

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The price for motorbike and driver is 1200 USD (additional person 580 USD). Additional costs are 23 USD kunatax wich the kunas will charge you at the entrance of their territory. We will load the motorbikes by winch at a pier at PORT CARTI directly on deck of "Stahlratte" on the first day. The first day afternoon and night will be spent at HOTEL EL PORVENIR a short boats ride from Carti.

The dinner in Hotel Porvenir will be organized for you. The price includes the transport of motorcycle+1person, loading/unloading, lashing and covering the bike, all immigration works as well as the customs clearance for Colombia for the motorbikes (But not the insurance!).

Also included are food on board (min 3 meals per day) and drinks (except alcoholic beverages and sodas). We are very famous for our good food! There is no need for anybody to bring food or drinking water on board! We provide extra food for vegetarians/vegans/allergic etc. Just let us know when booking!

We produce our own water by a seawater-desalinator, so there won't be a limit for shower- or drinking water. We have a stock of beer, sodas and rum on board (beers and sodas 1 USD/can, rum 20 USD/bottle).

The crossing from San Blas to Cartagena via open sea will take max. 30 hours of sailing. The rest of the time will be spent in the San Blas islands in one of the most beautiful spots, anchored between several little uninhabited palmtree-covered islands with white beaches surrounded by wonderful corral reefs.

We provide good snorkeling gear and lots of "noodles" to hang out in the water. You can also use our famous ropeswing. Everybody on board is asked to help a little bit with washing dishes and if you want you are invited to help raising sails.

Our ship is very big and heavy and especially good for carrying motorbikes because there is plenty of deckspace and shelter. We have carried a max of 21 motorbikes at one time from San Blas to Cartagena. We are used to handle the bikes carefully during loading and unloading.

We will be liable for any damage happening during loading/unloading and while the bike is on our ship if the damage was caused by the crew.

We lift the bikes with a 1.5 ton electrical winch.

HOW TO GET ON BOARD STAHLRATTE

To meet us you have to drive from Panama City to LLANOS passing by the Internatinal Airport Tocumen, Chepo and Margarita. There is a road to the left from LLANOS to CARTI wich leads through the San Blas jungle. This road is in a very good conditions and easy to ride even for heavy streetbikes. The road is maintained constantly so it should be safe to use all the times.

The PORT CARTI where we will load your motorcycle is just straight down the road all the way to the end. There is a concrete pier where we will be waiting for you.

CARTI

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Carti

N 09'27.227'

W 078'58.710

TOUR SCHEDULE

1st day: (loading motorcycles)

As soon as you arrive to PORT CARTI we will take your luggage on board and prepare the bikes for loading. You will get a late breakfast/lunch on board stahlratte after your luggage has been stored and you have prepared what ever you need for the overnight stay in the hotel.

2nd day:

We will take you on board for breakfast at 8:30 and sail through the San Blas archipelago to the number one highlight the COCO BANDERO ISLANDS where we drop anchor and spend the rest of the day swimming, relaxing, snorkeling eating etc. After a great seafood/fish dinner we lift the anchor and sail out of the islands and take course to CARTAGENA.

3rd day:

Breakfast at open seas with more than 1000 meters water underneath the keel. The whole day we will be sailing without stopovers. Depending on currents and winds we will be arriving in CARTAGENA PORT and drop anchor between 8 and 11pm.

4th day:

The early bird catches the worm... So we get at 6am and start to prepare for unloading the bikes... Everybody will have to pack his bags and panniers and get them on deck and at about 7:30 we will be unloading bikes in the industrial zone of cartagena at a pier. All bikers will ride together to customs where the bikes will be inspected and you are ready to ride COLOMBIA latest by noontime if all works as usual...

All legal paperworks will be done by us and our agents in Panama and Colombia without you having to do anything... Only show your bike at the end and sign the temporary importation paper of customs.

HOW MANY PERSONS ON BOARD/ACCOMODATION/SPACE

The maximum amount of people on board can be 27 including the crew of 4-5. Everybody gets his/her own bed inside the ship (no bed-sharing). We have additional sunchairs, hammocks and deck-mattresses for relaxing or sleeping outside.

All the sleeping accomodations are equipped with ventilators. We have 7 double cabins and 13 single berths for our guests, each with high quality mattresses, reading lights and space for your personal luggage.

The different rooms and deckspace on this ship provide a lot of room, so you will always be able to find a quiet spot to relax, even if we are fully booked. We have a constant flow of 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:

PASSPORT COPY (please send to kapitaen_hoffmann@hotmail.com)

A deposit of 200 USD payed to this paypal account:

kapitaen_hoffmann@hotmail.com

Repayment terms:

There is no refund of deposit!

Once the deposit is payed it will be valid for any of our voyages. So in case you cant manage to arrive in time for any reason we can change your booking to one of our next tours or if you have to make a break the deposit even is valid for a complete year. The first change of booking to another date is free of charge, every further change will have a fee of US\$50.

In the case we have to cancel a tour the deposit will be refunded imediately!

PAYMENT:

The deposit can be payed via paypal or to our bank account in Germany. The rest of the payment in cash on board (US-Dollars, Euro, Peso Colombiano). Exchange rates are the daily official rates. Bank-transfer or payment via paypal for the complete tour-price can only be made after consulting us and there is an additional fee for this kind of transaction/transfer of 50usd per person+bike (not for the deposit!).

OUR PROJECT

SV "Stahlratte" is NOT a commercial sailing-vessel!

The owner is a foundation, wich was founded in 1984 as a commune and the ships purpose was/is to be a traveling platform for group life/experience. The project is run without any profits and the main issue is the surviving and maintenance of this historic ship.

We try to keep it sailing for many people to have fun and good experiences. The crew is entirely composed of volunteers, who work in a rotation system for 3-6 month without being paid. All money earned with guests sailing on "Stahlratte" is exclusively spent for the maintenance of this vessel and the living of the 4-5 crewmembers on board.

THE SHIP

The "STAHLRATTE" is a traditional sailingship built 1903 in Holland. She is very well maintained and equiped for worldwide highsea sailing.

The dimensions are: 40 meters/120 feet overall length, 6,6 meters beam, 3 meters draft and 235 tons of weight.

Safety equipment is always in legal order for a maximum of 28 people and checked every year due to international safety regulations SOLAS for professional operating vessels: Life-rafts for 32 people, life-jackets for 40 people, 2 EPIRIP, 1 radar-transponder, inmarsat satellite phone, 2 gps navigation systems, radar, vhf radio and ssb radio.

The ship is equiped with a saltwater-desalination system to produce 120 liters of high quality fresh water/hour.

CREWING ON STAHLRATTE

We are always interested in new crew-members as we have a rotation system. The crewing time is a minimum of 3 months up to 6 months. If you have the time and are interested, ask us for more detailed information.

LOCATIONS

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CARTI OPEN STREET MAP

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Dock Cartagena

N 10'24.698'

W 075'32.420

Aduana (DIAN CARTAGENA)

N10'24.555'

W075'32.022'

