

GENERAL

our tour from cartagena to carti/san blas will take 4 days 3 nights. the cost is 450usd(470usd from june 2012) wich includes all immigration works, food (min 3 meals per day) and drinks (ex alcoholic beverages and sodas).

we are very famous for our good food (vegetarians get vegi-food)!

the crossing cartagena to san blas over open sea is

max 30 hours sailing and all the rest of the time we spend in san blas islands on one of the most beautifull spots, anchored in between several little unhabited palmtree-covered islands with white beaches and surrounded by wonderfull corral reefs. we provide good snorkeling gear, there is fishing equippement on board as well as a floating bar and lots of "noodles" to hang around in the water and you will do the very famous ropeswing and we do a beachparty with BBQ

nobody has to bring any food or drinking water on board! there is no limits for shower and drinking water as we do produce our own water by a seawater-desalinator. we have a stock of beer, sodas and rum on board (beers and sodas 1us per can, rum 12us bottle)

everybody on board helps with cooking and cleaning and sail-maneouvres.

TOUR SCHEDULE

1st day:

8am meeting at the dock beside club nautico to carry your luggage on board and give you 1 hour for your last shopping in the supermarket around the corner (beer/rum/sweeties)

9am getting you on board and lift anchor and sail out of cartagena port and take course to san blas islands.

2nd day:

12am arriving in "coco bandero cays" in san blas, drop anchor and and enjoy paradise. BBQ on one of the faboulus beaches and party into the night

3rd day:

swimming and snorkeling and do the ropeswing (very famous) and hang out on the beach or in a sunchair on deck.

for those are interested there is allways a posibilidad to do a short visit to a close kuna village, to see the indigenous life (4 hours excursion)

4th day:

we lift anchor at 6am and sail through the whole western san blas reef and island system to carti islands.

10am the panamenian immigration will visit us on board and stamp the passports.

11am the kuna take you in canoas to "barsukun" in carti river where you get the jeep transport to panama city.

you will be in panama city at about 2-3 pm.

HOW MANY PERSONS ON BOARD/ACCOMODATION/SPACE

the max persons on board can be 22 including the crew of 4-5. everybody gets her/his own bed inside the ship (no bed-sharing) and additional we have several sunchairs and hammocks and deck-matresses for relaxing or sleeping outside.

all the sleeping accomodations are equipped with ventilators. we have 5 double cabins and 8 single berths with high quality mattresses and reading lights and space for your backpack/personal luggage for our guests.

there is so much space and different rooms and deckspace on this ship that you will allways find a quiet spot to relax even when we are full booked.

we have constantly 220/110volt electricity for charging your electronic devices.

in cases of emergency there is the posibilidad to send emails or make phonecalls via satellite-phone. we have plenty space on board for carrying motorbikes

(price for motorcycle+driver=820usd (900usd from june 2012)), bicycles(50usd extra)

HOW TO GET TO PANAMA CITY FROM STAHLRATTE IN SAN BLAS

for to get from carti/san blas to panama city you can take a canoa ride (20 minutes/5usd) up the carti river to a spot where 4WD-cars take you to panama city (3 hours ride/25usd) and drop you in front of the hostel you wish to stay at. we will organize the canoa and the jeep tour for you.

you pay in cash the day of departure as soon as you are on board or in advance on our associations bank account in germany (ask for bank details).

WHAT DO I NEED FROM YOU FOR THE BOOKING

1) your passport details: full name, date and place of birth, nationality, passport number wich you please send to info.steelrat@les-raisting.de

2) your original passport 24 hours before tour beginning for to do the immigration work to get the paSports stamped out

PAYMENT

you can pay in cash on board (us-dollars, euro, peso colombiano) exchange rates are the daily official rates. you also can pay via bank-transfer to our associations bank-account in germany (ask for the bank details if you wish to do this)

DISCOUNTS

for every person you bring=20usd discount,

every person+pushbike=30usd discount

every person+motorcycle=50usd discount

OUR PROJECT/COMPARE WITH OTHER BOATS

its allmost impossible to compare what we do offer you and our ship with any other service and other boats in this area. stahlratte is at least 15 times bigger than the next largest boat on this route wich takes the same amount of passengers. we buy and cook best food because we like to keep a high level of life-quality and not try to feed as much people as possible with less costs. the real difference is that:

SV "Stahlratte" is not a commercial sailingvessel and the owner is a foundation wich was founded in 1984 as a commune and the ships purpose was/is to be a travelling platform for group life/experience. the project is run without any profits and issue is the surviving and maintenance of this historic ship and keep it sailing for many people to have fun and good experiences.

the crew is composed out of volunteers (also backpackers) who work in a rotation system for 3-6 month without being payed. all money earned with guests sailing on "Stahlratte" is exclusively for the maintenance of this vessel and for the living of the 4-5 crewmembers as long as they stay on board.

THE SHIP

STAHLRATTE is a traditional saiingship built 1903 in holland and its very well maintained and equipped for worldwide highsea sailing. the ships dimensions are: 40 meters/120feet length over all, 6,6 meters beam ,3 meters draft and 235tons of weight. safety equippement is allways in legal order for max 28 persons and checked every year after the international safety regulations SOLAS for professional operating vessels. liferafts for 28 persons, lifejackets for 28 persons, 2 epirb, 1 radartransponder, inmarsat satellite phone, 2 gps navigation systems, radar, vhf radio and ssb radio.

the ship is equipped with a saltwaterdesalination system to produce 120liters of high quality fresh water per hour.

you can find a lot of infos on our webpage www.stahlratte.de and plenty reviews searching "stahlratte" and "backpacker" in www (google)

facebook: stahlratte bremen

CREWING ON STAHLRATTE

we are allways interested in new crewmembers as we have a rotation system. the crewing time is between 3 month and 6 month. if you have that time and you are interested ask and we will send you detailed infos.

SPECIAL NOTES:

money exchange rates

we do not cheat with wrong exchange rates like many other boats do when you have to pay in COP (peso colombiano) for example: most boats offer tours for 400-450usd and in the hour of paying in cartagena they ask you for 900.000 COP wich is about 500USD

we do charge the official exchange rate value and we aslo change your rest_money for the same exchange rate into USD on board

STAYING MORE TIME IN SAN BLAS:

you can espontaneous or in advance decide to stay more time in san blas on one of the islands (prices are around 35usd per person per day depending on wich island -- we help you to find the right spot and do the contact for you in san blas!

there is also the posibilidad to spend additional days on stahlratte in san blas ..therefore youy have to ask the crew!