minimum
Availability	Mon-Thurs

WHAT TO EXPECT

Many of the cocktails you'll learn to make are inspired by Afro-Caribbean, Spanish, and indigenous flavors. If you are feeling courageous, ask about Seco — it's an alcohol distilled from sugarcane that is often served with milk.



Ceviche workshop

Learn how to make three different types of ceviche with local fresh Panamanian seafood.

Price	Please inquire for more info (paid at the time of the workshop)
Deposit	Non-refundable – please inquire for more info (paid in advance)
Booking	Book at least 3 days in advance
Duration	90 minutes
Group size	6 person minimum
Availability	Mon-Fri

WHAT TO EXPECT

- The workshop takes place in a local restaurant called Mansa in Buenaventura
- This activity is fun for the whole family!

WHAT IS CEVICHE

Ceviche is a seafood dish originating in Central/South America, typically made from fresh, raw fish cured in citrus juices, such as lemon or lime, and spiced with ají, chili peppers or other seasonings including chopped onions, salt, and coriander. Each country has its own twist when it comes to ceviche — in this workshop you will learn about traditional Panamanian ceviche, usually made with a fish that’s similar to seabass.



Private chef for dinner

Enjoy a one of a kind meal at your villa by our private chef! The menu can be assembled to your liking by choosing two starters, two main dishes, and three side dishes. The meal will be accompanied by crepes and seasonal fruit.

Price	Up to 6 people Please inquire for more info
	More than 7 people Please inquire for more info
Deposit	Non-refundable – please inquire for more info (paid in advance)
Booking	Book at least 3 days in advance
Group size	4 person minimum
Gratuity	NOT included, but you may tip the chef at your own discretion.

STARTERS

- Ceviche de corvina
- Shrimp cocktail
- Fish fingers
- BBQ or honey mustard wings
- Clams with wine or ginger
- Cream of vegetables

MAIN DISHES

- Pork tenderloin

Please choose how you would like the following prepared (grilled, tomato and onions, wine sauce, white sauce, mushroom sauce, pepper):

- Beef steak
- Chicken fillet

Please choose how you would like the following prepared (grilled, garlic sauce, breaded, criolla, curry sauce, ginger sauce, salt, buttered):

- Shrimp
- Corvina fillet

SIDE DISHES

- Rice with coconut
- Sauteed vegetables
- Sweet plantain
- Yucca with mojo
- Mashed potatoes
- Potato salad





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