

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The price for motorbike and driver is 1150 USD (additional person 550 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 Carti airport directly on deck of "Stahlratte" a day before the tour begins. We can reserve overnight accommodation on the Carti islands for you.

The price includes all immigration works as well as the customs clearance for Colombia for the motorbikes (But not the insurance!) AND ALSO INCLUDES THE FIRST NIGHT STAYING IN EL PORVENIR HOTEL IN SAN BLAS INCL FOOD

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 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 12 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, a floating bar and lots of "noodles" to hang out in the water. You can also use our famous ropeswing. There is fishing equipment on board and on one of the nights we will organise a beachparty with BBQ. Everybody on board helps with cooking, cleaning and sail-manoevres.

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 19 motorbikes at one time from San Blas to Cartagena. We are used to handle the bikes carefully during loading and unloading.

We lift the bikes with a 1.5 ton electrical winch. 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.

If you like to see more information about the ship please check [www.stahlratte.de](http://www.stahlratte.de). You can contact us by phone on board in Panama +507 60317107 or +57 3216612931 in Cartagena. In Cartagena you are allways welcome to visit us on board near Club Nautico (give us a call!)

## 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 time.

The Carti Airport 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.

## TOUR SCHEDULE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

"Loading of the bikes is one day before start of the tour! We have to adjust the plan all the time due to changing local conditions. Please contact [info.steelrat@les-raisting.de](mailto:info.steelrat@les-raisting.de) for the recent tour schedule."

## HOW MANY PERSONS ON BOARD/ACCOMODATION/SPACE

The maximum amount of people on board can be 25 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 6 double cabins and 8 single berths for our guests, each with high quality mattresses, reading lights and space for your backpack/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:

Your passport details: full name, date and place of birth, nationality, passport number (please send to [info.steelrat@les-raisting.de](mailto:info.steelrat@les-raisting.de))

A deposit of 200euros payed to this paypal account: [g.lange@stahlratte.de](mailto:g.lange@stahlratte.de)

Repayment terms: there is no refund of deposit...it can be possible to change your booking for another departure in the case you dont manage to arrive in time or you have to cancel for any other reason.

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

once the deposit is payed it will be valid for any of our voyages so in the 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.

## 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 that)

## 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 (also backpackers), 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 28 people, life-jackets for 28 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.

You can find a lot of infos on our webpage [www.stahlratte.de](http://www.stahlratte.de) and lots of reviews searching "stahlratte" in "adv-rider" and "horizons unlimited" or look for "stahlratte" and "backpacker" on the internet.(Stahlratte von Bremen on Facebook)

## CREWING ON STAHLRATTE

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

## LOCATIONS

Carti

N 09'27.227'

W 078'58.710

## CARTI OPEN STREET MAP

[http://www.openstreetmap.org/directions?engine=osrm\\_car&route=8.99353%2C-79.52104%3B9.45507%2C-78.97797#map=10/9.2194/-79.2355](http://www.openstreetmap.org/directions?engine=osrm_car&route=8.99353%2C-79.52104%3B9.45507%2C-78.97797#map=10/9.2194/-79.2355)

Dock Cartagena

N 10'24.698'

W 075'32.420

Aduana (DIAN CARTAGENA)

N10'24.555'

W075'32.022'