

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The price for motorbike+driver is 900usd (additional person 430usd). additional costs are 9us kunatax wich the kunas will charge you at the entrance of their territory.

We will load the motos at a pier at carti airport (09-27,385 N 078-58,748 W) direct on deck of stahlratte by winch a day before tour beginning. You find spot for overnight in carti islands wich we can reserve for you and if you wish to stay on board allready it is a 50usd additional.

The price includes all immigration works (as well as the customs clearance for colombia for the motorbikes - not the insurance!!! Nothing special to do for leaving panama = immigration officer will stamp your bike out here on board stahlratte in san blas), food (min 3 meals per day) and drinks (ex alcoholic beverages and sodas).

We are very famous for our good food! 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)

The tour is the first two days in san blas, anchored in the most beautiful spots between several little unhabited palmtree-covered islands with white beaches and surrounded by wonderful corral reefs for nice snorkeling and max 30hours sailing to cartagena.

We provide good snorkeling gear! everybody on board helps with cooking and cleaning and sail-maneuvres.

Our ship is very big and heavy and especially good for carrying motorbikes because of its plenty deckspace.

We have carried a max of 19 motorbikes at once from san blas to cartagena and we are used to handle the bikes carefully with loading and unloading. We lift the bikes with a 1.5 tons electrical winch and we respond to any damage happend during loading/unloading/as long as the bike is on our ship in the case the damage was caused by our fault (crew of the ship)

HOW TO GET ON BOARD STAHLRATTE

For to meet us you drive from p-city to LLANOS passing by the internatinal airport to cumen, chepo and margarita. There is a road to the left from LLANOS to CARTI wich leads through the san blas djungle to the carti islands. This road is in very good conditions and easy to ride even for heavy streetbikes since there are constantly constructionsworks in progress so it is everytime ok and safe to use. The carti airport where we will load yor motorcycle is just allways straight to the end of the road and there is a concrete pier where we will be waiting for you.

TOUR SCHEDULE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

1st day:we will load your motorcycle and you in carti airport at a small concrete dock at about 11am. As there are normally several motorcycles we will organize that you all leave p-city at the same time and ride down to san blas together to load all at the same time as we can not occupy the airport pier for long time. We will stay that day at the carti islands anchored and stow the motorcycles and take you over to a kuna island-village to see something about kuna culture. We will have lunch on board and dinner in a kuna restaurant (all is included in the price!)

2nd day. We are taking the rest of passengers (without motorcycles) on board after breakfast. then we will do the immigration (stamping out passports and motorcycle papers) with the panamanian immigration officer or in carti or we have to move on to "el porvenir" island wich is a 45 minutes away from carti. after the immigration we head for "cayos coco bandero" wich will take us about 3.5 to 4 hours. in coco bandero cays you will have time to go for a snorkel or relax untill we organize the beach BBQ at about 4:30pm than....partytime with big bonfire

3rd day: Eat well, snorkel at the fabulous reefs around, relax, ropeswing, enjoy the most beautiful beaches of the caribbean sea, eat well again and again....maybe more party....

4th day: We will lift anchor at about 5:30am and sail out to the open sea and take course to cartagena. We will try to catch some tuna or kingfish on the way....

5th day: We arrive to cartagena inner harbour at about 11am. Packing your stuff while we wait for immigration, eat well and about 2pm after lunch we will drop you on shore a 5 minutes taxidrive from getsemani the centre of town where all the hostels are. The legalization of the motorcycles (customs) will be done the day after and thats when we will unload the bikes (if we arrive on a saturday we will have to wait for customs and unloading untill the next monday...and you will have to be staying in a hostel for these days.

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 possibility to send emails or make phonecalls via satellite-phone.

WHAT DO I NEED FROM YOU FOR THE BOOKING:

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

When booking is made in advance more than 10days before tour, i need you to reconfirm your booking 5 days before tour beginning by email so i can be sure your plans have not changed

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 almost impossible to compare what we do offer to 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.

For motorcycle transports stahlratte is a very big difference to all other boats because of its much bigger size and possibility to store the bikes really safe of saltwaterspray and also because of ships-stability because smaller boats (sailingyachts) are not built for deck-cargo and they are not safe with 1 or more motorcycles on deck -- also catamarans are not really built to carry cargo on deck and you are risking your vehicle and your life safety if you carry your 250kg motorcycle (most with several others!) on a yachts deck!

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 saingship 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 230tons of weight. Safety equipement is allways in legal order for max 28 persons and checked every year after the international safety regulations SOLAS for professional operating vessels. Liferrafts 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.

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.

You can find a lot of infos on our webpage www.stahlratte.de and plenty reviews searching "stahlratte" in "adv-rider" and "horizons unlimited" or "stahlratte" and "backpacker" in www (google)

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